

**MINUTES OF THE  
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Government Services Center, 500 Fir Ave W.  
Tuesday, December 23, 2003  
9:30 a.m.**

**Call to Order**

The Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners convened Tuesday, December 23, 2003, at 9:35 a.m. at the Otter Tail County Government Services Center with Commissioners Malcolm Lee, Chair; Syd Nelson, Vice-Chair; Dennis Mosher, Roger Froemming, and Bob Block present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Froemming, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board agenda of December 23, 2003, with the following additions:

10:45 a.m. – Treasurer, Steve Andrews  
11:30 a.m. – Human Services Director, John Dinsmore  
11:50 a.m. – Land & Resource Director, Bill Kalar

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board minutes of December 16, 2003, as presented.

**Approval to Pay Bills**

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve payment of County Board bills per Attachment A of the official minutes.

**County-Wide Emergency Management Plan**

Emergency Management Director, Tiny Holm, requested approval of the Otter Tail County-Wide Emergency Operations Plan. Motion by Block, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve the County-Wide Emergency Operations Plan dated November, 03, as presented with a few minor changes. The Operations Plan will qualify Otter Tail County for some emergency management grant dollars.

**Highway Department Project Update**

Highway Engineer, Rick West, presented and reviewed highway construction and design projects for the past construction season.

**Agreement for S.A.P. 56-599-54**

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, & unanimously carried to authorize the Highway Engineer's signature to execute an agreement between the County of Otter Tail Highway Department and Braun Intertec for geotechnical evaluation for a proposed bridge replacement on Ridgewood Circle in Dane Prairie Township.

**Final Payment for GSC Building**

Motion by Block, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to approve Final Payment to OffiSource, Inc. of Minneapolis, MN, in the amount of \$1,285.00, for interior furniture at the GSC building, project no. 0202.

### **Corrections Officer Positions**

Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to authorize the Jail Administrator to hire three additional part time Corrections Officers. The availability of part time corrections employees decreases the need for overtime for the full time staff.

### **Geographic Information Systems Fee Schedule**

GIS Addressing Coordinator, Brian Armstrong, presented the 2004 GIS Fee Schedule. Motion by Nelson, second by Block, and unanimously carried to approve the Otter Tail County GIS 2004 Fee Schedule as presented and as follows:

Data Verification Personnel	\$30.00 per hour portal to portal
Mapping/Database/Design Personnel	\$40.00 per hour
GPS Equipment and Personnel	\$50.00 per hour portal to portal
Return Trip Addressing Fee	\$50.00

### **Payroll Discussion**

Treasurer, Steve Andrews, discussed the payroll process with the Board. Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to clarify a new payroll policy as follows: Effective November 30, 2003, all payroll direct deposits will be in the bank the actual payday. Regular paychecks and stubs will be mailed out on the actual payday.

### **Truth In Taxation Hearing Minutes**

Motion by Lee, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve the Truth In Taxation Public Hearing minutes of Thursday, December 4, 2003, as presented.

### **Payable 2004 Otter Tail County Gross and Net Property Tax Levy Resolution Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2003 - 72**

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Nelson, who moved for the adoption of Otter Tail County's payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levies:

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioner held the required public hearing on Thursday, December 4, 2003 at 5:15 p.m. in the Otter Tail County Commissioners' Room for the purpose of considering, reviewing, discussing, and receiving public input regarding the proposed payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy, which had been previously adopted on Monday, September 15, 2003, and

WHEREAS, public discussion and comment regarding the proposed payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy was requested and accepted prior to and on Tuesday, December 4, 2003, and

WHEREAS, all interested individuals in attendance were encouraged and provided an opportunity to address the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners with their concerns, comments, and suggestions, and

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners, after having received public discussion and input from all interested individuals in attendance, declared the public hearing adjourned and stated for the record that final action by the Board of Commissioners to adopt the Payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy would take place on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in the Otter Tail County Commissioners' Room located in the Otter Tail County Government Services Center, Fergus Falls, MN, and

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners recognizes the requirement to adopt Otter Tail County's final payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy no later than Friday, December 26, 2003, and the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners is required to certify Otter Tail County's final payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy to the County Auditor's office on or before Monday, December 29, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners hereby levies for the payable year 2004, upon the taxable net tax capacity of the property of Otter Tail County, the following amounts as detailed below:

**Fund Breakdown  
Net Tax Capacity Based Levies**

	<b>Fund Number</b>	<b>Gross Levy</b>	<b>CPA</b>	<b>Net Levy</b>
<b>Revenue -</b>				
<b>General</b>	01	10,333,376	1,240,015	9,093,361
<b>Debt Service -</b>				
<b>Government Services Bldg</b>	07	994,429	0	994,429
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	07	500,000	0	500,000
<b>Veteran Nursing Home</b>	07	143,633	0	143,633
<b>Human Services -</b>				
<b>Social Services</b>	03	4,224,197	506,908	3,717,289
<b>Administration</b>	04	1,332,548	159,907	1,172,641
<b>Public Health</b>	05	384,257	46,111	338,146
<b>Court Services</b>	06	182,515	21,901	160,614
<b>Road and Bridge</b>	02	1,180,000	141,602	1,038,398
<b>Capital Improvement</b>	08	<u>1,022,965</u>	<u>122,757</u>	<u>900,208</u>
<b>Total County -     Excluding Regional Library</b>		20,297,920	2,239,201	18,058,719
<b>Regional Library System</b>	09	<u>320,156</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>320,156</u>
<b>Total County -     Including Regional Library</b>		20,618,076	2,239,201	18,378,875
<b>Lake Improvement Districts -</b>				
<b>Pelican Group of Lakes</b>	20	105,000	0	105,000
<b>Pine Lakes</b>	20	10,400	0	10,400
<b>McDonald, Kerbs and Paul</b>	20	<u>9,740</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,740</u>
<b>Total Otter Tail County Levy</b>		<u>20,743,216</u>	<u>2,239,201</u>	<u>18,504,015</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies the above amount to the County Auditor's office as Otter Tail County Final Gross/Net Property Tax levies for the payable year 2004, and directs the

County Auditor's office to spread these levies against the taxable net tax capacity of the property of Otter Tail County.

The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Mosher and upon being put to vote, was carried unanimously.

Adopted at Fergus Falls, Minnesota this 23rd day of December 2003.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Malcolm K. Lee, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk

### **Capital Improvement Bond**

Motion by Froemming, second by Block, and unanimously carried to authorize the County Auditor to contact Ehlers & Associates, Inc. to begin the Capital Improvement Note/Bond issuing process.

### **Payable 2004 Otter Tail County Housing and Redevelopment Special Taxing District Gross and Net Property Tax Levy Resolution Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2003 - 73**

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Block, who moved for the authorization of the Otter Tail County Housing and Redevelopment Special Taxing District 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy:

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is a special taxing district under the provisions of Minnesota Statute Chapter 469, and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2003 the Otter Tail County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, had requested a Payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy of \$200,000, and

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners on Monday, September 15, 2003, acted to authorize the Otter Tail County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's request for a Payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy of \$200,000, and

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners recognizes the requirement to adopt a special taxing district's Payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy no later than Friday, December 26, 2003, and to certify the special taxing district's final payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy to the County Auditor's office on or before Monday, December 29, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes/adopts, on behalf of the Otter Tail County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, a final Payable 2004 Gross and Net property tax levy of \$200,000 and hereby certifies the same to the County Auditor's office to be spread against the taxable property of the Otter Tail County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Mosher, and upon being put to vote, was carried with a vote of 3 to 2 with Nelson and Froemming opposed.

Adopted at Fergus Falls, Minnesota this 23rd day of December 2003.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Malcolm K. Lee, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Larry Krohn, Clerk

**Resolution Adopting the Final Calendar Year 2004 Budget  
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2003 - 74**

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Froemming, who moved for the adoption of the calendar year 2004 budget for the General Fund, for the Budgeted Special Revenue Funds, and for the Debt Service Fund.

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioner held the required public hearing on Thursday, December 4, 2003 at 5:15 p.m. in the Otter Tail County Commissioners' Room for the purpose of considering, reviewing, discussing, and receiving public input regarding the proposed calendar year 2004 budget for the General Fund, for the Budgeted Special Revenue Funds and for the Debt Service Fund, which had been previously adopted on Monday, September 15, 2003, and

WHEREAS, public discussion and comment regarding the proposed calendar year 2004 budget for the General Fund, for the Budgeted Special Revenue Funds, and for the Debt Service Fund was requested on December 4, 2003, and

WHEREAS, all interested individuals in attendance were encouraged and provided an opportunity to address the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners with their concerns, comments, and suggestions, and

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners, after having received public discussion and input from all interested individuals in attendance, declared the public hearing adjourned and stated for the record that final action by the Board of Commissioners to adopt the calendar year 2004 budget for the General Fund, for the Budgeted Special Revenue Funds, and for the Debt Service Fund would take place on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in the Otter Tail County Commissioners' Room located in the Otter Tail County Government Services Center, Fergus Falls, MN, and

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners recognizes the requirement to adopt Otter Tail County's final calendar year 2004 budget for the General Fund, for the Budgeted Special Revenue Funds, and for the Debt Service Fund no later than Friday, December 26, 2003 and also recognizes the requirement to adopt the final calendar year 2004 budget after the adoption of the final payable 2004 Gross and Net Property Tax Levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adopts the amount of \$49,423,308 as the County's calendar year 2004 budget for the

General Fund, for the Budgeted Special Revenue Funds, and for the Debt Service Fund, as summarized in Attachment B (official minutes) and as detailed in the budget documents filed with the County Auditor's office.

The above resolution was seconded by Commissioner Block, and upon being put to vote, was carried unanimously.

Adopted at Fergus Falls, Minnesota this 23rd day of December 2003.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Malcolm K. Lee, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Larry Krohn, Clerk

### **Tobacco Licenses**

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve the following applications for license:

Depot, Diner and Bar, The Highway 59 PO Box 93 Erhard, MN 56534	Tobacco
ERNS, LLC Don's Service 102 West Broadway Elizabeth, MN 56533	Tobacco
Lakeside Market 28465 County Highway 145 Battle Lake, MN 56515	Tobacco
Lenny's Dining and Dancing, Inc. 30255 Phelps Mill Road Underwood, MN 56586	Tobacco
Peak Supper Club, The 43517 County Highway 37 Clitherall, MN 56524	Tobacco
Perham Oasis 43937 425th St PO Box 247 Perham, MN 56573	Tobacco
Silver Dollar Bar and Grill, The PO Box 695 Elizabeth, MN 56533	Tobacco

**Payment Approval**

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve the following costs incurred under the provision of Minnesota Statute 607.35:

Kathy Gilbert	\$750.00	3 Sexual Assault Evidentiary Exams
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**Certificates of Correction to Plat**

Motion by Lee, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve the attached (Attachment C of official minutes) Land Surveyor's Certificate of Correction to the following plats:

Oak Point Park – Sections 20 and 21, Otto Township  
Silver Shores – Section 28, Everts Township

**Discussion Regarding Charles Orvik Property**

Auditor, Wayne Stein, presented a request from Charles Orvik to assign parcel numbers to his property based on classification rather than legal description. Motion by Froemming, second by Block, and carried with Mosher abstaining, to deny Mr. Orvik's request to assign parcel numbers based on classification, and to suggest one of the following options to facilitate his financing issues; 1) subdivide the property according to the rules of the Subdivision Controls Ordinance, 2) cease commercial use of the property, or 3) challenge the classification of the property through the appropriate appeal process.

**Premise Permit**

**Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2003 – 75**

Commissioner Froemming offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the responsibility for the regulation of lawful gambling and the issuance of licenses and permits for the conduct of lawful gambling lies with the Minnesota Gambling Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Ottertail Lions Club, Ottertail, MN, has made an application to the Gambling Control Board for the purpose of conducting lawful gambling at Elmer's Texas Bar-B-Que, located at 27896 State Highway 78 in Girard Township of Otter Tail County; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 349.213 provides that the Gambling Control Board may not issue a premise permit unless they receive a resolution from the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners approving the application for a permit; and

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners is aware of no reason to oppose the conduct of lawful gambling by the Ottertail Lions Club, Ottertail, MN, at Elmer's Texas Bar-B-Que, located at 27896 State Highway 78 in Girard Township of Otter Tail County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the conduct of lawful gambling by the Ottertail Lions Club, Ottertail, MN, at Elmer's Texas Bar-B-Que, located at 27896 State Highway 78 in Girard Township of Otter Tail County, provided the applicant meets all the necessary criteria for the licenses and permits as required by the Gambling Control Board.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this application and approval shall be provided to the Township of Girard by sending them a copy of this resolution.

Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, and upon being put to a vote, was unanimously carried.

Adopted and signed this 23rd day of December, 2003.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Malcolm K. Lee, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk

### Payment Approvals

Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to approve payment to the Association of Minnesota Counties, in the amount of \$15,204.00, for the Association of Minnesota Counties 2004 Annual Dues.

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve the following expenditure:

Randy Wasvick	Otter Tail County Ditch No. 38	\$15.72
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### County Ditch Loans

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried, to approve a six percent inter-fund loan, in the amount of \$12,735.25, from the General Revenue Fund as follows:

<b>Otter Tail County Drainage System 12</b>	
From General Fund (inter fund loan at 6%)	\$ 624.03
(special assessment has been levied)	
<b>Otter Tail County Drainage System 38</b>	
From General Fund (inter fund loan at 6%)	\$9,700.00
<b>Otter Tail County Drainage System 53</b>	
From General Fund (inter fund loan at 6%)	\$2,411.22
(special assessment has been levied)	

### County Ditch Annual Maintenance Assessments

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to authorize the following annual County Drainage System repair/maintenance assessments for payable year 2004:

County Drainage Ditch No. 04	\$1,500.00
County Drainage Ditch No. 05	\$ 500.00
County Drainage Ditch No. 12	\$Included in Project Assessment
County Drainage Ditch No. 21	\$1,500.00
(Original Board Action of December 23, 1996 - \$500.00)	
County Drainage Ditch No. 29	\$ 500.00
County Drainage Ditch No. 37	\$2,000.00
(Original Board Action of September 23, 1997 - \$500.00)	
County Drainage Ditch No. 38	\$Benefit Re-determination

County Drainage Ditch No. 43	\$ 500.00
County Drainage Ditch No. 52	\$ 500.00
County Drainage Ditch No. 53	\$Project Assessment.
County Drainage Ditch No. 56	\$Included in Project Assessment.
County Drainage Ditch No. 63	\$1,000.00
(Original Board Action February 15, 2000 - \$500.00)	
Otter Tail Wilkin Judicial Ditch No. 2	\$3,000.00

#### **Board of Adjustment Appointments for 2004**

Motion by Lee, second by Block, and unanimously carried, to appoint the following to the 2004 Board of Adjustment:

Commission District 2	Cecil Femling
Commission District 5	Randy Mann
Commission District 4	Paul Larson
Commission District 3	Steve Schierer
Commission District 1	Mike Conlon

#### **Performance Based Pay Formula Proposal**

Human Services Director, John Dinsmore, updated the Board on the status of the performance based alternative salary plan implemented for himself as a "pilot project" effective March 1, 2003. Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried not to continue this outcome based performance "pilot project" for 2004. Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to authorize payment, in the amount of \$1,776.00, out of a total possible dollars of \$2,960.00, based on performance outcomes. The amount of \$2,960.00 had been withheld from Mr. Dinsmore's salary during CY2003 during this "pilot project".

#### **Approval of Final Plat**

Motion by Lee, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve the Final Plat of Deanna & Conrad Olson known as "Olson's Oak Haven Subdivision" located in Section 23 of Scambler Township, Tamarac Lake (56-931).

#### **Planning Commission Appointments for 2004**

Motion by Lee, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to re-appoint the following individuals to the Otter Tail County Planning Commission effective January 1, 2004, for three year terms:

Commission District 1	Frank Lachowitz
Commission District 2	Joe Maske
Commission District 3	Les Estes
Commission District 5	Leona Zimmerman

#### **Recess & Reconvene**

At 12:10 p.m., Chairman Lee declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners recessed for lunch break. The meeting was reconvened at 1:23 p.m.

#### **Perham Resource Recovery Facility**

Solid Waste Director, Mike Hanan, updated the Board on a recent meeting of the Resource Recovery Facility's Coordinating Committee. He reported that the Coordinating Committee has asked Bob Louiseau to negotiate the "180 day out clause" out of the proposed Bongard's agreement for Bongards and the City & Counties. Commissioners agreed that they did not

wish to move forward with additional action regarding the facility until the City of Perham and Barlow Group have both responded to Otter Tail County's request to re-negotiate their contracts.

**Budget Discussion**

Commissioner Lee presented a document entitled "Proposals for 2004 Budget". Accountant, Mitzi Pederson, explained and answered questions regarding the six budget proposals. Additional budget reducing proposals were discussed. Motion by Mosher, second by Block, to reduce per diems from \$50 to \$45 effective January 1, 2004, and then, reinstate by increasing to \$47.50 in 2005, \$50.00 in 2006, \$52.50 in 2007, and \$55 in 2008. Chairman Lee called for a roll call vote:

Commission District 1	Nelson	Yea
Commission District 3	Mosher	Yea
Commission District 4	Froemming	Yea
Commission District 5	Block	Yea
Commission District 2	Lee	Yea

Motion carried.

Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to reduce mileage reimbursement for transportation for employees to \$.33 per mile

Motion by Mosher, second by Block, to reduce County Commissioner's salary \$100 per month effective January 1, 2004, then reinstate by increasing \$25 plus COLA in 2005 and each year thereafter for a total 4-year plan to reach the original salary. Chairman Lee called for a roll call vote:

Commission District 1	Nelson	Nay
Commission District 3	Mosher	Yea
Commission District 4	Froemming	Nay
Commission District 5	Block	Yea
Commission District 2	Lee	Nay

Motion failed 2 – 3.

Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to reduce the salary of non-elected Department Heads by \$50 per month and reinstate in a two-year period. Chairman Lee called for a roll call vote:

Commission District 1	Nelson	Yea
Commission District 3	Mosher	Yea
Commission District 4	Froemming	Nay
Commission District 5	Block	Nay
Commission District 2	Lee	Nay

Motion failed 2 – 3.

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried not to authorize a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for non-union employees, effective January 1, 2004; however, when the COLA is given in future years, this COLA freeze is considered and given back in a three year period.

Motion by Nelson, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to freeze step increases for non-union employees for CY2004. Chairman Lee called for a roll call vote:

Commission District 5	Block	Nay
Commission District 4	Froemming	Yea
Commission District 3	Mosher	Nay
Commission District 1	Nelson	Yea
Commission District 2	Lee	Nay

Motion failed 2 – 3.

Commissioner Block agreed with the budget proposals presented by the Chairman and added that the Sheriff Department personnel should not be reduced for CY2004; however, should not be increased either and that Detention Facility personnel changes be considered separately.

**Commissioners' Compensation  
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2003 - 76**

Commissioner Nelson offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375.055 provides that County Commissioners shall receive compensation of annual salaries and, in addition, may receive per diem payments and reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties of their office, as set by a resolution of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the current base annual salary of the County Board of Commissioners is \$25,200.00, as approved by the County Board on December 24, 2002, which took effect on January 1, 2003, and has been in effect for one year; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has elected no Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Calendar Year 2004 for their base annual salary because of a budget shortfall; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otter Tail County Commissioners shall receive the same annual base salary as they received in 2003 of \$25, 200.00 for 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the per diem rate shall be decreased from \$50.00 to \$45.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mileage rate for reimbursement of Commissioners transportation expenses shall be set at 33 cents per mile, the same rate set for other county employees for mileage reimbursement.

Commissioner Froemming seconded the motion, and upon being put to vote, was carried with Mosher opposed.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Malcolm K. Lee, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk

**Funding for Humane Society  
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2003 - 77**

Commissioner Mosher offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Otter Tail County has established a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals, the Otter Tail County Humane Society, which provides useful services to the citizens of Otter Tail County; and

WHEREAS, the costs of providing such services have increased in the past years, necessitating an increase in funding needs; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 343.11 provides:

...The County Board of any county, may in its discretion, appropriate for the maintenance and support of such Societies in the transaction of the work for which they are organized, any sum of money not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed in any one year the sum of \$4,800.00, or the sum of \$.50 per capita based upon the county's or city's population as of the most recent federal census, whichever is greater; provided, that no part of the appropriation shall be expended for the payment of the salary of any officer of the Society; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 343.11 no longer provide adequate funding for such Societies.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners is in favor of an amendment to Minnesota Statute 343.11, which would allow for additional spending, specifically an amendment which would increase from \$.50 per capita to \$1.00 per capita, and that this should be considered a special levy not subject to levy limits.

Commissioner Froemming seconded the motion, and upon being put to vote, was unanimously carried.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Malcolm K. Lee, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk

**Adjournment**

At 2:29 p.m., Chairman Lee declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, December 30, 2003.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Malcolm K. Lee, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk

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