

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—OCTOBER 18, 2005

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 in the Commissioner's Room, 301 N State St., Waseca, Minnesota. Members present were Al Ruhland, Chairperson; Rick Morris, Richard Androli, Wendell Armstrong and Jim Peterson.

Al Ruhland, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Others present were Judy Hiller, Information Technology Supervisor; Angie Knish, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Nathan Richman, Highway Engineer; Deanna Bendix, News Reporter; Joan Manthe, Auditor; Bruce Boyce, Coordinator; Kristi Lee, Rep. from U. S. BioEnergy; and several other interested citizens.

Armstrong moved and Peterson seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2005 Work Session and the minutes of the October 4, 2005 Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Judy Hiller gave the board an outline of the items that would need to be completed to take them to a paperless environment by using laptop computers for all board correspondence. She will give a demonstration at the work session next week.

Angie Knish, Planning and Zoning Administrator, requested an extension of a building permit for Tim Krause, Section 2, Byron Township. Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to grant an extension of 9 months to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> level living area in his residence. Motion carried unanimously.

The Waseca County Planning Commissioner has recommended approval of a request to construct a 195' self support lattice tower for wireless communications and a shelter at the base of the tower. Morris moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit to Midwest Real Estate Services, Inc. and Ardie and Barbara Schweim, Section 33, Janesville Township to construct a 195' self support lattice tower for wireless communications tower and a 12' X 20' equipment shelter at the base of the tower for cellular phone communications. The base of the tower will be fenced, and a new access road will be constructed from Highway 14. The following conditions are included. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONDITIONS:**

1. The contractor must provide proof of insurance or a bond, acceptable to the Board of Commissioners prior to commencement of construction.
2. The tower shall be removed by the owner when use is discontinued.
3. Un-regulated lighting shall be deflected downward and away from road right-of-way and nearby or adjacent residential, shoreland, or agricultural districts.

4. The structures shall be constructed at a minimum, 400 feet from the centerline of Hwy 14 so as not to block the site line of the City of Janesville's gateway bin site which identifies the city and serves as a local landmark.

Kristi Lee from U.S. BioEnergy came to the board to give acceptance of the county proposal of a \$1.2 million dollar tax abatement for the ethanol plant. She also set the framework for the construction process. The permitting process has started. The construction is proposed to take 14-16 months. So the first production of ethanol would be in the Fall of 2007. The board requested quarterly updates to keep the communication open. Kristi also handed out a copy of the U.S. Water Services letter on the composition of the discharge water. Tony Cornish, State Representative was present at this time and said he would be there for assistance in the permitting process. A representative from Dick Day's office was also present. Kristi Lee announced that they are pleased to become a part of the community and are also welcoming community involvement with the ethanol plant.

Nathan Richman, Highway Engineer, requested a release of easement on property in Section 1, Iosco Township along CR 62. Morris moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to authorize the chairperson of the board to sign the release of easement on N1/2 of SW1/4 and the SE ¼ of the SW1/4 in Section 1-108-23 as recorded in Book 6, Miscellaneous, Page 348. Motion carried unanimously.

The process for the Lead Technician position has been completed. The County will send a closure letter. This item was for discussion only.

Nathan informed the board on the progress of the Joint state, city and county maintenance facility. CNH, the architect has several plans. Nathan shared the plan options with the board. The City of Waseca will be the lead agency and will visit the board at a later date.

Robyn Ohashi, Social Services Supervisor, presented the income maintenance, fiscal/child support and Children's Services and Adult/DD Services reports.

A number of contracts were presented to the board for approval. They are requesting a 2.2553% increase in contracts due to legislative action this past session. In addition some of the contracts call for an addition 5% plus the 2.2553% increase. Armstrong moved and Morris seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of authorizing the Chairperson to sign the following contracts for CADI services for the time period of 10-1-05 through 9-30-06 unless otherwise specified:

- ICAN-Waiver Services Contract from 10-1-05 through 6-30-07 and a SILS contract.
- ELM – Waivered services from 10-1-05 through 6-30-07.
- Jobs Plus – 2 contracts for DT &H and adding supported employment to their waived service contract ( the 2 contracts are the Waivered Service Contract and the CCSA Contract- Children and Community Services Act)

- Betti Walter-Waiver contract for case management services
- Brenda Crowe-Waiver contract for case management
- Thomas Allen-Waiver contract for case management
- Alliance Health Care- a contract for home care services under the CADI waiver as well as for Home care.
- International Quality Health Care-contract for waived services and home care services
- Omega Medical Supply – contract for supplies and equipment for waivers
- Colony Court – contract for Assisted Living Plus services for the CADI waiver
- Country Neighbors – contract for assisted living plus services for the CADI waiver
- FSET contract – contract with MVAC for Food Support Employment and Training services.

Androli moved and Morris seconded the motion to approve the MFIP/CCSA plan for 2006-2007, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Cheri Lewer, Public Health Services Director, presented contracts to the county board for approval. Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to approve the contracts for alternative care as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- Alliance Health Care 10-1-05 through 9-30-06 for Elderly waiver and Alternative care services
- Colony Court 10-1-05 through 9-30-06 for Elderly waiver services, Alternative care services, community alternative care services and community alternatives for disabled individual services.
- Country Neighbors 10-1-05 through 9-30-06 for Elderly waiver services and alternative care services.
- International Quality Homecare Corporation of Rochester for alternative care/Elderly waiver program.
- Omega Medical Supply, LCC for 10-1-05 through 9-30-06 for Alternative care/elderly waiver program.
- Senior Nutrition for 10-1-05 through 9-30-06 for Elderly waiver and alternative care.

Cheri Lewer requested a letter of agreement approval for the Flu Stop program. Morris moved and Androli seconded the motion to authorize the chairperson to sign a letter of agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for participation in the Flu Stop program. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce distributed a survey to the board on the Human Services building options. The rankings will be used to narrow the options. Androli moved and Peterson seconded the motion to follow the rankings and use the top 4 options, which are as follows:

- Build a new facility on Bratrud property
- Build a new facility on the current site
- Acquire/remodel the Waseca Mutual Building
- Lease facility on Bratrud property built by private developer

and to explore these options through the full board. Boyce and Breck will list the pros and cons of each option for future board discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Dann, Sheriff, presented options for jail meals. Peterson moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to approve a 3 year contract with HyVee at the rate of Breakfast, \$3.25; Lunch, \$5.00; Supper \$5.50 and sack lunch, \$4.00. Total per day, \$13.75. The motion was carried by the following roll call: Androli, yes; Morris, yes; Peterson, yes; Armstrong, yes and Ruhland, no.

Connie Ruth, State Representative, was present and addressed the board in support of the ethanol plant. She also addressed other pending state issues.

Bruce Boyce and Tim Dann reviewed the proposed Sheriff's budget for 2006.

Miscellaneous Business: Armstrong moved and Peterson seconded the motion to hire Tammy Wynkoop as Chief Deputy Auditor Supervisor at a rate of \$40,914.00 yearly effective October 17, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Armstrong moved and Peterson seconded the motion to accept the hiring of Sheri Dardis as Technical Clerk at Range B21 Step D, \$14.17/hr effective when the Deputy Auditor position is filled. Motion carried unanimously.

Peterson introduced the following resolution on lead hazard removal project and moved for its adoption. Androli seconded the motion and the resolution was approved by unanimous vote of all members.

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
IN SUPPORT OF A HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, The County of Waseca has needs for a variety of affordable housing options. The application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Small Cities Development Program addresses the needs of children with elevated blood levels or residing in housing with lead hazards present, and

WHEREAS, The program administered by the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership for the rehabilitation of single family homes and rental properties containing lead hazards in Waseca County is consistent with addressing this housing need, and

WHEREAS, Waseca County agrees to join with Jackson County as the lead applicant; along with Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Cottonwood, Rock, Redwood,

Chippewa, Swift, Yellow Medicine, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville, Brown, Faribault, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Watonwan, and Le Sueur County for the purposes of this application,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Waseca County Commission supports the proposed housing rehabilitation activities and the submission of an application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Housing Finance Agency, Greater Minnesota Housing Fund and Federal Home Loan Bank.

Boyce informed the board that the recruitment process for County Attorney is underway.

Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to approve the ditch repair for Joint County Ditch 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Armstrong moved and Androli seconded the motion to accept a donation from the Waseca Eagles Club for \$700.00 for Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Armstrong moved and Peterson seconded the motion to approve the Auditor, Commissioner, Human Services and expense bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Armstrong moved and Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Waseca County Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2005.

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Albert Ruhland, Chairman  
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Joan Manthe  
Waseca County Auditor