

## WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS--JUNE 3, 2003

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 2003 in the Commissioner's Room, Courthouse, City of Waseca, Minnesota. The following members were present: Wendell Armstrong, Chairperson; Jim Peterson, Rick Morris, Richard Androli and Al Ruhland.

Also present were Bruce Boyce, Coordinator; Lorraine Harter, Deputy Auditor; Deanna Bendix, News Reporter; Linda Karst, Recorder; Jeff Blue, Highway Engineer; Lee Williams, Solid Waste Officer; Dennis Dinneen, Veterans Service Officer; Bill Tuttle, Steve Johnson, Laura Rohde, Rita Wilkening, and Carol Strusz.

Morris moved and Ruhland seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Androli moved and Morris seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce gave a brief overview from AMC of the recent news from the Legislative sessions.

Laura Rohde, President AFSCME 2438 presented the following resolution regarding the Waseca County budget proposal for 2003-2004 from AFSCME 2438:

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Minnesota legislature is drastically reducing funding to local governments, and

WHEREAS Waseca County is facing budgetary constraints in the upcoming year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AFSCME Courthouse union 2438 invites the county commissioners to have a dialogue prior to any final decisions about cost-saving measures which could be implemented county-wide and would be fair to all employees.

Jeff Blue, Highway Engineer, gave an update on construction projects. The road tour date was set for Thursday, June 19, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. Jeff also asked the Board to reconsider overtime or comp hours for the Assistant County Engineer which increase in the summer months. After discussion, the Board decided to wait for any decisions on this matter until the June 18, 2003 meeting.

Steve Johnson and Bill Tuttle appeared before the Board requesting the County to share in the cost of paving a portion of their property which is adjacent to the county Human Services building and is used by county employees to drive across. The cost to the County would be \$2,000.00. The Board took no action at this time and asked them to

return to the June 18, 2003 meeting with a more specific plan in place for easements and a payment plan.

Linda Karst, Recorder, presented a proposed schedule of increased fees for the Recorder's office. A motion was made by Armstrong; seconded by Ruhland to accept the new fee schedule effective August 1, 2003 with the option that any additional fees may be added in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Cords, Planning and Zoning, presented a sick leave donation request for Laura Rohde. A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Androli to approve the request for sick leave donation. Motion carried unanimously.

Armstrong moved and Morris seconded the motion to accept a donation of \$1,100.00 from American Legion Post 228, Waseca for the Waseca County Ag Society for the fair stand. Motion carried unanimously.

Androli moved and Ruhland seconded the motion to approve a 3.2 beer license for the Janesville Chamber of Commerce for June 14 and 15, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Carol Strusz asked for the Board's guidance regarding comp time for the parks caretaker. The Board stated that the signed document of January 1, 2003 should remain in place.

The Board briefly discussed the budget proposals for 2003 and 2004 and it was decided to send out a survey to all County employees to see if there is an interest in volunteering to work reduced hours or taking time off without pay.

A motion was made by Androli and seconded by Ruhland to accept the Assessor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Androli and seconded by Ruhland to approve the auditor, commissioner, human services and expense bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

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Wendell Armstrong, Chairman  
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Lorraine Harter, Deputy Auditor