

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
April 12, 2011

Minutes of the Board of Wilkin County Commissioners held at the Courthouse, Breckenridge, Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Miranowski. Chairman Folstad called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Chairman Folstad closed the meeting at 8:00 A.M. for a conference call with Susan Hansen, the County's consultant for employee contract negotiations, to discuss current progress and the County's future position.

Chairman Folstad reopened the regular meeting at 8:20 A.M. No action taken as a result of the closed meeting.

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

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Perry and carried, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011, meeting and the April 8, 2011, special meeting.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Perry and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase a new, fully equipped truck on the State bid in the amount of \$171,000, with a three (3) year repayment plan, with delivery in December, 2011.

Motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Hovland and carried, to approve payment to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a storm water permit in the amount of \$1,240.00 with an Auditor's warrant.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Hovland and carried, to approve and adopt a County Right-Of-Way Permitting Policy.

Motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Perry and carried, to call for quotes for crackfilling and striping for County roads with quotes due on May 17, 2011.

Commissioner Miranowski joined the meeting.

The Commission received a brief report on the outflow of Orwell and White Rock holding areas.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Blaufuss and carried, to approve the County Highway Report.

Motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Miranowski and carried, to approve the Public Health Nursing Report as provided by Deb Jacobs, Director.

Colleen Murray and Joe Pederson, Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership, presented a report on services provided to Wilkin County residents and requested a resolution authorizing application for Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention and

Assistance Program together with a Letter of Agreement to support Services for Long-Term Homeless People.

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

RESOLUTION 14-11

Resolution Authorizing Application for
Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency
Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorize to undertake a program to provide funds for Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Counties in Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership, Inc. service area has developed an application for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Wilkin County Department of Human/Social Services has demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Wilkin County is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance in the County of Wilkin, Minnesota.

Adopted this 12th day of April, 2011.

Neal Folstad
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Miranowski and carried, to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of agreement for the Support Services for Long-Term Homeless People living in Northwestern Minnesota.

Spencer Nord, representing the MinnDak Upstream Coalition, together with several other concerned citizens, attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Fargo/Moorhead diversion/retention project. Discussion was held regarding the impact on the upstream area and the fact that the project has not researched an upstream environmental, agricultural and residential communities impact for this diversion/retention project. After much discussion, motion by Hovland, seconded by Perry and carried unanimously, to register opposition to the proposed diversion/retention project.

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

RESOLUTION 15-11

WHEREAS, County of Wilkin has sustained severe losses of major proportion, caused by the 2011 Spring flooding of the dates of March 2011 - April 2011; and

WHEREAS, Wilkin County is a public entity within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, substantial damage has been sustained to public/private property, as outlined in the attached damage assessment forms; and

WHEREAS, the cost recovery from this disaster is beyond the resources available within the County and State and Federal resources are necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners, for and on behalf of the citizens of Wilkin County, request the Governor of the State of Minnesota to petition the President of the United States to declare the County of Wilkin, Minnesota, to be a major disaster area, through appropriate channels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this request is for:

- The Public Assistance Program Only.
- The Individual Assistance Program Only.
- The Public Assistance and Individual Assistance Programs.
- A Small Business Administration Declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Emergency Management director is authorized to coordinate the damage assessment teams with local government, and assist in the administration of the disaster recovery process, as needed.

Adopted this 12th day of April, 2011.

Neal Folstad
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 Hovland and carried.

RESOLUTION 16-11

2011 Memorial Day Appropriation

WHEREAS, Sec. 375.35, Minnesota Statutes, provides that County Boards may appropriate annually to each post of recognized military serviceman's organization incorporated in the State of Minnesota within their respective County, not to exceed the sum of \$100.00 to be used for expenses incurred for Memorial Day Services; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 375.35, Minnesota Statutes, provides that the County Board of each County may appropriate from the Revenue Fund of the County not more than \$400.00 annually to aid in the observance of Memorial Day in commemoration of the noble and valiant deeds of the Nation's soldier dead; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated to each of the

following organizations in Wilkin County to wit: Knud Ellingson Post No. 376, Rothsay, MN; Alfred Lockman Post No. 53, Breckenridge, MN; Nelson-Otteson Post No. 370, Wolverton, MN; Veterans of Foreign Wars #2776, Breckenridge, MN, and the County Auditor be authorized to issue warrants in payment of same.

Adopted this 12th day of April, 2011.

Neal Folstad

Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)

Motion by Blaufuss, seconded by Hovland and carried, to approve a contract with Mark Sand and Gravel Company of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, for County Project No. SAP 084-630-020 and authorized the Chairman and County Auditor to sign said contract.

Motion by Miranowski, seconded by Hovland and carried, to approve a contract with Central Specialties, Inc. of Alexandria, Minnesota, for County Project No. SAP 084-612-011 and authorized the Chairman and County Auditor to sign said contract.

Brief discussion regarding a questionable billing in the amount of \$140.00, resulted in a motion by Perry, seconded by Miranowski and carried, to instruct the County Auditor to include said bill in the Commissioners warrants in May, since deadline for April warrants has passed.

Several informational items were shared.

With no further business before the Commission and the next meeting set for April 19, 2011, at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Room, Chairman Folstad adjourned the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Neal Folstad
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(seal)