

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—DECEMBER 1, 2005

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in session on Thursday, December 1, 2005 in the Commissioner's Room, East Annex, 300 N. State St., Waseca, MN. Commissioner's present were Al Ruhland, Chairperson; Rick Morris, Richard Androli, Wendell Armstrong, and Jim Peterson.

Al Ruhland, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting has been changed this time to allow the commissioners to attend the Association of MN Counties conference during their regularly scheduled meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Others present were Tim Dann, Sheriff; Brad Milbrath, Deputy Sheriff; Dan Zander, landowner; Chris Elvebak, City Planner for Janesville; Angie Knish, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Bruce Boyce, Coordinator; and Joan Manthe, Auditor.

Armstrong moved and Morris seconded the motion to approve the minutes of November 15, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Armstrong moved and Peterson seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda by adding Dan Zander to the agenda, adding Ken Neuman to the agenda, and appointing an investigator for the Sheriff's Office and some miscellaneous items. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Milbrath, Deputy Sheriff, came to the board with a maintenance agreement for GeoCom to provide technical assistance and advice to Waseca County with regard to the E911 system. Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to approve the maintenance agreement for \$2300.00 for the period of December 1, 2005 through November 30, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Judy Hiller has received quotes for the purchase of a copy machine for the East Annex Building. She has received 5 quotes and shared that information with the commissioners. Armstrong moved and Androli seconded the motion to purchase the Toshiba copier from Copier Business Solutions for \$4995.00 with \$700 allowed for trade if the RAM specs are met by the vendor. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Boyce, Coordinator, presented a economic development loan request from Josh Glynn to re-open Cully's Restaurant in New Richland City. The request has been reviewed by the coordinator and the commissioners. Peterson moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to approve a \$21,000 economic development loan from the County to Josh Glynn at 5.9% interest for 8 years. Interest only will be paid the first 2 years and principal and interest paid the last 6 years. Motion carried unanimously.

Peterson moved and Ruhland seconded the motion to approve a temporary transfer of \$5,000.00 from General Revenue to the Economic Development Fund until a certificate of deposit is due. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter has been received from Kristi Lee, US BioEnergy Corporation, updating the board on ethanol plant progress and stating they will be present at the December 20th meeting to discuss water discharge and issues surrounding that topic.

Ken Neumann came to the board to request waiving variance fees for his father's property in Section 34, New Richland Township. Angie Knish, Planning and Zoning Administrator, explained that the permit to move a garage on site cannot be issued because the property was split from a larger parcel and requires a sub-division before a permit could be issued. The proper channel to follow is the Board of Adjustment. Morris moved to waive fees for application for variance at the Board of Adjustment if all paperwork is submitted in time for January 5th meeting. Androli seconded the motion and it was adopted by the unanimous vote of all members.

Bruce Boyce submitted a letter to review the Human Services Building options. Marilee Reck, Mark Leiferman, Cheri Lewer, and Bob Breck were also present. Bruce broke down all the advantages and disadvantages of each of 4 choices. The board visited about the options, but no decision was made. It will be put on future agendas for discussion.

Dan Zander requested to speak to the board about rezoning property along Highway 14. The board listened to his lengthy presentation. Armstrong moved and Ruhland seconded the motion to support rezoning of a 22.65 acre parcel (for which Dan Zander has a purchase option) to industrial and thereby provide access to Twp Rd. 161. The motion failed with the following roll call: Androli, no; Morris, no; Armstrong, yes; Peterson, no and Ruhland yes. After more discussion on the matter, Androli moved and Peterson seconded the motion to hold a special board meeting on December 27, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. for discussion of the new Highway 14 corridor concept in conjunction with the draft of the new comprehensive plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to authorize the auditor to advertise for newspaper bids for the official newspaper for 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to allow a sub-ordination on property in the Village of Alma City owned by Bridget Zell Strand. Parcel Number 01-101-0210. Motion carried unanimously.

Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to approve a journal entry from Employee Benefit Fund to Revenue in the amount of \$435.59 to close out the 2004 Flex account. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairperson appointed Angie Knish to be the representative from Waseca County to attend the EQB meeting to consider eminent domain of the ethanol plant property for release of the ag preservation covenant.

Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to appoint Trevor Kanewischer as the investigator for Waseca County beginning January 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Peterson moved and Armstrong seconded the motion to approve the hire of Sandra Farnes as Deputy Auditor beginning December 5, 2005 at 95% of pay range B22 Step A, \$12.95 hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Armstrong moved and Androli seconded the motion to approve the hire of a temporary technical clerk in the Auditor's office for 3 months, due to a voluntary leave without pay for Sheri Dardis. The temporary employee is Amy Schauer and she began work on December 2, 2005 at 95% of pay range B21 Step A, \$11.84 hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Morris moved and Androli seconded the motion to show support in going forward with a request to seek absolvment of City fees to help others in fuel assistance, emergency utility shut offs and deposit fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Peterson moved and Ruhland seconded the motion to approve the auditor, commissioner, human services and expense bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Peterson moved and Ruhland seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Waseca County Commissioners will be on Tuesday, December 20, 2005.

S/ _____
Albert Ruhland, Chairman
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

S/ _____
Joan Manthe
Waseca County Auditor