

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

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

January 6, 2009

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 pursuant to M.S. §375.07 and public notice with the following Board Members present: Kevin Troupe, Roger Crawford, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis and Kim Smith.

The Board Clerk led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Clerk. Nominations for Board Chairperson for 2009 were called for.

Action #1 - It was moved by Kim Smith and seconded by Kevin Troupe to nominate Kathi Ellis 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 Kathi Ellis. The motion **carried** with all in favor.

Commissioner Kathi Ellis was declared Board Chairperson for 2009. The gavel was handed over to Chairperson Ellis.

Nominations for Board Vice-Chairperson for 2009 were called for.

Action #3 - It was moved by Kim Smith and seconded by Les Nielsen to nominate Kevin Troupe for Vice-Chairperson.

The Chairperson 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 Kevin Troupe. The motion **carried** with all in favor.

Action #5 - It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of a Parks & Trails topic.

Action #6 – Kevin Troupe introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution #6 – 01/06/09

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the December 17, 2008 minutes of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners as corrected:

- a. Correct the date in the heading from December 10 to December 17
- b. Correct the date in the first line of the minutes from December 10 to December 17

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

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Kevin Troupe, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis, Kim Smith

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Roger Crawford

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Action #7 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #7 – 01/06/09

Meeting Dates

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners that from and after January 21, 2009, 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 with the following exceptions:

a. the November meetings will be Tuesday the 10th, Wednesday the 18th and Tuesday the 24th.

b. 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:

a. The Tuesday, November 10th meeting will start at 9:00am

b. The Tuesday, November 24th meeting will start at 9:00am

c. December meetings will be at 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.

Action #8 – It was moved by Roger Crawford, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #8 - 01/06/09
Health Board Meetings

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners that from and after February 1, 2009, regular meetings of the Kanabec County Public Health Board shall be held in the County Courthouse in the City of Mora, Minnesota on the second Wednesday of each month except:

- a. the November meeting will be Tuesday the 10th
- b. the December meeting will be on the first Wednesday,

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings shall be held commencing at 9:05am, 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.

Action #9 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #9 - 01/06/09
Human Service Board Meetings

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners that from and after February 1, 2009, regular meetings of the Kanabec County Human Service Board shall be held in the County Courthouse in the City of Mora, Minnesota on the third Wednesday of each month except that the December meeting will be on the second Wednesday, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings shall be held commencing at 9:05am, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any such regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Service 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.

Action #10 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve a **Consent Agenda** including all of the following actions:

Resolution #10a - 01/06/09

Advisory Board to the Snake River Watershed Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Advisory Board to the Snake River Watershed due the expiration of term of Dan Crowell, and

WHEREAS the Knife Lake Improvement District has recommended Joe Lessar to refill the position;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Joe Lessar to the Advisory Board to the Snake River Watershed for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10b - 01/06/09

Board of Adjustment Appointment

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

WHEREAS the Environmental Services Director and County Coordinator have recommended Ronald Peterson to refill the position;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Ronald Peterson to the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10c - 01/06/09

East Central Regional Library Board Appointment

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

WHEREAS Sharon Weaver has volunteered to serve on the Library Board;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Sharon Weaver to the East Central Regional Library Board for a three-year term, her first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10d - 01/06/09

Hospital Board Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Hospital Board due the expiration of term of Roger Nieboer, and

WHEREAS Nieboer is eligible, willing to serve another term and has been recommended by the Hospital Board;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Roger Nieboer to the Hospital Board for a three-year term, his third full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10e - 01/06/09

Insurance Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Insurance Committee due the expiration of term of Lori Swanson, and

WHEREAS Swanson is eligible, willing to serve another term and has been recommended by the Personnel Director;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Swanson to the Insurance Committee for a three-year term, her first full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10f - 01/06/09

Insurance Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Insurance Committee due the expiration of term of Dave Blum, and

WHEREAS Barb McFadden is willing to serve on this committee and has been recommended by the Personnel Director;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Barb McFadden to the Insurance Committee for a three-year term, her first full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10g - 01/06/09

Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board Appointment

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

WHEREAS Eustice is eligible and willing to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Todd Eustice to the Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board for a three-year term, his third full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10h - 01/06/09

Railroad Authority Advisory Committee Appointment

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

WHEREAS Dhein is eligible and willing to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Joel Dhein to the Railroad Authority Advisory Committee for a three-year term, his second full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10i - 01/06/09

Railroad Authority Advisory Committee Appointment

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

WHEREAS Papenhausen is eligible and willing to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Mike Papenhausen to the Railroad Authority Advisory Committee for a three-year term, his second full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10j - 01/06/09

Railroad Authority Advisory Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Railroad Authority Advisory Committee due the expiration of term of Bruce Anderson, and

WHEREAS Anderson is eligible and willing to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Bruce Anderson to the Railroad Authority Advisory Committee for a three-year term, his second full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10k - 01/06/09

Safety Committee Appointment

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

WHEREAS Golly is eligible and willing to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Randy Golly to the Safety Committee for a three-year term, his third full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10L - 01/06/09

Safety Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Safety Committee due the expiration of term of Jennifer Friday, and

WHEREAS Kathi Burski has volunteered fill the position;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Kathi Burski to the Safety Committee for a three-year term, her first full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10m - 01/06/09

Safety Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Safety Committee due the resignation of an employee, and

WHEREAS Luann Beachem has volunteered fill the position;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Luann Beachem to the Safety Committee for a three-year term, her first full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10n - 01/06/09

Water Plan Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Water Plan Committee, and

WHEREAS Roberta Haight has volunteered fill the position;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Roberta Haight to the Water Plan Committee for a three-year term, her first full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #10o - 01/06/09

Wetland Appeals Board Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Wetland Appeals Board due the expiration of term of Michael Fetzek, and

WHEREAS Fetzek is eligible and willing to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Michael Fetzek to the Wetland Appeals

Board for a three-year term, his second full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Action #11 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve a **Consent Agenda** including all of the following actions:

Resolution #11a - 01/06/09

Extension Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Extension Committee due the resignation of Duane Munsterteiger, and

WHEREAS the Extension Committee and County Coordinator have recommended Stacy Thoeny to refill this position

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Stacy Thoeny to the Extension Committee to complete the unfilled portion of a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2010, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this is a partial term and not counted toward the three term limit.

Resolution #11b - 01/06/09

Extension Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Extension Committee due the resignation of Jim McDonald, and

WHEREAS the Extension Committee has recommended Cookie Heikes to refill this position

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Cookie Heikes to the Extension Committee to complete the unfilled portion of a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 3, 2011, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this is a partial term and not counted toward the three term limit.

Resolution #11c - 01/06/09

Extension Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Extension Committee due the expiration of term of Doyle Jelsing, and

WHEREAS Jelsing is eligible for another term and the Extension Committee has recommended his reappointment;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Doyle Jelsing to the Extension Committee for a three-year term, his second term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #11d - 01/06/09
Extension Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Extension Committee due the expiration of term of Victor Stenberg, and

WHEREAS Stenberg is eligible for another term and Extension has recommended his reappointment;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Doyle Jelsing to the Extension Committee for a three-year term, his second term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Action #12 – Roger Crawford introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution #12 – 01/06/09
Planning Commission Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS Carla Dunkley is willing to serve and the County Coordinator has recommended her appointment;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Carla Dunkley to the Planning Commission for a three-year term, her first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

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

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Kevin Troupe, Roger Crawford, Kathi Ellis, Kim Smith
OPPOSED: Les Nielsen

ABSTAIN: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Action #13 – It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #13 - 01/06/09
Planning Commission Appointment

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

WHEREAS Nikodym is willing to serve and eligible to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Greg Nikodym to the Planning Commission for a three-year term, his third term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Action #14 – It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to approve a **Consent Agenda** including all of the following actions:

Resolution #14a - 01/06/09
East Central Regional Development Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the East Central Regional Development Commission due to a change in the District 2 Commissioner seat term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Roger Crawford is willing to serve in this capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Roger Crawford to the East Central Regional Development Commission as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #14b - 01/06/09
Insurance Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy as Alternate to the Insurance Committee due to a change in the District 2 Commissioner seat term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Roger Crawford is willing to serve in this capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Roger Crawford as Alternate representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners to the Insurance Committee for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #14c - 01/06/09

Onanagozie RC & D Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Onanagozie RC & D Board due to a change in the District 2 Commissioner seat term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Roger Crawford is willing to serve in this capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Roger Crawford to the Onanagozie RC & D Board as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #14d - 01/06/09

Law Library Board Appointment

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

WHEREAS Commissioner Roger Crawford is willing to serve in this capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Roger Crawford to represent the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners on the Law Library Board for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #14e - 01/06/09

School Strategic Process Committee Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the School Strategic Process Committee due to a change in the District 2 Commissioner seat term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Roger Crawford is willing to serve in this capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Roger Crawford to the School Strategic Process Committee as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #14f - 01/06/09

South Country Health Alliance Board Alternate Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy as alternate to the South Country Health Alliance Board due to expiration of term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Roger Crawford is willing to serve in this capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Roger Crawford as the Kanabec County Board of Commissioner's alternate to the South Country Health Alliance Board for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Resolution #14g - 01/06/09

Water Plan Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Water Plan Committee due to a change in the District 2 Commissioner seat term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Roger Crawford is willing to serve in this capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Roger Crawford to the Water Plan Committee as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Action #15 – It was moved by Roger Crawford, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #15 - 01/06/09

Extension Committee Appointment

WHEREAS the board is represented on the Extension Committee by the Chairperson and one other Commissioner, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Kim Smith is willing to serve in this capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Kim Smith as the Kanabec County Board of Commissioner's second representative on the Extension Committee for a three-year term, his first full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Action #16 – It was moved by Roger Crawford, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #16 - 01/06/09
CMJTS Appointment

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

WHEREAS Commissioner Nielsen is willing to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Les Nielsen to represent the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners on the Central Minnesota Jobs & Training Board for a three-year term, his third term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Action #17 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Roger Crawford, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #17 - 01/06/09
Emergency Medical Service Board Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Emergency Medical Service Board due to expiration of Les Nielsen's term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Nielsen is willing to serve another term;

WHEREAS there is a vacancy as Alternate to the Emergency Medical Service Board due to expiration of Kevin Troupe's term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Troupe is willing to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Les Nielsen to represent the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners on the Emergency Medical Service Board for a three-year term, his third term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012, and

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Kevin Troupe to represent the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners as Alternate to the Emergency Medical Service Board for a three-year term, his second term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Action #18 – It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #18 - 01/06/09

North Highway 65 Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the North Highway 65 Corridor Coalition due to expiration of Les Nielsen's term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Roger Crawford is willing to serve in this capacity;

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Roger Crawford to the North Highway 65 Corridor Coalition as representative of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners for a three-year term, his first term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Action #19 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Roger Crawford, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #19 - 01/06/09

Rail Authority Appointment

WHEREAS there are vacancies on the Kanabec County Regional Railroad Authority Board due to expiration of terms;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint the following to a one year term commencing immediately and expiring January 4, 2010 on the Railroad Authority Board:

- Kevin Troupe
- Roger Crawford
- Les Nielsen
- Kathi Ellis
- Kim Smith

Action #20 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #20 - 01/06/09

Radio Board Appointment

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the Regional Radio Board due to expiration of Kevin Troupe's term, and

WHEREAS Commissioner Troupe is willing to serve another term;

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Kevin Troupe to represent the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners on the Regional Radio Board for a three-year term, his first full term, commencing immediately and expiring January 2, 2012.

Action #21 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #21 - 01/06/09

Union Bargaining Appointment

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 commencing immediately and expiring January 4, 2010 on the listed negotiating teams:

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| 1. LELS Local 107 (Sheriff's) | Kim Smith, Kathi Ellis |
| 2. Teamsters Local 320 (Courthouse) | Kevin Troupe, Roger Crawford |
| 3. Operating Engineers Local 49 (Highway) | Les Nielsen, Kevin Troupe |
| 4. Laborers Local 563 (Welfare) | Roger Crawford, Les Nielsen |

Action #22 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #22 - 01/06/09

Official Newspaper

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 2009 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 2008 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, 2009, shall be published, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a condition of this resolution is that the Kanabec County Times agree to post all the notices on its Web site at no additional cost pursuant to Minnesota Statute §331A.02, Subd 5 and that the notice must remain on the Web site during the notice's full publication period.

Action #23 – It was moved by Roger Crawford, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #23 - 01/06/09
City Prosecution Contract

WHEREAS the City of Mora desires to retain the County of Kanabec to provide professional prosecution services through the Kanabec County Attorney's Office, and

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners agrees to provide the services of the Kanabec County Attorney's Office to provide such prosecution services on behalf of the City of Mora;

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize and direct the Chairperson to sign a "Retainer Agreement for Criminal Prosecution Services between the City of Mora and the County of Kanabec for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 with the compensation set at \$28,787.00.

Action #24 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #24 – 01/06/09
Clean Water Legacy Funds

WHEREAS the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment passed by the voters of Minnesota amends the constitution to increase the State's sales tax by 3/8ths of one percent for next 25 years (2009-2034), and

WHEREAS 14.25% of the proceeds of this amendment are dedicated to Parks and Trails, and

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners supports an equitable use of this public fund;

BE IT RESOLVED to support the position paper of the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Coalition as follows:

1 .Scope of "Regional and Statewide Significance" for the Parks and Trails Fund:

Should include parks and trails outside the metropolitan area deemed to be of regional significance according to criteria established by the DNR Commissioner.

2. Eligible Uses:

Capital acquisition, capital development, capital renovation, rehabilitation and restoration of facilities or landscapes.

3. Administration of Allocations to Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails:

The existing DNR Grant programs should administer these funds with advice of an Independent Advisory Committee, implementing the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). This should include a few statutory changes to Minnesota Statute section 85.019:

- a. re-title "Outdoor" (not "local") Recreation Grants;
- b. create a new subdivision with a specific statutory grant program for Greater Minnesota Regional Parks;
- c. restore the outdoor recreation grant match to 25% for Regional Parks and Trails, and Natural & Scenic Areas;
- d. allow in-kind contributions as grant matches for all programs; and
- e. remove "maximum grant amounts" for grant projects.

4. Percentages:

The funds should be divided evenly at 33 1/3 % each between

- a. State Parks & Trails,
- b. Metropolitan Parks & Open Space Commission and
- c. Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails.

Greater MN deserves to be an equal partner in funding because:

- A) Greater Minnesota agencies are committed to leverage short term and long term non-state sources by funding local grant matches and Operations and Maintenance;
- B) Annual grant applications far outstrip available funds;
- C) Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails provide access to natural resource-base outdoor recreation opportunities close-to-home similar to the Metropolitan Region, filling a void in Minnesota's outdoor recreation system, which state parks are not expected to do;
- D) Engaging park agencies increases leverage of non-state resources and stewardship of these parks statewide, and helps serve the states comprehensive outdoor recreation goals.
- E) Greater Minnesota is deficient by 26,000 acres in new urbanizing areas by the year 2030 (Orning Report for LCCMR).

5. Wildlife and Fishing Habitat:

Acquisition, preservation and restoration in parks statewide should be eligible for Heritage funds through the Outdoor Heritage Council.

Action #25 – It was moved by Roger Crawford, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to recess the meeting to meet again on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 11:30am in Meeting Room #3 of the Courthouse.

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 11:30am on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 pursuant to recess with the following Board Members present: Kevin Troupe, Roger Crawford, Les Nielsen, Kathi Ellis and Kim Smith. Also present were Information Systems Director Jessie Kehn, Health & Human Service Director Wendy Thompson, County Engineer Greg Nikodym, County Assessor Dan Weber, Auditor/Treasurer Denise Cooper, County Sheriff Steve Schulz, Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Jensen, Environmental Services Director Teresa Bearce, County Coordinator Alan B. Peterson, County Recorder Rhonda Olson, County Attorney Amy Brosnahan and Probation Director Todd Eustice.

The Board and Department discussed options at length for a county response to likely reductions of state funding during 2009.

Department Heads were instructed to prepare a plan to achieve budget reductions and submit it to the County Coordinator's Office by January 15, 2009.

Action #26 – It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Roger Crawford, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 2:03pm to meet in regular session on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 9:00am.

Signed _____

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

Attest: _____

Alan B. Peterson, Kanabec County Coordinator