

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016  
@ 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 Elliot Belgard. Commissioners present were Tom Mahoney, Steve Flohrs, Dan Schmidtke, Kathy Smith, and Elliot Belgard. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, Rod Halvorsen, KSUM-KFMC Radio, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Smith, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda for the September 20, 2016, regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Smith, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016, and September 6, 2016, regular Board of Commissioners meetings. Carried unanimously.

Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, was present to discuss and answer questions pertaining to a proposed joint powers agreement allowing eligible employees of the Faribault-Martin County Joint Transit Board and Prairieland Board to participate in Martin County's benefit package (i.e. health insurance, flex plans, ancillary benefits, etc.); and to set an administrative fee based on benefit premiums and plans.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Smith, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve county attorney to move forward with drafting a joint powers agreement allowing eligible employees of the Faribault-Martin County Joint Transit Board and Prairieland Board to participate in Martin County's benefit package; and sets a benefits administration fee of 7% (to be set annually) based on benefit premiums and plans; and is contingent upon receipt and approval of the joint powers agreement. Carried unanimously.

Kevin Peyman, County Engineer, was present to recommend pre-ordering a 2017 budgeted motorgrader at the state contract price of \$255,143.00 from RDO Equipment Co. of North Mankato, Minnesota. Peyman noted current state contract pricing runs out at the end of the month and is expected to increase 8-10% next year. Peyman went on to note we priced both the John Deere and the CAT like we normally do. The John Deere is still the cheaper of the two and the last three that we've purchased are John Deere. The state contract price for the John Deere 772G and the wing and attachment to go with it is \$255,143 with trade-in allowance of \$60,000 for a 2002 CAT 140H (Unit #28) which is 14 years old and has 15,150 hours so the net balance

with the trade in is \$195,143 through the current state contract price. My recommendation is that we save that \$20,000 to \$25,000 and purchase now and pay in 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, after careful consideration and review of the bids for the motorgrader, and upon the recommendation of County Engineer, hereby approve and authorize the purchase of a new 2016 John Deere 770G Motorgrader with wing and attachment from RDO Equipment Co. of North Mankato, Minnesota, in the amount of \$255,143.00 less \$60,000 for trade in of Unit #28 for a total purchase price of \$195,143.00 plus applicable taxes. Carried unanimously.

Dan Whitman, Martin County Assessor, noted the Board authorized the recruitment of an Appraiser for the Assessor's Office and an Internal Posting for the position closed on September 16, 2016. Whitman went on to note we received one (1) internal application from an applicant who had applied and interviewed previously (May 2016) and recommend the hire of Angie DeBoer.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the hire of Angie DeBoer as Appraiser with the Martin County Assessor's Office at Grade 13 Step 1 at \$21.11/hour, effective October 3, 2016; and is eligible for full benefits per the Martin County Personnel Policy; and to serve a six month probationary period per the County Policy. Carried unanimously.

James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, noted with DeBoer accepting the Appraiser position, an opening has occurred in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Forshee requested authorization for recruitment to fill the vacancy.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize recruitment to fill a vacancy in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Carried unanimously.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, noted the County Assessor is an appointed position per Minnesota Statutes 273.061, is appointed every four years, and that Dan Whitman's current term will expire December 31, 2016. Higgins noted the Personnel Committee has met and recommends the reappointment of Dan Whitman as County Assessor for an additional four-year term.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Smith, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, after careful consideration and in accordance with Minnesota Statute 273.061, hereby approve the reappointment of Danial Whitman as Martin County Assessor for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Forshee presented a resolution requesting approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said parcels of land that have been forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of property taxes.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Smith,

MARTIN COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION #41/ 16

WHEREAS, The County Board of Commissioners of the County of Martin, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, Said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Martin County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Martin County Board of Commissioners hereby request approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands.

MOTION WAS MADE by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and carried to adopt said resolution.

Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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Elliot Belgard, Chairperson

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

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Schmidtke, Smith, Flohrs, and Belgard. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

Forshee noted the Blizzard Snowmobile Club has been awarded \$36,828.00 (no change from FY2016) and is effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, to be used for the maintenance grooming of the Prairieland Trail.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke,

R-#42/'16

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
FY2017 SNOWMOBILE MAINTENANCE GRANT AGREEMENT  
FOR PRAIRIELAND TRAIL

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners approve and authorize the Board Chair and/or Auditor/Treasurer to sign the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program FY2017 Grant Agreement in the amount of \$36,828.00 with an effective date of July 1, 2016 and expiration date of June 30, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, and was duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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Elliot Belgard, Board Chair

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

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Flohrs, Smith, Schmidtke, Mahoney, and Belgard. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

Steve Fosness and Gary Reutzel, Martin County Veterans Memorial Project committee members, were present to review and discuss a request to donate the land that will be used for the project that will provide a memorial to honor veterans from throughout the county. Land between the Winnebago Ball Diamonds and Kahler Electric has been donated to the memorial and the committee is in the process of getting it appraised and measured. The project committee's plan is that the owner (Kahler Electric) will donate the land to Region Nine and in

the process the project committee wants to donate that to Martin County and then continue to build the memorial at that site asking that Martin County be responsible for mowing, electricity, and any other maintenance. The project committee is looking to begin building in 2017 beginning with a sign and a flagpole and continue from there. Preliminary plans show an estimate of \$500,000 to build and we have about \$40,000 donated so far.

Commissioner Flohrs inquired about insurance.

Higgins noted the monument and property would need to be insured.

Chair Belgard inquired would that be a normal way to do this...to have the county own it or would it be more appropriate for the city of Fairmont to own it.

Commissioner Schmidtke noted it is a county memorial so I think that is why they wanted to go through the county and not the city.

Commissioner Mahoney inquired if the county building committee has discussed this.

Commissioner Schmidtke noted no this request has not come before the building committee but it still can. Schmidtke also noted I don't see a big problem with it. It's going to be very minimal cost to us even if there is a light there that we pay electric for.

Chair Belgard inquired about the county's capabilities of mowing.

Commissioner Schmidtke noted the county parks department would mow it and they go all over the county. It won't be the maintenance guys here. That's how I envisioned it...it would be part of the park department.

Peyman noted the parks caretaker takes the mower around to all the parks once a week so I think he could hit that on his way in on one of the days.

Higgins noted they are also asking the county's assistance in transfer of title by the county attorney.

Chair Belgard noted we encouraged this and we wanted this. The question would be I don't know if there is something that we haven't looked at yet...it's not that important that we decide this today. Do we need to look at how it is done at other places and talk to Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT)...they would be the ones that will be providing the (insurance) coverage.

Commissioner Schmidtke agreed we should know about the insurance.

Higgins recommends drafting an agreement listing all that is expected from either side for the board to consider.

No action taken on request for donation of land for Martin County Veterans Memorial Project.

Commissioner Flohrs noted he was contacted by the Trimont Veterans Memorial Committee and asked if the county would be willing to donate 200 yards of gravel to place as a base under the Trimont Veterans Memorial in the Trimont City Park and requested the county attorney's opinion regarding this donation request and if we as the Board have the authority to do this or not. Flohrs inquired the value of the gravel.

Peyman noted a ballpark figure is \$10-\$12 per yard for pit gravel and closer to \$15 per yard for higher quality gravel.

After further discussion,

No action taken on request from the Trimont Veterans Memorial Committee.

Jeff Markquart, Martin County Sheriff, presented a Martin County Jail population update including twenty-three (23) in-house, twenty-two (22) out of county, and seven (7) on Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM).

Forshee, Higgins, and Jessica Korte, Accountant-A/T Office, reviewed the proposed 2017 levy noting that after reviewing each department, additional cuts, and miscellaneous revenue expense reduction, the stated mandated maximum levy for 2017 is \$14,991,920 which equates to a 7.19% increase over CY2016. Forshee noted we can always go lower than the levy limit but we can't go any higher.

After much discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs,

R-#43/'16

## RESOLUTION

### PROPOSING PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY FOR CY2017

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners met to review the recommended 2017 budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 recommended budget and levy was prepared with the participation of the Martin County Department Directors and Elected Officials.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on September 20, 2016, following discussion by the Martin County Board of Commissioners, the Board set the 2017 proposed levy at \$14,991,920 which equates to a 7.19% increase over CY2016 levy; with proposed expenditures in the amount of \$26,226,631 and revenues in the amount of \$26,444,750.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT BEFORE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL 2017 BUDGET, the Board may reduce the proposed levy but cannot increase the levy from the amount set on this date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing for the CY2017 Budget will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room – Room No. 103 – First Floor of Courthouse – Fairmont, MN.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, and unanimously carried, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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Elliot Belgard, Board Chair

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

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Schmidtke, Flohrs, Mahoney, and Belgard. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

The Board reviewed warrants to be paid September 20, 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve bills to be paid on September 20, 2016, as presented; and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

Warrants received and paid September 20, 2016, are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue Fund – Warrants Approved September 20, 2016	\$143,686.61
Martin Co. Economic Development Fund	\$ 1,819.40
Solid Waste Management Fund	\$ 30,241.35
Law Library Fund	\$ 2,029.06
Recorder's Technology Fund	\$ 963.31
Recorder's Compliance Fund	\$ 2,325.00
Bank Building Fund	<u>\$ 1,913.96</u>
Total	\$182,978.69
Road and Bridge Funds Totaled	\$405,622.77
Martin County Ditch Funds Totaled	\$350,253.36

Stephanie Johnson, Fairmont Substance Abuse Prevention (FSAP) Coordinator, along with other FSAP Coalition members, and Youth Coalition (YOCO) members Justin Olson and Cassandra Lopez, presented an overview of the FSAP Coalition that was established in 2011 to prevent underage use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in Fairmont. The new grant the

group has received, called the Drug Free Community Grant, will allow outreach to all of Martin County. The grant will start on October 1, 2016, at \$125,000 for five years and renewable for another five years.

Chair Belgard thanked the group for the update.

Michael Forstner opened discussion regarding JD #9 M&W noting that landowners are worried that when that main is pressurized it goes all around the joints and it is going to cause a void and since they were going to be doing a private tile just east of there that this could be done at the same time.

Commissioner Flohrs noted this is right out there by Kenny Ammann and then Geistfelds are right across the road that huge slough...well it's not a slough they farm it...but it gets a gob of water...right on the county line, before you turn to go to Odin, Minnesota. In the spring or after every rain that Geistfeld field fills fully with water and the water bubbles up there and will be pressurized so that water will go right up into those cracks.

Forstner noted the initial repair was do it now or when there's an overlay.

Peyman noted a reconstruction is coming but it's probably going to be more like two years away. Those jobs are much easier to do with construction especially one like this that is relatively deep and would need a fairly big open cut. Peyman went on to note if we do a grading project we replace tile from right of way to right of way with a bigger size, normally, and the county pays for it because we want a newer tile and a bigger size in case they upgrade the system. On overlays we don't generally address the tile other than we give people the opportunity if they want to do something with a private tile prior to the overlay. This project is somewhere between a grading and an overlay but we sure could try and address the bad tiles or at least figure out where they are. We're still working out the details exactly when the project is going to be because it alternates miles with Watonwan County so we're trying to coordinate on what the project is going to be and when we're going to do it that works for both counties. So obviously the opportunity is a lot better to do it when we're doing the road. If it is an emergency, the one that has a void in it, I would say is not going to last two years...the question is, is the ditch system going to last two years and then the other question is my understanding was that on the main tile, what they were proposing, was like an 18 foot cut to fix that tile...18 foot wide is how wide they want to cut the road which to me seems extreme you know I think they just want to build up slopes where normally I would want to require a trench box where they can keep the cut a lot narrower...it saves them \$2,000 to not put in a trench box but it costs us \$2,000 more to mix because of the wide cut it is going to be hard to get compaction. If it were a newer blacktop then we don't even allow an open cut...we would require them to bore in a new one next to it as opposed to an open cut in a fairly new blacktop. But this is a blacktop that's going to get redone.

Commissioner Schmidtke inquired wouldn't it be better to bore that 18" under there now than cut the road.

Peyman noted I would think it would at least pay for them to compare prices and I guess I would think there would be some flack there...my understanding is they would have to close the road

for 3 days right during harvest. I would think there would be some flack there. I haven't seen anything that it would be an immediate risk of any type of failure...why you would want to close it right during harvest to do that as opposed to wait for a better time to do it. I just think you're going to catch a lot of flak if that road is closed for 3 days during harvest. It probably fits in the contractors schedule when he's there anyway but...

Forstner noted in comparing it with the video from 2012 there was more silt in the bottom now but structurally it looked almost the same. In total I didn't look at as many of the joints, just the structure of it, and you could see a few (inaudible) going by but it looked more or less the same. But the only one thing is on the south side of the road there's a Branch E that comes in not under the pad or anything it's just right after that intake that's there, there's a void there after the manufactured "Y". So that could be fixed.

Commissioner Flohrs inquired why don't you just fix that and leave the rest until the road is fixed. If you think it is going to last.

Chairman Belgard inquired would it make sense to say that if it was going to really deteriorate that this spring would have been the year that it would have done it. It had to have more pressure on it this year than ever and it survived that.

Forstner noted yes.

Peyman inquired you said the people are going to ask for an improvement...they want a larger size through there?

Forstner noted a larger size...they asked...six years ago they did a feasibility and there was one guy that didn't want...there were two friends and apparently the one didn't want to make his friend mad so they dropped it and at that time they were looking at either an open ditch for the whole thing, open ditch to the county line, tile through the whole thing...they were looking at a bunch of different options and it sounds like that's what they're looking at again...whether or not it will go through, I don't know.

Commissioner Schmidtke inquired how many miles does this go in both counties.

Forstner noted for ours (Martin County) it goes down a couple...we have 51% of the ditch system, benefit wise. This call will be to decide what you want to do...do you want to do it now or do it...

Commissioner Schmidtke noted to me you'd want to have a meeting with everyone on the ditch...an informational meeting to see what direction they are going to go. Are we just going to fix this problem or are we going to do an improvement. You have an informational meeting to decide what everybody really wants to do.

Forstner noted they're meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Schmidtke noted I don't see tearing up that road this fall to fix that tile that's probably been in that shape for 20 years.

Peyman noted if it is under that much pressure outside of the right-of-way as well you'd spend money from the ditch system to fix under the road and then you have the rest of the tile that's under pressure and then you...you know it would be the ditch system expense to fix one little portion of it and then you still have the rest...to me it would make more sense...the one with the void under the road I think when the contractor first found it he panicked and tried to call 911...it's 10 foot deep and it's an issue that needs to be fixed. But it is not an issue that was in jeopardy of collapsing that day...there was no sediment in the road...you're going to see signs that there is problems on the road before you're ever going to get a collapse. It does need to get fixed but it wasn't an immediate. That's a big cut in the road...there's going to be other issues with the road closed during harvest when you don't know if the rest of the system is going to be improved yet. In my opinion it seems like it would be a panic to fix this little stretch and then leave the rest now knowing what's going to happen.

Forstner noted the reason the one just east of that had the void is the private tile is higher elevation. There's a county main that parallels the road and this one doesn't tie into it, it goes over and goes further down and ties in so that one, the county main, started sucking water essentially so then it (inaudible) and made a void and lost its bottom.

Peyman noted and that other one with the void is a private tile and I don't know if there was an option that they would not have to put a tile back in under the road to fix it...I don't know if they've committed to which way they're going to go...then we'd just have to fix the void and then they could leave the tile and abandon the tile.

Commissioner Flohrs noted as long as you don't think that tile has changed much in the last three years I don't see any problem leaving it until we can do it the right way.

Forstner noted Branch E could be addressed.

Shane Fett, Martin County Ditch Inspector, noted Branch E is on the south side of the road and it (inaudible) coming into a 13" main and it's got a little void started, a small void started, but that could be fixed without wrecking the road so that could be something to help the situation.

Commissioner Flohrs inquired how much it will cost to fix that void.

Forstner noted probably not a lot...it's only a 6" tile.

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of previous and upcoming meetings and activities: September 6, 2016 – Labor Management Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m.; September 7, 2016 – Human Services Executive meeting and SHIP meeting in Truman, Minnesota; September 8, 2016 – Faribault-Martin Joint Transit Board meeting and Soil and Water meeting; September 9, 2016 – GBERBA meeting in Mankato, Minnesota; September 12, 2016 – CY2017 Budget Meeting with Human Services, Rural Minnesota Energy Board tour of recycling plant and solar energy farm in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting, Building

Committee, and Martin County EDA meeting; September 13, 2016 – Forfeited Land and Road Tour, Library Board meeting, Border to Border Broadband Conference (Commissioner Mahoney, Scott Higgins) in Duluth, Minnesota, and Pictometry Training at SMEC; September 14, 2016 – South Central Minnesota Multi-County HRA meeting in North Mankato, Minnesota; September 15 & 16, 2016 – AMC Policy meetings (Commissioners Smith & Flohrs) at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, Minnesota; September 16, 2016 – Trimont Town Center celebration; September 19, 2016 – JCD #350 Ditch Hearing in Trimont, Minnesota, Insurance Committee meeting at 10:30 a.m., Work Force meeting at 4:00 p.m., Human Services insurance meeting, Minnesota Valley Action Council meeting, and Fairmont Substance Abuse Prevention meeting; September 20, 2016 – Personnel Committee meeting at 8:15 a.m., regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m., Employee Recognition Day event at 11:30 a.m., and Prairieland meeting at 1:30 p.m.; September 21, 2016 – Faribault-Martin Joint Transit Board meeting at 10:00 a.m., and Human Service Executive Board meeting; September 22, 2016 – Annual South Central EMS meeting at Eagle Lake, Minnesota, and Community Center Feasibility Study meeting; September 23, 2016 – Compensation Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting at 3:00 p.m.; September 27, 2016 – Blandin meeting at 10:30 a.m. and Planning & Zoning at 5:30 p.m.; October 3, 2016 – regular Martin County EDA meeting at 5:15 p.m., Flu Shot Clinic 7-8:30 a.m. at the Courthouse; October 4, 2016 – next regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. (Commissioner Flohrs will be absent from the October 4, 2016 commissioners meeting and Human Services meeting on October 5, 2016).

The Martin County Drainage Authority participated in a joint conference call at 10:26 a.m. with Watonwan County to discuss a repair for JD #9 M&W.

Those present for the joint ditch conference call were: Martin County – Commissioners Flohrs, Schmidtke, and Belgard; and from Watonwan County – Commissioners Brekken, Sanders, and Don Kuhlman, Watonwan County Auditor.

Martin County Commissioner Elliot Belgard will Chair the joint conference call with Watonwan County to discuss a proposed repair to JD #9 M&W.

Commissioner Belgard noted we talked a little bit with Mike (Forstner) and Shane (Fett) about what we're proposing here but you can go ahead and tell us what you want to do.

Watonwan County commissioners asked Martin County's opinion on what needs to be done.

Forstner noted there's a Branch E on the south side of the road that's not under the highway that could probably need fixing; but underneath the highway the overall tile shape is good and solid...there's no cracks. On some of the joints there was a few where you can see the (inaudible) behind it but nothing really major. I don't think it is in need of immediate attention. I think it could probably wait.

Commissioner Schmidtke noted my thought of this whole process by hearing what we heard and I kind of know the area up there...if these guys can maybe meet and do an information meeting because it sounds like they're talking about an improvement so let's find out what they want to do as far as fixing it or making an improvement before we dig up a road. Because even if we

dug up that road to fix it now it would be wrong if they did an improvement. Let's find out what they want to do up there first.

Commissioner Flohrs noted Mike (Forstner) said that he's got records of this two or three years ago and it really hasn't changed much in the last three years so I think we just as well wait until they decide what they're going to do with that improvement and then get it all right then when the road is done.

Watowan County commissioners noted concern as Everett Garlish's camera found some offset of the tile. You didn't find that?

Forstner noted they're not really offset I mean there's a sag in one but that sag has probably been there since the day they put it in. The camera he ran through is a fish finder so it's got a narrow scope of vision and so it amplified on his and there's separation of joints but it is not causing immediate harm to anything. There was banding around it you could see remnants of it in some areas that banding is probably broken so it is slowly deteriorating but I don't think it is to the point where its...in my opinion it can wait until at least the highway is redone. The tile goes through the whole road. The Branch E that could be done right now you don't have to touch the highway...

Watowan County commissioners noted in regard to that concern about the misalignment...where is that spot actually located at?

Forstner noted that's probably midway under the highway probably centerline. It's probably 3 or 4 segments that are sagged slightly under the road. But like I said it's probably been that way since they put it in. Because they're not cracked, they're not...they're just they were probably installed that way.

Watowan County commissioners inquired if the road is going to be reconstructed next year.

Peyman noted right now it looks like it would be 2018.

Watowan County commissioners noted even if the beneficiaries decide to file for a petition for improvement that's going to take over a year to get anything accomplished on that. So, good idea to wait. Thanks, Mike (Forstner) for getting up there and taking a look at that.

No action taken regarding repair of JD #9 M&W.

Commissioner Flohrs inquired of Forstner, so you're going to take care of fixing the one by Ammann's Lane then.

Forstner noted yes, we can do that one.

Peyman noted it's a private tile so they're going to have to decide what they're going to do with the tile...so the void...what we've told them is we'll cut the blacktop and we'll repair the blacktop but they need to decide what they're doing on that tile first.

Forstner noted he will notify the landowner today.

With no further business to wit, Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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Elliot Belgard, Board Chair

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