

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 Chairman Steve Donnelly.

Commissioners present were Pierce, Belgard, Potter, and Schmidtke. Also present were James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel Newspaper, Rod Halvorsen, KSUM/KFMC Radio, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda as follows: Add 8.10 Consider Reduction in Solid Waste Service Fees; and Delete 3.1 Review of October 4, 2012 regular Commissioners Meeting Minutes. Carried unanimously.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, presented a department update including final shaping of CSAH 38 Grading Project, and concrete paving schedule for CSAH 39 Road Reconstruction.

Jeff Markquart, Martin County Sheriff, presented recommendation for Step and Paid Time Off (PTO) increase based on satisfactory performance evaluation and according to Union Contract for Teresa Boltjes, Communications Officer.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of Jeff Markquart, Martin County Sheriff, hereby approve and authorize Step and PTO increase based on satisfactory performance evaluation and according to Union Contract for Teresa Boltjes, Communications Officer (LELS #115), from 3 Year Step at \$21.34/hour to 4 Year Step at \$21.80/hour, effective October 5, 2012. Carried unanimously.

Captain Corey Klanderud, Martin County Sheriff's Office, stated with the relocation of the dispatch center included in the Sheriff's Office remodel project, new furniture is needed to accommodate the ARMER radio system. Klanderud went on to state three vendor quotes were received from Watson, Eaton Wright Line, and Xybix; however, after review of the quotes we felt that Xybix did not meet our minimum specifications with the total amount of equipment needed to integrate into the furniture. Klanderud acknowledged that JoAnn Russenberger has done a good job working with the vendors to scale them back in price.

Klanderud reviewed the quotes pointing out that the dispatch furniture is used every minute of every day and the need to have enough work stations for the job we need to accomplish. At this point eighteen (18) different computers need to fit into this furniture. Klanderud noted the Watson quote can fit between 18 and 20 computers into the furniture where they won't be in the way, and there are temperature sensors on the cabinets that automatically turn on a fan if the

temperature gets above around 80 degree. Therefore, these units have built-in cooling systems for the computers. I do not believe the Eaton brand had any fans on the storage department areas; therefore we recommend the Watson furniture quote for a lot of reasons I listed on there. One of the main things is it is a little bit wider work station for the two main dispatch counsels. I believe the Watson is a 6 x 6 unit vs. Eaton is a 5 x 5 so the Watson gives a little more space to work in that area. I tried to list some of the other things that we liked about the one over the other.

Commissioner Belgard asked if Watson furniture is worth the \$5600 more than the Eaton brand.

Captain Klanderud stated yes. We actually had Watson bring a sample out and see the furniture itself. We believe obviously both products would work, however, we just feel Watson is a better product for what we need to do. Klanderud noted it also gives us a little bit more space we never know what the future will bring that requires more space. The Eaton quote we feel we can get everything in there; but we don't think we have any extra space, which was one of the key things with Watson furniture, we felt that they gave us the extra space we may need for the future.

Chairman Donnelly asked about the longevity.

JoAnn Russenberger stated there's three years on the mechanics of the tables going up and down; and then a longer warranty on the surfaces.

After discussion and review of the bids,

Dispatch Furniture Proposal

Eaton Wright Line	\$35,062.69
Watson	\$40,684.41

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, approve and authorize the Martin County Sheriff's Office to purchase the workstation furniture for the dispatch area from the Watson Company in the amount of \$40,684.41. Carried unanimously.

Klanderud next presented information to upgrade the current video system to achieve better visibility for the jail. Klanderud stated right now we have ten cameras coming into dispatch that our dispatchers monitor. With the current setup of our jailers covering dispatch for breaks, the jailers have to come back into the dispatch center. With the Reliance Telephone, Inc. system the jailers will be able to see all 30 plus cameras that we have in the jail. This will allow us to technically monitor the entire jail from the dispatch center, while they're giving our dispatchers a break. At this time we don't have any way for our jailers to cover dispatch and still be able to meet the requirements of staffing the jail at the same time. Klanderud stated the Sheriff's Office is not requesting Board action today on proposed video system; but it will be part of the project eventually as we move forward on our remodel. The proposal is as follows,

Martin County Main Jail
Digital Video Recorder Upgrade
Main Recording Station

1. Video server package upgrade. Win7 OS, Ultra digital video recorder software, Intel G620 Processor, Asus p8h61 motherboard, 2 GB RAM, 2-2tb hard drives, cooling fans, power supply and materials, plus labor to reconfigure and load software. \$1,500.00
2. Ultra Extreme 16 port audio and video, 480 frames per second video capture cards \$3,200.00

This project will remove all the old hardware and software and completely upgrade the equipment to the latest software and hardware. This will increase your screen resolutions and frame rates. This new equipment has the ability to attach audio microphones to each camera channel. This price includes all labor, training, installation and material to provide a new working system with 32 channels of video and audio ready.

Total Investment \$4,700.00

Sheriff Markquart presented an update on the ARMER radio system noting all towers are up and working and that he has been to the western side of the county, in the schools, community halls, city halls, East Chain School gymnasium, and GHEC school and has received good signal transmission. Markquart went on to note that there are a few more places to check in the cities of Truman and Welcome but no signal problems are anticipated.

Markquart concluded with a Martin County Jail update including there are currently 23 in custody and 25 out of county.

Judd Schultz, Housing Services Director with Minnesota Valley Action Council, stated we currently have a small cities project going with four communities in Martin County that the Martin County Board provided \$75,000 from the county revolving fund to assist with the Martin County Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) application that was funded earlier this year. Those funds will assist the communities of Ceylon, Dunnell, Granada, and Northrop with housing rehabilitation. Schultz went on to state originally the communities of Sherburn, Trimont, and Welcome were included in the Martin County SCDP application. However, due to changes in the application process, these three communities were removed from the application. Currently the communities of Trimont and Welcome are moving forward with applications of their own. Schultz went on to say as the author and administrator for these two applications, I would like to request a commitment of revolving funds of \$10,000 to each community, \$20,000 total, as leverage for the SCDP program. These funds would support the application similar to the current Martin County SCDP Program.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize commitment of revolving funds in the amount of \$10,000 each for the Cities of Welcome, MN and Trimont, MN Small Cities Development Program applications for a total of \$20,000. Carried unanimously.

Pat Stumme, Retired and Senior volunteer Program (RSVP) Director, and Marge Krugler, Volunteer, were present to thank the board on behalf of senior citizens in Martin County for continued support of volunteerism; and to formally present their CY2013 Budget Allocation Request of \$1,300.

No action taken on Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) increased 2013 Budget Allocation Request.

Randy Markl, Area Wildlife Supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), was present to seek approval for the DNR to accept approximately 65 acres from the Martin County Conservation Club located in Section 20 of Center Creek Township; and approximately 41 acres from the Fox Lake Conservation League in Section 20 and 21 of Center Creek Township for water, forestry, wildlife, and natural plant community conservation purposes in the wildlife management area program.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Potter,

R - #49/'12

Martin County
Board of Commissioners
Review of Proposed State Land Acquisition

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 97A.145, Subd. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on October 16, 2012 provided the county board with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for water, forestry, wildlife, and natural plant community conservation purposes. Lands to be acquired are described as follows: Part of Section 20 and 21, Center Creek Township as described in attached Land Description (Center Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA01869), Tract Number 9, Acquisition No. 146350, Fox Lake Conservation League (Prepared 11/15/2011)).

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the board of County Commissioners of Martin County on October 16, 2012 that the State's proposed acquisition of the attached described property be approved.

This resolution was presented by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Potter and upon vote was duly adopted.

I, James Forshee, County Auditor of the County of Martin, State of Minnesota, certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Martin, State of Minnesota held at Fairmont, Minnesota on the 16th day of October, 2012.

County Auditor

County of Martin

State of Minnesota

R - #48/'12

Martin County
Board of County Commissioners
Review of Proposed State Land Acquisition

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 97A.145, Subd. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on October 16th, 2012 provided the county board with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for water, forestry, wildlife, and natural plant community conservation purposes. Lands to be acquired are described as follows: Part of Section 20, Center Creek Township as described in attached Draft Land Description (Center Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA01869), Parcel No. 1, Acquisition No. 147380, Martin Co Conservation Club to the State of Minnesota (Revised 9/3/2012)).

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County on October 16, 2012 that the State's proposed acquisition of the attached described property be approved.

This resolution was presented by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Potter and upon vote was duly adopted.

I, James Forshee, County Auditor of the County of Martin, State of Minnesota, certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Martin, State of Minnesota held at Fairmont, Minnesota, on the 16th day of October, 2012.

County Auditor

County of Martin

State of Minnesota

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Pierce, Potter, Schmidtke, and Donnelly. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of October, 2012.

Bruce Moore, Martin County Conservation Club, stated on behalf of the Martin County Conservation Club and the other conservation groups in Martin County we would like to express our appreciation to the Commissioners for your support of these projects as there is less and less land for wildlife and public use.

Rebecca Bentele, Victim Witness Coordinator, presented a resolution proclaiming the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

R-#46/'12

RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER, 2012 AS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is defined as a perpetrator's systematic use of economic, emotional, psychological, sexual, and/or physical tactics to degrade and dominate their intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects all Minnesotans, occurring in all racial, social, religious, ethnic, geographic, and economic groups; and

WHEREAS, Survivors of domestic violence have bravely confronted its legacy by leading multidisciplinary coalitions of advocates and families to support victims and educate communities. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs reports that in 2011, more than 63,800 primary victims received services from battered women's shelters, domestic abuse agencies, and the eighty-four programs that comprise the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women; and

WHEREAS, the dangers presented by domestic violence have been tragically illustrated by at least thirty-four domestic violence homicides in Minnesota in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity to underscore the commitments made by organizations to end violence at home.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Minnesota adopts this resolution and designates October, 2012 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Resolution was duly passed and adopted this 16th day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Donnelly, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Potter, Schmidtke, Pierce, Belgard, and Donnelly. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of October, 2012.

Chairman Donnelly noted Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment Committee terms for Rodney Erickson and Gary Schaub end December, 2012. At the last Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment meeting both Erickson and Schaub agreed to serve another term.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the reappointment of Rodney Erickson and Gary Schaub to serve an additional term on the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment Committee with term ending December, 2015. Carried unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed the appointment of a Citizen Representative to the Human Services Board when Martha Potter's term ends December, 2012.

Consensus of the Board is to table the appointment of Citizen Representative to serve on the Human Services Board effective January 1, 2013.

Billeye Rabbe, Solid Waste Coordinator for Faribault & Martin Counties, was present and stated that since the Prairieland waste facility in Truman has converted to producing refuse-derived fuel instead of compost; expenses at the plant have dropped significantly. Rabbe went on to state it was always the idea to re-evaluate the fees when we changed the process and the retrofit (Prairieland Facility) was almost completed. We no longer have the bonds, and the service fees

were meant to pay for the bonds and for operating expense; and recommends reducing the service fee in Martin County for businesses from \$115 per year to \$69 per year; and households from \$47 per year to \$28 per year effective January 1, 2013.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke,

R-# 47

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County has the authority to collect and adjust a solid waste management service fee pursuant to the County's solid waste management service fee ordinance and Minn. Stat. §400.08.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

The Martin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Auditor-Treasurer to adjust the current \$115.00 per year per business and \$47.00 per year per household solid waste service fee charged to each business and household on property tax statements, to \$69.00 per business per year and \$28.00 per household per year effective January 1, 2013.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, and unanimously carried, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 16th day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ATTEST: _____
James Forshee
Martin County Auditor-Treasurer

Steve Donnelly, Chairperson

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Schmidtke, Potter, Belgard, Pierce, and Donnelly. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of October, 2012.

Roland Wagner was present and stated he lives at 155 Interlaken Road in Fairmont and has been tapping into and pumping water out of his neighbor's retaining wall surface drain (which sits atop JD #74) to water his lawn for the last 23 years. Wagner went on to state when the City of Fairmont's water ban went into effect early fall, a number of people stopped to tell me I can't be using water and I told them I'm not using City water, I'm using tile water that comes off Interlaken Golf Course and into the neighbor's surface drain. Wagner continued I was told I needed to get permission from the Martin County Drainage Authority to pump out tile water and that's why I'm here.

Deb Mosloski, Drainage Administration, noted that the County's Drainage Ditch Counsel advised that citizens should petition their request to use county tile water before the county's Drainage Authority.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to allow Mr. Wagner to pull water out of JD #74.

Commissioner Potter stated that the proper thing to do is a petition. I would ask that the motion be amended that Mr. Wagner be allowed to pump water from JD #74 for the remainder of 2012 and next time do the petition. That will only take about ten minutes with Deb Mosloski, then she sends letters to all the people on JD #74 and nobody's going to oppose Mr. Wagner taking a few gallons of water out. But then he has gone through the proper procedure so when this comes up again next spring or summer we have told people that no if you're going to do this you have to go through the County Ditch Authority because we are protecting the owners of that ditch system by making them do a petition; we need to protect the residents. So I would like the motion to be amended to go ahead and finish out the current year and next year require that a petition be submitted with the Drainage Office.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Roland Wagner (Fairmont) to use water from JD #74 for the remainder of 2012; and that all future requests must be petitioned before the Drainage Authority of Martin County. Carried unanimously.

Forshee stated the Compensation Advisory Committee is charged with reviewing the county's Classification and Compensation plan annually. The plan has been in place for nearly 12 years and there have been various changes to the plan over the years. Forshee went on to state 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 was still viable and competitive. Yet there is a cost to hire and to do a total revamping of the current pay plan. The plan pay matrix was built with Steps 13-15. Approximately 5-6 years ago the Board took action to top the pay plan out at Step 12, to adjust for the "step in time" movement through the plan, which was not originally formulated that way. Therefore, the Committee is recommending that the Board to allow movement through the remaining steps. It is being proposed that movement through the steps and eligibility can be annually or every two years to advance through the existing pay matrix system, and as approved by the board. From the short study completed, allowing the original steps back into the pay plan would help in keeping various positions at a competitive level.

Commissioner Pierce inquired just so everybody is clear, on January 1, 2013 if we have people at the top (of the pay plan) for two years they will move. Does it start in 2013 and go to 2015 before they move?

Kevin Peyman, County Highway Engineer & CAC committee member stated we talked about both ways. Our initial discussion was that if they met every other year that we could start in 2013; The Committee was concerned that if starting in 2013 would be a budget concern, the proposal would be your delayed a year and start at 2014, if that from a budget standpoint is easier to accept. Our recommendation would be eligibility would start in 2013.

Commissioner Pierce stated I don't have a problem with that. Just so we all know, if you have been at the top (step 12) and you can only move every two years. The other thing I want to note is that the plan was never designed with Steps 13-15. I was there, it was Step 12 and there was something extrapolated. The reason is that there's a consideration out there that we took something away and now we're giving it back. It was never there.

Commissioner Potter stated if you're at Step 13 you have to wait 2 years to go to Step 14. One of the choices would be to go ahead and conduct a market study at approximately \$5700, plus out of pocket expenses.

Commissioner Schmidtke stated I'm in favor as I have been for years, but my question is if we're allowing these steps (Steps 13-15) does this include the unions and non-union or is it put back in we are with this.

Peyman stated we did talk about that from a plan standpoint. The union issue can be a whole new issue. It needs to be clarified, that's a good point. Technically, I think you would have to open up a contract to add it once it's been taken out. My opinion would be that if it says that Steps 13-15 are there in the union contract then you probably wouldn't have to open up the contract. The language in most of the contracts (with this pay plan) state that the movement through the steps is to be approved by the county board approval. So it would seem that the Board would have the final say to approve or not approve these steps.

Deb Mosloski, Courthouse Union president, noted in the contract it does read that those 15 steps were there and this is based on all upon Board approval. So please take that into consideration because of course if you're going to approve that for everyone else the whole idea behind the union was fairness. I do not know what everybody else's (contract) reads.

Commissioner Pierce stated they (Steps 13-15) are printed on that schedule, eligibility is annual, it starts January 1, 2013 and anybody that's been there (at Step 12) for two years can move and it includes the union. I'm good with that for a motion. Law Enforcement has a totally different pay scale so Highway and Library it would apply to.

Commissioner Schmidtke noted it would just be the Library that we have questions at this point and would need clarification. It's all a good thing. We've spent way too many hours arguing how to handle the step issue and whether to allow the steps are there or not.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, due to the desire to keep the County classification and compensation competitive for various job classifications, hereby allow movement through the County's current Classification and Compensation Plan pay plan matrix to include Steps 13-15 for eligible employees; and those eligible could, upon board approval, advance every two years through the remaining steps effective January 1, 2013; and does not change the existing language or intent in union contracts or other decisions rendered (i.e. arbitration), which govern the step movement and includes the County's non-union and union groups on the County Compensation plan; the board reserves the right and does not alter its managerial rights regarding administration of the County's Classification and Compensation plan. Carried unanimously.

Forshee presented a listing of warrants, Highway Department and Ditch Administration bills to be paid on October 16, 2012; and requested the addition and authorization of \$250 expenditure to Presentation College for providing wellness health assessment clinics for County employees over the past several years.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve payment of claims for the month of October 16, 2012 with the addition of a \$250 expenditure to Presentation College for Wellness health assessment clinics; and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Ditch Administration Office as presented. Carried unanimously.

Warrants received and paid October 16, 2012 are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue Fund – Warrants Approved October 16, 2012	\$359,909.59
Enhanced 9-1-1 Fund	\$ 14,161.61
Recreation and Safety Fund	\$ 21,523.82
Martin Co. Economic Development Authority	\$ 1,893.85
Solid Waste Management Fund	\$ 35,329.45
Law Library Fund	\$ 1,402.51
Martin County Transit Fund	\$ 50,843.97
Building – CIP – Fund	\$ 4,006.00
Bank Building Fund	\$ <u>2,549.79</u>
Total	\$491,620.59
Road and Bridge Funds Totaled	\$ 64,662.93
Martin County Ditch Fund – Warrants Totaled	\$ 62,690.39

The Board recessed at 10:05 a.m.
The Board reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Bill Fahey, Vice President of Northland Securities (financial consultant to the County) presented an update on financing projects including funding Redetermination Costs, Clean out expenses, and Improvements on County and Judicial Ditch systems.

Fahey noted that Martin County has the following Ditch projects that include CD #69, JD #2 M&F, JD #4 M&F, JD #7 M&F, JD #21, JD #390, JD #391, JD #392, JD #4 M&W, JD #367, and JD #28. The total cost of all the projects is estimated to be in excess of \$2,000,000. All but two of the projects are driven by Redetermination of Values and Benefits, which requires the purchase of a one rod strip of land abutting the existing open ditch. Fahey reviewed a spreadsheet of the projects and the cost of each and went on to note the spreadsheet does not include two much larger Improvements that could easily be in the range of \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,00; and that these projects will not be an issue for the Board until 2013 and perhaps early 2014.

Fahey continued that during preliminary discussions we have been talking about issuing County Ditch Bonds to provide the property owners the ability to pay the assessments over 15 or 20 years. During these discussions, it has become clear that some property owners will pay off the assessment early, probably in the first two years. Fahey noted that would ordinarily be a good idea, because the County would have the cash to invest at a rate greater than the bonds. However, if we sell 16 year bonds at 1.70% and half of the assessments are paid we will have funds to invest at .40%; and that is not a good idea. Fahey went on to note a solution is to sell 3 year temporary bonds for the project costs; either at maturity or sooner the County could reduce the principal with any prepaid assessments. When the Temporary Bonds mature the County would sell GO Ditch Bonds for the remaining life of the assessments. With new projects coming on line, it is quite possible to combine both new and existing debt to reduce the cost.

Fahey explained that the County's Drainage Administration Office is in the process of refining the costs on the spreadsheet and preparing the legal transcript of actions by the County Board on each. It is believed that some will be reduced and others will be larger. Fahey went on to explain the preliminary time line for financing the projects this fall. It appears that we will be able to sell bonds after Thanksgiving and close the transaction in early January, 2013.

Fahey reviewed that in recent years, Congress has enacted legislation seeking to reform financial markets in the wake of the Great Recession. One of the most prominent pieces of legislation is the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The implementation of Dodd-Frank has led to a series of regulatory changes governing municipal securities. One objective of the regulations is to promote a clear understanding between issuer and underwriter in negotiated financings.

Fahey went on to review that Martin County has asked Northland Securities to assist the County in the issuance of General Obligation Ditch Bonds by acting as underwriter for the Bonds and presented a General Obligation Ditch Bonds, Series 2012A Letter designating Northland Securities as underwriter.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and designate Northland Securities of Minneapolis, MN as underwriter for future issuance of General Obligation Ditch Bonds; and authorize Auditor/Treasurer to sign the designation letter. Carried unanimously.

Mosloski opened discussion regarding the current 5% interest charged on drainage ditch assessments.

After discussion,

Consensus of Board is for Deb Mosloski, Drainage Administration, to consult with Kurt Deter, Attorney with Rinke Noonan of St. Cloud, for interest rate clarification by statute.

The Board reviewed the AMC District Meeting Agenda which will be held on October 31, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Henderson, MN; and the CY2012 YTD third Quarter Rev/Exp. Report.

Commissioners presented their individual board member reports:

Commissioner Schmidtke stated he attended the Human Services Executive meeting, and the Prairieland meeting on October 12th.

Commissioner Potter stated he attended In Service Day on October 8th, and the Compensation Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Donnelly stated he attended the Compensation Advisory Committee meeting and Prairieland meeting.

Commissioner Belgard stated he had several ditch items that he tended to, Prairieland meeting, and yesterday met with the Sheriff and Steve McDonald to review the proposed dispatch computer area at the Law Enforcement Center.

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of upcoming meetings and activities: October 17th – Human Services meeting in Faribault County and SHIP meeting in Truman, MN; October 23rd – Planning & Zoning at 5:30 p.m., Heaven’s Table Open House, and Annual Open Enrollment for Health and Dental Insurance for 2013 beginning at Highway Shop and 7:15 a.m. and Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; October 31st – AMC District Meeting at 8:00 a.m. – Henderson Road Haus in Henderson, MN; November 5th – Regular EDA meeting at 5:15 p.m.; November 6th – Regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, and Election Day – Vote Today.

With no further business to wit, Chairman Donnelly adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Donnelly, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
James Forshee, Auditor/Treasurer