

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

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

## February 15, 2006

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Stan Cooper, Kathi Ellis, Dennis McNally, Jerry Nelson, and Les Nielsen.

The Chairperson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action #1 - It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of "property lines."

Action #2 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the February 8, 2006 minutes of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners as corrected: Action #12, Correct "Denise Nordenstrom" to "Denise Nordstrom."

Action #3 - It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to recess the board meeting at 9:05am to a time immediately following the Human Service Board.

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The Kanabec County **Human Service Board** met at **9:05am** on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Kathi Ellis, Les Nielsen, Stan Cooper, Jerry Nelson, and Dennis McNally. Phil Peterson, 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 Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda of the Human Service Board with the addition of Trillium and Rental of House.

Action #HS5 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve payment of 154 claims totaling \$191,436.51 on Welfare Funds.

Action #HS6 - It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Human Service Board at 9:56am to meet again on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 9:05am.

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The meeting of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners resumed.

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

Action #7 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to recess the board meeting at 10:10am to a time immediately following the Public Health Board.

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The Kanabec County **Public Health Board** met at **10:11am** on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Kathi Ellis, Les Nielsen, Stan Cooper, Jerry Nelson, and Dennis McNally. Wendy Thompson, Public Health Director, presented the Health Board agenda. Items discussed included agency finances, contracts, staffing and other agency business.

Action #PH8 - It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the Public Health Board Agenda as presented.

Action #PH9 – Jerry Nelson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

***Resolution PH9 – 02/15/06***  
**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS** the board did by Action #PH13--10/19/05, "...authorize the Personnel Director to submit a job titled "Family Health Supervisor" to the Employer's Association for review", and

**WHEREAS** the results of that review are now available, and

**WHEREAS** Public Health Service Director Wendy Thompson has recommended approval of the evaluation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following valuation of the Family Health Supervisor:

Qualifications	q66	144
Decisions	d31	63
Problem Solving	p18	74
Relationships	r24	106
Effort A	ea9	5
Effort B	eb11	12
Hazards	h17	13
Environment	n13	13
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>430 points</b>

which results in a Pay Range of 16.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Kathi Ellis and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted:

**IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis, Stan Cooper  
**OPPOSED:** Dennis McNally  
**ABSTAIN:** None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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Action #PH10 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution PH10 – 02/15/06***

**WHEREAS** Public Health Service Director Wendy Thompson has requested the creation of a Family Health Supervisor position; and

**WHEREAS** the board desires to create this position, and

**WHEREAS** this position would be created by upgrading an existing Public Health Nursing position rather than expanding staff;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board hereby waives the requirements of Policy P-102, III.C which require posting the vacancy and appoints Janelle Schroeder to the position of Family Health Supervisor effective February 18, 2006 at the rate of pay set by rule for internal promotion, and

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

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Action #PH11 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution PH11 – 02/15/06***  
**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS** there are vacancies in the position of Home Health Aide, and

**WHEREAS** the board desires to refill these vacant positions;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board authorizes Public Health Service Director Wendy Thompson and the County Personnel Director to hire two part-time

Home Health Aides to refill the vacant positions at Step A, Range 5 of the pay plan which is \$12.53 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.

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Action #PH12 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to authorize Public Health Service Director Wendy Thompson to apply for a Blue Cross/Blue Shield of MN grant titled “Communities on the Move.”

Action #PH13 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve a Foster Care Agreement for Waivered Services Client between Kanabec County Public Health and Resa Turner, 2459-210<sup>th</sup> Ave, Mora, MN 55051 for the time period February 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

Action #PH14 - It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Public Health Board at 11:02am to meet again in regular session on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 10:05am.

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The board took a 5-minute break.

**11:07am** - The Chairperson then called for public comment. None responded.

**11:13am** - The Chairperson closed public comment.

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

**11:35am** – Marilyn Hall with the Pokegama Lake Association met with the County Board to discuss gambling approvals.

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

### ***Resolution 15 – 02/15/06***

**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 facility owners are in good standing with the County;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Application lawful gambling--Pull-Tabs--for the Pokegama Lake Association for charitable gambling held at Captain Dan's Crow Nest, 2743 Hwy 65, Mora, MN 55051.

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Action #16 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 16 – 02/15/06***

**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 facility owners are in good standing with the County;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Application lawful gambling--Pull-Tabs--for the Pokegama Lake Association for charitable gambling held at Rob's on Knife Lake, 2732 Hwy 65, Mora, MN 55051.

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**11:45am** – Environmental Services Director Teresa Bearce met with the County Board to present a Natural Resources Block Grant.

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

***Resolution 17 – 02/15/06***

**WHEREAS** Kanabec County has previously entered into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for a Natural Resources Block Grant covering the time period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007, and

**WHEREAS** the board has received the financial terms for the second year;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to authorize the Chairperson to sign a “Kanabec County 2006 Allocation and Contribution Plan Statement” and a “State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources 2006 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement.”

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**11:50am** – Auditor/Treasurer Denise Cooper met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning the county audit. It was agreed to have the Auditor/Treasurer solicit quotes for audit services.

**12:12pm** – Bruce Omtvedt met with the County Board to discuss options for a possible jail project. Also present were County Sheriff Steve Schulz, Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Jensen, Jail Administrator Joanne Nelson and Maintenance Supervisor Bill Martin.

Action #18 – Jerry Nelson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

### ***Resolution 18 – 02/15/06***

**WHEREAS** the jail architect has presented three possible options for a jail adjacent to the Courthouse:

1. a design between the Courthouse and old railroad right of way, and
2. a design south of the old railroad right of way and linked to the courthouse by a submerged or semi-submerged tunnel, and
3. a design using the old railroad right of way, and

**WHEREAS** the board wishes to give the architect a direction to focus on;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to direct Klein-McCarthy to focus on Option #2, a design south of the old railroad right of way.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Kathi Ellis and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted:

**IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis, Stan Cooper

**OPPOSED:** Dennis McNally

**ABSTAIN:** None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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Action #19 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve payment of a claim totaling \$5,754.53 to Klein McCarthy for architectural services on a proposed jail project.

Action #20 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### ***Resolution 20 – 02/15/06***

**WHEREAS** Minnesota Statute §6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed changes to state mandates, and

**WHEREAS** the State Auditor has encouraged local units of government to take this opportunity to suggest improvements, and

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners supports actions which could lower costs, improve services to the public and make expenditures more accountable, and

**WHEREAS** the use of computerized telephone messages, known as an automatic dialing devices ("ADAD"), is generally prohibited to residences by Federal law, and

**WHEREAS** this prohibition prudently prohibits such calls to emergency lines, doctor's offices and hospitals, and

**WHEREAS** ADAD calls are currently legal to places of business, including units of government, and

**WHEREAS** non-business-related mass marketing calls are not an appropriate use of public sector resources or worker time, and

**WHEREAS** the experience of Kanabec County is that ADAD callers are not receptive to removing blocks of numbers from their call list, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners supports legislative action to supplement Federal law and ban the use of ADAD calls to units of government in Minnesota.

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*Action #21* – Dennis McNally introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

***Resolution 21 – 02/15/06***

**WHEREAS** Minnesota Statute §6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed changes to state mandates, and

**WHEREAS** the State Auditor has encouraged local units governments to take this opportunity to suggest improvements, and

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners supports actions which could lower costs, improve services to the public and make expenditures more accountable, and

**WHEREAS** M.S. §279.09 requires the delinquent tax list to be published twice, and

**WHEREAS** M.S. §375.17, Subd. 3 requires two publications of the county financial statement, and

**WHEREAS** in each case the second publication doubles the publishing cost without corresponding value to the taxpayers, and

**WHEREAS** neither first or second publication is an effective way of communication and such publication is an unnecessary remnant of a previous time when publication was a legitimate way to reach people, and

**WHEREAS** it would better serve the public and cost less tax dollars if there was one newspaper publication and then posted on the county web site;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners supports elimination of the second publishing requirements of M.S. §279.09 and §375.17, Subd. 3 when the same information is posted on a county web site.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Jerry Nelson and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted:

**IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Dennis McNally, Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, Stan Cooper

**OPPOSED:** Kathi Ellis

**ABSTAIN:** None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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Action #22 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### ***Resolution 22 – 02/15/06***

**WHEREAS** the board did appoint a Jail Committee to investigate the Kanabec County jail situation, and

**WHEREAS** the Committee has completed its work;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to dissolve the jail committee.

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Action #23 - It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 2:23pm to meet in regular session on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 6:30pm.

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

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