

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010
@ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Schmidtke.

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

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to approve the agenda with the following additions: 8.8 Consider Purchase of Motor Grader – Highway Department; and 8.9 Consider Appointment of Delegates to the 2010 Annual Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust meeting, 8.10 Sheriff’s Flood Recovery Update. Carried unanimously.

Sheriff Brad Gerhardt presented an update on the recent flood disaster, stating that there will be no individual assistance coming from FEMA to victims of flooding. Gerhardt went on to state a special session was held on Monday by the state Legislature and an \$80 million package for flood relief was approved. However, a breakdown of those funds is not yet known. Gerhardt shared daily activity report numbers from the Truman area disaster recovery center noting there were 94 visitors; there were 83 at the Owatonna recovery center, and 181 in Mazeppa. Gerhardt went on to state there is aid available from the Small Business Administration (SBA), which also could apply to homeowners. Residents and business owners affected by flooding can apply for low interest disaster loans from the SBA; with loans up to \$200,000 available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate and homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. The application deadline is December 14, 2010. Gerhardt informed the Board that there will be a meeting regarding public assistance from FEMA for townships, cities, and schools in Martin, Jackson, and Faribault counties will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 21, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont. Gerhardt encourages representatives in the affected areas to attend.

Gerhardt thanked the Fairmont Sentinel and KSUM/KFMC Radio and all other media for helping them keep citizens of Martin County informed during the flood disaster and recovery.

Gerhardt presented information on the “Take it to the Box” campaign for the environmentally safe disposal of medication. Gerhardt stated a permanent prescription disposal box will be available as a service to the public starting October 25, 2010 in the

lobby of the Martin County Law Enforcement Center. The public may bring in leftover medications and prescription drugs with no questions asked.

Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, provided an update including a recent Data Privacy Request, and upcoming Bennett trial.

No action taken on appointment to the Martin County Economic Development Authority Commission.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway engineer, was present to review bids received and requested approval to purchase a 2010 Motorgrader. Peyman noted the County has a 1998 CAT 140 Motorgrader with 15,000+ hours (\$77,500) for use as a trade in for replacement unit. Peyman noted the difference between the CAT 140G and John Deere 770G is the steering mechanism (joy stick only on the CAT model, and joy stick with steering wheel on the John Deere model). Peyman recommends purchase of the 2010 770G John Deere Motorgrader.

Commissioners inquired if Peyman has sought out used motor graders from area townships.

Peyman stated he did explore that avenue quite extensively.

October 2010 Motorgrader Bids

CAT ZIEGLER (Minneapolis)

CAT 140M

Base Price: \$226,280.00

Warranty: 60 mo / 4,000 hrs (see below)

Less Trade*: \$80,000

Net Price: \$146,280.00

Tax: \$ 10,056.75

Total: \$156,336.75

Steering: Joy Stick only

RDO Equipment (N. Mankato)

John Deere 770G

Base Price: \$209,137.00

Warranty: 60 mo / 7,000 hrs (see below)

Less trade*: \$77,500

Net Price: \$131,637.00

Tax: \$ 9,050.04

Total: \$140,687.04

Steering: Steering Wheel standard

GP Model Option: Joy stick (with steering wheel), autograde, GPS ready:
+ \$14,575.00

Option: Rear view camera (need GP Model): +\$1,429.00

* Trade: 1998 CAT 140 Motorgrader with 15,000+ hours (Unit 31
Average of 1,250 hrs/yr on old machine. 5 yrs (60 months) roughly 6,250 hrs

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, after careful consideration and review of the bids for the Motor Grader between CAT and John Deere models and upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer, hereby approve the purchase of a John Deere 770G Motor Grader from RDO Equipment of North Mankato, MN in the amount of \$209,137.00 less \$77,500 for trade in of Unit #31 for total purchase price of \$140,687.04 (includes taxes). Carried unanimously.

Peyman presented a Highway Department Update stating the overlays are going well with completion of CSAH 8 by East Chain this week; crews will then move to CSAH 53 north of Granada and finishing up by end of week on CSAH 53 by Imogene and Rose Lake. Bridge replacements in Lake Fremont have been completed and we will be waiting for receding water before replacing bridge in Galena.

Schmidtke stated his concern for county roads still under water particularly near 140th and Hwy 4.

Kathy Smith, Martin Soil and Water Conservation District Director, reviewed the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) results summary on the Martin Soil and Water Conservation District. The purpose of this performance review is to determine the progress of the Martin SWCD in accomplishing the goals and objectives of the District's comprehensive plan and to assess the District's overall performance with respect to general performance standards for land and water conservation planning and implementation. Smith noted the summary stated Martin SWCD does a good job overall in accomplishing the goals and objectives of its long-range plan and maintaining high standards of operational efficiency and effectiveness. Smith went on to note the summary states Martin SWCD can improve in the area of Technical Approval Authority and Technology; and recommends that the board review staff training and technical approval authority needs and update skills as needed. Smith noted that Martin SWCD is compliant with all the standards and is also meeting some of the higher standards as well.

Rich Perrine, Martin Soil and Water Conservation District WCA/Water Plan Coordinator, reviewed the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) results summary on Martin County Local Water Management. The purpose of this performance review is to determine the progress of Martin County in accomplishing the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan and to assess the County's overall performance with respect to general performance standards for land and water conservation planning and implementation. Perrine noted the summary states the County is making good progress in addressing its water management responsibilities as described in the County Local Water Plan. Perrine went on to note the summary states in the area of feedlots in particular, and to a lesser extent shoreland and subsurface sewage treatment systems, there is room for improvement in the communication and coordination of these county responsibilities with other local water management activities in the county. Perrine continued BWSR recommends that the county ensure regular reporting of program status at water plan committee meetings; and

that the Martin County local water management program is commended for meeting high performance standards.

Commissioner Potter wanted it known that Martin County has raised the bar high as far as feedlots and shoreland is concerned and wants it known that Martin County has done a really good job taking care of the feedlots and the departments and people involved have done a great job for the county.

Smith continued that of the \$80 million package for flood relief, \$10 million dollars of that is going to be appropriated to the Reinvest in Minnesota Program which could mean more buffers; and there's also \$3 million dollars for erosion, sediment, and water quality control cost share funds for the counties that were designated. So that's good news and we can expect to receive some of those dollars in Martin County.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby receive and file the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Audit Report for the Martin County Local Water Plan and Martin Soil and Water Conservation District. Carried unanimously.

Nancy Johnson, Corrections Agent Martin County Probation Department, was present to request to expend Correctional Supervision fees for the purchase of a scanner for the Martin County Probation Department. Johnson stated the Correctional Supervision fee account is a reserved account that carries over every year and fees are typically earmarked to pay for juvenile restitution, STS reimbursements, and for contract reports. Johnson went on to state three bids were received for the purchase of a scanner with low bid of \$3,100 plus tax. Johnson noted the Probation Department received approval through the Department of Corrections to utilize money from the Correctional Supervision fee account for this one time purchase.

Higgins stated that because the Correctional Supervision fee account is a designated account, Board Approval is needed for their request.

Motion by Commissioner Boler, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Martin County Probation Department to utilize Supervision fees collected to purchase a scanner for the Probation Department in the amount of \$3,100. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated the Martin County Planning and Zoning Office is pleased to announce that Martin County has received a grant in the amount of \$223,210 for septic upgrades in Lake Belt Township. There are 34 sites that have no record of septic systems on file that may be of a threat in contaminating the area watershed. The grant money will complete upgrades of 20-23 septic systems on a first come first served basis. The homeowner will apply for the grant money similar to the way homeowners do for the county septic loan program. Homeowners must qualify as low income households. If there is a specific permit on file for the site, or if it is a new site, they are not eligible. No grant match is required.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair and other required county staff to sign the FY2011 SSTS Imminent Health Threat Abatement Grant Agreement between Martin County and the State of Minnesota, through its Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) in the amount of \$223,210 effective October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated the AMC Annual Conference will occur at the same time the regular scheduled meeting of the Board on December 7, 2010. Higgins recommended changing the regular scheduled meeting date of December 7, 2010 to Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. and to include the Truth In Taxation meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve changing the date of the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2010 to Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.; and that the Truth in Taxation meeting be held on December 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Forshee presented the retirement resignation of Judy Sinn, full-time Account Technician II (A/T) effective January 28, 2011 and asks the Board to do the same; and requests to authorize the recruitment to fill the vacancy.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept, with regrets, the resignation of Judy Sinn as full time Account Technician II for the Martin County Auditor/Treasurer's Office effective January 28, 2011. Carried unanimously.

No action taken authorizing Auditor/Treasurer to fill the vacancy of the Account Technician II position.

Forshee stated the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. The MCIT Bylaws provide for the designation of official voting delegates and alternates. Current voting delegate and alternate are: Steve Donnelly, Delegate; and James Forshee, Alternate.

Consensus of the Board is to confirm Commissioner Steve Donnelly as the voting delegate and James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, as the voting alternate to the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust to be held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Higgins stated there are issues and concerns for drainage ditch repair for JD #2 and CD #20; and Mr. Larry Swanson and Mr. Fred Krahmer are present to address the Board regarding ditch repair.

Swanson stated his land continues to be flooded out by JD #2 (shared with Faribault County) and CD #20 and wants to find out the status of improvements on both systems.

Swanson noted that while he is not a trade expert, the drainage ditch certainly at a minimum needs to be cleaned due to the silt that has built up over the years and there is a problem with weeds, both slow the flow of the water down.

Deb Mosloski, Martin County Drainage Administration, stated the need for the drainage ditch to be cleaned in order to improve drainage for Mr. Swanson and Mr. Krahmer.

Boler stated that JD #2 is scheduled for re-determination and that the Re-determination is at least a year out.

Potter stated that it would be best to at least get the Ditch cleaned out.

Boler proposed to move ahead to obtain bids to get the Ditch repaired and cleaned. After much discussion,

Consensus of the Board is to authorize obtaining bids to determine the feasibility and costs of temporary repairs to JD #2 and CD #20 based on the request from Mr. Swanson and Mr. Krahmer; and include notification to Faribault County for their portion of the Ditch system.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve payment of claims for the month of October, 2010 as presented; and includes the Martin County Highway Department as presented.

Warrants Received and paid October 19, 2010 are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue Fund – Warrants Approved October 19, 2010	\$359,528.69
Enhanced 9-1-1 Fund	\$ 10,009.19
Recreation and Safety Fund	\$ 387.97
Martin County Economic Development Authority	\$ 6,612.27
Solid Waste Management Fund	\$ 7,013.27
Law Library Fund	\$ 1,672.68
Martin County Transit Fund	\$ 47,030.13
Recorder's Technology	\$ 6,321.94
Recorder's Compliance	\$ 3,580.00
Building – CIP – Fund	\$ 38,313.00
Bank Building Fund	\$ 5,810.28
Total	\$486,279.42
Road and Bridge Funds Totaled	\$375,877.93
Martin County Ditch Fund – Warrants Totaled	\$ 2,100.01

The Board recessed at 10:19 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

John Chabot of Hanratty and Associates, Inc. was present to review the County's health insurance plan. Chabot noted that the County Insurance Committee has reviewed the current Health Insurance Plans with BlueCross BlueShield through the South Central Service Coop and the 105 Plan. Chabot continued the County received a renewal of a 4% increase for the \$5,000 deductible health plan premium from the Coop. Chabot presented a spreadsheet review of 2010 current premium contributions versus 2011 proposed plan contributions based on the purchase of a \$5,000 Deductible Health Plan from BlueCross BlueShield. The four percent increase does not necessarily equate the same to the 105 side of the plan. Plan contributions are based on claims and other administrative costs by each plan. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, on an annual basis reviews and determines the County health plans and employee contributions to health insurance premiums for non-union staff, hereby approves the renewal of a \$5,000 Deductible Health Plan from BlueCross BlueShield through the South Central Service Coop; and hereby approves and authorizes to establish the employer contributions for 2011 for non-union employees as follows: Plan A (20 Co-pay) Single \$604.64, Family \$1, 294.31; Plan B (\$250 Deductible) Single \$561.10, Family \$1, 284.26; and Plan C (\$1,000 Deductible) Single \$551.50, Family \$1, 124.35; and the employees contributing the remaining; and to approve and authorize the Board Chair and/or the County Coordinator to sign the necessary documents with BlueCross BlueShield and/or Hanratty & Associates, Inc. relating to the health insurance plan(s). Carried unanimously.

Higgins and Chabot updated the Board about the County's grandfathered health plan status.

The Board discussed this year's KSUM/KFMC Salvation Army Kamp for Kids to be held December 9-11, 2010.

Consensus of the Board is to continue with the Commissioners Camp Out this year; and to encourage more county and city staff, and township participation.

Motion by Commissioner Boler, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize County participation in the 2010 Glows Parade to be held on Friday, November 19th, 2010.

The Board reviewed information regarding the AMC District Meeting to be held October 27, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Blue Earth, MN; the STS Quarterly Report – Second Quarter; Minutes of South Central Service Cooperative for October 6, 2010; and the 2010 – 3rd Quarter Report for Expanded Weekend Transit Service.

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 11:36 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator