

WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2009

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a special session on Tuesday evening, December 22, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Jim Peterson, Chairperson; Mike Hintz, Rick Morris, Richard Androli and Dan Kuhns.

Also present was Marilee Reck, Human Services Director; Cheri Lewer, Public Health Director; Steve Peterson, Court Services Director; Joan Manthe, Auditor; Bruce Boyce, Coordinator; Bryan Boyce; and Drew Amo, News Reporter.

Chairperson, Jim Peterson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jim Peterson announced the reason for the special meeting was to consider the county's membership status in South Country Health Alliance.

Cheri Lewer informed the board that Marilee Reck, Human Services Director, had attended a meeting yesterday with Steele and Freeborn Counties. She informed the board on special meetings scheduled by other counties before the end of the year.

South Country Health Alliance is our managed care organization. The board asked if staffing level would change if we were not a member of SCHA. One CRMT employee is covered by SCHA funding and close to 1,400 Waseca County clients are covered in SCHA.

Jim Peterson attended a joint SCHA meeting last week. He shared discussion from the meeting. The board discussed options and advantages or disadvantages of leaving SCHA.

Morris moved to write a letter of support to the SCHA Joint Powers board of the by-law change and ask for more financial accountability. Androli seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hintz moved and Kuhns seconded the motion to drop our South Country Health Alliance (SCHHA) contract relationship. The motion failed by the following roll call: Morris, no; Hintz, yes; Androli, no; Kuhns, yes and Peterson, no.

Bruce Boyce, Waseca County Coordinator discussed 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) Application and Resolution for funds to administer the Local Water Management, Wetlands Conservation Act, DNR Shoreland, MPCA SSTS and MPCA Feedlot Plans and Programs. After some discussion, motion was made by Kuhns and seconded by Androli and carried unanimously for authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Minnesota to receive 2010 NRBG Funds, to authorize the Waseca Board Chair to sign said application materials and related reports, and to adopt the following resolution authorizing application, match and signatures:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NRBG APPLICATION AND GRANT

WHEREAS, Waseca County may assess a levy under its general levy authority to match such grants by the Board of Water and Soil Resources pursuant to Minnesota Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waseca County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County of Waseca to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota to receive state funds for the implementation of its comprehensive local water plan, the administration of the wetland conservation act, administration of the Department of Natural Resources Shoreland program, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) program and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency feedlot permit program, under the terms of the Grant Agreement and applicable statutory requirements.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, the Waseca County Board of Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of \$26,209 cash match from the County levy to match the Natural Resource Block Grant of \$72,256 as specified in the Grant Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Waseca County Board of Commissioners and the County Auditor are authorized to execute the Grant Agreement together with all related documents.

Laura Elvebak spoke to the board regarding the hiring process for County Administrator. They agreed to interview five of the candidates for a second time. A presentation by the candidates, a meet and greet with supervisors, and a dinner with commissioners will be held on January 11th. Then the board will do second interviews on the 12th. More discussion will be held during the regular meeting of the board on January 19th.

Hinz moved and Kuhns seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

S/ _____
Jim Peterson, Chairman
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

S/ _____
Joan Manthe
Waseca County Auditor