

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
September 10, 2013

Minutes of the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners held at the Courthouse, Breckenridge, Minnesota, on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. All Commissioners were present. Chairman Blaufuss called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Motion by Folstad, seconded by Perry and carried, to approve the agenda.

Motion by Miranowski, seconded by Hovland and carried, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2013, meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 29-13

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that a county update and revise their local water management plan on a periodic basis; and

WHEREAS, the Act encourages that a county coordinate its planning with contiguous counties, and solicit input from local governmental units and state review agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that plans and official controls of other local governmental units be consistent with the local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2008, Board of Water & Soil Resources(BWSR) approved the Wilkin County Local Water Management Plan through December 31, 2017; with Goals, Objectives and Action Items being amended prior to December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2012, BWSR approved a two year extension to Wilkin County to amend the Goals, Objectives, and Action Items of the Wilkin County Local Water Management Plan prior to December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), as part of its ten year watershed approach, has initiated the development of Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPs) within the watersheds to address water quality impairments and protection needs for lakes and streams on a watershed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Red Watershed District will complete an amendment of their Overall Plan in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Bois de Sioux Watershed District will complete an amendment of their Overall Plan in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners finds that it would be beneficial to

synchronize the updating of it's Local Water Management Plan with the watershed district water management plan update schedule and the MPCA Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy schedule.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners requests BWSR to rescind it's prior order dated September 26, 2012, which extended the required five year update of the local water management plan to December 31, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners requests BWSR to waive the five year required plan update and extend the required 10 year amendment of the Wilkin County Local Water Management Plan until one (1) year following the last Watershed District Plan amendment or December 31, 2018, as per BWSR Resolution #12-85 dated September 26, 2012.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2013.

John Blaufuss
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)

The Wilkin County Commissioners set December 5, 2013, in the Commissioners Room, at 6:30 P.M. as the date, place and time for the Truth-in-Taxation meeting for payable 2014. The purpose of this public meeting is to discuss the County's 2014 budget and tax levy.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Miranowski and carried, to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between Wilkin County and the City of Wolverton.

County Ag Inspector, Wayne Krump, provided a quarterly report.

Motion by Miranowski, seconded by Perry and carried, to call for bids for the delivery of 19,000 tons of crushed gravel to the Krause Lot, with the bids to be opened on October 8, 2013, at 8:30 A.M.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Folstad and carried, to call for bids for a new motorgrader for delivery in 2014, with the bids to be opened on October 8, 2013, at 8:35 A.M.

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

The Wilkin County Commission publically recognized Roger Ellefson, Barnesville, MN. for his 41 years of service as the Wilkin County Watershed Manager on the Buffalo-Red River Watershed Board of Managers.

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

RESOLUTION 30-13

WHEREAS, the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners desires to maintain a strong public health infrastructure now and into the future; and

WHEREAS; the Wilkin County Board, through one Commissioner, the County Auditor, a lay community member, staff participation and consultation from the Minnesota Department of Health, has thoroughly studied the opportunities and challenges associated with the formation of a Community Health Board comprised of Clay County, Becker County, Otter Tail County, and Wilkin County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners approves the merging of the Wilkin County Board of Health with Becker, Clay and Otter Tail County Boards of Health into one Community Health Board. (Partnership4HealthCHB) effective January 1, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners commits to provide Commissioner and staff participation necessary to continue the planning and development process.

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2013.

John Blaufuss
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)

Motion by Folstad, seconded by Hovland and carried, to provide flu shots for County Employees at no charge.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Miranowski and carried, to approve the Public Health Report as presented by Deb Jacobs, Director.

Sheriff Fiedler updated the Commission on the progression of a grievance filed by a dismissed employee.

Matt Brodina, Jail Administrator, provided a jail update.

Melea Marple, County Tech Committee member, provided a Tech Committee report for the Commission.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Folstad and carried, to set and certify the proposed payable 2014 Wilkin County Tax Levy, based on the state imposed 2014 levy limit of \$6,888,527.00 and a qualifying allowable special levy for payment of bonded debt in the amount of \$327,398.00, for a total 2014 tax levy in the amount of \$7,215,925.00.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Miranowski and carried, to set the proposed 2014 Wilkin County budget in the amount of \$16,723,599.00.

Several informational items were shared.

Chairman Blaufuss closed the regular meeting at 10:00 A.M. for discussion on contract negotiations.

Chairman Blaufuss opened the regular meeting at 10:34 A.M., with no action taken as a result of the closed meeting.

With no further business before the Commission and the next meeting set for Tuesday, September 17, 2013, in the Commissioners Room, at 8:00 A.M., Chairman Blaufuss adjourned the meeting at 10:35 A.M.

John Blaufuss
Chairman

Attest: Wayne Bezenek
County Auditor
(Seal)