
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

State of Minnesota
County of Kanabec
Office of the County Coordinator

February 23, 2000

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 23, 2000 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Tom Roeschlein, Dennis Schulz, Dennis McNally, Dave Ulstrom, and Stan Cooper.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously to approve the agenda.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and carried unanimously to approve the February 16, 2000 Minutes of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners as presented.

7:02pm - Terry Salmela met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning landscaping on the courthouse renovation/expansion project and present information regarding Extension projects. No action was taken at this time.

It was moved by Dennis McNally, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously to approve the February 21, 2000 minutes of the Kanabec Hospital Board and pay the following claims on the Hospital Fund:

AAAAI	15.00
Ace Hardware	78.62
Advance Medical Desians	216.55
Grace Akkerman	143.99
Airgas North Central	2,146.49
Alleqiance Healthcare Cor	2,518.73
Allerderm Laboratories	63.00
Allina Laboratories	216.00
American Medical Associates	195.80
Amer Soc of Health-Svs PH	155.00
Angelica Uniform Group	806.33
American Red Cross	3,674.35
Sunset Hospitaliv. Inc.	99.05
Aorn	53.00
United States Surgical	2,488.57
Apple Medical Corporation	133.83
Arrow International. Inc.	180.10
Atrium Medical Corporation	258.00
B & B Storage Units	600.00

Balego and Associates	519.95
Ball Dynamics Inter	102.80
Diane Bankers	66.70
Bard Interventional	230.64
Beiersdork - Jobst. Inc.	113.52
Baxter Healthcare	21.38
Bio Merieux. Inc.	375.52
Bird & Cronin. Inc.	46.18
Blue Cross Blue Shield	375.00
Briqqs Corp	98.03
Brissman - Kennedy	502.40
Beraen Brunswick Medical	1,573.29
C.L. Benson Co.	770.52
Cambridge Medical Center	630.00
Creative Marketing Cncpts	4,600.00
Carstens Health Industries	27.31
Central Minn Diagnostic	94,668.50
Critical Care Concepts	311.07
Channing L. Bete Co. Inc.	146.06
Jon Christianson	628.36
Circon Corp	4,908.00
Coastal Training Tech	44.96
Coborn's Inc.	86.60
Coborn's Pharmacy	126.42
Conmed Corp	60.00
Consulting Radiologist	12.26
Cook Incorporated	100.00
Corporate Express	50.08
CPI User's Group	833.91
Curt's Dairy	674.77
Cuyuna Regional Medical	25.00
Dade Behring Inc.	17,054.38
Omnifax	94.44
Dictaphone	299.00
Michael Doty D.D.S.	59.50
Electronic Service	461.93
Empi. Inc.	824.19
Emergency Apparatus Maint	461.88
Emergency Medical Product	1,705.64
Essex Paper & Supply	1,120.00
Executone Svs. of St. Paul	1,002.96
Fairview	421.05
FFF Enterprises Inc.	2,737.50
Fisher Healthcare	871.27
Flex Tax	142.50
Formula One Systems Inc.	13,225.00
Fredrickson & Bvron. P.A	2,995.00
Fryer Company. Inc.	15.25
G C X Corporation	488.17
David Gadola. D.D.S.	417.50

Genesis Computers, Inc.	28,065.00
Grinnell Fire Protection	2,922.00
Gorham-Oien Mechanical	9,258.92
Granite Electronics	364.25
GTE Directories Corporation	38.20
Bruce Haasken, D.D.S.	451.50
Handyman's, Inc.	183.54
Health Dimensions Rehab.	759.50
Gus Hellzen	852.02
Henlev Healthcare, Inc.	5.00
Hinckley Dental Center	250.00
Hollister, Inc.	98.00
Fred Holm	250.00
Howard Holmes	31.25
Mark Hruby	25.00
Inst. for Research & Ed.	41.94
Immucor	18.90
Infotel Communications	3,060.54
Instrument Makar, Inc.	180.00
Johnson Controls, Inc.	170.29
Brenda Junnila, D.D.S.	646.00
Kanabec County Highway Dept	24.00
Kanabec Publications	1,974.91
Kanabec Hospital Incident	11,929.94
Tom Kaufman	149.06
KBEK 95.5 FM	95.50
Keomed Anesthesia Serv.	446.26
Kendall - LTP	182.00
James H. Knutson	113.50
Lake Superior Laundry	4,293.75
Leona Lancrain	150.00
Alaina Lee	102.08
Jack L'Heureux	25.00
Tammy Lindquist	22.57
Philip J. Lindle D.D.S.	51.50
Lintex Corporation	32.49
Lowry Computer Products	2,058.84
GE Marquette Medical Svst	84.96
Mattson Electric	3,852.44
John Mattson	35.66
MN Nat. Guard Enlisted As	25.00
Midwest Surgical Services	4,590.00
Expert Practice	60.00
Medline Industries, Inc.	1,249.43
Medtox Laboratories	1,858.50
Merck Human Health	175.26
Midwest Radiation Consult	685.00
Midwest Stone Management	2,300.00
Minneapolis Clinic of Neu	185.00
Minnesota Care Tax Divisi	699.00

Minnesota Elevator, Inc.	6,202.00
MN Hosp. & Healthcare PA	15,756.00
Minnesota Lions Eye Bank	1,600.00
MN Med, Inc.	109.70
Mora Bakery	525.24
Mora Medical Center, LTD.	3.90
MSHP	150.00
National Bushing & Parts	55.11
Nellcor Puritan Bennett.	62.10
Arnold Nehring	106.98
Nes Minnesota, Inc.	11,269.00
James Nestrud	35.66
NHLBI Information Center	34.00
North Memorial Ems. Ed	88.00
North Coast Medical, Inc.	68.25
North Country Internet Se	29.95
Sandy Nystrom	88.16
Julie Nelson	41.98
Olympus Corp	284.00
Olympus Financial Service	3,729.88
OPTP	268.90
Dana Ostrom	20.00
Oxiod, Inc.	407.50
Pal Health Technologies	417.20
Pamida, Inc.	184.95
Photo Express Plus	23.43
Medtronic Physio-Control	15,782.85
Positive Promotions	1,263.04
Progressive Medical, Inc.	129.40
Quality Disposal Systems	515.17
Radiometer America, Inc.	444.79
Radio Shack	119.98
Reichel's	161.22
Roeschlein Construction	195.00
RPH on the Go USA, Inc.	2,002.27
S&T Office Products	2,040.40
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.	105.00
John Schultz	337.50
Stephen M. Schwarten, DDS	90.50
Smith & Nephew, Inc.	110.57
Sims-Deltec, Inc.	299.00
Merle Sleiter	18.75
John M. Skillicorn, DDS	432.10
John Skillicorn	25.00
Smith Kline Beecham CLN	2,129.81
St. Johns Companies	325.45
Standard Register	1,269.43
State of Mn. Dept of Admi	24.77
Steris Corporation	367.65
Stryker Sales Corporation	385.35

Suraipath Medical Indust	98.67
Ralph D. Swenson, DDS	325.50
Stenstroms	33.50
The Edison Company	58.89
Therapeutic Healthcare In	186.15
Three Rivers Pathology	655.00
Treasurer, State of MN	1,050.00
Tri-Anim Health Services	238.55
United Ad Label Co.	105.53
United States Postal Service	1,000.00
Universal Hospital Service	4,663.36
USI, Inc.	140.26
US West	1,206.95
Virginia Medical Center	65.00
Hiedi Voss	58.00
WCMP Broadcasting	287.30
Richard Westerman	208.20
Kris Wade	58.00
TOTAL	336,868.05

It was moved by Dave Ulstrom, and seconded by Stan Cooper, and **carried** unanimously to approve payment of the following SCORE claims:

SCORE BILLS — MONTH OF January, 2000

Provider	Billed Amount	Paid Amount
QUALITY DISPOSAL	\$4,024.20	\$4,000.00
KNIFE LAKE	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$4,024.20	\$4,000.00

Recycling Center Incentive Payment:

Arthur Township	= \$400.00
Quality Disposal	= \$400.00

7:30pm - County Engineer Greg Nikodym met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning the Highway Department.

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

RESOLUTION 1-02/23/00

WHEREAS, Kanabec County has a 12 million dollar per year cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, Beef, dairy, and swine operations make up the majority of animal agriculture present in Kanabec County; and

WHEREAS, Based on current water sampling results, the water resources in Kanabec County's 3 major watersheds, numerous streams, scenic rivers, and beautiful lakes, remains clean despite many years of animal agriculture; and

WHEREAS, No economic feasibility study has been conducted to link the relationship of beef, dairy, and swine operations and economic effects of chapter 7020 in East Central Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The term "pasture" has been included in the same category as a "confined feedlot" and the number of animal units has not been correlated with the number of acres of pasture; and

WHEREAS, The term "discharge", as defined in subparagraph 9c 7020.0300, means the addition of pollutants to waters of the State. Analysis of this definition after reading the definition of "Waters of the State" in subparagraph 26 7020.0300 allows us to come to the conclusion that no animal agricultural operation could remain, other than current licensed facilities over 1000 animal units that are in complete compliance with the proposed rules; and

WHEREAS, The proposed rules impose unnecessary regulations, require excessive record keeping, are confusing, and arbitrary; and

WHEREAS, There is no demonstrated evidence that a correlation exists between livestock in pastures and water pollution that would justify the proposed rules; and

WHEREAS, The proposed rules would create a financial hardship on many farm families in Kanabec County, in addition to being difficult and costly to enforce; and

WHEREAS, Crop land in Kanabec County is divided into small acreages and levels of phosphorous in East Central Minnesota are naturally medium to high. As 60% of the soil samples tested in Kanabec county from 1997-1999 were above 21 parts per million, the use of phosphorous as the limiting element for determining manure application rates in Chapter 7020 will require from two to four times the acreage on which to apply manure and thereby increase hauling costs, road time, labor, and safety standards; and

WHEREAS, The Snake River Joint Powers Agreement project is currently monitoring phosphorous levels from the Snake River Watershed, corrective action can be taken locally if and when problems occur; and

WHEREAS, Soil and manure testing by producers and manure pumpers are

being done on a voluntary basis and are able to monitor elevated nutrient levels; and

WHEREAS, Commercial manure applicators and producers have equipment that can incorporate manure to optimize nutrient benefit and minimize runoff; and

WHEREAS, The number of dairy farms has declined significantly, from approximately 450 to under 50, in the past 15 years in Kanabec County, these proposed rules will accelerate the rate of exit of the remaining dairy and other livestock farm businesses; and

WHEREAS, The 1998 Northeast Minnesota Adult Farm Mgmt. Annual records from 400 farms enrolled in the program showed that, on average, each operation spent over \$215,000.00 in the community and additional regulation from Rule 7020 will hasten the loss of more operations and revenue to the community, county and region;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners strongly objects to the approval of the Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Animal Feedlots and Storage, Transportation, and Utilization of Animal Manure, Minnesota Rules, Parts 7001.0020 to 7002.0280 and Chapter 7020 for any facilities under 300 animal units.

It was moved by Dennis McNally, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously to approve a Roadside Vegetation Management Plan.

Requests for water plan funds were presented to the board.

It was moved by Dave Ulstrom, and seconded by Stan Cooper, and **carried** unanimously to deny a request for Water Plan funds for training of a Kanabec County Soil & Water Conservation District employee.

It was moved by Stan Cooper, and seconded by Dennis Schulz, and **carried** unanimously to deny the request for Water Plan funds for a seasonal Extension employee.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Stan Cooper, and **carried** unanimously to hire Architecture One on an hourly basis to design the remodeling of the Highway Department Building for Job Service.

It was moved by Stan Cooper, and seconded by Dennis McNally, and **carried** unanimously to approve payment of the following claims on the courthouse renovation/expansion project bond fund:

W. Gohman Construction	\$117,779.00
Isanti County	\$3,000.00

Building Dedication Plaque	\$148.00
U.S. Bank (Retainage)	\$6,198.90
Ace Hardware	\$11.05
TOTAL	\$127,136.95

It was moved by Dave Ulstrom, and seconded by Dennis Schulz, and **carried** unanimously to send a letter responding to a question from Local 563.

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

RESOLUTION 2-02/23/00 ORDER OF THE BOARD

WHEREAS there is a vacancy in the position of Collections Supervisor, and

WHEREAS the board desires to take interim steps to cover some of the duties of this position;

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board authorizes the re-hire of Lavonne Lee-Bean on a temporary, part-time basis at \$19.14 per hour.

It was moved by Dennis McNally, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously to recess the meeting to meet again at 2:30pm on Thursday, March 2, 2000 in Room N 274 of the County Courthouse.

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 2:30pm on Wednesday, March 2, 2000 pursuant to recess with the following Board Members present: Tom Roeschlein, Dennis Schulz, Dennis McNally, Dave Ulstrom, and Stan Cooper. Also present were Architect Bob Ogdahl, Julie Hagstrom with Erickson-Ellison and County Engineer Greg Nikodym.

It was moved by Dave Ulstrom, and seconded by Dennis Schulz, and **carried** unanimously to appoint Greg Nikodym as acting Board Clerk.

There was a discussion at length about the status of the courthouse renovation/expansion project.

A prefinal inspection for the building interior was set for Thursday, March 9, 2000 at 10:00am.

It was moved by Dennis McNally, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried**

unanimously to authorize the addition of seven door stops, not to exceed \$700.00.

It was moved by Dennis McNally, and seconded by Dennis Schulz, and **carried** unanimously to authorize the addition of quarter round trim to 37 posts in the court room at a cost not to exceed \$700.00.

It was moved by Dennis Schulz, and seconded by Dave Ulstrom, and **carried** unanimously at 4:00pm to adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 9:00am.

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

Attest: _____
Kanabec County Coordinator