

**MINUTES OF THE
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Government Services Center, 500 Fir Ave. W.
Commissioners' Room
Tuesday, January 4, 2005
9:30 a.m.**

Statutory Meeting - Call to Order

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners convened Tuesday, January 4, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the Otter Tail County Government Services Center with Commissioners Syd Nelson, Bob Block, Roger Froemming, Dennis Mosher, and Malcolm Lee present.

Oath of Office

County Attorney, David Hauser, stated that three Commissioners had been re-elected and since this is the start of a new year, 2005, these officials needed to be sworn in. Commissioners Syd Nelson, Bob Block, and Dennis Mosher took the Oath of Office.

Year 2005 Otter Tail County Board Chair

County Attorney, David Hauser, requested nominations for the CY2005 Otter Tail County Board Chair. Motion by Mosher, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Bob Block as the Otter Tail County Board Chair.

Year 2005 Otter Tail County Board Vice-Chair

Commissioner, Bob Block, assumed the chair and requested nominations for the CY2005 Otter Tail County Board Vice-Chair. Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Roger Froemming as the Otter Tail County Board Vice-Chair.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Lee, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board agenda of January 4, 2005, as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Froemming, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board minutes of December 28, 2004, as mailed.

Approval to Pay Bills

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

Hardship Discussion

Commissioner Mosher reported that he had received a phone call from an individual who has a business that does well if there is snow. The individual stated that there are programs to help the agricultural sector if there is a drought or flooding, but no programs available for businesses that rely on snow. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

Grant Funding for the Region

Emergency Services Director, Tiny Holm, reported that Region IV is made up of 16 counties in the Emergency Management field. The Region has received 2005 grant dollars in the amount of \$500,000. Region IV is asking County Boards in each of the 16 counties to

Payable 2005 Special Assessment

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to certify the following Payable 2005 special assessment per the provision of Minnesota Statute 145A.08:

Parcel 14-000-03-0028-001
Property Address – 37551 395th St.
Property Owner – Lois Erickson

Abatement Cost Detail –

West Central Environmental Consultants	\$1,482.00
Otter Tail Public Health 3 hours @ \$50.00	150.00
Mileage	25.00
Total	\$1,657.00

To be levied as follows:

Pay 2005 Principal \$1,000.00 plus 10% Interest \$165.70 for a total of \$1,165.70 and

Pay 2006 Principal \$657.00 plus 10% Interest \$65.70 for a total of \$722.70.

2005 Printing and Publishing Bids

After previously advertising for bids to be received for printing and publishing of the County Board minutes, legal notices, delinquent tax list, and County's annual financial statement, the County Auditor opened the following bids:

Legal Notices, Publications and Commissioners' Minutes:

Daily Journal \$11.75 per S.A.U.

Annual Financial Statement

Independent	First Publication	\$11.75 per S.A.U.
Battle Lake Review	Second Publication	\$11.75 per S.A.U.

Delinquent Tax List

Perham Enterprise Bulletin	First Publication	\$11.75 per S.A.U.
Perham Enterprise Bulletin	Second Publication	\$ 7.15 per S.A.U.

After consideration, motion was made by Lee, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried, to designate the following papers for Otter Tail County's 2005 publishing and printing requirements with the exception of the official publication for highway project advertisements for bids, which will be posted to the Otter Tail County website as authorized by Minnesota Statute 331A.12 Subdivision 2.:

Legal Notices, Publications and Commissioners' Minutes:

Daily Journal \$11.75 per S.A.U.

Annual Financial Statement

Independent First Publication \$11.75 per S.A.U.
Battle Lake Review Second Publication \$11.75 per S.A.U.

Delinquent Tax List

Perham Enterprise Bulletin First Publication \$11.75 per S.A.U.
Perham Enterprise Bulletin Second Publication \$ 7.15 per S.A.U.

Motion by Lee, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to designate the Otter Tail County website as the official publication for highway project advertisements for bids as authorized by Minnesota Statute 331A.12 Subdivision 2.

**Calendar Year 2005 Pocket Gopher Bounty
(M.S. 348.12 and 348.13)
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2005-01**

Commissioner Nelson offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Otter Tail County, Minnesota, that

The sum of thirty cents (\$.30) be paid out of the General Revenue Fund of Otter Tail County for every pocket gopher killed in said County during the year 2004 in cases where the township in which the pocket gophers were so killed shall provide for the payment of at least an additional bounty of forty cents (\$.40) for each pocket gopher so killed.

RESOLVED further that said payment of such County shall be made by the County Auditor upon certificates executed by the Chairman and/or Clerk of the Town Board of said Township setting forth that the township had issued and delivered to each claimant a payment for at least seventy cents (\$.70) for each pocket gopher so killed.

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

Adopted at Fergus Falls, MN this 4th day of January 2005.

Dated: _____ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Robert Block, County Board Chair

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn, Clerk

**Calendar Year 2005 Tax Forfeited Land Sale
Apportionment Resolution
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2005-02**

Commissioner Lee offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Otter Tail County, Minnesota, that

WHEREAS, it is provided in Minn. Stat. 282.05 for the apportionment of proceeds from the sale of tax forfeited lands, and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor shall apportion the tax sale proceeds to the taxing district pursuant to Minn. Stat. 282.08 and

WHEREAS, Minn Stat. 282.08 (4) (b) provides that the County Board may set aside 20% of the proceeds remaining after the value of public improvements, special assessments and bond issues levied on the property have been paid, for acquisition and maintenance of county parks and recreational areas, and

WHEREAS, Otter Tail County has a park and recreational area, which would benefit by such an apportionment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor retain 20% of the proceeds from the sale of tax forfeited lands for acquisition and maintenance of parks and recreational areas from the proceeds to be disbursed according to law.

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

Adopted at Fergus Falls, MN this 4th day of January 2005.

Dated: _____ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Robert Block, County Board Chair

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn, Clerk

Calendar Year 2005 Delinquent Publication Fee

Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to set the cost assessed to delinquent real estate parcels that are published in the Delinquent Tax list, at \$33.00, based on the following table and recommendation of the County Auditor:

Year	Costs	Parcels	Per Parcel Cost	Inches	Rates	
					First	Second
1999	17,924.28	720	24.89	1,223.5		
2000	12,306.50	646	19.05	815.0	9.50	5.60

2001	16,357.20	630	25.96	1,032.0	9.95	5.90
2002	21,233.65	660	32.17	1,283.0	10.30	6.25
2003	15,713.64	539	29.15	927.0	10.66	6.47
2004	16,695.00	554	30.14	927.5	11.20	6.80
Total	100,230.27	3,749.00	161.37	6,208.00		
Average	16,705.05	624.83	26.89	1,034.67		
2005 *	19,561.50	625	31.30	1,035.0	11.75	7.15
2005 **	17,529.75	554	31.64	927.5	11.75	7.15

*Based on a six year average.

**Number of Parcels and inches assumed to be the same as 2004.

There is statutory authority for the County Board to establish the fee at the greater of \$10.00 or a reasonable fee to recover all the cost incurred against each parcel included in the Delinquent Tax List (Minn. Stat. 279.092).

County Board of Appeal and Equalization Dates

Motion by Froemming, second by Lee, and unanimously carried, to convene the County Board of Appeal and Equalization on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. and to reconvene the County Board of Equalization for final action on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, (Minn. Stat. 274.14).

County Board & Human Services Meeting Dates for CY2005

Motion by Froemming, second by Lee, and unanimously carried to set the dates or the County Board and Human Services Board as follows:

	Full Day County Board 9:30 a.m.	Human Services Board Followed by County Board 9:30 a.m.
January	4 & 18	11 & 25
February	1 & 15	8 & 22
March	1 & 15	8 & 22
April	5 & 19	12 & 26
May	3 & 17	10 & 24
June	7 & 21	14 & 28
July	5 & 19	12 & 26
August	2 & 16	9 & 23
September	6 & 20	13 & 27
October	4 & 18	11 & 25
November	1, 15, & 29	8 & 22
December	20	13 & 27

**Please note: December 6, 2005, no meeting scheduled as this usually is when the AMC meeting is held. Since there is no meeting on December 6th, November 29, 2005 will be scheduled as a full day County Board meeting.

Agriculture Advisory Meeting

Commissioner Froemming requested approval to attend the Agriculture Advisory Meeting held in Stearns County. Motion by Lee, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve the attendance of Commissioner Froemming at the Agriculture Advisory Meeting held in Stearns County on January 10, 2005.

Closed to the Public

At 10:27 a.m. Chairman Block declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners closed to the public for purposes of discussing labor negotiation strategies relative to the Collective Bargaining Units in the Sheriff's Department. Present were all five seated Commissioners, the County Attorney, County Coordinator, and Board Secretary.

Adjournment

Upon conclusion of the closed session, at 10:37 a.m., Chairman Block declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, January 11, 2005.

Dated: _____ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Robert Block, County Board Chair

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn, Clerk

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