

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

State of Minnesota }  
County of Kanabec }  
Office of the County Coordinator

**April 18, 2007**

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Kim Smith, Kathi Ellis, Jerry Nelson, Kevin Troupe and Les Nielsen.

The Chairperson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action #1 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Action #2 - It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting as presented.

Each commissioner gave a report of the activities of the Boards and Committees in which they participate.

Action #3 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to recess the board meeting at 9:11am to a time immediately following the Human Service Board.

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The Kanabec County **Human Service Board** met at **9:11am** on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Kathi Ellis, Les Nielsen, Kim Smith, Jerry Nelson, and Kevin Troupe. Wendy Thompson, Acting Family Service Agency Director, presented the Human Services agenda. Items discussed included the budget, staffing, finances, and other agency business.

Action #HS4 - It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda of the Human Service Board as presented.

Action #HS5 - It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to authorize Acting Family Service Agency Director Wendy Thompson to purchase furniture for Room 177 in the Public Service Building from S & T Office Products at a cost of \$4,651.90 + tax.

Action #HS5 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to approve payment of 145 claims totaling \$190,602.55.

Action #HS6 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Human Service Board at 9:47am to meet again on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 9:05am.

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The meeting of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners resumed.

Commissioners continued with reports of the activities of the Boards and Committees in which they participate.

Action #7 – It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### **Resolution #7 – 04/18/07**

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners has been presented with a request for lawful gambling within Kanabec County, and

**WHEREAS** the application was complete, included all necessary documentation, appears in accordance with County Policies and the applicant and facility owners are in good standing with the County;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Premises Permit Application for the Ogilvie Lions for charitable gambling held at the Station 65, 1365 Highway 65, Mora, MN 55051.

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**10:00am** – County Attorney Amy Brosnahan met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning her office.

Action #8 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### **Resolution #8 – 04/18/07**

**WHEREAS** as a result of a familial relationship with the Chairman of the Kanabec Hospital Board the Kanabec County Attorney will be referring all County health law related matters, including health law matters related to Kanabec Hospital and Allina Clinic to an Assistant County Attorney, and

**WHEREAS** Assistant County Attorney Kelly Nash has a background in health care law and it is in the best interests of Kanabec County to have such matters handled by an experienced health care attorney, and

**WHEREAS** Assistant County Attorney Kelly Nash was previously engaged in private practice and as part of her duties therein she represented Allina, and

**WHEREAS** Allina has agreed to waive any potential conflict posed by this prior representation, and

**WHEREAS** a similar acknowledgement and waiver by the county board would clear Assistant County Attorney Nash to represent the county in health care matters including those that may involve Allina;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners agrees to waive any potential conflict presented by the prior representation of Allina by Assistant County Attorney Kelly Nash.

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Action #9 – It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### **Resolution #9 – 04/18/07**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to close the meeting at 10:03am pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, MN Statute §13D.05, subd. 3(b) to discuss matters related to on-going litigation, specifically Allina vs Kanabec County.

Those present during the closed portion of the meeting include Commissioners Kevin Troupe, Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis and Kim Smith. Also present were County Coordinator Alan B. Peterson, County Attorney Amy Brosnahan, Assistant County Attorney Kelly Nash, County Assessor Dan Weber and Anoka County Assistant County Attorney Tom Haluska.

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Action #10 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to reopen the meeting at 10:30am.

**10:30am** – County Engineer Greg Nikodym met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning the Highway Department.

Action #11 – It was moved by Kevin Troupe, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### **Resolution #11 – 04/18/07**

**WHEREAS** The County Board has been presented with a request to pay a right-of-way claim for SP 33-602-16, the reconstruction of CSAH No. 2 from CSAH No. 12 to TH No. 65:

**BE IT RESOLVED** to pay the following right-of-way claim:  
James Schultz ..... \$ 2,084.00

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*Action #12* – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## **Resolution #12 – 04/18/07**

**WHEREAS**, Kanabec County has been awarded a grant to install guardrail on five (5) bridges within Kanabec County, and

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer has recommended that Erickson Engineering be retained to complete the design of the guardrail at these locations,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board chairperson and County Engineer are authorized to sign a proposal with Erickson Engineering for the design of guardrails on four (4) bridges located within Kanabec County.

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*Action #13* – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## **Resolution #13 – 04/18/07** **ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the County Highway Department budget includes funds for the hiring of seasonal employees, and

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer has requested approval to hire two seasonal employees to perform seasonal maintenance work on County Highways, and

**WHEREAS** the board desires to fill these seasonal positions;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board authorizes County Engineer Greg Nikodym and the County Personnel Director to hire two full-time, seasonal workers for the 2007 season, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rate of pay will be set at the time of hire by the County Engineer and Personnel Director at \$9.92, \$10.52, \$11.15 or \$11.82 per hour, depending on qualifications.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the hours of work for this position be limited to those budgeted.

**10:57am** – County Assessor Dan Weber met with the County Board to discuss abatements.

Action #14 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## **Resolution #14 – 04/18/07**

**WHEREAS** the County Assessor has found clerical errors made on the data for certain properties in Kanabec County, and

**WHEREAS** the County Assessor and County Auditor have indicated their approval of the correction of the errors as indicated by their signatures below,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board accept the recommendations of the County Assessor and the County Auditor and exercise the County Board’s authority under Minnesota Statute 375.192, Subd. 2 to approve the correction of the clerical errors as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Reason for Abatement/Addition</b>	<b>Original Taxes</b>	<b>New Taxes</b>	<b>Amount of Change</b>
Laurel J Schewe	03.01495.00	Clerical Error - Homestead	\$916.00	\$478.00	- \$438.00
Mike Ehleringer	04.01315.30	Clerical Error - Homestead	\$400.00	\$324.00	- \$76.00
Mike Ehleringer	04.01315.20	Changes because of 04.01315.30	\$1,136.00	\$1,164.00	\$28.00
Charles & Renee Hime	09.01435.10	Clerical Error - Homestead	\$1,646.00	\$1,356.00	- \$290.00
Curtis & Pauline Jerde	09.01540.00	DOR - approval for BPVD received late	\$2,224.00	\$2,110.00	- \$114.00
<b>Total Changes</b>			<b>\$6,322.00</b>	<b>\$5,432.00</b>	<b>- \$890.00</b>

11:00am – The board took a 5 minute break.

**11:07am** - The Chairperson then called for public comment. Those who responded included:

Bob Strom	Wants to hire more help for Veteran’s Service Officer
Bob Swetz	Agrees with Bob Strom

**11:14am** - The Chairperson closed public comment

**11:32am** – County Sheriff Steve Schulz, Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Jensen and Jail Administrator Joanne Nelson met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning the Sheriff's Office.

Action #15 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## **Resolution #15 – 04/18/07**

### **ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy in the position of Deputy Sheriff, and

**WHEREAS** the board desires to refill this vacant position;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board authorizes County Sheriff Steve Schulz and the County Personnel Director to hire a Full-Time Deputy Sheriff at 40 hours per week to fill the vacant position at Step A, Range 11 of the pay plan which is \$18.13 per hour or the rate set by rule for internal promotion, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the hours of work for this position be limited to those budgeted, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to authorize County Sheriff Steve Schulz and the County Personnel Director to refill any subsequent vacancies that may occur within the department due to internal promotion.

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Action #16 – It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a Higher Ground Call Recording system including Report Commander Pro and Dispatch Evaluation Software at a cost of \$25,090 + tax from E911 Funds.

Action #17 – It was moved by Kevin Troupe, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## **Resolution #17 – 04/18/07**

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners did, by Resolution #69-01/02/07, release for the county health insurance for bid, and

**WHEREAS** the board's intentions for bid alternates appears do not appear to have been met, and

**WHEREAS** the bid results do not appear to be in the best interests of the county, and

**WHEREAS** the county has one year remaining before a mandatory health insurance bid is required by statute;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reject all health insurance bids received pursuant to County Board Resolution #69-01/02/07.

*Action #18* – It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### **Resolution #18 – 04/18/07**

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners did, by Resolution #69-01/02/07, release for the county health insurance for bid, and

**WHEREAS** the board did, by Resolution #17-04/18/07, reject all bids, and

**WHEREAS** the current county health insurance contract expires June 30, 2007, and

**WHEREAS** the board does wish to extend the current contract for six months to provide an opportunity revise and re-release the bid documents;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to accept a six month extension from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Minnesota at the following rates:

	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Single	\$596.50	\$512.00	\$448.00	\$441.00
Family	\$1,324.00	\$1,136.00	\$994.00	\$978.00

*Action #19* - It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 12:15pm to meet in regular session on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 6:30pm.

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners,  
Kanabec County, Minnesota

*Attest:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan B. Peterson, Kanabec County Coordinator