

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, June 19, 2007
@ 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Potter called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Those present were Commissioners Steve Donnelly, Steve Pierce, Gerald Boler, and Dan Schmidtke. Also present were Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, James Forshee Auditor/Treasurer, Kevin Peyman, County Engineer, Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel Reporter, Rod Halverson, KFMC/KSUM, and Scott Higgins, County Coordinator.

Enid Bloedel and Joyce Shultz were on hand to present a Spelz print of the Martin Courthouse print "Prairie Justice" to Taylor Schultze (6th grade) was the People Choice winner for the Centennial Courthouse Drawing contest. Board congratulated Ms. Schultze of her winning entry. There were nearly 191 entrants and 350 votes.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke to approve the agenda with the following additions: Consider amended Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC); Reaffirm the County's Voting Delegates to the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative, Consider CY2008 Budget Allocation request from the South Central Dive Team. Carried unanimously

Members of the Martin County Historical Society were present and gave up an update on the Historical Society's budget allocation request for CY2008 in the amount of \$20,000.

The Board thanked the members for their report.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, receive and file the following for consideration for the CY2008 budget- Martin County Historical Society -\$20,000, Rural Minnesota Energy Board dues - \$3,000, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation-\$4,000 and the South Central Dive Team of \$1,000. Carried unanimously.

Forshee presented and reviewed the need for accounting service by Larson Allen Weishair and Company for preparation of the financial statements for the CY2006 audit.

Pierce inquired of the fees to be charged for the CY2006 audit. Forshee responded with the hourly fees for certain services. Pierce requested that the State Auditor's Office provide for a "not to exceed" total fee and asked that the Board be able to review the engagement letter. After further discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Boler Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners approve and authorize the Board Chair and Auditor/Treasurer to sign the accounting services agreement between Martin County and Larson, Allen, Weishair and Company for compiling the County's' basic financial statements for the CY2006 Audit not to exceed \$8,500. Carried unanimously

Peyman presented the proposed gravel pit agreement between Martin County and Donald and Lynetter Laue. Peyman stated that there is an estimated 165,000 tons of gravel located in the tract of land and the price to the county is \$1.05/ton. After discussion

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners hereby approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement for Sale of Gravel between Martin County and Donald and Lynette Lau with approximately 165,000 tons of gravel available at a cost of \$1.00/ton.

Peyman updated the Board on the progress for the improvements to County Road #39. Boler inquired of who is the inspector on the State Highway 15 project and stated his observation of the rough road on the new construction. Peyman responded that he would look into this and carry the concern forward.

Sheriff Gerhardt presented request for approval the hire of Carrie Ann Tonne as part-time Communications Officer for the Sheriff's Office. Stating that this is a replacement hire for the Department.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners upon the recommendation of the Sheriff, approve the hire of Carrie Ann Tonne as a part-time Communications Officer for the Sheriff's Office; at \$15.50/hour not eligible for full time benefits; contingent upon the successful completion of required background checks; effective June 15, 2007. Carried unanimously.

Gerhardt presented a WEGO grant application for purchase of two squad car video systems at an estimated cost of \$8,370. Gerhardt went on to state that if the county were to receive grant fund, the county is expected to provide 25% matching funds, which is approximately \$2,092.50. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler

R-#32/'07

Resolution For Approval to Submit a WEGO Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs for Squad Car Video Systems

WHEREAS, the Martin County Sheriff's Office has determined the need for video systems to be placed in its squad cars, and

WHEREAS, installation of this type of video equipment would potentially enhance Officer Safety and be beneficial overall to the Sheriff's Office, and to potentially protect the same from unwarranted claims against it in the line of duty, and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Sheriff's Office is eligible to submit a grant application for funds to purchase squad car video systems through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, WEGO Grant, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the purchase of two Ally car video systems at an estimated cost of \$8,370 to be paid for through the WEGO Grant, and

WHEREAS, the grant funds require a local match of twenty-five percent (25%), and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners hereby approve and authorize the Sheriff to submit grant application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, WEGO Grant program; for the purchase of two Ally squad car video system in the amount of \$8,370 and agrees to provide a local share of 25 percent (\$2,092.50) of the total cost of the squad car video system.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler, and carried this 19th day of June, 2007.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Jack Potter, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Pierce, Schmidtke, Boler, Donnelly, Potter, NAYS: None. Passed and approved this 19th day of June 2007

Gerhardt stated that the county should know in a couple of weeks whether received the grant or not.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Boler to approve PERA Resolution

R-#30/'07

POLICE OFFICER DECLARATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible

employees of police or sheriff departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Martin County hereby declares that the position of Deputy Sheriff, currently held by Employee #4 meets all of the following Police and Fire Plan membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. Said position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the named employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire Plan salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Boler, was duly passed and adopted this 19th day of June, 2007.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Jack Potter, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF MARTIN

I, Scott Higgins, clerk of Martin County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of the resolution that was adopted at a meeting held on the 19th day of June, 2007; the original of which is on file in this office. I further certify that five (5) members voted in favor of this resolution and that five (5) members were present and voting.

Signed: _____
Date: _____
Scott Higgins

Roll Call: AYES: Pierce, Schmidtke, Boler, Donnelly, And Potter. NAYS: None. Passed and approved this 19th day of June 2007.

Sara Anderson, Assistant Director of the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Of Minnesota Senior Nutrition Program for Martin County presented information regarding the LSS Senior Nutrition program in Martin County. Anderson stated that LSS operates meal sites in Sherburn, Truman Retirement Home, Fairmont Friendship Village. However, not responsible for the meals on wheels program in the county. After further discussion, Board thanked Ms. Anderson for her presentation.

Stephanie Busiahn, Director of the Fairmont Convention Visitor's Bureau (CVB) and the County's representative to the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association (SMTA) updated the Board on the activities of the Fairmont CVB along with the SMTA. Busiahn also requested the Board consider CY2008 budget allocations for the CVB in the amount of \$3,000 and the SMTA in the amount of \$1,090.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners receive and file the request from the Fairmont Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$3,000 and the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association in the amount of \$1,090 for the CY2008 budget. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between Martin County and the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC) for Board approval. Steve McDonald, MIS Director for Martin County was stated that the County Attorney has reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement and has given approval to its form. McDonald went on to state that mostly there are just updates in the language of the JPA.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners approve and authorize the Board chair to sign the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between Martin County and the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC), effective June 19, 2007. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners approves and to reaffirm the appointments of Steve McDonald (MIS Director) as primary voting delegate to the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC) and James Forshee (Auditor/Treasurer). as alternate voting delegate to the MCCC, effective upon passage of this resolution. Carried unanimously. Passed and approved this 19th day of June 2007.

Board recessed at 10:19a.m.

Board reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

Higgins presented the request to rehire Robert Snyder as a temporary 4- H Program Assistant for the Extension Office, at \$9.50/hour, effective June 20, 2007 - August 24, 2007, up to 40 hours per week, not eligible for full-time benefits.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Boler, to approve the rehire of Robert Snyder as a temporary 4- H Program Assistant for the Extension Office, at \$9.50/hour, effective June 20, 2007 - August 24, 2007, up to 40 hours per week, not eligible for full-time benefits. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented the Agreement between Martin County and the University of Minnesota Extension Service for providing 4- H Coordinator for the county's 4-H Program in beginning January 1, 2008 in the amount of \$47,025. Higgins went on to state that the proposed agreement is for a two year term January 1, 2008- December 31, 2009 with a clause for increases based on an inflation factor agreed between the Association of Minnesota Counties and the University of Minnesota. The agreement also provides a termination clause by 90 days to six months. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler to approve the Chair to send a letter stating the county's dissatisfaction with the agreement, particularly the cost for the 4- H Program Coordinator position; and to request that the position become a county employee; and that the University of Minnesota Extension Service reimburse the County twenty-five percent for the cost of the position. Carried unanimously.

The Board and other county staff members viewed the Courthouse Centennial Rededication slide show held on June 10, 2007.

The Board discussed the upcoming hearing pertaining to Judicial Ditch #47 and by consensus determined to have Kurt Deter, County's Drainage Attorney present for the continuation hearing to be held on July 17, 2007.

Higgins presented bills to be paid for the month of June 2007.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Boler to approve the bills and Highway Department bills as presented with the exception of \$10,000 contribution to the Martin County Sesquicentennial Committee and to reduce the amount paid to \$6,000. Carried unanimously.

Warrants received and paid June 19, 2007 are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue fund – Warrants Approved 06-19-07	Totaled	\$214,723.62
Park & Recreation Fund		\$ 9,293.02
Enhanced 9-1-1 Fund		\$ 5.46
Recreation and Safety Fund		\$ 838.27
Solid Waste Management Fund		\$ 16,642.22
Law Library Fund		\$ 140.56

Martin County Transit Fund	\$ 40,674.27
Building – CIP – Fund	\$ 3,557.14
Bank Building Fund	\$ 6,247.13
Refunding Fund	\$ 48.00
Grand Total	\$292,169.69

Martin County Ditch Fund – Warrants Totaled	\$ 30,683.91
Road and Bridge Fund – Warrants Totaled	\$133,397.88

Higgins presented for Board consideration proposed increases of three percent (3%) for office space leased by the county to the City of Fairmont (Police Dept. and Faribault/Martin Human Services. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler to approve and authorize a three percent increase (3%) to the lease agreements for lease of office space to the City of Fairmont (Police Department-Security Building) in the amount from \$40,344 to \$41,556 effective January 1, 2008; and to Faribault/Martin County Human Services (Human Resource Building) in the amount from \$149,515.35 to \$154,000.80 effective January 1, 2008; and to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the lease addendums accordingly. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed reports and calendars. With no further business to wit,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, to adjourn, Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Jack Potter, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator