

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

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

March 18, 2009

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Kim Smith, Kathi Ellis, Les Nielsen, Roger Crawford and Kevin Troupe.

The Chairperson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action #1 - It was moved by Kevin Troupe, seconded by Roger Crawford, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- a. 8:00pm, Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Jensen
- b. Extension Office

Action #2 – Kim Smith introduced a motion to approve the March 11, 2009 minutes of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners as presented. The motion was seconded by Kevin Troupe and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Kim Smith, Kathi Ellis, Roger Crawford and Kevin Troupe.

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Les Nielsen

whereupon the motion was adopted.

Action #3 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to recess the board meeting at 6:35pm to a time immediately following the Human Service Board.

The Kanabec County **Human Service Board** met at **6:35pm** on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Kathi Ellis, Les Nielsen, Kim Smith, Roger Crawford, and Kevin Troupe. Health & Human Service Director Wendy Thompson presented the Human Services agenda. Items discussed included the budget, staffing, finances, and other agency business.

Action #HS5 - It was moved by Roger Crawford, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda of the Human Service Board as presented.

Action #HS6 - It was moved by Roger Crawford, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #HS6 - 03/18/09

Human Services Authority Act

WHEREAS proposed legislative language entitled the “Human Services Authority Act” has been reviewed and discussed, and

WHEREAS the Governor’s proposal is motivated by a need to create greater accountability for human services between counties and the state; maximize the expertise to enable counties to more effectively administer many highly complex human services programs, and reduce variability in core or safety net services, and

WHEREAS Kanabec County agrees with these underlying goals, but questions whether this proposal will achieve those goals, and

WHEREAS Kanabec County is fearful the legislation, in its current form, may lead to unintended consequences, and

WHEREAS Kanabec County is concerned that no fiscal note of state wide savings has been prepared, there is no funding to support counties for analysis and implementation, nor is the potential risk of increased cost and burden to local tax payers considered, and

WHEREAS in real effect, the Human Services Authority Act simply adds another layer of government, with all the overhead and cost that entails, without measurable increase in efficiency, and

WHEREAS Kanabec County is also concerned about misconceptions that may be driving the Human Services Authority Act legislation as exhibited by the following quotation from a letter from DHS Commissioner Cal R. Ludeman referring to the Human Services Authority Act:

“The proposal was motivated by a realization that human service programs have grown more numerous and complex each year, yet the county-based delivery system is essentially the same as it was in 1923.”

This statement does not recognize the changes made in county-based systems to modernize, digitize, coordinate and multi-task systems as well as providing better trained and more professional workforce, and

WHEREAS the Human Services Authority Act appears to assume inefficiency lies in the local administration of human services bureaucracy while all available evidence indicates the inefficiencies are inherent in the complex state and Federal programs and bureaucratic mandates that have little or nothing to do with service delivery;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners opposes the “Human Services Authority Act,” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to request the Governor and Legislature to refocus on reducing the complexity of administering human service programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to request that the Governor and Legislature develop improvements to human service management and delivery in a transparent manner that includes counties as partners throughout the planning process.

Action #HS7 - It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Roger Crawford, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #HS7 - 03/18/09
Delegation Agreement

WHEREAS, the South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) desires to delegate the care coordination services to Kanabec County, and

WHEREAS the care coordination is intended to work as a team member to foster communication among SCHA members, providers, staff and other organizations, and

WHEREAS Kanabec County desires to provide the delegated services in accordance with SCHA policies and procedures and in compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations and National Committee for Quality Assurance accreditation standards, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to approve a Delegation Agreement between South Country Health Alliance and Kanabec County for the time period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Action #HS8 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #HS8 - 03/18/09
Health Partners Contract

WHEREAS Kanabec County Family Service Agency is a behavioral health service provider and bills insurance companies for services rendered, and

WHEREAS there must be a contract between each insurance company or health maintenance organization (HMO) and Kanabec County that Family Services wishes to bill for services, and

WHEREAS Health Partners is a duly licensed HMO;

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a Health Partners Participating Provider Agreement and the Kanabec County Family Service Agency effective December 1, 2008.

Action #HS9 - It was moved by Les Nielsen, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #HS9 - 03/18/09

Rule 25 Contract

WHEREAS South Country Health Alliance ("SCHA"), a fourteen-county joint powers board with authority to act as a county-based purchasing agent under Minnesota law is engaged in the business of making quality health care available on a prepaid basis, and

WHEREAS SCHA is developing and administering contracted health care provider networks to support health care programs for state and federal health care program recipients and other populations with special health care needs, and

WHEREAS Kanabec County desires to participate as a Rule 25 service provider in the provider network being developed by SCHA and is interested in providing services to eligible SCHA Enrollees, and

WHEREAS SCHA desires that Kanabec County participate as a provider of Rule 25 services for SCHA Enrollees;

BE IT RESOLVED to approve an agreement effective January 1, 2009 between South Country Health Alliance and Kanabec County Family Service Agency titled "South Country Health Alliance Outpatient Behavioral Health and Rule 25 Assessment Provider Participation Agreement" in which Kanabec County agrees to provide Rule 25 assessment and placing authority services and/or meet the State mandated requirements on behalf of SCHA as outlined in Minnesota Rules 9530.6600-9530.6655.

Action #HS10 - It was moved by Kevin Troupe, seconded by Les Nielsen, and carried unanimously to approve 140 claims totaling \$169,551.04 on the Welfare Fund.

Action #HS11 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Roger Crawford, and carried unanimously to recess the Human Service Board at 7:37pm to meet again on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 9:05am.

The meeting of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners resumed.

7:37pm - The Chairperson then called for public comment three times. None responded.

7:40pm - The Chairperson closed public comment.

Action #12 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #12 – 03/18/09

Homemaker Pay

WHEREAS the board has approved the ‘Homemaker’ position by Resolution #PH8 – 03/11/09;

BE IT RESOLVED to direct the County Personnel Director to submit the Homemaker position to the Pay Consultant for review.

7:45pm - Each commissioner gave a report of the activities of the Boards and Committees in which they participate.

Action #13 - It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Roger Crawford, and carried unanimously to recess the board meeting at 7:55pm to a time immediately following the Kanabec County Regional Rail Authority.

The meeting of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners resumed at 8:04pm.

8:04pm – Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Jensen met with the county board to discuss a grant application.

Action #14 – It was moved by Kevin Troupe, seconded by Kim Smith, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #14 - 03/18/09

CHRP Grant Approval

WHEREAS the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP); the COPS Office will receive the funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to address the personnel needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement, and

WHEREAS CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts, and

WHEREAS CHRP grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions: including filling existing unfunded vacancies, and

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Sheriff's Office has an unfilled Deputy Sheriff left vacant for budget purposes, and

WHEREAS the citizens of Kanabec County would be better served if this vacant position was filled;

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for a COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant for the purpose of filling the vacant Deputy Sheriff position.

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

Action #15 – It was moved by Kim Smith, seconded by Kevin Troupe, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:22pm to meet again in regular session on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 6:30pm.

Signed _____

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

Attest: _____

Alan B. Peterson, Kanabec County Coordinator