

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

State of Minnesota
County of Kanabec
Office of the County Coordinator

February 21, 2001

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Dennis Schulz, Stan Cooper, Kathi Ellis, Dennis McNally and Dave Ulstrom.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

It was moved by Dave Ulstrom, and seconded by Kathi Ellis, and **carried** unanimously to renew a Host County Contract between the Family Service Agency and "Country Kids" for residential group home services - Rule 8 care.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 1 - 02/21/01 ORDER OF THE BOARD

WHEREAS there is a vacancy in the position of Community Support Technician,
and

WHEREAS the board desires to refill this vacant position;

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board authorizes the Family Service Agency Director and the County Personnel Director to hire a Community Support Technician to refill the vacant position at Step A, Range 5 of the pay plan which is \$9.74 per hour, and

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

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dennis McNally, and **carried** unanimously to pay mileage to the volunteer vet's van driver retroactive to January 1, 2001.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 2 - 02/21/01 ORDER OF THE BOARD

WHEREAS there is a vacancy in the area of collections in the Family Service Agency, and

WHEREAS the board desires to fill this vacant need;

BE IT RESOLVED to increase the hours of Lowell Sedlacek from 25 to 33 hours per week to provide 8 hours per week for collections in the Family Service Agency effective February 5, 2001.

It was moved by Dave Ulstrom, and seconded by Dennis Schulz, and **carried** unanimously to approve the Fiscal Supervisor's attendance at a Fiscal Conference and including transportation, lodging and registration.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Kathi Ellis, and **carried** unanimously to authorize two Family Service Agency employees to attend a Fraud Conference in May, including transportation, lodging and registration.

It was moved by Dave Ulstrom, and seconded by Kathi Ellis, and **carried** unanimously to authorize two Family Service Agency employees to attend an MSSA Conference in March, including transportation, lodging and registration.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously to approve a host county contract for purchase of Mental Health Services between the Kanabec County Family Service Agency and Country Services, Inc.

12:05pm - County Assessor Sue Kondratowicz and County Auditor/Treasurer Denise Cooper met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning assessment fees and tax increment financing.

It was moved by Dave Ulstrom, and seconded by Kathi Ellis, and **carried** unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 3 - 02/21/01

WHEREAS per M.S. 273.05 states "the town or city shall pay to the county treasurer the amount determined by the county auditor to be due for the services performed and expenses incurred by the county assessor in acting as

assessor for such town or city”, and

WHEREAS Kanabec County has not increased the charges to the townships and cities in the county for assessing services since 1997 and the current charges do not cover the cost of services performed and expenses incurred in completing those services, and

WHEREAS the current average charge of \$2.42 per parcel is far below those charged by other area counties, and

WHEREAS the County Auditor concurs with the attached pay schedule recommendations of the County Assessor;

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board accept the recommendations of the County Assessor and the County Auditor and approve the per parcel charge schedule to be incrementally increased from payable year 2002 to 2005 as listed below:

Parcel Classification	2002	2003	2004	2005.
Agricultural	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Timber	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00
Seasonal	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Residential	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Vacant Residential	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00
Apartments	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$10.00
Commercial/Industrial	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$10.00
Utility	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Exempt	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00
Average per parcel charge	\$3.28	\$3.92	\$4.91	\$5.91

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Kathi Ellis, and **carried** unanimously to approve the February 14, 2001 Minutes of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners as corrected: the resolution to reopen the meeting should be 2:03pm instead of 1:03pm, on Resolution 14--correct the motion made by from Dennis Schulz to Dennis McNally and correct the job title from Engineering Aide to Jail Administrator.

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

11:05am - Information Systems Director Jessie Isham met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning computer systems consultants. No action was taken at this time.

11:35am - County Engineer Greg Nikodym and Snake River Watershed Director Matt Huddleston met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning the Snake River Watershed.

12:05pm - Sheriff Ernie Blaisdell met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning grants and staffing.

It was moved by Dennis McNally, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 4 - 02/21/01 ORDER OF THE BOARD

WHEREAS the Sheriff has an opportunity to enter into a grant agreement providing in excess of \$120,000 over the next three years for the hiring of a Deputy Sheriff, and

WHEREAS the hiring of a deputy would fill an identified need;

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Sheriff is authorized to enter into a grant agreement for funding a new deputy sheriff, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board authorizes the County Sheriff and the County Personnel Director to hire a Deputy Sheriff \$13.70 per hour.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dennis McNally, and **carried** unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 5 - 02/21/01

WHEREAS each county in Minnesota has a minimum level of service it is required to perform by state & Federal law, the court system and the will of the public, and

WHEREAS even the counties least able to pay are required to meet these mandated requirements, and

WHEREAS the ability to pay for these mandated requirements varies considerably from county to county, and

WHEREAS Kanabec County is an economically disadvantaged county as evidenced by a weak tax base, high unemployment, low family incomes and recent loss of one of the counties few major employers, and

WHEREAS the only method currently at the county's disposal to obtain

sufficient funds to meet operating minimums is to raise property taxes--a method rarely popular, and

WHEREAS, by public law, counties may do only that permitted by the legislature which means the counties must rely on the legislature for the means to correct these inequities, and

WHEREAS one method of ameliorating the financial burden of government is one now used by the State of Minnesota itself: lawful gambling, and

WHEREAS the authority to either operate a gambling operation or license others to do so would provide the means to increase funds without raising property taxes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners requests that the State of Minnesota grant Kanabec County the authority to enter the arena of lawful gambling to include operating or licensing a variety of gambling operations as might typically be found in a casino setting.

It was moved by Dennis McNally, and seconded by Kathi Ellis, and **carried** unanimously to approve payment of a claim in the amount of \$5,298.47 to Hohn Auto Body.

It was moved by Dennis McNally, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 6 - 02/21/01

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Walt Barlow to the Board of Adjustment as an Alternate Member to fill the unexpired portion of a three year term commencing immediately and expiring January 7, 2003.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously at 1:40pm to adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at 6:30pm.

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

Attest: _____
Kanabec County Coordinator