

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014
@ 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 Dan Schmidtke.

Commissioners present were Elliot Belgard, Dan Schmidtke, Steve Pierce, Steve Donnelly, and Steve Flohrs. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, Rod Halvorsen, KSUM/KFMC Radio, Rachel Jaeger, 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 for the October 7, 2014 regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following addition: 8.13 Consider Purchase of Used Packer/Roller – Highway Department. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Jeff Richert, LifeSource Community Partnership Coordinator, presented Martin County with the 2014 Gift of Life Award. Richert noted LifeSource, the nonprofit organization that coordinates organ and tissue donation in our area, recognizes Martin County for the second largest percent of growth in the State of Minnesota in the number of adults who register as an organ and tissue donor on their driver's license or ID. Richert went on to note over the time period from spring 2013 to spring 2014, Martin County saw a 3% increase from 55% of adults to 58%. This is a significant increase and represents the generosity and caring nature of Martin County citizens. Richert also noted currently over 3,300 Minnesotan's are waiting for organ transplants. Thousands more will require some form of tissue graft. The residents of Martin County can be proud of their support of organ and tissue donation and renewed health for those who desperately await a second chance at life.

Shirley and Don Teems, along with their granddaughter Marissa, from Blue Earth, MN, were present to thank the residents of Martin County for their support of organ and tissue donation.

At this time the Board recognized and presented Elaine Christ with an employee recognition desk clock inscribed with Elaine's 26 years and 7 months of faithful and dedicated service to Martin County. The Board, along with Doug Landsteiner, County Veteran Service Officer, congratulated Elaine and wished her well on her retirement.

Jenny Trushenski, Martin County Library Director, presented the Board with a replica of the original Sesquicentennial Quilt that was raffled during the county's Sesquicentennial celebration. Trushenski noted the quilt was designed by RuthAnn Beckendorf and revised, pieced, appliqued and quilted by Jan Wolfgram of Fairmont, MN. Trushenski went on to note Wolfgram recently moved out of state and thought the courthouse would be the best place to display the quilt.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept the donation of a replica Sesquicentennial Quilt for display at the Martin County Courthouse. Carried unanimously.

Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, presented an office update including mandatory three-phase program for eFiling of all documents; and the county attorney's office has been very busy with an uptick in drug and domestic cases.

Jenny Trushenski, Martin County Library Director, noted that after 33 years of service as Trimont Branch Librarian, Diane Adamson will be retiring the end of October, 2014. Trushenski went on to note this retirement has presented an opportunity to review the current and future staffing structure. Trushenski noted that declining use at the Welcome Library and a countywide loss of population were deciding factors in the Library Board's decision to close the Welcome Library. Trushenski also noted she will be meeting with the Welcome City Council this evening and a closing date will be negotiated. While the contract we have with the Welcome Branch and the City of Welcome states we have to give a six months' notice, if they choose to remain open the next six months that would put a closing in early April, 2015. However, if they want to close at the end of the year then we'll look at that. Welcome Branch patrons are encouraged to continue using the library services in Fairmont, Sherburn, Trimont or Truman.

Trushenski continued part of this transition will be moving MaryAnn Frerichs, current Welcome Librarian, to the Trimont position which enables us to have someone who is already trained on how to use all our computer systems and in fact she covered a medical leave at the Trimont Branch so she spent several months in Trimont already. And, that would also entail us cutting the Welcome Branch hours immediately to six hours per week as Frerichs will be at both branches until the Welcome Branch is closed.

Trushenski went on to note another part of the discussion was to reduce the hours in Trimont each week. The Trimont Branch is currently open 20 hours a week; but, based on the use and the cost of that, the Library Board was looking at 12 hours per week instead. Trushenski also noted she is going to the Trimont City Council later this month to discuss that with them and the council has been notified by email. This reduction in hours is also due to circulation statistics and cost of operation. Making those two changes my estimate, probably on the low end, is that it will save us about \$28,000 per year. The primary savings is with the salary but there are some other costs including computer upkeep, the delivery service that each library has, some of that is just looking at our budget and the tax dollars that we have trying to use them in the best way where the places are busiest. Trushenski noted next year we have a 25% reduction in our operating budget...it's almost \$40,000 less so that will help make up some of that.

Trushenski also noted we have already cut some hours and some staff at the Fairmont Library. We're just trying to look at the realities of our decreasing population in Martin County. Also, computer access has increased. We are continually adding more e-books and you can do a lot of things self-service on our website. You don't have to come in and have a library staff person do that for you whereas fifteen years ago you either had to call us or come in.

Trushenski noted the Library Board would certainly consider expanding those hours back at the Trimont Branch if the use improved. The whole idea behind the library is that it is supposed to be cheaper to purchase a book and let everybody in the communities check that out and share it; but particularly with Welcome...we've gotten to the point where it would be cheaper for us just to buy books and hand them out to people in the community rather than run the library service.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, presented two Yield Sign resolutions for the intersections of: 20th Av. (CR 103) and 90th St. (CR 122); and 40th Av. (CR 107) and 90th St. (CR 122) and recommends approval of placing a yield sign at these intersections.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard,

Martin County Highway Department
Resolution No. 2 – 2014

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING YIELD INTERSECTION

In order to control, safeguard and expedite traffic on county and township roads in Martin County, and upon recommendation of the County Engineer, the County Board of Commissioners deems it advisable to make the following resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following intersection is hereby designated as a YIELD INTERSECTION and the County Engineer be and hereby is instructed to cause the installation and maintenance of YIELD SIGN thereat:

The intersection of 20th Av. (CR 103) and 90th St. (CR 122) will be a YIELD INTERSECTION. East and West bound traffic on 90th St. will yield.

Upon motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, and carried said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

By: _____
Chairman, Martin County
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Scott Higgins

County Coordinator

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the County of Martin at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 7th day of October, 2014.

Scott Higgins
County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Donnelly, Flohrs, Belgard, Pierce, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs,

Martin County Highway Department
Resolution No. 3 – 2014

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING YIELD INTERSECTION

In order to control, safeguard and expedite traffic on county and township roads in Martin County, and upon recommendation of the County Engineer, the County Board of Commissioners deems it advisable to make the following resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following intersection is hereby designated as a YIELD INTERSECTION and the County Engineer be and hereby is instructed to cause the installation and maintenance of YIELD SIGN thereat:

The intersection of 40th Av. (CR 107) and 90th St. (CR 122) will be a YIELD INTERSECTION. East and West bound traffic on 90th St. will yield.

Upon motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, and carried said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

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Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Donnelly, Flohrs, Pierce, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

Peyman presented and reviewed a resolution and agreement that Martin County enter into MN/DOT Agreement No. 06759 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, to provide for payment by the State to Martin County for the use of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 8 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 13 as a detour route during bridge replacement construction on Trunk Highway No. 4. Martin County will be reimbursed approximately \$3,600.00 for use of CSAH No. 8 & No. 13. Peyman recommends approval of the detour agreement and resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Kevin Peyman, Martin County Highway Engineer, to sign Contract No. 06759 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for payment by the State to Martin County in the amount of \$3,608.52 for use of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 8 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 13 as a detour route; and approve resolution authorizing an Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation to provide for payment by the State to Martin County for the use of CSAH No. 8 and CSAH No. 13 as a detour route during bridge replacement construction on Trunk Highway No. 4. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs,

Martin County Highway Department
Resolution No. 4 – 2014

RESOLUTION FOR DETOUR AGREEMENT No. 06759
WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that Martin County enter into Mn/DOT Agreement No. 06759 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide payment by the State to the County for the use of Martin County roads 8 and 13 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 4 under State Project No. 4601-30.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer and the County Auditor are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

Upon motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, and carried said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

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Board of Commissioners

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County Coordinator

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Scott Higgins
County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Pierce, Donnelly, Flohrs, Belgard, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

Peyman requested approval to purchase a used packer/roller for the Highway Department that is not in the 2014 budget. Peyman provided background information noting we have two packer/rollers the older of the two is a 1980 model. It does not have an hour meter but it gets used as frequently as our 1992 model which is our newer one and our 1992 has 3,200 hours on it...the 1980 would probably have close to double the hours on it. Peyman noted it is getting hard to find parts, the brakes are getting real touchy, and we only let a couple of people that are familiar with it use it. At one point probably 3 or 4 years ago we actually had it in the approved budget; but, that was the year we had a bad winter and had some other expenses come up so it ended up getting cut out of the budget. The problem that I had with it is it gets used for basically a month out of the year and then it sits in storage the rest of the year. We use it two weeks when we sealcoat, you need four packers for sealcoating, so we have two and Faribault County sends their two over here when we seal and then when Faribault County seals they use their two and then we send our two over to them so we share that way.

Peyman continued a new packer/roller runs between \$90,000 and \$100,000 so I've always had a hard time fitting in a \$100,000 piece of equipment that sits for eleven months out of the year.

Peyman noted the City of Edina has placed a used 1992 packer/roller with 693 hours for sale on the MinnBid surplus equipment website with a reserve bid of \$11,000. Peyman went on to note we've found comparable used packer/rollers between \$18,000 and \$20,000. This piece of equipment is not specifically in the 2014 budget but Peyman felt confident in finding a way to fit it in by trimming his equipment budget for next year. Peyman recommends permission to bid up to \$17,000 for the City of Edina's 1992 model packer/roller with 693 hours.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of County Highway Engineer, hereby approve and authorize the Martin County Highway Department to bid up to \$17,000.00 for the purchase of a 1992 used packer/roller from the State of Minnesota Surplus Services – MinnBid. Carried unanimously.

Peyman presented a Highway Department Update including paving and shouldering complete on CSAH 39 with completion on CSAH 27 by this coming weekend with striping shortly after; the Dunnell Shop is being built right now and is expected to be complete in the next week to two weeks; and Park Board meeting tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at Perch Lake Park. Peyman noted playground equipment is almost completely assembled and members from the Waverly-Westford 4-H Club along with Martin County Area Foundation will be present at the Park Board meeting to view the new equipment (Waverly-Westford 4-H Club submitted a grant application to the Martin County Area Foundation for the new playground equipment).

Corey Klanderud, Chief Deputy-Martin County Sheriff's Office, presented and noted the Sheriff's Office has been granted a supplemental federal boating safety sub grant in the amount of \$2,329.00 to cover equipment and supply expenses incurred for boating safety activities. Klanderud went on to note that funds will include the purchase of radios for the South Central Volunteer Dive Team.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair and/or Martin County Sheriff and Auditor/Treasurer to execute and sign the 2014 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Grant Agreement in the amount of \$2,329.00 effective July 1, 2014 and expires December 31, 2014.

R-#49/'14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF BOATING SAFETY SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that Martin County, MN enters into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the program entitled County Boat and Water Safety in the supplemental grant amount of \$2,329.00 to cover expenses incurred for boating safety activities effective July 1, 2014 and expires December 31, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Martin County Sheriff, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, are hereby authorized to execute and sign such grant agreement on behalf of Martin County.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, resolution was duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Donnelly, Belgard, Flohrs, Pierce, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

Klanderud noted the Martin County Sheriff's Office is recommending a step increase based on satisfactory performance evaluation and according to Union Contract for Teri Boltjes, Communications Officer with the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Martin County Sheriff's Office, hereby approve and authorize step increase based on satisfactory performance evaluation and according to Union Contract for Teri Boltjes, Communications Officer (LELS #115), from 5 Year Step at \$23.08/hour to 6 Year Step at \$23.47/hour, effective October 5, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Klanderud presented a Martin County Jail update including twenty-five (25) in-house, fifteen (15) in Faribault County, two (2) in Nobles County, one (1) in Jackson County, one (1) in Rochester, MN, and six (6) on Electronic Home Monitoring.

Rebecca Bentele, Victim Witness Coordinator, presented award notice for the FY2015 Continuation Grant with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Federal funds for this grant contract are provided under the Crime Victim Services grant for the purpose of providing supplemental funding to aid in the provision of direct services to victims of crime. State funds for this grant contract are provided for the purpose of providing crime victim services to victims of domestic violence, general crime services, and sexual assault services. Bentele noted the contract is effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 and is in the amount of \$75,000.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Pierce,

R-#50/14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that Martin County, Victim Services, will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Federal Funds for this grant contract are provided under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the purpose of providing supplemental funding to aid in the provision of direct services to victims of crime. State funds for this grant contract are expected in the amount of \$75,000 and are provided for the purpose of providing crime victim services to victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State is in need of services to victims of crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Scott Higgins, County Coordinator, is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Martin County.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, upon a motion by Commissioner Belgard, and seconded by Commissioner Pierce, and unanimously carried.

Said Resolution was adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Flohrs, Donnelly, Pierce, Belgard, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, presented a resolution authorizing execution for Youth Intervention Program funding in the amount of \$35,836.00 with in-kind match of \$3,982.00 for additional funding for the purpose of providing an ongoing stable funding source to community-based early intervention programs for youth, effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

R-#51/'14

RESOLUTION

Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement for Juvenile Justice Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, that Martin County Probation Department will enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Safety for Youth Intervention Program Funding in the amount of \$35,836.00 with in-kind match of \$3,982.00 for the purpose of providing an ongoing stable funding source to community-based early intervention programs for youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Julie Grunewald is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments, as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Martin County Probation Department.

I certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Martin County on this 7th day of October, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY

Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Donnelly, Flohrs, Pierce, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

John Chabot of Hanratty & Associates was present via telephone to review the County's Health Insurance Plan. Chabot noted Martin County received an original increase for CY2015 of 2.9% from Blue Cross Blue Shield (running on last years' experience) for the \$5,000 deductible health plan as the underlying health plan to the plans offered to employees following current 105 plan designs of Plan A \$20 Copay, Plan B \$250 Deductible, and Plan C \$1,000 Deductible. Chabot went on to note the County Insurance Committee was introduced to a \$6,350 Deductible Health Savings Account (HSA) that will be offered as a 4th plan option in 2015. A HSA will offer employees an alternative health plan that may be more beneficial to some employees than the existing health plans currently offered by the County. The HSA Plan does not have Prescription Drug Coverage. HSA's are intended to cover serious illnesses or injury after deductibles have been met; and employees are typically reimbursed for their medical expenses through the HSA's. Additionally, HSA's provide some cost savings for employees through tax benefits. It was also noted that the County Insurance Committee recommend allowing employees to "Opt Out" of healthcare coverage.

After review of the 2015 proposed plan contributions, additional new plan of a \$6,350 Deductible Health Savings Account (HSA) as an option, to allow employees to "Opt Out" of

healthcare coverage offered through Martin County, and the recommendation of the County Coordinator of a zero percent increase in employee premiums,

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, on an annual basis determines the county contributions to health insurance premiums for non-union staff; and therefore establishes the county contribution (single and family) for the following health plans through the Select 105: Plan A (R20 Co-pay) Single \$763.94, Family \$1,744.00; Plan B (\$250 Ded.) Single \$787.25, Family \$1,645.12; Plan C (\$1,000 Ded.) Single \$687.50, Family \$1,419.46 for CY2015; and hereby approves to continue to purchase the \$5,000 Deductible Health Plan (Blue Cross and Blue Shield) through the South Central Services Cooperative at a Single premium rate of \$609.50 per month and Family monthly premium of \$1,521.00; and to include a \$6,350 Deductible Health Savings Account (HSA) as an option at Single premium rate of \$649.94 and Family rate of \$1,377.78 for CY2015; and to authorize the Board Chair and/or the County Coordinator to sign the necessary documents with South Central Services Cooperative and/or Hanratty & Associates relating to the Health Insurance Plans (\$5,000 Ded. And \$6,350 Ded.). Carried unanimously.

No action taken on "Opt Out" of healthcare coverage.

Higgins reviewed a revised job description for the Veteran Services Specialist position in the Martin County Veterans Service Office, noting the job description has been revised to reflect more accurately the essential functions of the position.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the revised job description for the Veteran Services Specialist position in the Martin County Veterans Service Office as presented; and which more accurately reflects the objective and essential functions of the position. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented a resolution re-appointing citizens to the Red Rock Rural Water System (RRRWS) board. Higgins noted the terms of Dave Hulstein and Gary Schimbene will expire on December 31, 2014 and is being recommended that these two individuals are re-appointed to the Red Rock Rural Water System board of directors. The terms are a four year term for each member.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs,

R-#48/'14

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
DAVE HULSTEIN AND GARY SCHIMBENO
TO THE
RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

Background Information

WHEREAS, Dave Hulstein’s 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Red Rock Rural Water System (RRRWS) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Gary Schimbeno’s 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Red Rock Rural Water System (RRRWS) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dave Hulstein and Gary Schimbeno would like to serve another 4-year term on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners, which terms will commence at 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2015, and will expire at midnight on December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2014 the RRRWS Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a Motion which recommended that Dave Hulstein and Gary Schimbeno be appointed for another 4-year term on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Martin County Board of Commissioners believes that Dave Hulstein and Gary Schimbeno are qualified to act as Commissioners on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners and all are worthy of appointment.

RESOLUTION

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Dave Hulstein and Gary Schimbeno be appointed to the RRRWS Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes §116A et seq, to a four-year term, which shall commence at 12:00 A.M. on January 1, 2015, and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by the Martin County Board of Commissioners on October 7, 2014, by a vote of Five (5) for, Zero against, Zero absent, and Zero abstaining.

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Pierce, Donnelly, Flohrs, Belgard, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

Bill Fahey, Vice President of Northland Securities (financial consultant to the County) was present and provided an update of the future issuance of Ditch Bonds and the refunding of Road Construction Bonds.

Fahey noted the financing of eight drainage ditch projects will be completed and delivered before year end and include the following Ditch projects: JD #40; CD #69; JD #2 M & F; JD #4 M & F; JD #7 M & F; JD #21; JD #4 (301) M & W; and JD #28. Fahey reviewed a spreadsheet detailing the costs of each ditch project, prepaid assessments, cost of issuing bonds and the resulting Preliminary Bond Issue size of \$2,590,000. Final interest rates will determine the final Bond Issue size. Fahey went on to note the sale of the bonds is scheduled for the Board's regular meeting on November 18, 2014; with the closing in late December.

Fahey also noted we are also going to use this opportunity to refinance the 2006 Road Reconstruction Bonds. At this time, the Debt Service Reduction or Savings is estimated at \$101,966 with a present value of \$94,488 or 5.398% net present value benefit, based on current interest rates. This refinancing works best when sold with the Ditch Bonds to share issuance costs. Fahey noted the interest rates on the old 2006A bonds is 4.12% and the interest rate on the new bonds is 1.57% for a savings of 2.55%. The debt service reduction will be experienced in the tax levy year 2015 for taxes payable 2016 for bonds payable 2017. The average annual reduction will be \$14,567.

Fahey continued interest rates have remained fairly level, with lower volumes of new bonds coming into the market; and that with the election coming in early November, rates usually decline. Fahey noted the Ditch Bond Issuance and Refinancing of Road Reconstruction Bonds is in mid-November and that should be in a fine time slot for good interest rates.

Fahey noted following this financing, the County Board will have at least three Ditch Projects to finance in early 2015: CD #30 (out for bids); JD #2 M & W (spring construction); CD #73 – Redetermination and Ditch repair, tree removal and cleaning; possible CD #29/JD #367-December Final Hearing; JD #51 – Viewers; and a handful that could move to front of the line requesting spring/summer, 2015 improvements or repairs, the estimate of which will exceed \$2,200,000.

After further review and discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Northland Securities to proceed with the issuance of Martin County G.O. Drainage Ditch Bonds, Series 2014A. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Northland Securities to proceed with the Crossover Refunding of 2006A Road Reconstruction Bonds. Carried unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed information for the 2014 Fairmont Glows Parade.

Commissioners presented their individual board member reports.

Commissioner Flohrs noted he attended a Personnel Committee meeting, Employee Recognition Event, and Bid Opening for JD #2 M & W in Ormsby, MN, on September 16, 2014; Department Directors meeting and Interviews for Martin County Mentoring Coordinator position on September 17, 2014; Special Library Board meeting on September 18, 2014; Insurance Committee meeting on September 19, 2014; Flu Vaccination Clinic, Personnel Committee meeting, and Human Services full board meeting on September 24, 2014; Walking Tour of Trimont, MN, and Beyond The Yellow Ribbon meeting on October 6, 2014.

Commissioner Belgard noted in addition to those mentioned he attended a South Central Minnesota Multi-County HRA Board meeting in North Mankato, MN, on September 24, 2014; and Walking Tour of Truman, MN, and Martin County EDA meeting on October 6, 2014.

Commissioner Pierce noted in addition to those mentioned he attended several Broadband meetings, Youth Coalition, Mayo meeting, SHIP, and Martin County EDA meeting.

Commissioner Donnelly noted in addition to those mentioned he attended an Insurance Committee meeting.

Commissioner Schmidtke noted he had nothing new to add.

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of upcoming meetings and activities: October 8, 2014 – Human Services Executive Board meeting and Park Board meeting at Perch Lake Park at 4:30 p.m.; October 10, 2014 – Region 9 Farm Energy Efficiency meeting (may be cancelled); October 13, 2014 – In Service Day at the Courthouse; October 14, 2014 – Broadband meeting, Library Board meeting, and Interviews for Martin County Mentoring Coordinator position; October 15, 2014 – 2nd Half of Taxes are Due; October 16, 2014 – Region 9 Community and Economic Development meeting in Mankato, MN, from 1-3 p.m.; October 17, 2014 – Prairieland meeting; October 20, 2014 – Youth Coalition meeting from 12 – 1:30 p.m., and Trimont City Council meeting; October 21, 2014 – next regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. – Commissioners Board Room, and Martin County EDA Strategic Planning Session at 11:00 a.m. – Human Resource Building.

Consensus of the Board is to hold a joint meeting with Martin Soil and Water Conservation District on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 beginning at 7:00 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant in Fairmont, MN.

With no further business to wit, Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator