

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

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

February 21, 2007

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Wednesday, February 21, 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 Jerry Nelson, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of the jail.

Action #2 - It was moved by Kevin Troupe, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the February 14, 2007 minutes of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners as presented.

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

Action #3 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to recess the board meeting at 9:14am to a time immediately following the Human Service Board.

The Kanabec County **Human Service Board** met at **9:14am** on Wednesday, February 21, 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 with deletion of #5 "Computer Equipment Request."

Action #HS5 - Kevin Troupe introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution HS5 – 02/21/07

ORDER OF THE BOARD

WHEREAS the Acting Family Service Agency Director has requested the addition of a new Financial Worker position, and

WHEREAS the board desires to fill this new position;

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board authorizes the Acting Family Service Agency Director and the County Personnel Director to hire a full-time Financial Worker at 40 hours per week to fill the vacant position at Step A, Range 6 of the pay plan which is \$13.55 per hour or the rate set by rule for internal promotion.

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: Kevin Troupe, Jerry Nelson, Kathi Ellis, Kim Smith
OPPOSED: Les Nielsen
ABSTAIN: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Action #HS6 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve payment of 153 claims totaling \$258,284.15 on the Welfare Fund.

Action #HS7 - It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Human Service Board at 10:30am to meet again on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 9:05am.

The meeting of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners resumed.

10:30am - Environmental Services Director Teresa Bearce met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning SCORE Funds and Household Hazardous Waste.

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

Resolution 8 – 02/21/07

WHEREAS the Environmental Services Director has requested approval to hold and set a date for a Household Hazardous Waste collection day, and

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners support such an event;

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize holding a Household Hazardous Waste collection day on May 12, 2007, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that county costs will be paid with Surcharge Funds.

10:39am - Valarie Prax met with the County Board to discuss a Kanabec County Clean-Up Day:

Action #9 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 9 – 02/21/07

WHEREAS the board has received a request for support of a Kanabec County Clean-Up Day to be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007, and

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners and Environmental Services Director support such an event;

BE IT RESOLVED that the county will provide up to \$3,000, with the funding source being Surcharge Funds.

10:48am - County Assessor Dan Weber met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning his office.

Action #10 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #10 – 02/21/07

WHEREAS the County Assessor does charge townships for appraisal services, and

WHEREAS this rate is adjusted periodically;

BE IT RESOLVED to set the 2008 billing rate at an average of \$6.48 per parcel and 2009 billing rate at an average of \$6.69 per parcel.

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

11:05am - The Chairperson then called for public comment three times. None responded.

11:06am - The Chairperson closed public comment.

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

11:15am - The board took a ten minute break.

11:35am - Scott Miller with the Emergency Medical Service Board met with the County Board to present a report and request support.

Action #11 - It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to send a letter to the Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Region in support of the grant application of the Emergency Medical Service Board.

12:00 Noon - Robert Goede with the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust met with the County Board to present an annual report. The board took the information under advisement.

Action #12 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to recess the board meeting at 12:34pm to a time immediately following the Regional Rail Authority Board Meeting.

The Kanabec County **Regional Rail Authority** met at **12:34pm** on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 pursuant to recess with the following Board Members present: Kathi Ellis, Les Nielsen, Kim Smith, Jerry Nelson, and Kevin Troupe.

Action #RA13 - It was moved by Kevin Troupe, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Action #RA14 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #RA14 – 02/21/07

WHEREAS the Rail Authority Advisory Committee has developed applications for grant funding to assist in the purchase of the rail bed from Mora to the Pine County line, and

WHEREAS the Rail Authority Advisory Committee has presented the Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority with a request to submit the grant application, and

WHEREAS there is wide-ranging public interest and support in acquiring the rail bed from Mora to the Pine County line for the purpose of rail bed preservation and interim trail use, and

WHEREAS draft copies of grant applications have been submitted to the board for approval;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority supports the acquisition of the rail bed from Mora to the Pine County line for the purpose of rail bed preservation and interim trail use and authorizes and directs the Rail Authority Clerk (County Coordinator) to submit applications for state and Federal grants for financial

assistance in acquiring the rail bed.

Action #RA15 - It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #RA15 – 02/21/07

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority is submitting an application for grant funds to purchase the Burlington Northern Sante Fe rail bed from the City of Mora to the Pine County line, and

WHEREAS the rail bed would be purchased for rail bed preservation and interim trail use, and

WHEREAS it is the intent of the Rail Authority for long-term trail use in the absence of a need for the rail bed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority hereby commits to maintain the trail for a minimum of twenty years.

Action #RA16 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting of the Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority Board at 12:50pm.

The meeting of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners resumed. The board discussed union issues and a proposed jail.

Action #17 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson to adjourn at 2:15pm; the motion died for lack of a second.

The board continued jail discussions.

Action #18 - It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 2:31pm to meet in regular session on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 6:30pm.

Signed _____

Chairperson of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners,
Kanabec County, Minnesota

Attest: _____

Alan B. Peterson, Kanabec County Coordinator