

**MINUTES OF THE
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Government Services Center, Commissioners' Room
500 W. Fir Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN
Wednesday, January 2, 2008
9:30 a.m.**

Call to Order

The Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners convened Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at 9:31 a.m. at the Otter Tail County Government Services Center with Commissioners Dennis Mosher, Syd Nelson, Roger Froemming, and Everett Erickson present. Commissioner Bob Block was absent.

Year 2008 Otter Tail County Board Chair

Board of Commissioners Clerk, Larry Krohn, requested nominations for CY2008 Otter Tail County Board Chair. Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Syd Nelson as the Otter Tail County Board Chair for 2008.

Year 2008 Otter Tail County Board Vice-Chair

Chairman, Syd Nelson, assumed the chair and requested nominations for CY2008 Otter Tail County Board Vice-Chair. Motion by Froemming, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to elect Commissioner Everett Erickson as the Otter Tail County Board Vice-Chair for 2008.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mosher, second by Erickson, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board agenda of January 2, 2008, with the following addition:

Closed Session for Labor Negotiation Strategies

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Froemming, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board minutes of December 26, 2007, as mailed.

Approval to Pay Bills

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

Website Designation

Motion by Mosher, 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.

Annual Appropriations

Motion by Froemming, second by Erickson, and unanimously carried to authorize payment of the following CY2008 annual appropriations:

West Central Initiative	\$20,000.00
West Otter Tail Fair Association	\$13,000.00
East Otter Tail Fair Association	\$13,000.00
Otter Tail Country Tourism Association	\$ 8,000.00
The History Museum	\$12,000.00
Rural Life Outreach	\$ 1,000.00
Minnesota Red River Valley Development Assn.	\$ 800.00

Transfer of Funds

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve an operating transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund for the following 2007 Capital Expenditures:

CP 06:134B	\$286,085.77
CP 07:Salt	\$127,976.86
CP 06:SC-1	\$91,099.51
Parkers Prairie Garage Floor Project	\$25,509.75
Henning Garage Project	<u>\$15,921.94</u>
TOTAL	\$546,593.83
Less Previous Operating Transfer	<u>(\$370,198.31)</u>
TOTAL Approved Operating Transfer	\$176,395.52

County Board of Appeal and Equalization for 2008

Motion by Erickson, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to convene the County Board of Appeal and Equalization at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 16, 2008 and reconvene the County Board of Appeal and Equalization for final action on Friday, June 27, 2008 pursuant to M.S. 274.14.

**Human Services Board and County Board of Commissioners
CY2008 Meeting Dates**

Motion by Froemming, second by Erickson, and unanimously carried to establish the following meeting dates for Calendar Year 2008 as the Human Services Board and County Board of Commissioners' regular meeting dates:

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

**Calendar Year 2008 Pocket Gopher Bounty Resolution
 (M.S. 348.12 and M.S. 348.13)**

Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2008 - 01

Upon a motion by Erickson, seconded by Mosher, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

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 2007/2008 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.

Adopted at Fergus Falls, MN this 2nd day of January, 2008.

Dated: _____ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn

Syd Nelson, Board of Commissioners Chair

**Calendar Year 2008 Tax Forfeited Land Sale Apportionment Resolution
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2008 - 02**

Upon a motion by Mosher, seconded by Froemming, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

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 retains 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.

Adopted at Fergus Falls, MN this 2nd day of January, 2008.

Dated: _____ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn

Syd Nelson, Board of Commissioners Chair

Planning Commission Reappointment

Motion by Froemming, second by Erickson, and unanimously carried to reappoint Robert Schwartz to the Otter Tail County Planning Commission effective January 1, 2008 for a three year term.

Investments Resolution
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2008 - 03

Commissioner Erickson offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Otter Tail County, Minnesota, that the Otter Tail County Treasurer be and is hereby given authority to invest County funds as available.

Commissioner Froemming seconded the motion and YEAS and NAYS are as follows:

<u>Board of County Commissioners</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Dennis Mosher				X
Roger Froemming	X			
Bob Block			X	
Everett Erickson	X			
Syd Nelson	X			

Adopted this 2nd day of January, 2008.

Dated: _____ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Syd Nelson, Board of Commissioners Chair

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn, Clerk

Depository Resolution
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2008 - 04

Commissioner Erickson offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Otter Tail County, Minnesota, that all financial institutions in Otter Tail County, including state and federal banks be and are hereby designated as depositories of County funds.

Commissioner Froemming seconded the motion and YEAS and NAYS are as follows:

<u>Board of County Commissioners</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Dennis Mosher				X
Roger Froemming	X			
Bob Block			X	
Everett Erickson	X			
Syd Nelson	X			

Adopted this 2nd day of January, 2008.

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Detention Facility

Detention Facility Administrator, Richard Akerman, and MIS Director, Tim Brand, briefed the Board on the electronic jail vending system that is being installed. This is a smart card system with a kiosk in the Detention Facility lobby where money can be put into inmates' accounts as well as having Internet capabilities. Mr. Akerman also advised the Board on replacement of vacant Corrections Officer positions.

County Committee

Chairman Nelson appointed Commissioners Dennis Mosher and Everett Erickson to a Committee entitled "Optional Forms of County Government".

Recess & Reconvene

At 11:02 a.m., Chairman Nelson declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners recessed for a short break. The meeting was reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

Outstanding Checks – Sheriff's Office

Motion by Froemming, second by Erickson, and unanimously carried to return the following Outstanding Checks that have not been cashed to the Otter Tail County Treasurer's Office:

Check #7560	\$10.30
Check #7678	8.40
Check #7989	1.00
Check #8101	3.47
Check #8286	90.53
Check #8339	1.42
<u>Check #8879</u>	<u>4.00</u>
Total	\$119.12

Closed to the Public – Labor Negotiation Strategies

At 11:20 a.m., Chairman Nelson 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 Facilities Maintenance Union, GSC Technical Group Union and the Nurses Union. Present were Commissioners Nelson, Erickson, Froemming, and Mosher, the County Attorney, County Coordinator and Board Secretary.

Adjournment

At 12:10 p.m., upon conclusion of the closed session, Chairman Nelson declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

Dated: _____

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____

Syd Nelson, Board of Commissioners Chair

Attest: _____

Larry Krohn, Clerk

CB/kd

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 1/02/2008 FOR PAYMENT 1/02/2008	
<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
STACIE ASCHNEWITZ	74.00
BOBCAT OF OTTER TAIL COUNTY	212.94
RONALD BOWMAN	82.49
TIM BRAND	567.45
BRANDON COMMUNICATIONS INC	657.19
BRANDT & MAGNUS P.A.	890.00
BUY-MOR PARTS & SERVICE LLC	14.40
CADD ENGINEERING SUPPLY INC	217.04
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	714.33
CONVERGENT STORAGE SOLUTIONS	4,705.97
COOPERS TECHNOLOGY GROUP	314.59
CUTLER MAGNER COMPANY	12,868.68
DALTON SPORTS AND REPAIR	42.90
FARGO GLASS AND PAINT CO	44.66
FARMERS ELEVATOR OF FERGUS FAL	91.86
FERGUS ELECTRIC	131.65
FERRELLGAS	141.39
FRAZEE FORUM INC	62.40
GOODIN COMPANY	46.70
GRAINGER INC	127.68
HARRISON BROS INC	151.03
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	1,765.47
INTERSTATE INC	647.30
GARY JOHNSON	104.95
K.I.D.LEASING	512.88
KELLY SERVICES INC	760.00
LARRY OTT INC TRUCK SERVICE	575.00
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	178.50
LOCATORS & SUPPLIES INC	154.95
MAAO	75.00
MACO	6,070.00
MCCC MI 33	1,180.00
MIDWEST TESTING LABORATORY	30.00
MIDWESTERN MAT RENTAL & SUPPLY	69.60
MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNO	1,200.00
MORTON SALT	17,773.31
NETWORK CENTER COMMUNICATIONS	1,562.50
NORTHSTAR TECHNOLOGY GROUP INC	4,500.00
NORTHWEST IRON FIREMEN INC	159.72
OFFICE DEPOT	76.42
OFFICEMAX CONTRACT INC	112.01
OLSON FUNERAL HOME	800.00
KIRSTEN OLSON	29.68
OTTER TAIL CO TREASURER	352.40
OVERLAND MECHANICAL SERVICES	108.58
PELICAN RAPIDS PRESS	121.22
RAY'S OIL COMPANY	1,746.39
SELECTACCOUNT	860.10
SIMPLEXGRINNELL LP	660.30
SOS TECHNOLOGIES	438.00
SRF CONSULTING GROUP INC	3,210.19
STEINS INC	503.84
TITAN MACHINERY	8.95
TRANQUILITY BUILDING SERVICES	452.63
TRI STAR RECYCLING	3,967.53
ULTEIG ENGINEERS	233.49
UNIVERSITY OF MN-EXTENSION SER	50.50
VICTOR LUNDEEN COMPANY	176.58
ZIEGLER INC	5,146.13
**** FINAL TOTAL.....	<u>\$78,533.47 ****</u>