

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011
@ 4:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Steve Pierce.

Commissioners present were Donnelly, Potter, and Schmidtke. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel Newspaper, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda with the following additions: 8.15 Consider Disposal of Surplus Property; and 8.16 Discuss Name Change of Martin County Express Public Transportation System. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Dan Whitman, Martin County Assessor and Labor Management Committee Chair, presented the traveling trophy award to the Coordinator's Office – winners of the 2011 inter-county Salvation Army Food Drive competition. Whitman stated Martin County donated and delivered 1,200 items totaling approximately 1,200 pounds. Whitman noted that third place this year went to the Martin County Highway Department with 367 items/421 pounds; second place went to the Martin County Commissioners with 99 items/80 pounds; and first place goes to the Coordinator's Office with 78 items/69 pounds.

Chairman Pierce introduced Randy Quiring to review the proposed Long Term Care (LTC) coverage as a County benefit. I have also met recently with Scott, Steve, and Steve, and Jim regarding your Long Term Care plan that you have in place as an employee benefit. And currently the plan that you had with MetLife is no longer available. We had a plan in place for three years and MetLife exited the underwriting of Long Term Care insurance plans. We reviewed some options, the options of another plan that mirrors the MetLife plan through Prudential. Prudential offers the same type of plan like you had with MetLife which was a voluntary plan for the employees. As a group voluntary plan, there is a 5% discount on the premiums through Prudential for all members or all employees of the County. The rates are what they call age banded. However, like most carriers, they require 10 lives minimum to put the voluntary plan in place. If the board decided to go with the voluntary plan with Prudential, it would take

some real backing from the County to press this on to the employees. Quiring reviewed the premiums for the proposed plan.

Quiring stated that another option we looked at is through Unum. This is a group plan which would require no underwriting and eligible employees are automatically enrolled similar to a health insurance plan. Policies are 100% transferable if somebody leaves employment with the County, they can take the plan with them and thereby continue to pay for it. With this plan option, the county would provide a base Long Term Care plan and would blanket list bill to the County. Employees also have the option to buy up too in coverage. Discount rates with Unum are available not only to the employee but to the spouses and family members also. If you look at Long Term Care Option #1 with Unum is a \$36,000 maximum and remember Prudential was \$100,000 maximum. Unum Long Term Care Option #1 is an employer funded base plan for 40 non-union employees. The monthly cost for all 40 non-union employees is \$575.10 and a \$1,500 per month benefit. With Option #2 for all 96 employees the monthly cost is \$1,644.20 with a \$2,000 per month benefit. Long Term Care Option #3 for 40 non-union employees is \$766.80 with a \$2,000 per month benefit.

Chairman Pierce stated the Personnel Committee has reviewed the Long Term Care proposal as a new benefit for eligible County employees and would be good benefit for the employees. After further discussion, consensus of the Board is to review and discuss the Long Term Care benefit options later on in today's meeting.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, reviewed bids received for the McClain property in Tenhassen Township. Bids were for either a one year or three year lease option for the 120 total acres, 107 of which are tillable. Peyman stated the highest bid is Pat and Phillip Hardt at \$411.00 per acre for the 2012, 2013, and 2014 seasons and recommend that Martin County enters into a three year lease with the Hardt's for the \$411.00 per acre.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, after the appropriate advertisement for bids; and upon receiving bids for the McClain Land Property; and upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, hereby approve and award the high bid for cash rent for the 2012, 2013, and 2014 farming seasons to Pat and Phillip Hardt in the amount of \$411.00 per acre; and to authorize the Chair and appropriate staff (County Engineer, County Auditor/Treasurer, County Attorney) to sign and execute the necessary documents for the listed property. Carried unanimously.

Kathy Smith, Director Martin Soil and Water Conservation District, presented the proposed Service Agreements for the implementation of the County Water Plan in the amount of \$21,145 (CY2011 - \$20,520) noting that this amount is derived from the 2012 Allocation from the Natural Resources block Grant (NRBG) funds with \$13,697 in grant dollars and \$7,448 County cash match; and the proposed Service Agreement authorizing the administration of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) in the amount of \$17,556

with \$8,778 grant funding (NRBG) and \$8,778 County cash match.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Service Agreements between Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Martin County for calendar year 2012 for Implementation of the Martin County Water Plan Program in the amount of \$21,145 (NRBG - \$13,697 and required County match of \$7,448); and to administer the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) for calendar year 2012 in the amount of \$17,556 (NRBG \$8,778 and required County match of \$8,778). Carried unanimously.

Smith next presented the FY2012 Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) agreement effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. After review and consideration:

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

R-#55/'11

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES NATURAL RESOURCES BLOCK GRANT FOR FY2012:

WHEREAS, Martin County has a State approved comprehensive local water plan, which has been locally adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B; and

WHEREAS, Martin County may assess a levy under its general levy authority to match such grants by BWSR pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.335;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners approves of Martin County entering into a Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota to receive state funds for the implementation of its comprehensive local water plans in the amount of \$13,697; the administration of the wetland conservation act in the amount of \$8,778; administration of the DNR shoreland program in the amount of \$3,024; MPCA County Feedlot Base Grant in the amount of \$44,525; and MPCA SSTS Base Grant in the amount of \$18,941; with total grant amount of \$88,965 under the terms of the Grant Agreement and all statutory requirements; and

THAT THE Martin County Board of Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of cash and in-kind contributions to match the Natural Resources Block Grant as specified in Laws of Minnesota and the Grant Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chairperson of the Martin County Board of Commissioners and the County Auditor or County Coordinator is authorized to execute

the Grant Agreement together with all related documents.

Motion was made by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, and was duly passed and adopted this 1st day of December, 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 1st day of December, 2011.

Smith introduced new employee Ashley Brenke. The Board welcomed Brenke to her new role with the Martin Soil and Water Conservation District.

Rich Perrine was present and stated at the Southern Region Committee of the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) on November 3rd, 2011 approved moving the County's Water Plan Revision forward to the full board on December 14th, 2011 and we expect the Water Plan Revision to be approved then. Once BWSR has approved the revised Plan we bring it back and the County for adoption.

Perrine informed the Board that the SWCD has received a DNR Shoreland Grant and plan to use funds for treatment along East Chain Lake where the park is located and then Cedar/Hanson Park. We're looking at doing evasive species removal and replacement with natives species; and also some beach improvement so there's better swimming access at both locations. Perrine stated he is seeking approval to move forward on developing plans for the planned work and will bring back to the Board for approval later.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve Martin Soil and Water Conservation District moving forward with plan development for lakeshore restoration projects at Cedar Lake and East Chain Lake in Martin County. Carried unanimously.

Deb Mosloski, Drainage Specialist for Martin County, informed the Board of the need to set a public hearing date for the Final Re-determination of the following Ditch Systems in Martin County: JD #21, JD #39, JD #109, CD #35, JD #80, JD #4 (a/k/a JD #301), and JD #2 M&W. Mosloski stated she has contacted Watonwan County and the recommended date is January 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ormsby Fire Hall in Ormsby,

MN. Mosloski went on to state that the various Ditches that need to be represented with majority from Martin County as follows: three commissioners are required to be present for JD #21, JD #39, JD #109, CD #35, JD #80, JD #4 (Watonwan County needs two); and two commissioners are required to be present for JD #2 (Watonwan County needs three).

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, hereby sets the date of January 17, 2012 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Ormsby Fire Hall in Ormsby, MN for the final public hearing for the Re-determination of the following Drainage Ditches: JD #21, JD #39, JD #109, CD #35, JD #80, JD #4 (a/k/a JD #301), and JD #2 M&W. Carried unanimously.

Mosloski introduced Chuck Brandel, Engineer with I&S Engineers, along with Tom Davis and Bob Smith. Mosloski stated that Brandel has prepared a preliminary review of landowners' drainage concerns.

Chuck Brandel, PE Civil Engineer/Principal with I&S Group, stated at the request of Martin County Drainage Authority, I&S Group has completed a preliminary review of landowners' drainage concerns of the Martin County Ditch No. 1 System (CD #1) and Judicial Ditch No. 15 (JD #15) located in portions of southern Elm Creek and northern Jay Townships in Martin County. Brandel presented a map showing the watershed of the existing open ditch and also presented an analysis of the existing system and remediation recommendations.

Information on the existing system was gathered from the existing maps, reports, surveyed topographic data, and aerial photos. The studied portion of CD #1 was initially constructed in 1908. Additionally, JD #15 was constructed in 1914 and connected to the upstream portion of CD #1. In 1980, JD #15 underwent an improvement consisting of widening and deepening of this system. Because CD #1 was not altered, the improvement of JD #15 created a flow constriction at the outlet of JD #15 to CD #1. Localized flooding has been observed near this constriction point located on the Davis property.

In 2010 and 2011, I&S Group performed a topographic survey of the ditch bottom from Interstate 90 to 120th Street to County Road 132 on CD #1 and JD #15. In some areas, the ditch needs cleaning and in some areas it is over cleaned. The attached map shows the existing elevation of the ditch bottom and the proposed invert from the original plans. Based on this information portions of both ditch systems should be cleaned. There are also areas already below the existing ditch elevation that cannot be legally cleaned.

Based on the evaluation of the CD #1 and JD #15 network, it is recommended that the portion of CD #1 be repaired from the interconnection point of CD #1 and JD #15 to the bridge crossing at 120th Street. Specifically, CD #1 should be restored to its original

condition including bottom width of eight (8) feet, side slopes of 2(H):1(V), and grade 0.15% throughout the repair segment. This will require 5613 feet of ditch cleaning. If desired to widen or deepen the ditch through this section an Improvement is needed. An improvement would require a petition by 26% of the landowners along the system. Also, JD #15 has been requested to be cleaned along the Davis Property in Section 3 of Jay Township. This will require 3060 linear feet of cleaning. Also we noticed that portions upstream of this area are in disrepair. This cleaning has not been requested but have provided a preliminary estimate for this work as well.

Restoration of CD #1 and JD #15 to the original condition will significantly reduce the likelihood of localized flooding along the repair segment.

Martin County CD #1 – Repair and Cleaning Cost

Item No.	Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
101	Mobilization	LS	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
102	Clean Open Ditch	LF	5,613	\$2.25	\$12,629.25
103	Seeding of Grass Buffer on New Ditch	AC	2.3	\$800.00	\$1,840.00
104	Tree Removal	EA	8	\$650.00	\$5,200.00
105	Slough Repair	LF	500	\$7.00	\$3,500.00
				SUBTOTAL	\$24,200.00
	10% Unforeseen				\$2,420.00
	Total Estimated Construction Costs				\$26,620.00

Martin County CD #15 Repair and Cleaning Cost for South End – Option 1

Item No.	Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
101	Mobilization	LS	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
102	Clean Open Ditch	LF	3,060	\$2.25	\$6,885.00
103	Seeding of Grass Buffer on New Ditch	AC	1.3	\$800.00	\$1,040.00
104	Slough Repair	LF	300	\$7.00	\$2,100.00
				SUBTOTAL	\$11,100.00

	10% Unforeseen				\$11,100.00
	Total Estimated Construction Costs				\$12,210.00

Martin County CD #15 Repair and Cleaning Cost for North End – Option 2

Item No.	Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
101	Mobilization	LS	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
102	Clean Open Ditch	LF	13,753	\$2.25	\$30,944.25
103	Seeding of Grass Buffer on New Ditch	AC	5.5	\$800.00	\$4,400.00
104	Slough Repair	LF	1300	\$7.00	\$9,100.00
				SUBTOTAL	\$45,500.00
	10% Unforeseen				\$4,550.00
	Total Estimated Construction Costs				\$50,050.00

Discussion ensued with whether the landowners on this system were looking to have the ditch systems cleaned or if their intent is to petition for an improvement to aid in the drainage issues. After much discussion,

No action taken on repair options and costs for CD #1 and JD #15 M&J.

Higgins stated that each year the Board is required to establish its annual compensation and per diem and other reimbursable expenses for the County Board of Commissioners when conducting their official duties prior to January 1st. The Board may increase/decrease annual compensation. A 2% increase has been included in the proposed Board salaries in the CY2012 Budget which equates to \$21,608.00. Higgins reviewed a resolution with the proposed 2012 salary plus an additional \$1,000.00 per year for the Chairman; and \$500.00 per year for Vice Chair or Commissioners appointed to the Personnel Committee (with the exception of the Board Chair and Vice Chair); and a per diem of \$75.00 each day performing official duties. Also listed are the established various committees the Commissioners serve on in order to receive per diems and expenses.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

R-#57/'11

RESOLUTION

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMPENSATION, PER DIEM & EXPENSES

WHEREAS, Chapter 301 of the Session Laws 1975 provides a method for determining County Commissioners' compensation, per diem pay, and expense allowances, and

WHEREAS, resolution of the County Board establishing the salary, schedule of per diem payments, and expense allowance must be made before January first of each year so as to become effective January first of the next year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County after due deliberation and discussion, have determined the annual salary, schedule of per diem payments, and expense allowances that will be effective January 1, 2012 and thereafter, until changed by resolution of the Board in a manner provided by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County as follows:

1. That the annual salary of each County Commissioner of Martin County shall be the sum of \$21,608.00 plus an additional \$1,000 per year for the Chairman; and \$500 per year for Vice Chair and/or Commissioners appointed to the Personnel Committee with the exception of the Board Chair, payable bi-weekly, less such deductions as are authorized or required by law, and shall be paid to such Commissioner during such interval as he or she is qualified by law to hold such office.

2. That each individual County Commissioner shall be paid one per diem of \$75.00 each day spent in performing the official duties connected with the office. The per diem pay may be paid to any individual County Commissioner making application therefore, who, by proper designation or authorization, has served or is an alternate on any board, committee, or commission of County government, including committees of the Board or for the performance of service for any of the following work, service or activity.

Region Nine Delegate
F/M Human Services Board
Prairieland Joint Powers
Delegate to M.V.A.C.
Building Committee
Personnel Committee
MN Extension Service

Workforce Council
County Planning Commission
County Water Plan Committee
GBERBA Board
A.M.C. Delegate
County Park Board
Community Corrections

Region Nine E.M.S.
County Highway Liaison
Three Rivers RC & D
SouthCentral HRA Board
Economic Development Board
Transit Advisory Comm. (TAC)
Dist. 1, 2,3,4,5, Ditch Insp.
South Central Finance Committee
New Law Enforcement Ctr. Comm.

R.I.M. & Soil Conservation
Minnesota River Basin JPB
Law Library Board
MAAH
County Insurance Committee
County GASB Committee
Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Liaison
Library Board
Public Relations Campaign Comm.

Investment in Current/Future Emp.
Martin Co. Recreational Trails Comm.
Labor Management Committee
GIS Committee
Library Board Alternate
Drug Court Representative
Red Rock Rural Water
Bureau 14 (Chamber of Commerce)
County Strategic Planning Committees

County Solid Waste Committee
Highway 15 Coalition
MCIT Delegate
Tax (CAMA) Study Committee
Iowa Lakes Regional Water Advisory Comm.
Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB)
South Central Minnesota Radio Board
State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)

Activities relating to Ditches under the Jurisdiction of the County Board, or under Jurisdiction of a Joint County Ditch Authority.

For such committee, board, or commissioner work or meetings which may be required by law or which is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, providing that such work, service or activity is authorized by Board action prior to the performance of such work, service or activity.

3. No Commissioner may receive an amount greater than one full per diem payment on any one day. A Commissioner may accept or claim less than the full per diem. If a per diem is paid by another entity or authority for work, service, or activity permitted by this resolution, Martin County shall not pay a per diem for the same work, service or activity.

4. That in addition to the salary and per diems set forth herein, each individual County Commissioner may be paid his or her actual and necessary expenses and the County mileage allowance, according to County Policy when traveling on official business authorized by Board action.

Motion was made by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, and unanimously carried, for the adoption of said resolution.

Dated this 1st day of December, 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 1st day of December, 2011.

Higgins presented and reviewed the proposed salaries for elected officials that are set annually by the Board.

Commissioner Pierce requested a review of elected officials' job classifications.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter,

R-#56/'11

RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING MARTIN COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS
SALARIES FOR CY2012

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign this Resolution (R-#56/'11) setting the salaries for Martin County Elected Officials for 2012:

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting the salaries of all elected officials in the County including the County Board, County Board Chair, County Auditor/Treasurer, County Recorder, and County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners appreciates the work performed by all of the elected officials in Martin County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual salaries of elected officials in Martin County for the year CY2012 are set as follows (any rounding will be governed by payroll):

	<u>2012</u>
County Attorney	\$70,781.34
County Auditor/Treasurer	\$81,307.20
County Sheriff	\$83,574.40
County Recorder	\$64,268.14

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Pierce, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Donnelly, Potter, Schmidtke, and Pierce. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of December, 2011.

Higgins stated each year the Board procedurally takes action to approve the employee wages for payroll purposes and includes a 2% General Wage Adjustment and step increase if eligible. This typically includes the non-union (including the employees of the former AFSCME Highway Union), Martin County Highway Supervisors Association, Courthouse Union employees, and Law Enforcement Labor Services #115 and #136. Higgins noted the Library Board is responsible for the Library staff and typically follows the County Board's action as it pertains to the Library union contract.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that he Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the merit increases for the non-union employees (appointed and hired) and eligible AFSCME Courthouse union employees, AFSCME Library 1204C, and LELS #136 and #115, effective January 1, 2012. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated the County Compensation Advisory Committee has reviewed the classification and draft job description for the Mentoring Coordinator's job function; and it is recommended that the position be classified as a Grade 9 (starting hourly wage of \$14.15/hour in 2011).

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon review and recommendation of the Compensation Advisory Committee, approve the Martin County Mentoring Network Coordinator job function be classified at Grade 9 per the County Classification and Compensation Plan Policy and to approve the job description (dated December, 2011) for the position. Carried unanimously.

James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, and Jessica Korte, Accountant-A/T Office, presented and reviewed the Martin County Proposed Fund Balance Policy. In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) #54, the policy will ensure that the County maintains adequate fund balances and reserves in order to provide

sufficient cash flow for daily financial needs, secure and maintain investments, offset significant economic downturns or revenue shortfall, and provide for unforeseen expenditures related to emergencies. After discussion and review,

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and adopt the Fund Balance Policy in Accordance with GASB #54 for the purposes to ensure that the County maintains adequate fund balances and reserves in order to provide sufficient cash flow for daily financial needs, secure and maintain investments, offset significant economic downturns or revenue shortfall, and provide for unforeseen expenditures related to emergencies, effective upon passage by the Board. Carried unanimously.

Forshee stated that the Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) has submitted a pre-application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development on behalf of Martin County for the Martin County Housing Rehabilitation program under the Small Cities Development Program. There are over 200 interested households and is projecting \$275,000 in committed leveraged funds. As part of the total leveraged dollars, the Board is being asked to approve an allocation of \$75,000 from its small housing rehabilitation fund (MCHARA).

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the pre-application submitted by the Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) on behalf of Martin County to the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Small Cities Development Program; and to approve \$75,000 from the MCHARA fund to be included in the leveraged amount of \$275,000 as loans to eligible applicants. Carried unanimously.

Forshee recommended a second year-end bill payment cycle in December, 2011. Forshee stated the cutoff date is December 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. for vouchers with checks mailed out on December 29, 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve a second year-end bill payment cycle; and authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to approve such bill payments for December, 2011. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented and reviewed a listing of surplus property that has been stored at the Transit Facility and recommends disposal of listed items. Higgins stated that much of it was not useful and would be thrown away.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve disposal of surplus County property as presented. Carried unanimously.

Higgins requested to change to change the name of the County's public transit system, stating that a new name would provide better recognition of the bus transit system. Higgins stated that the name of the system would be changed from Martin County Express to Martin County Transit.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the name change of the County's Public Transportation System from Martin County Express to Martin County Transit effective December 1, 2011. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the following information: 2010 Annual Report – Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT); 2011 MCIT Dividend Payment (Martin County & Martin County EDA); and 2011 Fall SCORE Funds Distribution.

Mosloski was present and stated that the Drainage Office has received several requests to have obtain a camera system to scope several tile system throughout the County. For example, CD #29. Mike Forstner calculated the area they want to video at 13,145 fee, which there is a tremendous cost to have a contractor scope a tile system. Getting a contractor with a camera system is tough to get. Recently, we talked with Empire Pipe Services about costs involved with tile of that length and was told it would take a minimum of 4 to 5 days (approximately 40 hours) at \$250.00 per hour. This calculates to \$10,000 (if tile were in decent shape). Our office also has a request for a camera on JD #47. Calculated footage is 18,780 feet for just the main area. This calculates to a minimum of 6 to 7 days at \$13,500.

Because of the number of smaller requests, Forstner calculated the total number of feet of tile in the County using GIS. There is 5,641,042 feet of tile in the County. If you use the same calculations, you will see at this rate it would cost the taxpayers a minimum of \$470,087.50 (excluding any mobilization and mileage fees).

With the condition of County tile at 100 years old and in tough shape, Mosloski recommended looking at the possibility of purchasing a camera package for County tile system use. State contract bid price for the cost of a camera package is approximately \$130,000. Forstner has calculated (using GIS) the number of feet of tile within each watershed and the cost that each watershed (ditch) would have to pay to have a camera here in the County, which would appear to be more cost effective for the landowners on the various Ditch systems.

Mosloski reviewed camera system bids received from Mac Queen Equipment, Inc. at \$125,405.00 and Aries at \$125,000.00 with options totaling an additional \$30,500. After considerable review and discussion,

Commissioner Donnelly asked if Faribault County still using the same one (camera

system) they bought six to eight years ago?

Mosloski stated they want to get rid of theirs and get a new one due to their system being VHS which is already primitive. Mosloski went on to state that she will figure out the percent of the cost to the benefits of each system and put on the taxes for collectible in 2012.

Commissioner Schmidtke stated that if Martin County purchases a camera system and rents it out, it will take no time at all to pay for itself. Purchase costs could be recovered.

Commissioner Potter stated my personal thought too was to heck with spending \$130,000 and the timing is bad because of the other tax implications that are going on; but the timing is also good because of the appetite of getting these things up to date. And it can also be a one man operation. So if we do rent out to and if he (Mike Forstner) has time for that he can go out and get the job done. And the beauty of this system is that we're looking as it goes and it can go 1,000 feet so you don't have to have a tiler out there every 250 feet digging up and getting a new entry point.

Mosloski stated I talked to Kevin Peyman as well and he stated the Highway Department could use the system to run a camera underneath the roads to see what's going on.

Commissioner Schmidtke stated we're spending a lot of money; but we're going to save a lot of money in the long run.

Commissioner Donnelly stated I think the time is right to purchase the camera system. After further discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the purchase of a Video Inspection System for use on the County's Drainage Systems in an approximate state bid amount of \$130,000. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Pierce re-opened discussion regarding Long Term Care. Each carrier and plan option was reviewed. After review,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve continuing the Long Term Care (LTC) coverage as a benefit to eligible employees; and to approve the Unum base plan of \$2,000/month benefit, with the option for employees to buy up on their coverage, per the Plan, effective for non-union employees, when the plan is implemented in the year 2012. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated the County still has a few framed and unframed "Prairie Justice" courthouse prints by J.D. Speltz. Higgins asked if the prints should be advertised for sale unless the Commissioners intended to keep them to hand out as awards or door prizes.

After discussion,

Consensus of the Board is to advertise the courthouse prints for sale at \$120 for framed prints and \$41 for unframed prints.

With no further business to wit, the Chair adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Pierce, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator