

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011
@ 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 Steve Pierce.

Commissioners present were Donnelly, Potter, and Schmidtke. Commissioner District No. 1 is vacant. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, Rod Halvorsen, KSUM/KFMC Radio, Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel Newspaper, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, 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: 8.15 Consider Renumbering of Security Building Offices; and 8.16 Consider Vendor for Voluntary Long Term Care Insurance Benefits. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the October 4, 2011 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, presented a resolution for gambling permit application approval from the Fairmont American Legion Post #36 for gambling operation at Ghost Town Tavern in Granada, MN.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke,

R-#50/'11

GAMBLING PERMIT APPLICATION APPROVAL (PREMISES)
FAIRMONT AMERICAN LEGION POST #36

BE IT RESOLVED, the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premises Permit Application – Form LG214 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity for the Fairmont American Legion Post #36; per the requirements of Minnesota Statutes; and concurrent with the rest of their premise location permits, to include the following location at: Ghost Town Tavern, 1203 260th Avenue in Granada, MN 56039.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, and declared adopted upon a unanimous vote of all members present: Commissioners Steve Donnelly, Dan Schmidtke, Jack Potter, and Steve Pierce.

Duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Pierce, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Potter, Schmidtke, Donnelly, and Pierce. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2011.

Commissioner Schmidtke stated that Dale Schumann is interested and willing to serve on the Martin County EDA Board representing Commissioner District IV.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the appointment of Dale Schumann of Sherburn, MN to serve on the Martin County EDA Board effective October 18, 2011, to fill vacancy with term ending December 31, 2012. Carried unanimously.

There was no action taken on appointment to the Extension Committee from Commissioner District III.

Mayor Daniel Nelson, City of Dunnell, was present to address concerns with stop signs on Wenberg Street (Dunnell) which is a county road. The City of Dunnell has been having problems with people driving through and not seeing the stop sign. There is another set of stop signs one block on MN Highway 4 intersection that has caused some concern for residents. The City of Dunnell has talked about installing some sort of lighting on the stop signs but that is quite costly.

Nelson stated the intersection that is in question is County Road 8 and County Road 9 where they come together, not the State Highway 4. There has always been a four-way stop sign there. Lately I've been hearing two sides of the issues. One side is that the farmers want that sign taken out, they don't like to stop there with their full trucks have to go one block and stop at MN Highway 4 again. Other people, especially residents and myself, feel that stop sign is important. If it were not for that stop sign, traffic would speed up through town heading to the east or to the west and vice versa. Lately people who are not familiar with the stop sign are just oblivious and drive right through the stop sign there. They're seeing the sign at Highway 4 coming from the west and miss the sign the block before. It is well lighted both day and night and they go through it both day and night. We had talked with the County Highway Department and they had some figures as to the cost and it appears to be quite expensive for installation of a lighted stop sign. The

City does not have authority to change the signs since the stop signs are controlling the two county roads.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, stated that Mr. Nelson is correct. The signs in question are county signs. I looked at a couple of different options. I took pictures of the intersections. The signs are very much wide open as you can see. There's really no obstruction coming from either way. I did pull accident reports from 2001 up to the first part of 2011. Over the last ten years; there have not been any accidents at the corner where the two county roads intersect. Most engineering studies will tell you that if you install a street light at the intersection, it is more effective than a lighted stop sign. As you can see in the pictures, there are already city street lights which light up the intersection. Most studies will also show that most people are either intentionally running the stop sign or have improper gap judgment. We are looking at an estimated cost of \$2,000 to \$2,500 to install new lighted stop signs. There are four different grades of stop signs. The existing signs are DG3 signs. There's a 36 x 36 which is what they call an E or Expressway type sign for higher speed limit roads. There is also a 48 x 48 which is just an oversized. So we would have the option to try a larger stop sign if you think that would help. You could go up to 48 x 48, but I would fear right there on that light it would be like a billboard sitting there and it would be awful large. The 36 x 36 would be the next size bigger than the existing signs. You can see coming from the west there is a stop ahead sign posted. I have observed that there are no painted "stop ahead" markers before the stop signs. I would recommend trying a larger stop sign and painting "stop ahead" markers on the pavement.

Mr. Nelson stated that the City isn't really looking for any kind of change we're just relaying questions that have come to us.

Schmidtke suggested that it may be best try the next size bigger stop sign and see if we can get that stop ahead painted on the road as well.

Peyman stated that he would have to look at the other side and see if we can get it from both sides but we could for sure do it. There's a little bit of flexibility on the 450 feet from the sign and we'll try to get it painted from both directions.

Potter concurred with Commissioner Schmidtke and further iterated that it would not be a good idea to take the stop sign out because people are used to it and may help prevent accidents.

Nelson inquired of whose responsibility it is for the pavement markings on the road.

Peyman responded that generally this is left to the small cities to do. However, we would work with the cities to paint these types of markers.

By consensus the board approved the County Engineer to work with the City of Dunnell to install larger stop signs and paint "Stop Ahead" markings on the pavement.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, reported on final contract for SAP 46-599-68, SAP 46-599-69, and SAP 46-599-70 Township Bridges. Peyman stated that final examination has been made, work has been completed, and the entire amount of work has been performed. Peyman recommended approval of the final contract with Larson Crane Service, Inc. of Worthington, MN in the amount of \$287,210.94.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of County Highway Engineer, hereby approve the final contract payment for SAP 46-599-68, SAP 46-599-69, and SAP 46-599-70 township Bridges to Larson Crane Service, Inc. of Worthington, MN in the amount of \$287,210.94. Carried unanimously.

Billee Rabbe, Solid Waste Coordinator for Faribault & Martin County, was present, along with representatives of Home Town Sanitation. Rabbe presented the final contract for the recycling contract for the City of Fairmont, including a county drop site. The County Attorney has reviewed the contract and has approved.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the Board Chair and appropriate staff to sign and execute the Recycling Program Contract between Martin County, MN and Hometown Sanitation Service, LLC of Windom, MN for a five year term, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2017. Carried unanimously.

Mark Bauman, Prairieland Director, presented a resolution declaring a Solid Waste Market Price for establishing the Minnesota Solid Waste Management Tax liable by Martin County as requested by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Bauman stated if after determining a market price, the market price is higher than your tipping fee, then the county is liable for the tax on that difference. Bauman went on to state that State statutes identified the market price is to be the lowest price available in the area and that the Dickinson County Landfill in Spirit Lake, Iowa was used in determining the tipping fee of \$26.50 plus additional transportation cost brings it somewhere between \$34.00 and \$35.00 per ton. Bauman noted there has been no increase from the previous year's price per ton.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

R-#48/'11

RESOLUTION
SOLID WASTE MARKET PRICE

WHEREAS, the Minnesota solid waste management tax requires political subdivisions to identify by resolution a market price if the political subdivision:

- a. Subsidizes the cost of service at a facility; or

- b. Directly bills on a property tax statement for organized collection of municipal solid waste

WHEREAS, the political subdivision will be liable for any solid waste management tax based only on the market price amount identified through the resolution.

WHEREAS, the market price is identified in the state statute as the lowest price available in the area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Martin County Board declares a market price of \$34 - \$35 per ton for a facility, based on a tipping fee amount of \$26.50 per ton at the Dickenson County Landfill and additional transportation costs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, and was duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Pierce, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented and adopted by the Martin County Board of Commissioners at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 18th of October, 2011 as shown by the minutes in my possession.

Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Schmidtke, Donnelly, Potter, and Pierce. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2011.

Rhonda Lorang, Assistant Director of the Senior Dining Nutrition Program in Martin County, along with James Duflo, Site Manager, presented an update on the Nutrition Dining program in Martin County. Lorang stated we want to keep seniors living independently, healthy, and in their own home. You have to be sixty (60) years of age or older to receive meals. The actual cost of this meal is \$6.50. If you're 60 years of age or older, you can give a suggested donation of \$3.50. We are open five days a week. We serve at 11:30 a.m. In the winter time if schools closed, we are generally closed as well. We always want to make sure that the seniors do have something on their shelf so we do

send out once a month or once every two months shelf staple meals. All of our menus are through a registered dietitian and we serve one third of the daily requirements. Menus are printed in the newspaper and available on the tables at the site. Hy-Vee in Fairmont does cater the food over to the Senior Dining. We also have a meal site in Sherburn. So far this year we have served 8,322 meals to seniors in Martin County.

Pierce thanked Lorang for her report.

James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, stated the Blizzard Snowmobile Club has been awarded \$40,579.80 from the Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance of the Prairieland snowmobile trail and asked for board approval.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

R-#49/11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
FY2012 SNOWMOBILE MAINTENANCE GRANT AGREEMENT
FOR PRAIRIELAND TRAIL

WHEREAS, this agreement is made between the State of Minnesota and Martin County as it relates to the establishment of the Prairieland Trail, and

WHEREAS, Martin County desires to establish, construct, and maintain public trails; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Trails Assistance Program provides grants to local units of government for the construction and maintenance of recreational trails pursuant to the Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 84.83; and

WHEREAS, the Blizzard Snowmobile Club on behalf of Martin County, has submitted the application and resolution by the local government authorizing the proposed trails; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners approve and authorize the Board Chair and/or Auditor/Treasurer to sign the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program FY2012 Grant Agreement in the amount of \$40,579.80 with an effective date of October 1, 2011 and expiration date of June 30, 2012.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, and was duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Pierce, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Potter, Donnelly, Schmidtke, and Pierce. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2011.

Higgins stated the Martin County Sheriff's Office has received an Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Grant agreement in the amount of \$10,056.00 for FY2012 which provides extra funds to provide enforcement projects and to maintain equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize execution of the Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Grant agreement for FY2012-2013 in the amount of \$10,056.00 effective October 1, 2011 and expires June 30, 2013; and to authorize Board Chair and the County Sheriff, and/or the County Auditor/Treasurer, to sign the grant agreement and other required reporting on behalf of Martin County. Carried unanimously.

Captain Corey Klanderud, Martin County Sheriff's Office, presented a brief office update stating they are in the beginning process of posting and hiring replacements for the part-time deputy position.

Bev Snow, FMJ Multi-County ASAC Coordinator, Mark Geerdes, Martin County Jail Administrator, Joy Pousch, Jail Nurse and Mike (client), to hear what the "Jail grant" has done for rehabilitating inmates and for Martin County. Snow stated that we received the grant in September of 2009, but actually didn't start spending any of the money until 2010. Since we have had the grant we have done well, the grant was able to pay for 1.5 FTE's for the jail since January of 2010. The grant has allowed the program manager to start actually doing programming for inmates in the jail. There were 103 activities within the jail in a three month period. I'm very proud to say that we average about 1,100 inmates in a three month period involved with various programming and activities. These numbers do include the same inmate going to four or five different activities; but because of the program manager, the person has been able to come work more on programming in the jail to assist inmates in getting their GED's, attending their AA and NA meetings. What I'm also here to tell you is we're running out of money. We had \$282,000 and we're down to \$68,800. Basically by the end of March of 2012 that grant will end. I'm not hearing or seeing any signs of any more grants out there that would be replacing this type of funding. We also have our mental health worker, Poush, working and increased her hours and that funding will run out at the end of March 2012. Joy has treated about seventy-eight inmates for mental health issues, along with drug court or family court clients that have mental health issues. Mike has been an inmate of the jail periodically and asked Mike to tell his successes he has accomplished with the programming.

Mike stated his experiences in the programs. He stated that the treatment programs in the jail have helped him a lot because I am a recovering addict. Through the programming, I am able to receive my pain medications appropriately and on time. I think it's great

because I have been held accountable, which gives me drive to do other things so that I can give back. I probably wouldn't be clean right now if it weren't for the programming I received in the last few months. I am able to better function in society.

Bev reiterated the success of the program and stated that it is basically costing us about \$1,000 per month for the staffing and programming. I thought most important was for you to hear from someone that it has really helped. Bev stated her appreciation for the support of the county board during this grant period. If I can find more funding I will.

Pierce stated that he; along with the Board applaud Bev, Mike, and the staff, along with the program for their hard work and dedication to making this a success. Thanks much for sharing, Mike, because that means a lot to us.

Forshee requested the board to approve deletion of the mobile home taxes for various parcels.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the deletions of the following mobile homes 23.039.9107, 23.037.9553, and 38.650.9006 from the Mobile Home Tax List due to the demolition of the mobile homes. Carried unanimously.

Deb Mosloski, Drainage Specialist for Martin County, stated we recently had a meeting with Leo Getsfried, Rich Perrine, the NRCS staff, Kurt Deter, and Chuck Brandl (Engineer for the project) regarding JD #314. We are having problems with agencies actually following through on this project and doing what they say they will do to make the necessary improvements. The land itself is so sandy we have trouble even getting a contractor to go in there and make the improvements because of the swampy and wet land. It is estimated that it will take approximately \$200,000 to make the improvement/repairs necessary on this drainage system.

Pierce stated that this has obviously been troublesome for everybody. We have talked about doing some sort of work to fix and we need to move forward in getting something done.

Mosloski went on to say that we have at least four different ditch systems involved. The area is very swampy, now that it is very dry, it would be the perfect time to get in there and make the improvements/repairs. If the estimated bid is over \$100,000 we will need to go out for bid on this project.

Potter inquired of the three options presented in an earlier meeting to solve this drainage matter.

Forstner stated that the three options were not really feasible.

Schmidtke stated his concern for the projected cost of the project and the number of landowners who would be responsible for the bill. Schmidtke further stated that the re-route looks to be the best option.

Mosloski stated she did not know the exact number of landowners that would be responsible for the greater share.

Schmidtke suggested the need to reroute the drainage ditch. I think that's the best option and get the bid out as soon as possible

Mosloski stated she would contact the engineer on the project, Chuck Brandl to do a survey and give some estimates on the project.

Pierce inquired why isn't that allowed to be a wetland a basin and turned back into a lake to drain out on the other end.

Mosloski responded that this is not where the problem is located. It is due to the tile south and east is all plugged up, it's broken.

Pierce stated if the basin is lower than the rest of the property, why it would not drain accordingly.

Mosloski responded that the issue is that you are dealing with a road that is also an obstruction.

Forstner further stated that basically your tile is going through a basin, the basin is wet and full; and you can't drain out a basin because the water that is coming from higher ground is just going to sit and back up into the higher ground.

Potter inquired if the tile was perforated or non-perforated tile.

Forstner responded that it is perforated tile

Pierce asked if there was any further discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, hereby approve and authorize moving forward with a tile repair through the basin for JD #314 within Section 2 of East Chain Township and authorizing Chuck Brandl to provide an engineering estimate to make the required repairs/improvements on the drainage system. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated that Helen Rode, Martin County Mentoring Network Program Coordinator has submitted her resignation, effective November 1, 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept, with regrets, the resignation of Helen Rode, Martin County Mentoring Network Program Coordinator, effective November 1, 2011; and to contact Services for Challenging Youth to inquire if the Martin County Mentoring Network Program can be kept in tact through the Services for Challenging Youth program. Carried unanimously.

Pierce inquired if there is a process to refill the position, stating concern that we have a program in place and would hate to see it drop.

Higgins stated that one of the main issues is that we would not have anyone supervising the program. We would need to notify the mentors and mentees that we are suspending the program until it is decided how the program will continue. This is something you may want the Personnel Committee to review.

Schmidtke inquired if Helen had recommendations of who could continue the program

Higgins stated that she felt that there would be other organizations that had a mentoring component that they could continue the program. Helen referred to Services for Challenging Youth program may be an option.

Higgins stated the AMC Annual Conference will occur at the same time we have the December 6, 2011 regular Board meeting. Additionally, the Truth in Taxation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Higgins recommends changing the regular scheduled meeting date of December 6, 2011 to Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve changing the date of the regular Commissioners meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2011 to Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. and that the Truth in Taxation meeting be held on December 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Carried unanimously.

The Board recessed at 10:09 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

John Chabot of Hanratty and Associates, Inc. was present to review the County's Health Insurance Plan renewals. Chabot noted that the County Insurance Committee has reviewed the current Health Insurance Plans with BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) through the South Central Service Coop and the 105 Plan. Chabot continued the County received a renewal of 14.8% from BCBS. However, the projected cost for our Select 105 claims and administrative cost is not increasing. Therefore, this lowers our overall increase to 11.62%. The increase for our health plan was 4% for 2011. The County Insurance Committee has recommended that the County continue with a \$5,000 High Deductible health care coverage, with Rx and Accord Network (Mayo-Rochester) with BCBS; and to continue with the following current 105 plan designs: Plan A \$20 co-pay, Plan B \$250

Deductible, and Plan C \$1,000 Deductible. Chabot presented a spreadsheet review of 2011 current premium contributions versus 2012 proposed plan contributions based on the purchase of a \$5,000 Deductible Health Plan from BCBS. The 11.62% 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 review of the 2012 proposed plan contributions, the Board determined the county would cover 70% of the total cost of the renewal and employees share in the remaining 30%. After further discussion and review,

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, on an annual basis determines the County contributions to health insurance premiums for non-union staff; and therefore establishes the County Contributions (single and family) for the following health plans through the Select 105: Plan A (\$20 co-pay) Single \$630.78, Family \$1,320.57; Plan B (\$250 Deductible) Single \$619.32, Family \$1,310.24; Plan C (\$1,000 Deductible) Single \$620.00, Family \$1,257.54 for CY2012; and the employees picking up 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 stated the County Compensation Committee has reviewed the request to reclassify the job class of Account Clerk II and Account Technician II-Payroll/Human Resources in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office. After careful review, the Committee has recommended approval to reclassify the Account Clerk II (Grade 9) job to Account Technician I (Grade 10) due to the increased responsibilities and complexities of the position. Additionally, to reclassify the Account Technician II-Payroll/Human Resources (Grade 12) to Grade 13 due to the increased responsibilities of the position. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, after careful review and consideration and upon the recommendation of the Martin County Compensation Advisory Committee; and due to the increased responsibilities and complexities of the job, hereby approve the reclassification of Darcy Jones, Account Clerk II Grade 9, Step 9 at \$16.62/hour to Account Technician I-Payroll (backup) Grade 10, Step 6 at \$17.60/hour; and due to the increased responsibilities and complexities of the job hereby approve the reclassification of Teresa Tieman, Account Technician II-Payroll/Human Resources Grade 12, Step 10 at \$22.19/hour to Grade 13, Step 8 at \$23.41/hour; with both reclassifications effective January 1, 2012. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve payment of claims for the month of October, 2011 as presented; and includes the Martin County Highway Department as presented.

Warrants Received and paid October 18, 2011 are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue Fund – Warrants Approved October 18, 2011	\$235,834.67
Enhanced 9-1-1 Fund	\$ 9.34
Recreation and Safety Fund	\$ 1,295.33
Martin Co. Economic Development Authority	\$ 6,403.72
Solid Waste Management Fund	\$ 19,071.54
Law Library Fund	\$ 1,053.26
Martin County Transit Fund	\$ 42,881.55
Recorder's Compliance	\$ 1,970.21
Ind. Sewage Treatment Sys. Loan FD (ISTS)	\$ 62,901.71
Building –CIP– Fund	\$ 19,608.00
Bank Building Fund	<u>\$ 3,863.55</u>
Total	\$394,892.88
Road and Bridge Funds Totaled	\$ 36,158.84
Martin County Ditch Fund – Warrants Totaled	\$206,427.27

The Board reviewed information and the agenda for AMC's District 7 meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont; Minutes of the South Central Co-op October, 2011 meeting; CY2012 Blue Cross/Blue Shield Group Medicare Plan Renewal; and CY2011 YTD Third Quarter Revenue/Expense Report.

Higgins stated that MetLife no longer underwrites the voluntary Long Term Care (LTC) benefit the county offers its employee and hasn't since January 2011. Since we do offer the benefit, we should obtain a provider. Currently we have only one person taking the LTC. I have requested quotes and have received a quote from Integrity.

Pierce stated that Randy Quiring represented MetLife and should contact him for a quote.

No action taken on vendor consideration for voluntary Long Term Care Insurance benefit.

Pierce asked if we got the new numbering system down for the Security Building.

Higgins responded that the Building Committee did go ahead and make a recommendation to get going and renumber that building. The catalyst for this request is due the public trying to figure out where the need to go to courts. The numbering system in the Courthouse is 100, 200, and 300 representing the three floor levels. However, in the Security Building it starts the room numbering with 100 in the basement, 200 the middle floor, and 300 for the second floor. So if the public enters the courthouse to go to court, they seem to be confused. Keep in mind, we are one address of 201 Lake Avenue and between the two buildings, should be numbered accordingly starting with the

courthouse. I'm going to talk more with various Depts. involved. In talking with the Court Administrator, she does not seem to have a problem with the renumbering.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize County Coordinator to continue moving forward with renumbering of Security Building offices so that the numbers are corresponding with the floors between the Courthouse and Security Building. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented the renewal rates for the Group Medicare coverage. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Group Medicare Plan 2012 renewal for Martin County's retiree Group Medicare coverage as presented . Carried unanimously.

Commissioners presented their Board member reports.

Commissioner Potter stated he attended the EDA meeting on October 10th, Soil and Water on October 13th.

Commissioner Schmidtke stated the only addition he had to that EDA meeting was yesterday I had a ditch meeting on that #367 again.

Commissioner Donnelly stated he attended the Domestic Violence event at Five Lakes Centre on October 5th, Prairieland meeting and Insurance Committee meeting on October 14th.

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of upcoming meetings and activities: October 19th – Human Services at Blue Earth, October 20th Economic Development with City of Fairmont from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fairmont Holiday Inn; October 26th – Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) District Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fairmont from 8 a.m. to noon; October 27th – 2012 Benefits Open Enrollment Meetings, Market Value Exclusions Discussion at City Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m.; November 1st – regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Pierce stated he will be absent from the November 15, 2011 regular Board of Commissioners meeting.

With no further business to wit, Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Pierce, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator