

**MINUTES OF THE
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Government Services Center, Commissioners' Room
500 W. Fir Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
9:30 a.m.**

Call to Order

The Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners convened Tuesday, October 7, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at the Otter Tail County Government Services Center in Fergus Falls, MN, with Commissioners Syd Nelson, Chair; Everett Erickson, Vice-Chair; Bob Block, Roger Froemming, and Dennis Mosher present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Froemming, second by Block, and unanimously carried to approve the Board of Commissioners agenda of October 7, 2008, as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Froemming, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of September 30, 2008, as mailed.

Approval to Pay Bills

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

Sign Discussion

Owner of Maple Leaf Resort, Lois Klinker, discussed an issue with their sign by the road that identifies their resort. According to Ms. Klinker, the resort sign has been in place since the storm of 2005 and previous to the storm, there were different signs in that location, one being an old Coca Cola sign. The resort recently received a letter from the County Highway Department that the sign is located in the highway right of way and must be moved. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the situation. Motion by Mosher to request the Highway Department to grant an extension until April 30, 2009, to Maple Leaf Resort for removal of their resort sign. This would allow time to designate a different location and hire someone to move the sign. Commissioner Mosher withdrew the motion because the Highway Department has authority over road right of way issues by statute. The Highway Department will work with the landowner to resolve the situation.

Training – Highway Department

Motion by Mosher, second by Erickson, and unanimously carried to approve a Tuition Assistance Agreement between the County of Otter Tail and Wade Bugbee to allow Mr. Bugbee to attend MnDOT certification courses. The County will pay for classes and related expenses.

Culvert Replacement – Cental Lakes Trail

The Otter Tail County Highway Department received the following quotations for a culvert replacement project on the Central Lakes Trail:

Landwehr Construction, Inc. St. Cloud, MN	\$39,888.00
Korby Contracting, Inc. Fergus Falls, MN	\$48,900.00

Mark & Brenda Construction Fergus Falls, MN	\$53,731.00
Riley Bros. Construction, Inc. Morris, MN	\$53,764.00

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to award the Central Lakes Trail Culvert Replacement Project to Landwehr Construction, Inc. of St. Cloud, MN at the low quotation of \$39,888.00 as recommended by the Highway Engineer.

Lake Elevations

Assistant Highway Engineer, Chuck Grotte, provided handouts with recent lake elevations on South Turtle Lake and Johnson Lake. He stated that the water is receding in both of these areas. The pump at Johnson Lake will be removed.

Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota

Motion by Erickson, second by Block, and unanimously carried to authorize the Chair and the County Coordinator to sign the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Office of the Secretary of State. The purpose of the agreement was for providing election recount services for the automatic recount of votes pursuant to Minnesota Statute 204C.35 for the non-partisan primary for the Minnesota Supreme Court Seat No. 4.

License Application

Motion by Froemming, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve the following application for license:

DJ's Powerhouse Bluffton, MN	Tobacco
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Delayed Payroll

In reference to the Delayed Payroll Vote, 58% of the employees voted with 243 voting for Option No. 1 and 25 voting for Option No. 2.

Payment Approvals

Motion by Mosher, second by Froemming, and unanimously carried to approve payment, in the amount of \$3,430.76, to Faegre and Benson for services provided by Stephen Rosholt as they related to the IRS Audit of the Government Services Center Bonds.

Motion by Erickson second by Block, and unanimously carried to approve payment, in the amount of \$1,143.00, to National Association of Counties for the County's 2009 membership dues.

Recess & Reconvene

At 10:21 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 10:28 a.m.

Assessor's Department

Assessor, Bob Moe, provided a copy of a Resolution supported by Isanti County which requests that the Governor suspend the implementation of the changes to the Green Acres Law. He did not recommend that Otter Tail County support suspension by Governor action. Mr. Moe stated that, in his opinion, the overall premise of the changes to the Green Acres Law is good but there are issues with people currently covered by Green Acres and with the payback provisions. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern that this would increase property taxes for many county farmers. Mr. Moe stated that Green Acres is a deferment of taxes which originated in the Metro area. Property owners have until January 2, 2009 to elect or opt out of the Green Acres program. Mr. Moe also submitted Property Tax Fact Sheet 14 from the Minnesota Department of Revenue regarding home values.

Performance Evaluation Summary

Motion by Froemming, second by Mosher, and unanimously carried to approve a commendable performance evaluation for Public Health Director, Diane Thorson.

Closed to the Public

At 11:10 a.m., Chairman Nelson declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners closed to the public for a follow-up evaluation of the performance of County Assessor, Robert Moe, pursuant to M.S. Chapter 13D.05 Subd. 3. Commissioners Nelson, Erickson, Block, Froemming, and Mosher were present for the evaluation. A summary of performance conclusions will be provided at the next regular County Board meeting.

Adjournment

At 11:55 a.m., upon completion of the Closed Session, Chairman Nelson declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

Dated: _____

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Syd Nelson, Board of Commissioners Chair

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn, Clerk

CB/kd

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 10/07/2008 FOR PAYMENT 10/07/2008

<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A-1 LOCK & KEY LLC	47.57
A-1 TROPHY	6.39
A'VIANDS LLC	329.00
ALL CREATURES VET HOSPITAL	39.35
AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION	91.26
B & D FOODS INC	554.37
TERRY BENNETT	8.00
BOBCAT OF OTTER TAIL COUNTY	159.70
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	330.42
HEATHER BRANDBORG	52.65
BRIAN M RIPLEY EXCAVATING	3,420.00
CALL ONE INC	86.10
MARLENE CARLSON	18.08
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	65.55
CITIZENS ADVOCATE AND VERNDALE	55.65
GORDON CLINE	397.30
COOPERS TECHNOLOGY GROUP	507.19
DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	227.46
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE IN	9.59
FERGUS FALLS DAILY JOURNAL	4,270.30
FERGUS FALLS POLICE DEPT	1,301.56
CITY FERGUS FALLS	16,398.58
FERGUS POWER PUMP INC	476.00
FERGUS TIRE CENTER	188.42
FERRELLGAS	325.55
FRAZEE FORUM INC	58.56
GALL'S INC	35.98
MYRON GRAFF	6.75
GRAINGER INC	87.27
HANCOCK CONCRETE PRODUCTS CO	11,594.54
HAWES SEPTIC TANK PUMPING	70.00
HENRY'S FOODS INC	1,252.51
HOUSTON ENGINEERING INC	4,680.20
HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	327.51
IMAGETECH SERVICES	142.37
INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORP	795.00
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	1,023.76
INTERSTATE INC	1,339.20
K.I.D.LEASING	256.44
KELLY SERVICES INC	671.78
KIM KNUTSON	6.59
LAKE REGION HEALTHCARE CORP	850.45
LARRY OTT INC TRUCK SERVICE	250.00
PAT LARUM	77.59
MARIE LEVANG	40.95
MARCO	34,770.50
MARCO INC ST LOUIS	433.65
MARK AND BRENDA CONSTRUCTION I	4,020.00
MCCC MI 33	292.00
MEIXEL TRUCK SALES INC	6,250.00
MIDWEST PRINTING CO	29.82
MIDWESTERN MAT RENTAL & SUPPLY	69.60
MILLE LACS SWCD	170.00
MN MOTOR COMPANY	891.09
MODU FORM INC	1,524.23

ROBERT MOE	120.51
ANNE MUELLER	160.55
RICHARD OLSON	2,707.25
OTTER TAIL FAMILY SERVICES COL	300.00
OTTER TAIL VALLEY RAILROAD	26,621.09
OTTERTAIL TRUCKING INC	6,961.30
OVERLAND MECHANICAL SERVICES	1,419.82
PELICAN RAPIDS PRESS	63.09
PEPSIAMERICAS	254.71
PERHAM ENTERPRISE BULLETIN	55.36
PHOENIX SIGNS	900.66
PINE PLAZA TV APPLIANCE	111.77
PRODUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES INC	10.65
REVIEW ENTERPRISES INC	102.30
RICK'S TIRE SERVICE	100.00
RINGDAHL AMBULANCE SERVICE	724.23
RUTTIGERS BAY LAKE LODGE	2,568.84
RENEE SAURER	10.00
SBLC-FF	142.50
PAUL SIMENGAARD	179.33
SIMPLEXGRINNELL LP	24.75
CAROLYN STABNOW	70.00
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	129.41
STEINS INC	827.13
STREICHERS	849.85
TASER INTERNATIONAL	450.00
THYSSEN KRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORA	2,353.31
TITAN ACCESS ACCOUNT	5.11
TRADEHOME SHOES	114.99
TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION	5,047.98
ULTIMATE RENT ALL & RV	838.69
UNICEL FERGUS FALLS	42.59
UNIVERSITY OF MN	620.00
VICTOR LUNDEEN COMPANY	628.52
JO WEATHERLY	1,108.34
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	26.62
LORI WOOD	95.61
ZIEGLER INC	124,697.42
210 LUBE EXPRESS	51.48
<u>**** FINAL TOTAL.....</u>	<u>\$272,880.14 ****</u>