

**MINUTES OF THE  
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Government Services Center, Commissioners' Room  
500 Fir Avenue W., Fergus Falls, MN  
Tuesday, January 17, 2006  
9:30 a.m.**

**Call to Order**

The Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners convened Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., at the Otter Tail County Government Services Center with Commissioners Roger Froemming, Chair; Dennis Mosher, Vice-Chair; Bob Block, and Syd Nelson present. Commissioner Malcolm Lee was absent.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mosher, second by Block, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board agenda of January 17, 2006, with the following addition:

Closed Session – Discussion Regarding Negotiation  
Strategies Relative to the AFSCME Bargaining Unit (Highway)

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board minutes of January 10, 2006, as presented.

**Approval to Pay Bills**

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

**Aq Extension Update**

Extension Educator, Vince Crary, reported on the Arsenic Water Grant. He had sampled water on 100 different dairy farms in Becker, Clay, and Otter Tail Counties. After the water samples were run, they divided the farms into three categories:

low - 0-10 parts per billion  
medium – 10-25 parts per billion  
high – over 46 parts per billion

He indicated 20 farms were placed into these categories. Samples of urine, milk, and feed were taken on the high and low category farms. Samples of just urine were taken on the medium category farms. Tissue samples were taken from cows and calves to check for accumulation of arsenic in the tissues. The State of Minnesota will test these samples.

Mr. Crary also reported that the Donkey Project was completed. He provided a handout showing the results of the study. The results for 2003 and 2004 grazing seasons revealed close to the same in number of plumeless thistle plants with two cow/calf pairs versus one donkey and one cow/calf pair. He explained that in 2005 there was a dramatic drop in plants in the pastures with one donkey and one cow/calf pair.

Mr. Crary gave a brief report on Compost Dairy Barns and provided two newsletters. He indicated he will provide a copy of his AFE Monthly Report to the County Commissioners.

### **Ditch No. 63**

Ditch Inspector, Randy Wasvick, reported that work had been done on Ditch No. 63 last fall in Elizabeth in Oscar Township. According to Mr. Wasvick, additional work needs to be completed because some of the tile is not working. There are two 12 inch tiles, a 10 inch tile, and a 14 inch tile going into Altner Lake. Going out of the lake is a 14 inch tile going into three culverts which are 14 inches, 16 inches, and 10 inches, with an 18 inch tile taking it out. The 18 inch tile is unable to handle all the water. In 1997/1998, benefits were redetermined with total benefits of \$62,035. The cost of repairs cannot exceed the value of the benefits. It would cost \$150,000 to \$200,000 to repair the whole ditch system. An engineer would have to be hired. Costs for these repairs would be paid by the property owners. The County does not own the ditch and it is not the responsibility of the County to pay for the repairs. Commissioners requested that Mr. Wasvick schedule an informational meeting with the property owners in the watershed. It was discussed to have the meeting on February 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Government Services Center. Letters will be sent out to notify affected property owners.

Commissioner Lee was present at 10:03 a.m.

### **Application for Exempt Permit**

Motion by Nelson, second by Block, and unanimously carried to approve the LG220 Application for Exempt Permit as submitted by the East Otter Tail Deer Hunters Chapter for an event scheduled on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at the Cactus Gardens in Perham Township.

### **Membership Dues**

Motion by Lee, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried, to approve payment to the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus, in the amount of \$2,100, for Otter Tail County's 2006 membership dues.

### **Approval of Plat**

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried, to approve the Inman Township Cemetery First Addition Plat.

### **Otter Tail County Credit Card**

Motion by Block, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried, to authorize an Otter Tail County Credit Card through Wells Fargo's Express ONE MasterCard to:

Margaret Williams, Mental Health Case Manager – 30 day limit of \$750.00

### **BWSR Block Grant Funding**

Land & Resource Director, Bill Kalar, provided a handout regarding the 2006 Natural Resources Block Grant. The handout provided information about the 2006 Block Grant and what each County will receive. The handout also provided Otter Tail County's grant dollars (\$102,700.00) and the required match (\$105,655.00). Of these funds Land & Resource Management will receive \$60,211.25, East Otter Tail SWCD will receive \$34,845.45, and West Otter Tail SWCD will receive \$25,032.30.

**2006 County Board Committee Appointments**

Chair Froemming made the following appointments:

AMC Delegates	Five Seated Commissioners County Coordinator County Attorney Highway Engineer
<b>Natural Resources Committees:</b>	
International Coalition	Lee
Judicial Ditches	Mosher Lee
Noxious Weed Appeal (statutory)	Lee- West Froemming - East
Shoreland Rules Revision Committee	Block
Soil & Water Conservation District (EOT)	Nelson
Soil & Water Conservation District (WOT)	Mosher
<b>Financial Committees:</b>	
Budget/Audit Committee	Block Nelson
Capital Improvement Committee	Mosher Froemming
Investment Committee	Lee Mosher
<b>Facilities:</b>	
Building Committee (statutory)	Nelson Lee
Criminal Justice Planning Advisory Committee	Block Lee
<b>Personnel Related Committees:</b>	
Personnel Committee	Mosher Lee
Labor Management Committee	Block
Public Health Labor Management Committee	Block
Human Services Labor Management Committee	Froemming
<b>Departmental Policy Committees:</b>	
Courtroom Security Committee	Mosher
Employee Safety Committee	Froemming
Extension Committee (statutory)	Froemming Mosher
Highway Committee	Mosher Nelson
Land & Resource Committee	Block Lee
Radio – Communications	Block
Solid Waste Committee	Froemming Lee

Technology Committee	Block Lee
<b>Board Appointments to other Organizations:</b>	
Agriculture Advisory Representative	Nelson
AMC District IV Jail & CD/Meth Steering Committee	Block
Area Transportation Partnership Committee	2 yr term beginning 7/1/05 Lee
Community Health Services (CHS) Advisory Board	Nelson Alternate - Froemming
County Solid Waste Coordinating Committee	Froemming
Family Services Collaborative Executive Committee	Block Nelson
Lake Region Community Partners	Mosher Block
Lakeland Mental Health Center	Block
Law Library (statutory)	Froemming
Long Range Planning Task Force	Mosher
Minnesota Department of Corrections Advisory Board	Nelson Alternate - Froemming
Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus (MRCC)	Delegate - Nelson Alternate - Froemming
RTC Re-use Task Force	Block Lee
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) (Regional MnDOT)	Office not available for Counties until 1/1/07
Wadena Community Action Council	Nelson
West Central Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA)	Block
West Central MN EDD (economic development)	Nelson
Western Area City County Cooperative (WACCO) (if member in 2006)	Nelson
WCR Juvenile Center Advisory Board	Nelson Alternate - Chuck Kitzman

**Adjournment/Closed Session**

At 11:05 a.m., Chairman Froemming declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, January 24, 2006. Following the adjournment, Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners went into a closed session for purposes of discussing labor negotiation strategies relative to the AFSCME (Highway) Bargaining Unit.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roger Froemming, Board of Commissioners Chair

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

1/17/2006  
12:16:22

OTTER TAIL COUNTY AUDITOR  
PANELSON RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS SYSTEM  
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

COUNTY 56  
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WARRANTS APPROVED ON 1/17/2006 FOR PAYMENT 1/17/2006

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
A-1 LOCK AND KEY	38.29
A'VIANDS LLC	6,894.27
AMERIGAS	307.59
JERRY BERNS	6.00
BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MHD	23.63
BIG FOOT GAS & GROCERY	949.04
BOB'S STANDARD BULK SERVICE	173.77
BOTNER EXCAVATION SERVICES LLC	1,026.50
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	64.36
BRANDON COMMUNICATIONS INC	750.00
BRANDT & MAGNUS P.A.	1,204.31
BRETZ HARDWARE	62.60
KENT BUESSELER	369.38
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	26.42
CATCO	263.23
CHECKERS	212.84
COOPERS TECHNOLOGY GROUP	340.99
CORPORATE TECHNOLOGIES	60.00
CROSSCOUNTRY COURIER INC	69.27
CULLIGAN WATER COND	44.22
DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	94.81
DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY CAIS	10.00
ECONO SALES AND SERVICE	502.59
ENVIRONMENTAL WOOD SUPPLY LLC	9,000.00
FARGO FREIGHTLINER	220.07
FERGUS FALLS NEWSPAPERS INC	223.25
CITY FERGUS FALLS	80,834.95
FERGUS POWER PUMP INC	6,330.00
FIRST LINE MEDICAL	450.06
FLOOR TO CEILING STORE	1,344.51
FORCE AMERICA	1,756.61
G & K SERVICES	2,114.84
GE CAPITAL	233.65
GERALD N EVENSON INC	16.26
GR GRAPHICS INC ST LOUIS	417.80
HALL GMC INC	133.37
MARK HAUGE	83.99
HEDAHL'S HEADQUARTERS	231.43
HENNING AUTO PARTS INC	110.35
HENNING HARDWARE	79.32
KEN HOESCHEN	2,427.76
SHELDON HOLM	121.46
SANDY HOLO	24.00
K-MART	5.00
KELLY SERVICES INC	1,954.91
LINDA KESKITALO	290.92
L & L SERVICE	31.50
LAKE REGION HEALTHCARE CORP	941.80
LAKeway MARKET LLC	7,820.60

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
LARRY OTT INC TRUCK SERVICE	830.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	92.38
M & I LOCKBOX MCCC	9,235.42
M-R SIGN COMPANY INC.	1,099.20
MCCC MI 33	11,536.60
JACKIE MCGRAND	35.00
MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNO	334.62
MN STATE AUDITOR	336.50
NELSON DODGE GMC	76.20
NELSON INTERNATIONAL	74.47
NEW YORK MILLS HERALD	63.78
NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY INC	1,432.99
NORTHSTAR TECHNOLOGY GROUP INC	6,500.00
ONYX ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LL	20,513.30
OSI ENVIRONMENTAL INC	50.00
OTTER TAIL CO PUBLIC HEALTH	227.40
OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY	317.00
OVERLAND MECHANICAL SERVICES	27.00
PARK REGION CO OP	7,335.79
PERHAM CO OP CREAMERY	9,130.36
PERHAM ENTERPRISE BULLETIN	34.55
CITY PERHAM	66,107.73
PETE'S AMOCO	2,835.33
PITNEY BOWES	162.97
PRO AG FARMERS CO OP	913.65
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER INC	379.87
QUALITY TOYOTA	59.02
RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING CO INC	614.70
RECYCLING ASSOCIATION OF MINNE	185.00
RIVER BEND INDUSTRIES	117.54
ROTHSAY FARMERS CO OP	7.00
ROYAL TIRE INC	302.20
CHERI SCHULTZ	76.39
SCOTT HOFLAND CONSTRUCTION INC	3,250.00
SERVICE FOOD SUPER VALU	16.90
SOUTH MILL SERVICE	211.00
SOUTHTOWN C-STORE	13.15
ST JOSEPH EQUIPMENT INC	447.14
WAYNE STEIN	300.13
STEINS INC	272.41
STEVE'S SANITATION INC	548.76
STORAGE CONNECTION	300.00
SUPER SEPTIC INC OF PELICAN RA	77.19
SUSAN ULSCHMID	46.80
VALLEY SOFT WATER	37.06
VALLEY SOFT WATER LTD	27.50
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	747.67
WASTE MANAGEMENT	486.66
WELLER OIL CO	175.60

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VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	1,302.50
WINGFOOT COMMERCIAL TIRE	655.02
ZIEGLER INC	673.90
4-H PLAT BOOK PROJECT	37.25

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FINAL TOTAL..... \$281,363.12 \*\*\*\*



