

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 10, 2009

Minutes of the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners held at the Courthouse, Breckenridge, Minnesota, on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. All Commissioners except Commissioner Folstad were present. Chairman Hovland called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Miranowski and carried, to approve the agenda with additions.

Motion by Miranowski, seconded by Perry and carried, to approve the minutes of the January 13 and January 20, 2009, meetings.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Blaufuss and carried, to authorize the sale of a Highway Department Case Loader.

Commissioner Miranowski offered the following resolution and moved for it's adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blaufuss and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-09 RESOLUTION FOR SEASONAL LOAD RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Wilkin County, Minnesota, has determined:

That because of deterioration due to rain, snow, and spring climatic conditions, the highways hereinafter described could be seriously damaged unless restrictions are imposed as to the weight of vehicles to be operated thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 169.87 Subdivision 1; No person shall operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles upon any of the County Highways in the County of Wilkin and State of Minnesota, as described below, during the period on or after March 1, 2009, through approximately May 15, 2009, where the gross weight of any single axle as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.825 Subdivision 3, exceeds 10,000 pounds (5 tons) except on County Highways stated below. The Engineer in and for said County is hereby directed and authorized to erect and maintain signs plainly indicating the prohibitions and restrictions as stated herein at each end of that portion of any County Highway affected thereby and these restrictions shall be effective and his prohibition shall be effective upon the erection of said signs.

The following County Highways are restricted to **20,000 pounds (10 tons)** per single axle, 34,000 pounds per tandem axle; 42,000 pounds per tridem axle:

County State Aid Highway No. 1

Beginning at TH 75, thence southerly to CSAH 22, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 3

Beginning at TH 75, thence northerly to the Clay County line, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 4

Beginning at TH 75, thence easterly to the East County line, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 5

Beginning at TH 75, thence southerly to CSAH 12, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 6

Beginning at the West County Line, thence easterly to TH 75, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 8

Beginning at the Northeast intersection of TH 9 and CSAH 8 in Doran, Minnesota; thence continue northeasterly and southeasterly to the Southeast intersection of TH 9 and CSAH 8 in Doran; beginning again at the intersection of TH 9 and CSAH 8 near Doran; thence easterly to the East County line, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 9

Beginning at the intersection of CSAH 6, thence northerly to the intersection of TH 75 at Breckenridge, Minnesota and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 10

Beginning at CSAH 12, thence easterly and then northerly to TH 210, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 12

Beginning at the West County line, then easterly and then southerly to CSAH 14, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 14

Beginning at TH 75, thence easterly to CSAH 17 and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 16

Beginning at TH 75, thence northerly to TH 210, and there terminating.

Beginning at TH 75, thence easterly to the Otter Tail County line, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 17

Beginning at TH 210, thence southerly to the intersection of CSAH 14, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 18

Beginning at the West County line, thence easterly to TH 9, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 19

Beginning at the South County line, thence northerly to the North County line, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 21

Beginning at the intersection of CSAH 16, thence northerly to the intersection of CSAH 52 and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 22

Beginning at the West County line, thence easterly to TH 75, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 23

Beginning at TH 210, thence southerly and easterly to CSAH 19, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 24

Beginning at the intersection of CSAH 22, thence northerly to TH 75, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 26

Beginning at TH 75, thence easterly to the East County line, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 30

Beginning at the Red River, thence easterly to I-94, and there terminating. Beginning at the intersection of CSAH 52, thence easterly to I-94 and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 32

Beginning at TH 9, thence easterly to the East County line, and there terminating.

County State Aid Highway No. 52

Beginning at the Clay County line, thence southeasterly to the Otter Tail County line, and there terminating.

Adopted this 10th day of February, 2009.

Lyle Hovland
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)

The County Engineer will call for gravel crushing quotes to be opened on February 17, 2009.

Chairman Hovland closed the meeting at 8:25 A.M. to discuss a personnel issue.

The regular meeting reopened at 8:40 A.M. In summary, Chairman Hovland indicated that the County Commission will consider discussing the possibility of early retirement with any eligible County Employee, on an individual basis.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Blaufuss and carried, to approve the County Engineer's Report.

Motion by Perry, seconded Miranowski and carried, to approve the Sanitarian Service contract with Clay County and authorized the Chairman to sign said contract.

Motion by Miranowski, seconded by Blaufuss and carried, to approve the Public Health Nursing Report.

Rose Ann Hulne, County Treasurer, provided the Commission with a report on the County financial status.

Representatives from GeoCom and the local members of the regional radio board updated the Commission on the assessment of Wilkin County for compliance with the upcoming change to the statewide 800 Mega Hertz communication system. A resolution approving the assessment will be presented by the County Sheriff's Department for adoption at the February 17, 2009, meeting.

David Sayler, Family Service Director, informed the Commission that one of the County's two Child Protection Specialists has resigned to accept a directorship in another county. Sayler indicated that due to the Wilkin County case load in this area, it would not be feasible to go forward with only one Child Protection Specialist. Sayler requested that he be allowed to advertise for and hire to fill this position. After discussion, motion by Perry, seconded by Miranowski and carried, to allow Sayler to advertise for and hire a qualified replacement.

Chairman Hovland closed the regular meeting at 10:05 A.M. to review and discuss the contract negotiations.

Chairman Hovland re-opened the regular meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Miranowski and carried, to allow the Wilkin County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to be added to the Wilkin County e-mail system, with any costs to be paid by the SWCD.

Commissioner Blaufuss offered the following resolution and moved for it's adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranowski and carried.

RESOLUTION 05-09

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Labor Agreement between Wilkin County and the Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employee's Union, Local No. 320 covering certain employees (Deputy Sheriff's) of the County's Sheriff's Department and the wages and benefits described in said agreement for the period January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, be approved and that the Board's Chairman be authorized to enter into a contract in accordance with the terms and conditions described therein.

Adopted this 10th day of February, 2009.

Lyle Hovland
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)

Commissioner Perry offered the following resolution and moved for it's adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranowski and carried.

RESOLUTION 06-09

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Labor Agreement between Wilkin County and the Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employee's Union, Local No. 320, covering certain employees (Essential Non-Licensed Unit) of the County's Sheriff's Department and the wages and benefits described in said agreement for the period January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, be approved and that the Board's Chairman be authorized to enter into a contract in accordance with the terms and conditions described therein.

Adopted this 10th day of February, 2009.

Lyle Hovland
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)

Motion by Miranowski, seconded by Blaufuss and carried, to approve entering into a contract with Vernon Woytassek, Breckenridge, Minnesota, as the County Emergency Management Director, for the year ending December 31, 2009.

Motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Perry and carried, to approve entering into a contract with Ron Verhaagen, Campbell, Minnesota, as the Wilkin County Veterans Service Officer, for the year

ending December 31, 2009.

Several informational items were shared.

With no further business before the Commission and the next regular scheduled meeting set for February 17, 2009, at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Room, Chairman Hovland adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

Lyle Hovland
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(seal)