

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008
@ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:58 a.m. by Chairman Pierce.

Those present were Commissioners Potter, Donnelly, Schmidtke, and Boler. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, Rod Halvorsen, KSUM/KFMC Radio, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel Newspaper, and members of staff and public.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda with the following additions: Consider Renewal of Liquor, Wine, Club, or 3.2% License and Renewal of Consumption & Display Permit for Janice and Merritt Dale, d/b/a Stateline Store; Consider Reclassification of Bailiff to Transport Officer and addition of Transport Officer– Sheriff’s Office; and Consider Hire of Full-time Corrections Officer – Sheriff’s Office. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 regular Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Carried unanimously.

Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, reviewed purchase agreements for two pieces of property within the City of Fairmont; and stated that Christopher Smith, Assistant County Attorney, has accepted a position in New York State and will be leaving the Martin County Attorney’s Office the early part of May, 2008.

Pam Flitter, Martin County Zoning Official, was present to review and recommend approval for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Dustyn Hartung within Section 23 of Fraser Township in Martin County, Minnesota for the purpose to construct a new hog barn on an existing building site located in an “A” Agricultural District which requires a CUP with the following condition(s): Obtain all necessary permits from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (NPDES) and any other state agencies/permits before construction begins. After discussion and review,

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke,

R-#16/'08

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
FOR DUANE BEHRENS & DUSTYN HARTUNG
WITHIN SECTION 23 OF FRASER TOWNSHIP

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke,

WHEREAS, a Conditional Use Permit was requested by Duane Behrens (Pork Behrens) and Dustyn Hartung, applicants and C. Kent Kislingbury, owner of property; and

On the 25th day of March, 2008 concerning the following described property located in the County of Martin and State of Minnesota to wit:

The NE ¼ of Section 23, of Township 103 North, Range 31 West of the 5th P.M.
Excluding the following two tracts:

A tract of land in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 103 North, Range 31 West in Martin County, Minnesota described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 103 North, Range 31 West in Martin County, Minnesota; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West (assumed bearing) along the West line of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 924.04 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the West line of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 478.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 382.00 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 478.00 feet to iron pipe survey marker; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 382.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an easement for public roadway right-of-way along the West line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23. AND EXCLUDING a tract of land in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 103 North, Range 31 West in Martin County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 103 North, Range 31 West in Martin County, Minnesota; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West (assumed bearing) along the West line of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 1604.53 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the West line of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 422.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 800.00 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 422.00 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 800.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an easement for public roadway right-of-way along the West line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23.

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of March, 2008 the action requested in the foregoing application was recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners by the Martin County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the said application was approved by the Martin County Board of Commissioners this 1st day of April, 2008 with the following condition(s) to wit:

- Obtain all necessary permits from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (NPDES) and any other state agencies/permits before construction begins.

NOW THEREFORE, a Conditional Use Permit for the above described property is hereby issued pursuant to MS 394.301 and Martin County Ordinance #1, Chapter 6.01 for the following purpose:

Feedlot over 1,000 animal units

with respect to the above described property.

This permit shall remain in full force and effect provided that the conditions as described above are met and maintained by the applicant and his/her successors in interest. This permit is binding upon the applicant, the record title holder to the property, and his/her successors in interest.

Notice is hereby given that this permit may be revoked if the conditions set forth above are not maintained as described above.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and without publication.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Pierce, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Potter, Donnelly, Schmidtke, Boler, and Pierce.
NAYS: None. Duly passed and adopted this 1st day of April, 2008.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, recommended approval for renewal of Liquor, Wine, Club, or 3.2% License and Consumption & Display Permit for Janice and Merritt Dale, d/b/a Stateline Store.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the renewal of Liquor, Wine, Club, or 3.2% License and renewal of Consumption & Display Permit for Janice and Merritt Dale, d/b/a Stateline Store; contingent upon receiving proper approvals and documentation. Carried unanimously.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, presented his recommendation for step increases according to union contract for two (2) Maintenance Worker II positions.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize step increases according to AFSCME Highway Union Contract for Brent Moeller, Maintenance Worker II, from Grade 11 Step 9 at \$18.86/hour to Grade 11 Step 10 at \$19.30/hour, effective April 1, 2008; and for Dustin Splinter, Maintenance Worker II, from Grade 11 Step 6 at \$17.54/hour to Grade 11 Step 7 at \$17.98/hour, effective April 20, 2008. Carried unanimously.

Peyman presented and reviewed bids received in consideration for the sale and disposal of a 2000 Sterling Tandem LTR-7500 Truck (Unit #21) with approximately 165,000 miles (unit #21). Peyman stated a total of four bids were received with the high bid of \$21,365.00 and recommended selling to the highest bidder.

Bid Results for Tandem Truck
Martin County Highway Department
March 28, 2008

2000 Sterling LT-7500 (Unit #21)

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| Borneke Construction | \$21,365.00 ** |
| Chad Monson Excavating | \$14,001.00 |
| Radloff & Weber Blacktopping | \$17,900.00 |
| Weerts Construction | \$16,753.53 |

** Apparent High Bidder

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of Martin County Highway Engineer, hereby approve and authorize award of bid received for the sale of a 2000 Sterling LT-7500 (Unit #21) to Borneke Construction in the amount of \$21,365.00. Carried unanimously.

Peyman next presented a resolution supporting the maintenance/reconstruction of Trunk Highway 15 paved shoulders for potential use as a bike path from the City of Fairmont to

the Iowa Line. Peyman stated the proposed resolution encourages the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) to include the preservation or replacement of paved shoulders along this stretch of Trunk Highway 15 in any maintenance or construction activities that they have planned for this stretch of road in the future. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

Martin County Highway Department
Resolution No. 1 - 2008

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MAINTENANCE/RECONSTRUCTION OF
T.H. 15 PAVED SHOULDERS FROM THE CITY OF FAIRMONT TO THE IOWA
LINE

WHEREAS, T.H. 15 from the City of Fairmont south to the Iowa line is a MN/Dot controlled Trunk Highway that currently has paved shoulders; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned stretch of road is currently the only north-south running road in Martin County south of Fairmont with paved shoulders or a bike trail; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of other hard surfaced biking alternatives in the area, the residents of Martin County have become accustomed to using these paved shoulders to serve as a bike route from Fairmont going south;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners encourages MN/Dot to include the preservation or replacement of paved shoulders along this stretch of T.H. 15 in any maintenance or construction activities that they have planned for this stretch of road in the future.

Upon motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, and carried, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 1st day of April, 2008.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

By: _____
Steve Pierce, Chair

Attest: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Boler, Schmidtke, Donnelly, Potter, and Pierce.
NAYS: None. Duly passed and adopted this 1st day of April, 2008.

Peyman concluded with a brief update regarding the Martin County Highway Department's decision to pull plows off the county's gravel roads during the recent heavy, wet snow.

Commissioners thanked Peyman stating the great job the highway crews have done with snow removal this season.

Brad Gerhardt, Martin County Sheriff, presented a resolution for the adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Martin County. Gerhardt stated the Plan has been created to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters by encouraging the implementation of Mitigation measures, and to fully satisfy requirements set forth in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Motion by Commissioner Boler, seconded by Commissioner Potter,

R-#15/08

RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF MARTIN COUNTY'S HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 identified local government hazard mitigation planning requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Martin County has created a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety has reviewed Martin County's Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has reviewed and approved Martin County's Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states the requirements of adoption by the local governing body.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

Motion by Commissioner Boler, seconded by Commissioner Potter, that The Hazard Mitigation Plan and all appendixes were duly passed and adopted this 1st day of April, 2008.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Pierce, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Donnelly, Schmidtke, Potter, Boler, and Pierce.
NAYS: None. Duly passed and adopted this 1st day of April, 2008.

Gerhardt continued with the Sheriff's Office Update including: Martin County's Emergency Management mass dispensing plans; potential funding increase for Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) recipients; and the proposed Sentence to Service funding cuts for Martin County as well as Jackson/Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Olmstead and Fillmore counties. Gerhardt stated the proposed \$600,000 funding cut originally slated for the STS program (which would have a potential effect on Martin County's STS program) has now been changed as a general cut to the Department of Corrections (DOC) and how the actual cuts are made remains to be seen. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Boler, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign letter requesting for reconsideration of reductions in state funding to the Martin County Sentence To Service program and to send a copy of same to Joan Fabian, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Corrections, Senator Julie Rosen, and Representative Robert Gunther. Carried unanimously.

Sheriff continued with the Sheriff's Office update: Proposed funding cuts to the Short Term Offender (STO) program; and current jail population.

Gerhardt next recommended the hire of Angela Becker as a replacement full-time Corrections Officer contingent upon successful background checks.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the hire of Angela Becker as full-time Corrections Officer for the Martin County Sheriff's Office at \$16.83/hour, with an effective date yet to be determined, and is eligible for full benefits per LELS Local No. 115 Union Contract; and is contingent upon successful background checks. Carried unanimously.

Gerhardt continued the Office update including: base radio upgrades; the South Central Radio Advisory Committee is moving forward towards forming a Regional Radio Board; continuing to move forward with the Centrix telephone upgrade for the Law Enforcement center; and Severe Weather Awareness Week will be held April 21st through April 25th.

Gerhardt concluded with his recommendation to hire Lance Wilken as a Transport Officer for the Sheriff's Office. Gerhardt stated that at times there is a need for additional transport officer, especially when the two we have are not able to come it, that it would be good to increase the pool of transport officers. Martin County currently has two transport officers that serve on a part-time as needed basis. Gerhardt continued that Lance Wilken is a current Bailiff for the county and has the credentials to serve as a transport officer. Gerhardt further stated he would also like to add a female to the transport officer pool as a part-time and serve on an as needed basis, because at times there is a need when transporting females and recommended the hire of Diana Anderson. Anderson is also currently a Bailiff and retired police officer from LA County, California. 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 reclassification of Bailiff Lance Wilken to Transport Officer for the Martin County Sheriff's Office at \$15.45/hour effective March 25, 2008 not eligible for benefits; and approve and authorize the reclassification of Bailiff Diana Anderson to Transport Officer for the Martin County Sheriff's Office at \$15.45/hour effective April 1, 2008 not eligible for benefits. Carried unanimously.

Doug Landsteiner, County Veterans Service Officer, was present to request out-of-state travel to attend the National County Veterans Service Officer Conference to be held June 15 – 20, 2008 in Charleston, South Carolina. Landsteiner stated he must attend this conference in order to receive the training needed to maintain his National Accreditation. Landsteiner estimates the cost to attend the conference including registration, hotel, meals, and travel expense at \$1,654.00 and was included in the CY2008 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Boler, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the out-of-state travel request for Doug Landsteiner, County Veterans Service Officer, to attend the National County Veterans Service Officer Conference to be held June 15-20, 2008 in Charleston, South Carolina; not to exceed \$1,654.00. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented a resolution from Red Rock Rural Water System, approving the reduction to its board members from its current eleven members down to nine.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter,

R-#14/'08

RESOLUTION

APPROVING BOARD MEMBERS OF RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM

County Commissioners of the County of Martin, State of Minnesota, pursuant to a discussion and pursuant to a recommendation received from the Red Rock Rural Water

System board, hereby resolve to recommend to the Cottonwood County District Court that the make-up of the Red Rock Rural Water System board be reduced to include those nine board members with associated terms more specifically set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference, all pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 116A.

Commissioner Schmidtke moved the resolution and Commissioner Potter seconded the resolution with the following Commissioners voting in favor and the following Commissioners voting against:

FOR: Commissioners Boler, Potter, Donnelly, Schmidtke, and Pierce.

AGAINST: None.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2008.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted on the date above written.

COUNTY OF MARTIN

James Forshee, County Auditor/Treasurer

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Boler, Potter, Donnelly, Schmidtke, and Pierce.
NAYS: None. Duly passed and adopted this 1st day of April, 2008.

Higgins stated that the South Central Service Cooperative provides to its members, a wellness program grant be used to improve the physical, mental, and social well being of all individuals. Martin County has been granted a wellness budget for 2008 based on 116 contracts at \$20 each for a total of \$2,320 to be used toward a variety of program goals to promote healthy lifestyles. Higgins recommends approving the agreement as well as the wellness budget for 2008.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the Board Chair and Martin County Wellness/Fitness Coordinator to sign the Wellness and Health Promotion Agreement between South Central Service Cooperative and Martin County for administration of Martin County's Wellness/Fitness CY2008 Budget in the amount of \$2,320. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Iowa Lakes Regional Water (ILRW) that would allow the City of Jackson, MN to provide potable water for ILRW to Jackson County and Martin County residents through ILRW's distribution system. Higgins stated the County Attorney has reviewed this MOU and has approved it as to form and content.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Jackson, Jackson County and Martin County and Iowa Lakes Regional Water for the temporary provision of potable water by the City of Jackson for Jackson County and Martin County residents for the ILRW rural water system. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the temporary employee in the Recorder's Office and Extension Office (4-H Program).

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Memorandum of Agreement between Martin County and AFSCME-Courthouse Union, to address the temporary employee, contingent upon temporary employee not having to join the union and pay monthly dues. Carried unanimously.

Steve McDonald, County MIS Director, presented an overview of topics that were discussed at the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC) Manatron user group meeting that was held on Wednesday, March 26th, including the Manatron Government Revenue Management (GRM) software project, and additional MCCC costs/budget. McDonald stated the Manatron project is behind schedule and over budget and that the roll out schedule has been pushed back once again and we are currently scheduled to go live in March, 2009. McDonald went on to state that there are some disputed deliverable items and the MCCC attorney is now involved. McDonald noted some of the disputed items that were discussed are: who is responsible for the added costs that will be incurred because of the delay in delivering the software; language interpretation issues on some items to be delivered in the software; an estimated \$400,000 in disputed costs in the development of the software; and Manatron is asking for an estimated \$327,635 in travel and miscellaneous expenses.

McDonald continued the user group did not vote on any Manatron costs or ACS contract extension costs and that the main critical disputed item is the Computer Aided Mass Appraisal (CAMA) interface. McDonald noted the interface is a critical function in order for us to get our tax data from the Manatron tax software to our CAMA assessment software.

McDonald concluded since this project is behind schedule the contract for the consulting company AVT, has also expired. The participating MCCC Manatron counties have paid AVT \$954,865.95 to date. McDonald stated that in order for ATV to continue on and manage the project from March, 2008 through April, 2009 they are asking for \$368,780. McDonald stated the majority voted to approve the AVT contract extension for the amount of \$368,780. Martin County voted no. However, it appears that Martin County's portion of that will be approximately \$9,336.18 if we wish for our county to continue with the project. The MCCC Executive Board will also need to give final approval.

After discussion, Chairman Pierce asked McDonald to keep the Board informed as things move forward and to provide the Board with an outline of options that can be discussed over the next few months.

Chairman Pierce opened the public hearing for consideration of the City of Fairmont's proposed Impoundment along Branch D of JD #18 for the creation and restoration of a wetland.

Mike Humpal, Fairmont Assistant City Administrator, reviewed the proposed impoundment of a portion of drainage system waters of JD #18, Martin County, Minnesota located in the NW ¼ of Section 12 Township T102N, Range R31W, also known as Rolling Green Township. Humpal stated the petitioners are requesting that an impoundment be established to create and restore a wetland basin known as Timber Lake Bed which will abandon 900 plus feet of Branch D of JD #18. Humpal went on to state the parcels drainage abandonment from Branch D will require replacing the existing tile main running through the restoration area with larger non-perforated tile. The 8" concrete tile will be replaced with 12" corrugated, plastic non-perforated tile. Tile blocks will be placed at each end of the existing 8" tile. Humpal continued the impoundment wetland would remove 17.5 subsurface drainage acres from Branch D of JD #18 and that the petitioner will be responsible for the cost of the installation and construction of the project, that they shall be responsible for any future repairs, and will obtain all public water work permits, water use permits and other permits required under Minnesota Statutes 103G.

Kyle Vogt, Joint Powers Organization – Zone 10, was present and confirmed Humpal's presentation and interpretation of the impoundment. Vogt went on to state this will be a minimal impact Type 1 wetland. Vogt stated Type 1 wetlands are seasonally wet so in the spring you'll see some water or saturation; however by July or August, it will be looking more like a prairie with native wetland plantings. Vogt noted they are also proposing to run tile along the neighbors' property line to ensure proper drainage on the landowner's side.

Chairman Pierce asked for input from the public.

Dave Bulfer was present and asked what size tile was to be installed along the fence line between the wetland and the neighbor?

Vogt stated 12" diameter corrugated plastic tile will be installed and is needed to provide a minimum 1.4 ft. /sec. flow velocity.

Bulfer continued stating he lives just to the west of the proposed project and that from his observations the water does seem to naturally run over onto the neighbors, and there appears to be a dip in the road (County Road 26) that seems like the tile has been crushed. Bulfer asked if new tile would go under the road (County Road 26).

Humpal and Vogt stated wetland project work would not affect the road and that all tile connections will hook to existing tile on the south side of the road and work into the wetland. Both Humpal and Vogt agreed it would be an opportune time to check the dip in the road and if the county is so inclined, they would try to coordinate with the contractor.

Deb Mosloski, Martin County Drainage Specialist, was also present and concurred with the Commissioners that the problem Mr. Bulfer is talking about should be viewed by a camera and if there is indeed a problem, get it fixed when contractors are there for the tile work.

Scott Fausch stated he lives on the southeast corner of the project and has a south back forth that is somewhat connected to the proposed wetland project and is concerned of heavy rain overflow without a soil berm being constructed to prevent water from overflowing onto the property.

Vogt stated that there is actually a hill that surface water would have to go over so there shouldn't be a problem with surface water spilling over. Also, Vogt continued, the installation of larger tile should also help; however, water can only go through the tiles as fast as the downstream water can travel and if you experienced problems before, you may still see problems.

Chairman Pierce asked for further public input. There was none. There was also no written comments submitted pertaining to the proposed Impoundment along Branch D of JD #18.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, to close the public portion of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners as the Drainage Authority for Martin County; and upon careful consideration and review, hereby approve to proceed with the City of Fairmont's Petition of Impoundment along Branch D of JD #18 for the creation and restoration of a wetland; and to work with the City of Fairmont in coordinating use of a camera to view the current tile running under County Road 26 while project is in process. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated the Rural Minnesota Energy Board is asking the member counties to send a letter of support for long term extension of federal production tax credits (PTC's), energy efficiency credits, and clean energy bonds to members of the U.S. Senate. Support of this legislation would be in conjunction with the 25 x '25 goals in spurring growth in renewable energy sources, i.e. wind energy production in Martin County.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to send a letter of support to both U.S. Senators for Minnesota for long term

extension of federal production tax credits (PTC's), energy efficiency credits, and clean energy bonds to members of the U.S. Senate. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a special projects list received from the Martin County Fair Board.

The Board gave their reports and reviewed their calendars of upcoming meetings and activities.

With no further business to wit, Board Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Pierce, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator