

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012  
@ 9:00 A.M.

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

Commissioners present were Schmidtke, Potter, Belgard, and Pierce. Commissioner Donnelly was absent. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, 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 Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda with one addition: 6.2 Consider Solid Waste Haulers License from Mike's Trailer Rental – Mike Sathoff, Owner. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 and September 18, 2012 regular Board of Commissioners meetings. Carried unanimously.

Kendra Van Beusekom, 4-H Program Coordinator, was present and highlighted several 4-H Program events including National 4-H Week is October 7-13, 2012; recent Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife Invitational held in Fairmont September 7-9, 2012; upcoming club leader training, club re-enrollment and re-chartering; and an Animal Exploration Night on October 11, 2012 at the Martin County Library. Van Beusekom noted recent findings from Tufts University's 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development indicate that young people in 4-H have better grades, are 47% less likely to participate in risky behaviors, and are nearly three times more likely to contribute to their communities than youth not participating in 4-H. Van Beusekom went on to note in Martin County there are more than 300 4-H members and 75 adult volunteers currently involved in 4-H through nine community clubs.

Van Beusekom presented the Board Vice Chair with a proclamation designating October, 2012 as Martin County 4-H Youth Development month.

Vice Chairman Potter read aloud the proclamation designating October, 2012 as Martin County 4-H Youth Development Month.

**Proclamation**  
**Martin County 4-H Youth Development Month**  
**October 2012**

WHEREAS, The 4-H Youth Development Program is designed to provide “learn-by-doing” experiences to encourage youth to experiment, innovate and think independently through programs offered through school-based, after-school and camp settings, and within community clubs, where groups meet regularly to work on projects, engage in service learning, and develop leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, There are over sixty 4-H project areas for youth in grades kindergarten through one year past high school to choose from, having the opportunity to design and participate in their own programs and activities, given that no matter which 4-H project they choose, youth will learn public speaking skills, how to collaborate, understand government and community, and how to develop and reach life and career goals; and

WHEREAS, Martin County 4-H youth continue to engage in learning experiences relating to animal science and agriculture; healthy living; citizenship and leadership; and science, engineering, technology and math, equipping them with essential, transferrable life skills such as problem solving, decision making, coping, communicating, and responding to the needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Recent findings from Tufts University’s 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development indicate that young people in 4-H have better grades, are 47% less likely to participate in risky behaviors, and are more than twice as likely to be civically active and contribute to their communities than youth not participating in 4-H.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Martin County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2012, Martin County 4-H Youth Development Month in Martin County.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Proclamation duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2012.

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Steve Donnelly, Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Vice Chair to sign Proclamation designating October, 2012 as Martin County 4-H Youth Development Month. Carried unanimously.

Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, stated he received bids from the City Attorney for the demolition of property located at 320 North Dewey and that low bid is in the amount of \$29,500. Viesselman went on to state the County’s share is \$14,750 and that the County

Attorney's Office will proceed with deeding the property to the County in order for demolition to commence.

Pam Flitter, Martin County Zoning Official, reviewed a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request from Verizon Wireless to install a new wireless communications tower (cell phone) on property located in an "A" Agricultural Zoning District owned by Duane and Wendi Russenberger. The Planning Commission approved the CUP request during their September 25, 2012 meeting and is recommending approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Belgard,

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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
VERIZON WIRELESS  
INSTALLATION OF NEW WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TOWER  
IN AN "A" AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT  
WITHIN SECTION 7 OF GALENA TOWNSHIP

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Belgard,

WHEREAS, a Conditional Use Permit was requested by Verizon Wireless within Section 7 of Galena Township in Martin County, Minnesota (legally described in applications) for the purpose to install a new wireless communications tower (cell phone) on property located in an "A" Agricultural Zoning District owned by Duane & Wendi Russenberger; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Planning and Zoning staff has completed a review of the application and made a report pertaining to the request, a copy of said report has been presented to the County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the County on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012 following proper notice, held a public hearing regarding the request and, following the hearing, adopted a recommendation that the request for a Conditional Use Permit be granted; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners finds that Conditional Use Permit is to be issued for the following purpose:

Installation of a new wireless communications tower (cell phone)

WHEREAS, the following conditions have been applied:

- Any additional permits required by the State of Minnesota must be obtained by the applicant.
- Building permit(s) be obtained.
- Applicant must construct according to plan, which was submitted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, and upon the recommendation of the Martin County Planning Commission, hereby approves the Conditional Use Permit for the above described property and is hereby issued pursuant to MS 394.301 and Martin County Ordinance #1, Chapter 6.01 and that this permit shall remain in full force and effect provided in the conditions as described above are met and maintained by the applicant and his/or her successors in interest. This permit is binding upon the applicant, the record titleholder 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.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2012.

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Steve Donnelly, Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Schmidtke, Pierce, Belgard, and Potter. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2012.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, presented a solid waste collection and transportation license application from Mike Sathoff noting that Sathoff has met the criteria to receive a license for collection and transportation of solid waste and recycling in Martin County.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, with the hauler having met the requirements for licensure in the County of Martin, MN hereby approve and authorize Board Vice Chair and Martin County Auditor/Treasurer to sign the Solid Waste Collection and Recycle Transportation license for the year 2012 for Mike's Trailer Rental, 810 Adams Avenue in Fairmont, MN – Mike Sathoff, Owner. Carried unanimously.

Troy Nemmers, Fairmont Public Works Director/City Engineer, and Mike Humpal, City Administrator, were present to discuss a construction project with the Fairmont Municipal Airport and also to request contributing capital funds from the County to aid in funding this project.

Nemmers stated that as part of the ongoing infrastructure improvements at the Fairmont Municipal Airport the City intends to resurface the main runway fall 2012/summer of 2013. Over the past four years the City along with funding from MN/DOT Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration has expended over \$2,500,000 on improvements at the Fairmont airport. This year's project will finish a renovation of nearly all of the paved surfaces located on the

airport property. Nemmers went on to state the improvements planned for 2012/2013 were awarded to Southern Minnesota Construction with the total cost for construction and engineering on this project at approximately \$4,800,000.

Nemmers noted until this year, the City's financial responsibility for these projects has only been 5% of the total construction and engineering costs. However, with the reauthorization of federal funding for airports this year the local match was changed to 10%. This change in the funding allocation doubles the City's match to \$480,000 for 2012/2013. The state is planning to provide just over \$130,000 from the General Obligation bonds leaving the City's local share at about \$350,000 which is well above the estimates used in the 2012 budget.

Nemmers continued the City of Fairmont is requesting that the Commissioners consider directing some of the County's capital funds to the City to assist with the local share necessary for the 2012/2013 airport improvements. Nemmers stated I think we can agree that the airport is a significant asset to not only the City of Fairmont but also Martin County and the surrounding region. Nemmers went on to state the advantages of having a well-maintained and functional airport are often underestimated. Our airport provides a great resource for many of our local businesses and is a major selling point for economic development.

Humpal stated we have 17 businesses that have planes at the airport, plus we have several major businesses that use this airport. The airport is not only an asset to Fairmont, but to all of Martin County. Humpal went on to state we have a long history of City and County cooperation. We've had a good partnership in the past and have built an intersection on the north side of the Interstate for long-term future growth; we've built roads to Cennex Harvest States and Buffalo Lake Energy plants so that we can continue to attract value added agriculture; worked together on the Southern Minnesota Educational Campus; workforce Transit issue; and have spent a coordinated effort on the rail spur recently in the Industrial Park. Those are all economic development activities that we've worked on together and I think together we can provide a value added service not only to our residents savings tax dollars sharing the cost, but continuing to attract companies to our community that might not otherwise be without the airport. So I just reiterate Mr. Nemmers request and the City's request for your consideration. What it does is it brings us back to that 5% by receiving money from the state and County we maintain our share at 5%.

Commissioner Pierce stated he is on the local airport commission and would not make a motion or vote in the matter, but acknowledged he is in support of the project.

Commissioner Schmidtke stated I'm not against this project but have mixed feelings about the issue. We know that if the price hadn't changed, you wouldn't be here. The problem is that the City has the same taxing authority as the County does. I worry about a precedent setting here.

Commissioner Belgard echoed Commissioner Schmidtke's concerns and poor timing as the County is just setting the budget for 2013.

After further discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Capital Funding request from the City of Fairmont in the amount of \$100,000 to assist with the local share necessary for the 2012/2013 Fairmont Municipal Airport Improvements. Those voting in favor: Commissioners Belgard, Schmidtke, and Potter. Against: None. Abstain: Commissioner Pierce. Motion carries.

Dan Whitman, Martin County Assessor, presented a Ratification Statement from the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC) Professional Services Agreement with The Schneider Corporation for certain designated GIS professional services and products. Martin County does have the Beacon System (property tax information) in place. With the number of counties using systems by The Schneider Corp., and members of MCCC, one of the objectives of the Agreement was to put it in place through MCCC rather than each county deal with The Schneider Corp. on an individual basis. Whitman recommends the Board ratify and approve Martin County as a participant with the MCCC – Schneider User Group.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Vice Chair to sign Ratification Statement from Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC) – Schneider User Group and the Schneider Corporation for certain GIS professional services and products, effective September 7, 2012 through December 31, 2015. Carried unanimously.

Whitman opened discussion regarding proposed legislation that would offer a tax break to ethanol plants. Whitman stated 28 percent of the value of the buildings would be exempt from property taxes which would be an enormous loss of revenue for the cities of Welcome and Fairmont, and for the County. Whitman went on to state the legislation was introduced by state Senator Julie Rosen but has yet to be read by the tax committee. Whitman noted it is not active now but in the next session it could show up again or get attached to something else. Whitman went on to note he talked to Rosen about his concerns, and encourages the commissioners to contact Rosen and state Representative Bob Gunther to express their concerns.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the Board Chair to draft and sign a letter to State Legislators concerning proposed legislation for tax exemption on ethanol plants on behalf of the County Board. Carried unanimously.

James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, presented a Joint Powers Agreement for reimbursement by the state for assisting in the recount of ballots cast in the general election. In order to reimburse Martin County, a Joint Powers Agreement required by the Department of Administration, must be signed and returned in order to obtain payment in the amount of \$100 if a recount occurs. Forshee recommends Board approval.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Vice Chair to

sign the Joint Powers Agreement for reimbursement by the State in the amount of \$100 for assisting in the recount of ballots cast in the 2012 General Election Recount if a recount occurs. Carried unanimously.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding between The Martin County Highway Department and Jerry Dulas (J&M Properties of Wells LLC) outlining the terms of an agreement between the County and Dulas for the sale of a piece of property in Section 31 of Westford Township (Parcel ID No. 200310600). Peyman stated the existing property is 40 acres more or less. Both parties have agreed that Dulas will retain ownership of the Northwest 10 acres (more or less) of this property plus a small area just south of that 10 acres that contains black dirt stockpile that was agreed to in a meeting between Jerry Dulas and Greg Rabbe on behalf of Martin County. Peyman noted the final boundaries for this property division will be shown by a land survey. Peyman went on to note both parties have agreed in principal that the remaining 30 acres (more or less) of this property will be purchased by Martin County from Dulas at the purchase price of \$175,000. Peyman stated this property will be a valuable stock piling site for the County and recommends moving forward with the purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer, hereby approve moving forward with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Martin County Highway Department and Jerry Dulas (J&M Properties of Wells LLC) outlining the terms for the sale of 30 acres, more or less, in Section 31 of Westford Township (Parcel ID #200310600) by the County at the purchase price of \$175,000; and is contingent upon review and approval of County Attorney. Carried unanimously.

Peyman presented a Highway Department update including construction updates on County Roads 39 and 38.

Higgins stated the Compensation Advisory Committee is charged with reviewing the County's Classification and Compensation Plan annually and that the current plan has been in place for nearly 12 years. Higgins went on to state there have been significant changes to the plan over the years and the committee discussed the need to have a consultant review the plan including reviewing job classifications and factors in determining the classification, and the job descriptions themselves, and whether or not the pay plan is still viable and competitive.

Higgins noted one of the factors in determining the viability and life of a pay plan is the number of employees at the top of their respective pay. Approximately 5-6 years ago, the Board took action to top out the current pay plan at Step 12. It is projected that 41% of the employees will have reached Step 12 in 2013 and that number is expected to increase over the next few years. Higgins went on to note the County could expand the life of the plan by opening up Steps 13-15 which is recommended by the CAC committee. Higgins continued the committee conducted salary comparisons of Department Heads/Elected Officials on the pay plan with similar size counties by population as well as larger counties. The counties surveyed showed, with the expansion of maximum salaries (Step 13-15), this would help keep the positions at average or above average which would keep the County at a competitive level for these positions.

Peyman noted with the County's pay plan based on the market value of 11 years ago, I looked at my own employees and compared those over department heads based on the market value and how our plan is doing; is it keeping up with other counties, falling behind, or are we ahead. The assumption I went in with is that based on the 20 counties (a lot of them were smaller counties) that the philosophy we should probably have and keep attracting employees that we want is to be either right at average pay based on the other counties or a little above the average pay for those counties. Looking at all those comparisons it seemed for the most part we were keeping up. The thought is if we were to open up the plan (Steps 13-15) it would keep us in line with market pay and would extend the life of the pay plan. If we don't then maybe a few years down the road we're going to have to look at a complete pay plan reevaluation and it just seems like that would be expensive and always creates hard feelings because you get winners and losers out of it. Again, the CAC is recommending opening up Steps 13-15 in order to get the best the best out of the existing pay plan. It is being proposed that increases beyond Step 12 could be given annually; otherwise, employees would be eligible to move every two years.

Commissioner Belgard stated here we are again at the wrong time of the year to be talking about this because we've already done the 2013 budget.

Higgins indicated the County's base payroll without wages or benefits is \$5.4 million dollars; and with wages and benefits it is \$7.6 million. The percentage of total cost which you are looking at implementing is a very small percentage.

Commissioner Pierce stated I've always resisted this and will continue to until I get more information. Everything I have read for the last decade, the public sector wages have increased faster than the private sector. The biggest justification that I see to do this is the fact that we keep getting more and more employees reaching the top and that is certainly no reason to do this. I read that there are some arguments that department heads compared to the private sector maybe aren't where they need to be. But most of our people, from everything I've seen, we're substantially ahead of the private sector. I'd be very cautious with this. I'm not in favor of it. I see a proposal for a classification and compensation study, seems pretty cheap money in my opinion, if we want to in fact explore this.

Peyman stated from the Highway Department's position, the last four hires we've had, the top candidate has turned down the job because they couldn't take as much of a pay cut to come from the private sector to work for the County. So the job offer was brought down to our third or fourth candidate before we found somebody. These new hires came from jobs where they took probably a \$4.00 per hour pay cut to work for the County.

After further discussion,

No action taken to revise the current County Classification and Compensation Plan Pay Matrix.

The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:23 a.m.



Cassie Nordquist of Hanratty & Associates was present via telephone to review the County's Health Insurance Plan renewals. Nordquist 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. Nordquist went on to note one of the big things that is changing this year with our renewal is you're currently on what is called the Accord Network and effective January 1, 2013 the Network is going to change and it is then going to remove all Mayo Health System satellite locations including the clinic in Fairmont for which there's no feasible way that we could stay on that network and continue on the plan. Nordquist stated even though we got a fairly favorable renewal from the coop at 5% when you add in the additional percentage to move to the better network which includes all the satellite clinics as well as the Mayo Clinic it's about another 6% on top of that so then it comes to a little over an 11% overall increase. So keep that in mind that even though the renewal reflects the 5% it really is more like an 11% because we would be forced to make a change from the network. Nordquist went on to state that Martin County requested to go out for quotes and that bids were received from Health Partners and Medica; and the Health Partners quote includes the Mayo Clinic and all the satellites which is the largest network that Health Partners has available.

Nordquist presented a spreadsheet review of current Plan designs with Blue Cross Blue Shield compared to Health Partners noting that the Health Partners plan design is basically the same as we currently have with Blue Cross Blue Shield, with the possible exception of various prescription drugs on the formulary vs. non-formulary list. Nordquist next reviewed the Health Partners "Virtuwell" program which is a 24/7 online clinic where each family member on the Health Partners plan gets three free "Virtuwell" visits and can get a treatment plan and a prescription if you need one right from your home or office. After the three free visits are done, then it would just be \$40 copay essentially to have these on line visits. And they can treat you for your common illnesses such as sinus infection, bladder infection, pink eye, rashes and irritations of the skin, things of that nature. If they cannot treat you, you are not charged the \$40.

Higgins noted that the recommendation of the County Insurance Committee to switch from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Health Partners and continue with the \$5,000 high deductible health coverage and Rx with the following current 105 plan designs – Plan A \$20 Copay, Plan B \$250 Deductible, and Plan C \$1,000 Deductible. Higgins also recommended that there be no increase in county or employee contributions for the health plans for the year 2013.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, approve and authorize Health Partners as the health insurance provider for Martin County employees for the \$5,000 deductible health plan at the single premium rate of \$529.39 per month and the family rate of \$1,321.00 per month, effective January 1, 2013; and authorize the Chair and/or County Coordinator to sign the necessary documents relating to Health Partners. Carried unanimously.

Higgins again stated the recommendation is not increase county or employee premiums. The 2013 cost with Health Partners is the same as 2012 with Blue Cross.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, on an annual basis reviews and determines the county contributions to health insurance premiums for non-union staff; and hereby approves the county monthly contribution (single and family) for the following health plan through the Select 105: Plan A (\$20 Co-pay) Single \$630.78, Family \$1,320.57; Plan B (\$250 Ded.) Single \$619.32, Family \$1,310.24; Plan C (\$1,000 Ded.) Single \$620, Family \$1,257.54, with the remainder of the total premiums to be paid by employee contributions, effective CY2013. Carried unanimously.

Higgins reviewed the renewals for the following employee ancillary benefits: Life Insurance, Long Term Disability, Dental, and Vision coverage's for the year 2013. Higgins stated there is no increase in life insurance rates and the County's voluntary long term disability monthly rates remain unchanged; however our voluntary dental through United Healthcare has been increased 62% for 2013. Higgins stated Integrity went out for bids for dental rates and it is recommend going with Dearborn National at a negative 2% increase and those rates are guaranteed for two years; and then our voluntary vision plan Avesis is increasing 4%. Higgins recommends keeping these voluntary plans and to switch from United Healthcare to Dearborn National for the dental plan.

2013 Renewal of Life, Long Term Disability, Vision & Dental Insurance

Life Insurance  
Minnesota Life Policy No. 32597

<u>Age</u>	<u>Monthly Cost per \$1,000</u>
Under age 25	\$.07
25-29	\$.07
30-34	\$.08
35-39	\$.10
40-44	\$.12
45-49	\$.17
50-54	\$.25
55-59	\$.45
60-64	\$.68
65-69	\$1.29
70-74	\$2.08

Vision Insurance  
Avesis Policy No. 50790-1653

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>
Employee	\$6.40
Employee +1	\$11.18
Family	\$16.62

Long Term Disability  
The Hartford Policy No. GLT870027

<u>Age</u>	<u>Price per Month/\$100 Monthly Benefit</u>
0-24	\$.23
25-29	\$.30
30-34	\$.31
35-39	\$.45
40-44	\$.77
45-49	\$1.19
50-54	\$1.68
55-59	\$1.92
60-64	\$1.90
65+	\$1.87

Dental Insurance  
Dearborn National

	<u>Low Plan</u>	<u>High Plan</u>
Employee	\$24.50	\$33.56
Employee & Spouse	\$54.84	\$75.54
Employee & Child(ren)	\$47.33	\$64.71
Employee & Family	\$78.50	\$107.89

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accepts the renewal(s) and authorizes the Board Chair and/or its designee to sign all necessary documents for the following employee benefit plans with Integrity Employee Benefits, LLC (Jim Ochs), with no rate increases for the year 2013 to include Basic Life Insurance and employee buy-up options through Minnesota Life; Voluntary Long Term Disability offered through The Hartford; and to approve the Voluntary Vision Plan from Avesis with a 4% increase; and approve the Voluntary Dental Plan offered through Dearborn National, effective January 1, 2013. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed information regarding the Sheriff's Office Remodel Project; uniform request for County maintenance personnel; MCIT's 2011 Annual Report; and National Domestic Violence Awareness Month event that was held at the Five Lakes Centre on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the purchase of five (5) uniforms each for County maintenance personnel; and the purchase of three (3) uniforms each for part time Maintenance Assistant; and that wearing of the uniforms is mandatory. Carried unanimously.

Jessica Korte, Accountant Auditor/Treasurer's Office, reviewed the CY2011 County Audit findings with the Board.

Commissioners presented their Board member reports:

Commissioner Belgard stated he attended Human Services on September 19<sup>th</sup>; noon EDA meeting a week ago Monday; and regular EDA meeting at 5:15 p.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Pierce stated he had nothing new to add.

Commissioner Schmidtke stated in addition to Human Services on September 19<sup>th</sup>, he attended the flu shot clinic on September 20<sup>th</sup>; Planning & Zoning on September 25<sup>th</sup>; and regular EDA meeting at 5:15 p.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Potter stated in addition to those mentioned he attended the County Water Plan meeting at the SWCD Office on September 25<sup>th</sup>; and tour of the MRCI building.

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of upcoming meetings and activities: October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Human Services Exec. meeting at Fairmont; October 8<sup>th</sup> – County In Service Day; October 12<sup>th</sup> – Prairieland meeting; October 16<sup>th</sup> – regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Board Room.

Deb Mosloski, Drainage Administration, opened discussion concerning a citizen living on Interlaken Road that is tapping into JD #74 tile with a hose and pump to water his lawn during the current citywide non-essential water use ban. This person has been warned by law enforcement numerous times but has not stopped and now has others questioning whether this action is legal. Mosloski stated that in a conversation with the Rinke Noonan Law Office she was informed that this citizen is technically trespassing and that permission to tap into county tile must come before the Martin County Drainage Authority. Mosloski stated she is seeking direction from the Board.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize County Drainage Administration to proceed with enforcement against landowners tapping into county tile within the City of Fairmont. Those voting in favor: Commissioners Belgard, Schmidtke, and Potter. Opposed: Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried.

Higgins stated a renewal quote was received from Blue Cross Blue Shield and Health Partners for the County's Medicare supplement plan for retirees. With this being the only quote, Health Partners did not quote, we recommend the county continue with Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Supplement plan.

With no other business to wit, Board Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

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Jack Potter, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator