

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

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

**January 3, 2006**

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 pursuant to M.S. §375.07 with the following Board Members present: Kathi Ellis, Stan Cooper, Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, and Dennis McNally.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Clerk. Nominations for Board Chairperson for 2006 were called for.

Action #1 - It was moved by Dennis McNally and seconded by Stan Cooper to nominate Les Nielsen for Chairperson.

The Board Clerk called for nominations for Chairperson three times with no further nominations.

Action #2 - The clerk closed nominations for Chairperson and called for a vote for nominee Les Nielsen. The motion **carried** with all in favor.

Commissioner Les Nielsen was declared Board Chairperson for 2006. The gavel was handed over to Chairperson Nielsen.

Action #3 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson and seconded by Dennis McNally to nominate Kathi Ellis for Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson Nielsen called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson three times with no further nominations.

Action #4 - The Chairperson closed nominations for Vice-Chairperson and called for a vote for nominee Kathi Ellis. The motion **carried** with all in favor.

Action #5 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of Item #12, position vacancy.

Action #6 – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the December 21, 2005 minutes of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners as presented.

Action #7 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## *Resolution #7 – 01/03/06*

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners that from and after January 11, 2006, regular meetings of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners shall be held in the County Courthouse in the City of Mora, Minnesota on the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month except that the December meetings will be on the first, second and third Wednesdays, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the meetings on the second and third Wednesday shall be held commencing at 9:00am and the meeting on the fourth Wednesday shall be held commencing at 6:30pm except that the December meetings will be on the 9:00am on the first and second Wednesday and 6:30pm on the third Wednesday, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the meeting on the fourth Wednesday (third in December) shall end at 9:30pm except that the Chairperson may extend the meeting to 9:45pm to conclude business, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any such regularly scheduled meeting of the County Board falls on a legal holiday pursuant to Section 645.44, Sub.d.5, Minnesota Statutes, the regular meeting of the County Board shall be held on the day following such legal holiday, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Special Meetings may be called by posting notice of the meeting on the county's principal bulletin board and with 72 hours notice to each person who has filed a written request for such meetings, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Emergency Meetings may be called when circumstances require immediate consideration by the board; in such case, a good faith effort will be made to contact the media and to each person who has filed a written request for such meetings.

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Action #8 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## *Resolution #8 – 01/03/06*

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners that from and after January 18, 2006, regular meetings of the Kanabec County Human Service Board and Kanabec County Public Health Board will be held in the County Courthouse in the City of Mora, Minnesota on the third Wednesday of each month except December which will be the second Wednesday, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the meetings of the Human Service Board shall be held commencing at 9:05am, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the meeting of the Public Health Board shall be held commencing at 10:05am, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any such regularly scheduled meeting of the County Board falls on a legal holiday pursuant to Section 645.44, Sub.d.5, Minnesota Statutes, the regular meeting of both Boards shall be held on the day following such legal holiday.

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Action #9 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #9 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Advisory Board to Snake River Water Management Board due to expiration of the term of Ernest Rud, and

**WHEREAS** Ernest Rude is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Ernest Rude to the Advisory Board to Snake River Water Management Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #10 – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #10 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Appeal Committee—Weed Inspection due to expiration of the term of Robert Strom, and

**WHEREAS** Strom is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Robert Strom to the Appeal Committee—Weed Inspection for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #11 – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #11 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment due to expiration of the term of Walt Barlow, and

**WHEREAS** Barlow is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Walt Barlow to Position A on the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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

***Resolution #12 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment due to expiration of the term of Bonnie Dallman, and

**WHEREAS** Dallman is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Bonnie Dallman to Position D, Alternate on the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #13 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #13 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Les Nielsen, and

**WHEREAS** Nielsen is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Les Nielsen as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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

***Resolution #14 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the E-911 Committee due to expiration of the

term of Commissioner Dennis McNally, and

**WHEREAS** McNally is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Dennis McNally as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the E-911 Committee for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #15 - It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #15 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Library Board due to expiration of the term of Tonja Brown, and

**WHEREAS** Brown is eligible for a full third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Tonja Brown to the East Central Regional Library Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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

***Resolution #16 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the East Central Solid Waste Commission Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Dennis McNally, and

**WHEREAS** McNally is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Dennis McNally as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the East Central Solid Waste Commission Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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

***Resolution #17 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy in the alternate position on the East Central Solid Waste Commission Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Jerry Nelson;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to appoint Commissioner Stan Cooper as alternate representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the East Central Solid Waste Commission Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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

***Resolution #18 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Emergency Medical Service Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Les Nielsen;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Les Nielsen as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Emergency Medical Service Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #19 – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #19 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy in the alternate position on the Emergency Medical Service Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Jerry Nelson;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Jerry Nelson as alternate representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Emergency Medical Service Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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

***Resolution #20 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Extension Committee due to expiration of a member's term, and

**WHEREAS** the Extension Committee has recommended Victor Stenberg to the County Board for appointment;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to appoint Victor Stenberg to the Extension Committee for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #21 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #21 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Extension Committee due to expiration of a member's term, and

**WHEREAS** the Extension Committee has recommended Doyle Jelsing to the County Board for appointment;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to appoint Doyle Jelsing to the Extension Committee for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #22 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #22 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Industries, Inc Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Les Nielsen, and

**WHEREAS** Nielsen is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Les Nielsen as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Industries, Inc Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #23 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #23 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Joint City/County Airport Zoning Board due to expiration of a member's term, and

**WHEREAS** Michael Fetzek is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Michael Fetzek to the Joint City/County Airport Zoning Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #24 – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #24 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Joint City/County Airport Zoning Board due to expiration of a member's term, and

**WHEREAS** Lucy Schultz is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Lucy Schultz to the Joint City/County Airport Zoning Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #25 – Kathi Ellis introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

***Resolution 25 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners has considered the matter of the wage and budget for year 2006 for the County Auditor/Treasurer, and

**WHEREAS** the County Board has reviewed the Job Description of the Auditor/Treasurer, and

**WHEREAS** the board has reviewed the experience, qualifications and performance of the County Auditor/Treasurer;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to set the Y2006 annual wage of Auditor/Treasurer Denise Cooper at \$57,458.00, which will be accomplished in the following manner with pay distribution based on 40 hours per week at:

January 1, 2006 = \$27.10 per hour

June 10, 2006 = \$28.04 per hour

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to set the minimum annual wage for the position of Auditor/Treasurer for this and subsequent terms at \$52,536.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to set the Y2006 Auditor/Treasurer's Budgets at:

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Expenditures | \$501,997 |
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| Revenue    | \$27,000  |
| Net Budget | \$474,997 |

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

**IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Dennis McNally, Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis

**OPPOSED:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Stan Cooper

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Action #26 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### *Resolution 26 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners has considered the matter of the wage and budget for year 2006 for the County Attorney, and

**WHEREAS** the County Board has reviewed the Job Description of the Attorney, and

**WHEREAS** the board has reviewed the experience, qualifications and performance of the County Attorney;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to set the Y2006 annual wage of County Attorney Norman (Joe) Loren at \$72,069.00, which will be accomplished in the following manner with pay distribution based on 40 hours per week at:

January 1, 2006 = \$34.21 per hour

September 1, 2006 = \$35.41 per hour (Effective August 19, 2006)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to set the minimum annual wage for the position of County Attorney for this and subsequent terms at \$66,206.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to set the Y2006 Attorney's Budgets at:

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Expenditures | 0\$463,772 |
| Revenue      | \$70,400   |
| Net Budget   | \$393,372  |

Action #27 – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## *Resolution 27 - 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners has considered the matter of the wage and budget for year 2006 for the County Sheriff, and

**WHEREAS** the County Board has reviewed the Job Description of the Sheriff, and

**WHEREAS** the board has reviewed the experience, qualifications and performance of the County Sheriff;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to set the Y2006 annual wage of County Sheriff Steve Schulz at \$70,198.00, which will be accomplished in the following manner with pay distribution based on 40 hours per week at:

January 1, 2006 = \$32.50 per hour

January 7, 2006 = \$33.64 per hour

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to set the minimum annual wage for the position of County Sheriff for this and subsequent terms at \$58,926.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to set the Y2006 Sheriff's Budgets at:

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Expenditures | \$2,607,269 |
| Revenue      | \$199,909   |
| Net Budget   | \$2,407,360 |

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*Action #28* – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## *Resolution 28 - 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners has considered the matter of the wage and budget for year 2006 for the County Recorder, and

**WHEREAS** the County Board has reviewed the Job Description of the Recorder, and

**WHEREAS** the board has reviewed the experience, qualifications and performance of the County Recorder;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to set the Y2006 annual wage of County Recorder Rhonda Olson at \$47,928.00, which will be accomplished in the following manner with pay distribution based on 40 hours per week at:

January 1, 2006 = \$22.75 per hour

September 1, 2006 = \$23.55 per hour

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to set the minimum annual wage for the position of County Recorder for this and subsequent terms at \$44,012.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to set the Y2006 Recorder's Budget at:

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Expenditures | \$267,695 |
| Revenue      | \$254,000 |
| Net Budget   | \$13,695  |

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*Action #29* – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #29 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board due to expiration of the term of Todd Eustice, and

**WHEREAS** Eustice is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Probation Director Todd Eustice to the Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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*Action #30* – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #30 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Lakes & Pines Community Action Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Jerry Nelson, and

**WHEREAS** Nelson is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Jerry Nelson as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Lakes & Pines Community Action Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #31 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #31 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Law Library Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Les Nielsen, and

**WHEREAS** Nielsen is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Les Nielsen as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Law Library Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #32 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #32 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Outlook Health Services Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Kathi Ellis, and

**WHEREAS** Ellis is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Kathi Ellis as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Outlook Health Services Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #33 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #33 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Personnel Board of Appeals due to expiration of the term of Carl Johnson, and

**WHEREAS** Johnson is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Carl (Bud) Johnson to the Personnel Board of Appeals for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #34 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #34 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Planning Advisory Commission due to expiration of the term of Walt Barlow, and

**WHEREAS** Barlow is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Walt Barlow to the Planning Advisory Commission for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #35 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #35 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Planning Advisory Commission due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Stan Cooper, and

**WHEREAS** Cooper is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Stan Cooper as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Planning Advisory Commission for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #36 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #36 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Planning Advisory Commission due to expiration of the term of Mark Sawatzky, and

**WHEREAS** Sawatzky is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Mark Sawatzky to the Planning Advisory Commission for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #37 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #37 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Planning Advisory Commission due to expiration of the term of Greg Nikodym, and

**WHEREAS** Nikodym is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint County Engineer Greg Nikodym to the Planning Advisory Commission as a non-voting Advisory Member for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #38 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #38 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** the terms of the members of the Railroad Authority Board have expired;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint the following to a one year term on the Railroad Authority Board:

- Dennis McNally
- Jerry Nelson
- Les Nielsen
- Kathi Ellis
- Stan Cooper

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Action #39 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #39 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Railroad Authority Advisory Committee due to expiration of the term of Joel Dhein, and

**WHEREAS** Dhein is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Joel Dhein to the Railroad Authority Advisory Committee for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #40 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #40 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Railroad Authority Advisory Committee due to expiration of the term of Mike Papenhausen, and

**WHEREAS** Papenhausen is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Mike Papenhausen to the Railroad Authority Advisory Committee for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #41a – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #41a – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Safety Committee due to expiration of the term of Robin Etter, and

**WHEREAS** Etter is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Robin Etter to the Safety Committee for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #41b – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution #41b – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Safety Committee due to expiration of the term of Randy Golly, and

**WHEREAS** Golly is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Randy Golly to the Safety Committee for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #42 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### *Resolution #42 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the School (Mora) Strategic Planning Process Committee due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Jerry Nelson, and

**WHEREAS** Nelson is eligible for a third term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Jerry Nelson as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the School (Mora) Strategic Planning Process Committee for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #43 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### *Resolution #43 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Snake River Watershed Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Stan Cooper, and

**WHEREAS** Cooper is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Stan Cooper as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Snake River Watershed Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #44 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### *Resolution #44 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy on the Southern Minnesota County Based Purchasing Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Jerry Nelson, and

**WHEREAS** Nelson is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Jerry Nelson as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Southern Minnesota County Based Purchasing Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #45 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## *Resolution #45 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy in the alternate position on the Southern Minnesota County Based Purchasing Board due to expiration of the term of Commissioner Kathi Ellis, and

**WHEREAS** Ellis is eligible for a second term;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint Kathi Ellis as alternate representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Southern Minnesota County Based Purchasing Board for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2009.

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Action #46 – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## *Resolution #46 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** the terms of the members of the Union Negotiating Committees have expired;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to reappoint the following to a one-year term on the listed negotiating teams:

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| 1. LELS Local 107 (Sheriff's)             | Stan Cooper, Kathi Ellis     |
| 2. Teamsters Local 320 (Courthouse)       | Dennis McNally, Jerry Nelson |
| 3. Operating Engineers Local 49 (Highway) | Dennis McNally, Stan Cooper  |
| 4. Laborers Local 563 (Welfare)           | Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen    |

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Action #47 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## *Resolution #47 – 01/03/06*

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners that the offer submitted by the Kanabec County Times for all legal publications during the year 2006 is hereby accepted, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Kanabec County Times is hereby designated as the official newspaper for the publication of the official proceedings and public notices and that the Kanabec County Times is hereby designated as the official newspaper for the publication of the 2005 Financial Statement, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Kanabec County Times is hereby designated as the official newspaper for the newspaper in which the notice and list of Real Estate Taxes remaining delinquent on the first Monday in January, 2006, shall be published.

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Action #49 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to direct that a \$37,172.69 settlement from Blue Cross & Blue Shield be deposited in the Building Fund.

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Action #50 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 50 – 01/03/06***  
**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Director has requested an increase in hours of the VA/EM Director, and

**WHEREAS**, the increase is approved in the 2006 budget,

**BE IT RESOLVED** to change the hours of Veteran's Service Officer/Emergency Management Director Lowell Sedlacek from 33 hours per week to 35 hours per week effective January 7, 2006.

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Action #51 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 51 – 01/03/06***  
**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy in the position of full-time Jailer/Dispatcher, 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 Jailer/Dispatcher to refill the vacant position at Step A, Range 7 of the pay plan which is \$13.94 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 #52 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 52 – 01/03/06***

**BE IT RESOLVED** to close the meeting at 10:20am pursuant to Minnesota Statute §13D.03 to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments and discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections §179A.01 to §179A.25.

Those present during the closed portion of the meeting include Commissioners Dennis McNally, Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis and Stan Cooper. Also present was County Coordinator Alan B. Peterson.

Action #53 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to reopen the meeting at 10:35am.

**10:38am** – The board took a 25 minute break.

**11:03am** - The Chairperson then called for public comment. Those who responded included:

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| Bob Swetz | How do we get the state legislators to cooperate with us. |
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**11:10am** - The Chairperson closed public comment.

Action #54 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to recess the meeting to Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 9:00am in the boardroom (Room #164) of the Kanabec County Courthouse.

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The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 pursuant to recess with the following Board Members present: Kathi Ellis, Stan Cooper, Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, and Dennis McNally.

Action #55 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda and optional agenda as presented.

Action #56 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve a **Consent Agenda** including all of the following actions:

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***Resolution 56a – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** the board has been presented with claims for recycling efforts to be paid from SCORE Funds, and

**WHEREAS** these claims have been reviewed, tabulated and approved by the Kanabec County Solid Waste Officer, and

**WHEREAS** SCORE Funds appear adequate for the purpose;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve payment of the following November, 2005 claims on SCORE Funds:

|                  |            |
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| Quality Disposal | \$3,730.60 |
| Arthur Township  | \$800.00   |
| TOTAL            | \$4,530.60 |

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***Resolution 56b – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS** the board has been presented with a claim to be drawn on Water Plan Funds, and

**WHEREAS** the Environmental Services Director has verified that this claim falls within the budget of the Water Plan and is an action item of the Water Plan Committee;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve payment of claims totaling \$188.00 as follows:

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| East Central Water Testing | \$140.00 (well testing) |
| Kanabec SWCD               | \$ 48.00                |

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**9:07am** – County Engineer Greg Nikodym met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning the Highway Department.

*Action #57* – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution and approve final payment to H & R Construction on guardrail projects SAP 33-603-24 (*CSAH 3 over the Snake River*), SAP 33-603-25 (*CSAH 3 over the Snowshoe Brook*), SAP 33-612-10 (*CASH 12 over the Groundhouse River*) and SAP 33-615-05 (*CSAH 15 over an unnamed brook*):

***Resolution 57 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS;** CONTRACT NO. 20056 has in all things been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises;

**Now Then Be It Resolved;** That we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Kanabec and authorize final payment of \$76,670.60 for the installation of guardrail at four (4) bridge locations throughout Kanabec County.

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Action #58 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution and approve final payment to Duininck Bros Inc on KCP 05-04-5481, the paving of County Road Number 48 from the south county line to CSAH 4:

***Resolution 58 – 01/03/06***

**WHEREAS;** CONTRACT NO. 20055 has in all things been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises;

**Now Then Be It Resolved;** That we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Kanabec and authorize final payment of \$13,763.24 for bituminous surfacing of CR No. 48.

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Action #59 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve payment of a claim totaling \$13,300.00 to Tri-City Paving as partial payment on SAP 33-604-16: the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 4 from CSAH 12 to CSAH 16.

Action #60 – Not used

Action #61 - It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 61 – 1/03/06***

**WHEREAS** the county board has been presented with a request to pay Right-of-Way claims on SP 33-620-08: the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 20 north from CSAH 3 to CSAH 5;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to pay the following Right-of-Way claims:

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Ronald & Cynthis Alm (3 parcels) | \$13,117.50 |
| Ateven Mohr                      | \$ 904.40   |

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Action #62 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### ***Resolution 62 – 1/03/06***

**WHEREAS** portions of CSAH 6 and CSAH 27 are within the city limits of Mora, and

**WHEREAS** it is in the best interests of the City and County to define responsibilities for maintenance of these County State Aid Highways;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve an agreement for the year 2006 between the City of Mora and Kanabec County wherein the City will be responsible for routine maintenance on the following highways:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| CSAH 6 – from Grove St to Jct of TH 23       | = 0.76 miles |
| CSAH 27 – from Jct of CSAH 6 to Jct of TH 23 | = 0.70 miles |

and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the routine maintenance shall consist of patching, crack sealing, seal coating, snow and ice removal, drainage control and traffic services, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the county will pay to the City a total of \$6,500.00 for this service.

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Action #63 – Jerry Nelson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

### ***Resolution 63 – 01/03/06***

#### **Resolution Supporting the Trunk Highways 23 & 65 Mora Area Transportation Study**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota's State Transportation Plan recognizes the significance of highway corridors in linking Regional Trade Centers and supporting continued economic vitality throughout the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the long term success of the state and the City of Mora depends on maintaining the safe, timely, and efficient movement of people and goods on Highways 23 & 65; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued growth of the region is leading to increasing travel demand in the corridor and development pressure adjacent to the corridor which, if unmanaged, can adversely affect the level of performance, safety and congestion experienced by users of the corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, recognizing the potential impact of continued growth pressure on the corridor, completed the TH 23 / TH 65 Mora Area Transportation Study with its partners along the corridor to determine the long-term transportation needs in the TH 23 / TH 65 corridors in and around Mora; and,

**WHEREAS**, the TH 23 / TH 65 Mora Area Transportation Study developed a concept plan for meeting the long-term transportation needs in the Highways 23 & 65 corridors.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners endorses the recommended concept plan for the TH 23 / TH 65 corridor documented in the TH 23 / TH 65 Mora Area Transportation Study.

**FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners endorses the concept that an adequate network of supporting roads is necessary to meet the transportation needs in the TH 23 / TH 65 corridors and that the roadway improvements identified in the TH 23 / TH 65 Mora Area Transportation Study will be considered as guidance until such time as refinements to these improvements are identified and developed through cooperation between the Minnesota Department of Transportation, local governmental units and other state agencies.

**FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners is committed to working in partnership with MN DOT and the other partners along the corridor in order to achieve the vision and implement the recommendations of the TH 23 / TH 65 Mora Area Transportation Study.

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:** Dennis McNally, Jerry Nelson, Kathi Ellis, Stan Cooper

**OPPOSED:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Les Nielsen

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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*Action #64* – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### *Resolution 64 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS**, the Kanabec County Highway Department proposes to reconstruct and improve a portion of County State Aid Highway No. 20 between CSAH No. 3 and CSAH No. 5, a distance of 4.13 miles; and

**WHEREAS**, the improvement consists of reconstruction and resurfacing said roadway as herein determined necessary to provide for the safety of the traveling public, and

**WHEREAS**, permanent highway easements over certain lands are required to provide for said construction as set forth in the plans for said project, which identify the parcels by number, description, and owners, and

**WHEREAS**, Kanabec County has authority to acquire the right-of-way for said Highway by eminent domain pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 163.02, Subd. 2, and

**WHEREAS**, Kanabec County has the right to acquire the right-of-way prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 117.011 and 117.042, and

**WHEREAS**, Kanabec County has approved appraisals of the properties to be taken, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the acquisition of said land by eminent domain and to take title and possession of that land prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 163.02, Subd. 2, 117.011 and 117.042, and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the Kanabec County Attorney is requesting to file the necessary Petition therefore, and to prosecute such action to a successful conclusion or until it is abandoned, dismissed, or terminated by the County of the Court, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if furtherance of the implementation of the Quick Take provision of the Minnesota Statues, The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to deposit with the Court Administrator the sum of money equaling the approved appraisal of the properties to be taken, represented by the following table:

| Parcel No. | Owner                   | Award             |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 15         | Kevin & Ldana Porter    | \$1,513.80        |
| 35         | Marvin & Judith Lavalle | \$2,044.60        |
| 36         | Marvin & Judith Lavalle | <u>\$7,294.80</u> |
|            | Total                   | \$10,853.20       |

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*Action #65* – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## *Resolution 65 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** quotes for diesel fuel were received as follows:

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Federated Cooperative | \$1.90/Gallon |
| Town & Country Oil    | \$1.91/Gallon |

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation of the County Engineer and accept the low quote of \$1.90 per gallon from Federated Cooperative.

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**9:50am** – Environmental Services Director Teresa Bearce met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning her office.

Action #66 – Kathi Ellis introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

## *Resolution 66 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** the board has been presented with a claim to be drawn on Water Plan Funds, and

**WHEREAS** the Environmental Services Director has verified that this claim falls within the budget of the Water Plan and is an action item of the Water Plan Committee, and

**WHEREAS** the project claim was for a project approved by board action on July 13, 2005 by Resolution **10-07/13/05**, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve payment of claims totaling \$375.00 as follows:

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Kanabec Soil & Water | \$200.00 |
| Jan Pohlen           | \$175.00 |

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

## *Resolution 67 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners desires professional legal services in the area relating to zoning issues, and

**WHEREAS** the County has employed the services of Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney for the year 2005, and

**WHEREAS** the Environmental Services Director and County Coordinator have recommended renewal of this agreement in 2006;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to enter into an agreement with Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney for the year 2006 for Zoning consultant at a cost of \$3,000, such sums being budgeted in Environmental Services for this purpose, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to authorize County Coordinator Alan B. Peterson to sign a document titled “Agreement to Provide Professional Services” with Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney.

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**10:00am** – County Assessor Dan Weber met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning his office.

Action #68 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

## *Resolution 68 – 01/03/06*

**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:

| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Parcel Number</u> | <u>Reason for Abatement/Addition</u> | <u>Amount of Change</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dave Gadola  | 14.01545.00          | Clerical 0 Green Acres               | (\$394.00)              |
| <b>Total</b> |                      |                                      | <b>(\$394.00)</b>       |

## Changes

Action #69 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### *Resolution 69 – 01/03/06*

**WHEREAS** the date range for a County Board of Appeal and Equalization is set by public law, and

**WHEREAS** Minnesota Statute §274.14 states:

The board may meet on any ten consecutive meeting days in June, after the second Friday in June. The actual meeting dates must be contained on the valuation notices mailed to each property owner in the county as provided in section [273.121](#). For this purpose, "meeting days" is defined as any day of the week excluding Saturday and Sunday. No action taken by the county board of review after June 30 is valid, except for corrections permitted in sections [273.01](#) and [274.01](#). The county auditor shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings and orders of the board. The record must be published like other proceedings of county commissioners. A copy of the published record must be sent to the commissioner of revenue, with the abstract of assessment required by section [274.16](#).

**BE IT RESOLVED** to set the 2006 Kanabec County Board of Appeal and Equalization date as Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 1:30pm.

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Action #70 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve payment of the following claims on the funds indicated:

### **Revenue Fund**

| <b>VENDOR</b>             | <b>AMOUNT</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| A&A Enterprises           | 179.67        |
| Ace Hardware              | 26.81         |
| Ace Hardware              | 68.00         |
| Ace Hardware              | 25.85         |
| Advanced Systems Concepts | 250.00        |
| Aitkin Medical            | 513.13        |
| Amem                      | 100.00        |
| AmeriPride                | 181.14        |
| Ammerman, Kari            | 131.44        |
| Ammerman, Roy             | 180.00        |
| Anderson, Jody            | 46.07         |

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|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Anderson, Karen                       | 264.33   |
| Anderson, Kathryn                     | 131.92   |
| Armstrong, Becci                      | 30.56    |
| Arrowhead Region Emergency Mgmt Assn  | 60.00    |
| Assoc of MN Counties                  | 7,022.00 |
| Assoc of MN Counties                  | 682.00   |
| Auto Value                            | 74.00    |
| Bernhardt, Maria                      | 19.89    |
| Biever, Laurie                        | 139.20   |
| Braham Motor Service                  | 146.27   |
| Briggs                                | 689.20   |
| Cassman, Deb                          | 140.17   |
| Central MN Council on Aging           | 50.00    |
| Coborns                               | 626.14   |
| Consolidated Telephone Co             | 7.95     |
| CPS Technology                        | 151.97   |
| CPS Technology                        | 280.00   |
| Dandelion Floral                      | 74.72    |
| East Central Exterminating            | 90.53    |
| East Central Regional Juvenile Center | 2,589.78 |
| East Central Regional Juvenile Center | 344.00   |
| EBSC                                  | 533.00   |
| ECM Publishers                        | 168.00   |
| Ecowater Systems                      | 91.06    |
| Ehlers & Assoc                        | 1,275.00 |
| Elfstrum, Brenda                      | 262.39   |
| Employers Assoc                       | 115.00   |
| Erbstoesser, Arnie                    | 350.62   |
| Fredrickson, Betty                    | 104.76   |
| Fresonke, Lew                         | 180.00   |
| Friday, Jenny                         | 124.65   |
| Gall's Inc                            | 67.38    |
| GHA Technologies                      | 276.22   |
| GHA Technologies                      | 220.00   |
| GHA Technologies                      | 130.39   |
| Glen's Tire                           | 79.00    |
| Glen's Tire                           | 11.60    |
| Glen's Tire                           | 742.86   |
| Granite City Armored Car              | 347.40   |
| Grant, Donald                         | 709.49   |

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Handyman's Inc             | 470.52   |
| Hannu, JoAnn               | 236.20   |
| Harff, Shirley             | 318.18   |
| Hasler Inc                 | 560.72   |
| Hospice Minnesota          | 358.00   |
| Howard, Carey              | 179.94   |
| Johnson, Dawn              | 37.83    |
| Johnson, Jeanette          | 180.91   |
| Johnson's Hardware         | 4.60     |
| Johnson's Hardware         | 19.70    |
| Kanabec Co Nursing Service | 4,731.17 |
| Kanabec Co Nursing Service | 417.00   |
| Kanabec Hospital           | 1,520.00 |
| Kanabec Hospital           | 4,480.00 |
| Kanabec Publications       | 182.12   |
| Kanabec Publications       | 1,096.97 |
| Kanabec Publications       | 54.25    |
| Kanabec Publications       | 210.88   |
| Kanabec Publications       | 149.40   |
| Kanabec Publications       | 299.90   |
| Kanabec Publications       | 23.63    |
| Keefe Supply Co            | 162.08   |
| Kleven, Bud                | 7.28     |
| Laska, Millie              | 1,480.74 |
| Losinger, Jess             | 82.56    |
| MAAO                       | 600.00   |
| MAAO                       | 150.00   |
| MACAI                      | 75.00    |
| Magaard, Deb               | 92.64    |
| Marco                      | 83.05    |
| Marco                      | 97.01    |
| Marco                      | 105.32   |
| Martin, Bill               | 9.46     |
| Mattson Electric           | 1,000.00 |
| Maul, Barb                 | 148.41   |
| MB McGee, MD               | 1,200.00 |
| MCCC                       | 206.81   |
| MCCC                       | 4,661.10 |
| MCCC                       | 7,023.42 |
| MCIT                       | 3,763.00 |

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| McMaster-Carr Supply                       | 15.19      |
| Mid American Research Chemical             | 60.89      |
| Mille Lacs County Jail                     | 10,212.17  |
| MN Assn of County Veteran Service Officers | 120.00     |
| MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension         | 210.00     |
| MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension         | 270.00     |
| MN CLE                                     | 44.73      |
| MN County Attorney Assoc                   | 1,404.00   |
| MN Counties Insurance Trust                | 171,478.00 |
| MN Dept of Revenue                         | 50.00      |
| MN Legal Register                          | 75.00      |
| MN Monitoring Inc                          | 365.00     |
| MN Monitoring Inc                          | 176.00     |
| MN Office Enterprise Technology            | 5.72       |
| MN Office Enterprise Technology            | 600.00     |
| MN Sheriff's Assoc                         | 1,324.00   |
| Mohn, Carol                                | 420.56     |
| Moore Medical                              | 307.06     |
| MPELRA                                     | 50.00      |
| Nash, Kelly                                | 19.50      |
| Nelsons                                    | 197.60     |
| Noble Wear                                 | 50.00      |
| Norby's Cleaning                           | 2,400.00   |
| Northland Chemical Corp                    | 89.09      |
| Office Depot                               | 42.94      |
| Office Depot                               | 568.37     |
| Office Depot                               | 849.87     |
| Office Depot                               | 734.23     |
| Office Depot                               | 9.59       |
| Office Depot                               | 72.20      |
| O'Reilly, Molly                            | 111.55     |
| Ostrom, Donna, Deputy Registrar            | 38.50      |
| Ostrom, Donna, Deputy Registrar            | 87.00      |
| Pacific Bancnote                           | 185.00     |
| Pamida                                     | 119.26     |
| Pamida                                     | 51.84      |
| P-D's Embroidery                           | 90.00      |
| Peterson, Walter                           | 386.58     |
| Pfiffner, Betty                            | 939.93     |
| Pizza Hut                                  | 71.83      |

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| Positive Promotions        | 367.56     |
| Practice Mgt Information   | 174.79     |
| Quality Assured Service    | 997.51     |
| Quality Disposal           | 406.30     |
| Raiche, Nancy              | 369.09     |
| Ramsey Co                  | 3,600.00   |
| Ramsey Co Bard Assoc       | 50.00      |
| Reed, Terrie               | 263.36     |
| Regions Hospital           | 288.00     |
| Reliable Office Supplies   | 300.76     |
| Reliance Telephone Systems | 1,063.45   |
| Richards, Lila             | 255.60     |
| Richter Technology Supply  | 142.12     |
| Ringler, Jennie            | 245.41     |
| Rudolphs                   | 2.25       |
| S&T                        | 72.95      |
| Sandberg, Bev              | 106.70     |
| SBC Paging                 | 160.74     |
| Schewe, Bob                | 324.05     |
| Schroeder, Janelle         | 177.51     |
| Scofield, Becca            | 78.58      |
| Sedlacek, Lowell           | 13.82      |
| Sheriff, Anoka Co          | 75.00      |
| Sjodin, Roberta            | 139.20     |
| Snowflake Distributing     | 81.00      |
| Strandberg, Connie         | 66.93      |
| Stratis Health             | 60.00      |
| Streicher's                | 456.96     |
| Sundsvold, Kathy           | 66.69      |
| Swanson, Lori              | 48.50      |
| Tamarac Medical            | 10.00      |
| Thomas Sno Sports          | 21.25      |
| Thompson Publishing Group  | 413.50     |
| Thompson, Wendy            | 359.00     |
| T-Mobile                   | 216.53     |
| Troupe Advertising         | 75.00      |
| US Bank                    | 172,397.50 |
| US Bank                    | 401,701.25 |
| US Postal Service          | 33,000.00  |
| Vogel, Darla               | 47.53      |

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Voight, Jackie      | 179.45              |
| Watson Co           | 981.56              |
| Watson Co           | 599.62              |
| Wells Fargo         | 15,965.63           |
| Wells Fargo         | 216,500.00          |
| Wells Fargo         | 375.00              |
| West Payment Center | 93.72               |
| West Payment Center | 242.90              |
| Total               | <u>1,105,522.83</u> |

### Road & Bridge

| Vendor                              | 2005      | 2006      | Total     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ACS                                 |           | 4,011.86  | 4,011.86  |
| Ace Hardware                        | 229.91    |           | 229.91    |
| Ameripride                          | 627.91    |           | 627.91    |
| Auto Value Mora                     | 1,942.71  |           | 1,942.71  |
| Boyer Ford Trucks                   | 683.42    |           | 683.42    |
| Buckley II                          | 31,526.37 |           | 31,526.37 |
| Central Glass Company               | 231.31    |           | 231.31    |
| Craguns                             |           | 370.00    | 370.00    |
| DLT Solutions, Inc.                 |           | 672.00    | 672.00    |
| First Lab                           | 30.00     |           | 30.00     |
| Glen's Tire                         | 552.34    |           | 552.34    |
| Gopher State One-Call               | 5.40      |           | 5.40      |
| Gunderson Motors                    | 550.96    |           | 550.96    |
| Lester Stromberg                    | 100.00    |           | 100.00    |
| Lila Richards, The Cleaning Agent   | 809.40    |           | 809.40    |
| Mickey Grahek                       | 100.00    |           | 100.00    |
| Midway Iron & Metal Co., Inc.       |           | 409.19    | 409.19    |
| Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust  | 2,366.00  | 86,224.10 | 88,590.10 |
| Minnesota Won't Forget POW/MIA      |           | 60.00     | 60.00     |
| Northern States Supply              | 284.23    |           | 284.23    |
| Office Depot                        | 199.18    | 11.86     | 211.04    |
| Owen's Auto Parts                   | 505.65    |           | 505.65    |
| Oxygen Service Company              | 349.79    |           | 349.79    |
| Pomp's Tire Service, Inc.           | 2,371.06  |           | 2,371.06  |
| Power Plan                          | 1,286.90  |           | 1,286.90  |
| Quality Disposal Systems, Inc.      | 152.52    |           | 152.52    |
| Robin Straka, Deputy Registrar      |           | 435.00    | 435.00    |
| S & T Office Products               | 192.02    |           | 192.02    |
| Timmer Implement Inc.               |           | 242.60    | 242.60    |
| Tokle's Real Estate Appraisals Inc. | 450.00    |           | 450.00    |
| University of Minnesota             |           | 135.00    | 135.00    |
| Wendi Peysar                        | 100.00    |           | 100.00    |
| Zep Manufacturing Company           | 347.19    |           | 347.19    |

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|--------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Total: | 45,994.27 | 92,571.61 | 138,565.88 |
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Action #71 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following paid claims:

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Anderson, Eileen                | 64.25             |
| Assurant Employee Benefits      | 2,864.70          |
| Assurant Employee Benefits      | 851.34            |
| Bostrom, Randall                | 49.70             |
| East Cent Reg Dev Comm          | 47.50             |
| East Central Electric           | 18.74             |
| Griffith, Patricia              | 850.00            |
| Grote, Don                      | 49.70             |
| Holiday Credit Office           | 4,295.96          |
| Kanabec Co Auditor              | 40.00             |
| Kanabec Co Nursing Service      | 26,347.79         |
| MN Mutual Life Ins              | 334.90            |
| Nielsen, Les                    | 16.49             |
| Northstar Access                | 1,153.59          |
| Ostrom, Donna, Deputy Registrar | 58.00             |
| Pine Co Health & Human Services | 37,712.96         |
| Treasurer, Kanabec Co           | 63,442.47         |
|                                 | <u>138,198.09</u> |

**Snake River Watershed**

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Aitkin Co Soil & Water     | 811.17           |
| Dilks, Bill                | 394.16           |
| ERA Laboratories           | 5,431.54         |
| Kanabec Publications       | 37.01            |
| Kanabec Soil & Water       | 601.29           |
| Larson Allen Weishair & Co | 3,100.00         |
| Martin, Sam                | 31.07            |
| MCIT                       | 1,833.00         |
| MN Lakes Assn              | 25.00            |
| Pine Co Soil & Water       | 1,160.24         |
| Pohlen, Jan                | 174.13           |
| Spee-Dee Delivery          | 114.74           |
|                            | <u>13,713.35</u> |

Action #72 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 72 – 01/03/06***  
**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy in the position of Extension Secretary, and

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board authorizes the County Personnel Director to hire an Extension Secretary to refill the vacant position at Step A, Range 3 of the pay plan which is \$11.15 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 #73 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 73 – 01/03/06***

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Kanabec County Regional Railroad Authority that from and after January 11, 2006, regular meetings of the Kanabec County Regional Railroad Authority shall be held after ten days posted notice given by the County Coordinator of Kanabec County, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Emergency Meetings may be called when circumstances require immediate consideration by the board; in such case, a good faith effort will be made to contact the media and to each person who has filed a written request for such meetings.

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**10:18am** – Information Systems Director Jessie Ruckle met with the County Board to discuss staffing.

Action #74 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 74 – 01/03/06***  
**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS** the 2006 budget did include funding for a Computer Technician, and

**WHEREAS** the board desires to fill this new position;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board authorizes Information Systems Director Jessie Ruckle and the County Personnel Director to hire a Computer Technician to fill the position at Step A, Range 8 of the pay plan which is \$14.93 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 #75* – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 75 – 01/03/06***

**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 and improve services to the public;

**WHEREAS** Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision 1 & 2 read as follows:

13D.03 Closed meetings for labor negotiations strategy.

Subdivision 1. **Procedure.**

- (a) Section [13D.01](#), subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, and section [13D.02](#) do not apply to a meeting held pursuant to the procedure in this section.
- (b) The governing body of a public employer may by a majority vote in a public meeting decide to hold a closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections [179A.01](#) to [179A.25](#).
- (c) The time of commencement and place of the closed meeting shall be announced at the public meeting.
- (d) A written roll of members and all other persons present at the closed meeting shall be made available to the public after the closed meeting.

Subdivision. 2. **Meeting must be recorded.**

- (a) The proceedings of a closed meeting to discuss negotiation

strategies shall be tape-recorded at the expense of the governing body.

- (b) The recording shall be preserved for two years after the contract is signed and shall be made available to the public after all labor contracts are signed by the governing body for the current budget period.

and,

**WHEREAS** Subdivision 2, recording of meetings, creates an imbalance in the negotiating process as all the employer's negotiation strategy must ultimately be revealed to the union while the union's strategy is not similarly revealed leaving the employer--and taxpayers--at a strategic disadvantage, and

**WHEREAS** certain negotiating strategies are multi-year and multi-contract in nature, but making recordings of such discussions defeats such long-term strategies to the disadvantage of the employer and taxpayers, and

**WHEREAS** the revelation that all members of an employer negotiating team might not have supported a successful contract proposal could negatively influence future contract negotiation and create disharmony within the workplace;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, in support of an equitable employment relationship and workplace harmony, the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners recommends that Subdivision 2, Minnesota Statutes §13D.03 be revoked.

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*Action #76* – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### ***Resolution 76 – 01/03/06***

**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** imposing state sales tax on local government purchases is simply a way of shifting state expenditures down to local property taxes, and

**WHEREAS** the mechanics of imposing state sales tax on local government purchases increases bureaucratic overhead that does not contribute to the public well being;

**BE IT RESOLVED** to recommend that the state rescind the imposition of state sales tax on local government purchases.

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Action #77 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 77 – 01/03/06***

**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** Minnesota Statute §609.105 directs that certain felons in the care of the State of Minnesota be housed in county jails, and

**WHEREAS** the county jails are reimbursed for a small fraction of the actual direct cost of care, and

**WHEREAS** in Kanabec County this typically means that the county is reimbursed for \$11 per day while we are forced to ship these prisoners to other jails at a cost of \$55 per day and up plus the direct costs of transportation plus the indirect cost of loss of service of county employees while tending to these state prisoners, and

**WHEREAS** §609.105 is a direct shift of costs from the state to the counties to enable the state to evade its own responsibilities;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners recommends that §609.105 be rescinded.

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Action #78 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 78 – 01/03/06***

**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** county board proceedings and financial information are required to be published by statute, including §375.12, 375.17 and 375.169, and

**WHEREAS** there is a substantial cost to taxpayers involved in such publication, and

**WHEREAS** the statutory requirement to publish in a legal newspaper is archaic and sometimes the most expensive, least efficient means of public dissemination of information, and

**WHEREAS** use of county websites could reach more users at little cost, and

**WHEREAS** use of ‘Shopper’ type papers could reach more users and create competitive bidding for the official publication place;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners supports relaxation of state mandates for official publications in favor of other media.

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*Action #79* – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 79 – 01/03/06***

**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** a Minnesota Statute, M.S. §471.661, requires that local units of government adopt a policy regulating out-of-state travel of its elected officials, and

**WHEREAS** the regulation of out-of-state travel of elected officials is not a major issue in Kanabec County as it has happened just once in collective memory, and

**WHEREAS** the real effect of this statute is nil as it merely requires local units of government to use more paperwork to do what they would have done in the absence of §471.661, and

**WHEREAS** while the legislation has no value in practice, it does require that the governing board take official review of the policy each and every year in perpetuity, which takes staff and board time as well as publishing and supply costs;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners recommends that M.S. §471.661 be rescinded and forgotten.

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*Action #80* – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

*Resolution 80 – 01/03/06*

**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** the County Board has statutory authority and responsibility to set the county budget, and

**WHEREAS** Minnesota Statutes §384.151, 385.373, 386.015, 387.20 and 388.18 give (respectively) the County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Recorder, County Sheriff and County Attorney the authority to appeal their wages or budget to District Court, and

**WHEREAS** these appeals occur after the board has duly set the levy and budget pursuant to public law, and

**WHEREAS** the result is lawyers fighting out the dispute at public expense in front of a judge serving at public expense, and

**WHEREAS** if the elected official's attorney is better than the County Board's attorney and an award is made in the elected official's favor, then some other department's budget must go down because the levy cannot be increased, and

**WHEREAS** the true loser in any such court action is the one party not represented: the taxpayer;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners recommends that the legislature rescind that portion of Minnesota Statutes §384.151, 385.373, 386.015, 387.20 and 388.18 authorizing authority to appeal their wages or budget to District Court.

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*Action #81* – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to approve payment of a claim totaling \$1,999.09 to Klein McCarthy for services on a possible jail project.

*Action #82* – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to set the rent on the county-owned house at 106 S Elm in Mora at \$450.00 per month.

**10:43am** – County Sheriff Steve Schulz met with the County Board to discuss matters concerning a position vacancy.

*Action #83* – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***Resolution 80 – 01/03/06***  
**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS** there is a vacancy in the position of full-time Deputy, 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 to refill the vacant position at Step A, Range 11 of the pay plan which is \$17.60 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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**10:45am** – The board took a 20-minute break.

**11:05am** - The Chairperson then called for public comment. Those who responded included:

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| Bob Mayo     | - Sound system needed at public meetings<br>- Various comments about recent planning commission meetings. |
| Lucy Schultz | Question about a hearing on the 18 <sup>th</sup>  |

**11:20am** – The Chairperson closed public comment.

Action #84 – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### ***Resolution 84 – 01/03/06***

**BE IT RESOLVED** to close at the meeting at 11:21am pursuant to Minnesota Statute §13D.03 to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments and discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections §179A.01 to §179A.25.

Those present during the closed portion of the meeting include Commissioners Dennis McNally, Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis and Stan Cooper. Also present were County Coordinator Alan B. Peterson and County Attorney Joe Loren.

Action #85 – It was moved by Dennis McNally, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to reopen the meeting at 11:31am.

**11:35am** – A public hearing was held for purposes of accepting public input on a “Kanabec County Election Equipment Plan”:

- the board clerk read aloud the public notice
- the Chairperson called the Public Hearing to order and solicited input
- members of the public responded with questions and comment, including:
  - Tom McClellan
  - Lucy Schultz
  - Karen Longerbone
  - Dick Roesler

Action #86 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Kathi Ellis, and carried unanimously to adjourn the public hearing at 11:50am.

Action #87 – It was moved by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Stan Cooper, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

### ***Resolution 87 – 01/03/06***

**BE IT RESOLVED** to close the meeting at 12:07pm pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, MN Statute §13D.05, subd. 3(b) to discuss matters related to on-going litigation, specifically Montour, Kanabec County and the City of Mora.

Those present during the closed portion of the meeting include Commissioners Dennis McNally, Jerry Nelson, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis and Stan Cooper. Also present were County Coordinator Alan B. Peterson and County Attorney Joe Loren.

Action #88 – It was moved by Stan Cooper, seconded by Jerry Nelson, and carried unanimously to reopen the meeting at 12:28pm.

Action #89 – It was moved by Kathi Ellis, seconded by Dennis McNally, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 12:29pm to meet in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 9:00am.

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

*Attest:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Kanabec County Coordinator