

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
January 23, 2007

Minutes of the Board of Wilkin County Commissioners held at the Courthouse, Breckenridge, Minnesota, on Tuesday, January 23, 2007. All Commissioners were present. Chairperson Miranowski called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Motion by Folstad, seconded by Hovland and carried, to approve the agenda with additions.

Motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Perry and carried, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2007, meeting, and the January 17, 2007, special meeting.

Motion by Perry, seconded Hovland and carried, to reinstate, effective immediately, the full time Deputy Sheriff position which had been cut during the budgeting process.

Motion by Folstad, seconded by Perry and carried, to deny, based on the County Planning Commission recommendation, an application to establish a salvation yard enterprise in the Wolverton, Minnesota, area.

Sheriff Matejka provided a report on the jail population which indicated the average daily non Wilkin County population was 15 prisoners for the month of December.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Folstad and carried, to approve the law enforcement contracts with the small cities in Wilkin County.

Motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Hovland and carried, to authorize the County Sheriff to use a part time Deputy Sheriff named Ryan Braford on January 29, 2007, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4 P.M. and on January 30, 2007, between the hours of noon and 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of transporting a prisoner from the State Prison in Bismarck, North Dakota, to Breckenridge for a court hearing and then back to the North Dakota State Prison. The approval was based on the following: A requirement of the Minnesota Department of Corrections to name the Deputy Sheriff, the dates and times for an out of state prisoner transport; this is an exception to the fact that the part time Deputy Sheriff positions were eliminated as one of the conditions for the reinstatement of the full time Deputy Position; and, the required Deputy Sheriff information had already been provided to the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Blaufuss and carried, to approve the Ag. Inspector's report.

The following claims were allowed and ordered paid on January 25, 2007, as provided by Chapter 673, Law of 1969, on motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Folstad and carried.

(Claims Here)

Motion by Folstad, seconded by Blaufuss and carried, to approve the following per diems to-wit:

John Blaufuss	\$300.00
Neal Folstad	\$350.00
Lyle Hovland	\$600.00
Stephanie Miranowski	\$350.00
Robert Louis Perry	\$400.00

Motion by Folstad, seconded by Hovland and carried, to appoint Deb Jacobs to the position of Public Health Nursing Director, effective immediately.

Motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Perry and carried, to approve a County Ditch assessment for Ditch #15 in the amount of \$10,000.00, in addition to previously approved ditch assessments.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Blaufuss and carried, to appoint Milan Drewlow as the County's representative on the Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association Board.

Motion by Folstad, seconded by Perry and carried, to authorize the payment of the 2007 truck payment for the County Highway Department, to Daimler Chrysler, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$107,070.67 with an Auditor's Warrant, with said payment to be made after February 1, 2007.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Blaufuss and carried, to approve additional 2006 meal reimbursements in the amount of \$61.62, to be paid with the January payroll.

Several informational items were shared.

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

RESOLUTION 6-07
Loss of Federal Entitlement Benefits

WHEREAS, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Part 435.1008 states that federal financial participation (FFP) is not available in expenditures for services provided to individuals who are inmates of public institutions; and

WHEREAS, states being unable to assume the federal share of providing medical services to FFP eligible persons being held in county jails and detention facilities, tend to terminate or sometimes suspend eligibility; and

WHEREAS, this immediate cessation of benefits occurs prior to the issuance of formal charges or conviction; and

WHEREAS, counties must provide medical services to all persons incarcerated in local jails and detention facilities; and

WHEREAS, the result of this regulation to immediately cease FFP for medical benefits, all costs of medical care must be borne solely by counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners requests

and strongly urges Congress to amend necessary federal statutes to allow federal financial participation for medical benefits to incarcerated individuals until convicted and sentenced to secure detention.

Adopted this 23rd day of January, 2007.

Stephanie Miranowski
Chairperson

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)

Motion by Perry, seconded by Folstad and carried, to approve the Public Health Nursing Report.

Kristi Hastings and Reed Mahlke, of the law firm, Pemberton, Sorlie, Rufer, Kershner, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, presented an offer to provide outside professional legal services to the County.

John Young, Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership, was in attendance to provide information on a Home Repair Assistance Program being offered in Wilkin County.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Folstad and carried, to approve the Welfare Report as presented by David Sayler, Family Services Director.

The regular meeting was closed at 10:45 A.M. for discussion regarding a personnel issue.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:15 A.M.

With no further business before the Commission and the next regular scheduled meeting set for February 13, 2007, at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Room, Chairperson Miranowski adjourned the meeting at 11:16 A.M.

John Blaufuss
Vice Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
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