The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 in the Commissioner’s Room, East Annex, 300 N State St., Waseca, Minnesota. The following members were present: Dan Kuhns, Chairperson; Jim Peterson, Richard Androli and Rick Morris. Al Ruhland was absent.

Also present were Paul Dressler, County Attorney; Lee Williams, Solid Waste Officer; Bruce Boyce, Coordinator; Joan Manthe, Auditor; and Drew Amo, News Reporter.

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

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

The commissioners reported on meetings attended.

Laura Rohde, Planning and Zoning Administrator, gave an overview of the URS professional services charges. There is an open house scheduled for July 17th at Farmamerica from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. to review the proposed zoning ordinance revisions. Jim Peterson would like to see URS conduct a tour with the commissioners to review these new revisions.

Laura requested the fee be waived for Blake & Tammy Bauer to place a mobile home on a site where their house burned in Section 8, New Richland Township. Peterson moved to waive the $200 permit fee for the temporary placement of the mobile home. Morris seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the following roll call: Peterson, yes; Androli, no; Morris, yes; and Kuhns, yes.

Androli moved and Kuhns seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The following items were approved:

1. Approval of minutes of May 19, 2008.
2. Approval of Auditor, Commissioner, Human Services and expense bills as presented.
4. Payment of the first half Agency Appropriations to the following:

   - Agricultural Society $23,887.50
   - Cannon River Watershed Partnership 500.00
   - Historical Society 30,000.00
   - MN Agricultural Interpretive Center 7,500.00
   - New Richland Ambulance 1,750.00
Region 9 Small Business Development Ctr 1,500.00
Southern MN Initiative Foundation 2,000.00
Soil & Water Conservation District 38,081.00
Southern MN Tourism Assoc. 500.00
Tourism Advisory Committee 1,500.00
Waseca Arts Council 5,000.00
Economic Development Assistance:
   Janesville 2,400.00
   New Richland 2,400.00
   Waldorf 1,200.00

5. Payment of first half Economic Development Tax Abatements as follows:

   Nielsen 2,975.00
   Delta-Waseca 4,500.00
   Waseca Optometric 1,481.45
   Latham Place 4,930.11
   Suburban Furniture 3,200.50
   NW Ind. Park 22,467.00

6. Approve Tobacco License from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 to:
   Waseca Lakeside Club
   O’Farley’s Bar & Grill
   Waldorf Municipal Liquor Store
   Dave’s Grocery
   Wagner Foods
   Cowdin’s Off Sale
   Staples Enterprises Inc. (Express Way Janesville)

7. Approve Club On Sale Liquor License for Waseca Lakeside Club, Inc. from
   July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

8. Approve 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor license for Riverview Golf Course from July
   1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

9. Approve the 2008 County Wellness Program Budget of $3,120.00 and the
   plan to provide CPR/First Aid training to employees.

Lee Williams has received quotes for a bunker slab at the solid waste facility. Six
inch concrete with re-rod is required. He received three quotes with the quote from Craig
Joecks being the lowest at $6,275.00. Morris moved and Androli seconded the motion to
award the quote to CJ Masonry for $6,275.00 for concrete and labor, and to purchase the
necessary block from Waseca Concrete. Motion carried unanimously.

A ten acre parcel of land on the solid waste property has been requested to be
rented for pasture land. This land abuts the Mark Harguth property and has no other
access to it except across from the Harguth property. This would require re-fencing and
some other minor improvements. Lee stated this would be a neighborly thing to do. Lee will consult with the chairperson when a contract is drawn.

Brad Milbrath, Deputy Sheriff, presented a secondary grant for equipment for the boat and water grant. This is for a side sonar unit. Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to authorize the chairperson to sign the grant agreement in the amount of $3,280.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Milbrath, Deputy Sheriff, also spoke to the board about the 800 megahertz power radio system. There are many issues to discuss about this system, but it is known that without joining a Joint Powers Board with the other Region 9 counties (RAC), no federal monies would be received. So this joint powers agreement is the first step in the process. The only cost of joining the joint powers board would be the increase in insurance costs. Morris moved to authorize the chair to sign an agreement to enter into the Joint Powers Agreement with the South Central Minnesota Regional Radio Board. Peterson seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

The bid on the jail coating has changed as a different scope of work is now required. The floor in cell four needs to be added and also the Huber room needs more epoxy. Prime Coat is requesting half paid up front and the balance upon completion. Peterson moved and Androli seconded the motion to approve the epoxy coating for $77,940.00 and to authorize payment of the first half. Motion carried unanimously. Androli moved to approve the housing of prisoners in Freeborn County during this project at $55.00/day. Peterson seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Independence Day – Brad Milbrath questioned the board on their wishes for parking on Clear Lake Drive. Brad suggested making the road One Way to have parking on the trail side, with vehicles staying on the road. The board agreed this would be a good plan. A resolution will come to the board at a later date.

Brad also reported on a bad transmission on a squad car.

Also present at this time was Jim Raetz, Landowner; Eugene Powell, former commissioner; John Matz, landowner; Gene Glynn, landowner; Leo Getsfried, DNR Hydrologist and Marla Watje, Soil & Water. This discussion is about the waterway between Rice and Watkins Lake. A tree has fallen in the waterway and is backing up water into Rice Lake and several cattail bogs are blocking the channel. Jim Raetz spoke to the group asking them to do a survey to determine correct boundaries, draw a comprehensive plan, and acquire approval from property owners of the County’s intentions. He suggested installing a culvert near the outlet of Rice Lake. John Matz spoke to the board about cleaning that section of the waterway. He has gotten a quote from Ralph Hanks for $2,000 to clean the ditch. Leo Getsfried, DNR Area Hydrologist, said that a DNR permit would be required. Discussion ensued on how the project should be cleaned. Androli proposed a committee to assemble a long range plan of landowners,
commissioners, DNR and Soil & Water. Morris moved to have Andy Kajewski, county
ditch inspector, get quotes on tree removal and proper cleaning, and bring the information
back to the board for action. Andy is to also get permission from the adjacent
landowners, and to apply for the DNR permit. Androli seconded the motion. Motion
carried.

Human Services and Public Health Services phone system was discussed.
Suggestions were made to issue an RFP for compatible systems or an RFP for competing
proposals for the Avaya system only. Androli moved to request proposals from vendors
for the Avaya phone system to be located at the Emerson building. Morris seconded the
motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The sheriff has filed an appeal for his salary for 2007 and 2008. The board
discussed the hiring of an outside attorney to address the appeal. Several suggestions
were given by Bruce Boyce, Coordinator. Morris moved to hire Mr. Scott Lepak from
the firm of Barna, Guse and Steffen at the flat rate option of $5,000 without court
appearance and $6,500 with court appearance. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion
carried unanimously.

Action was requested from Bruce for the promotion of Rita Wilkening to
Payroll/Budget Specialist at a full time position beginning June 23rd Androli moved to
promote Rita Wilkening to Payroll/Budget Specialist at Range B23 Step D, $17.79/hr.
Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Cheri Lewer talked about the reassignment of social worker duties due to the
SCHA financial situation. Androli moved that the current CRMT lead position would
become 2/5 time public health with other 3/5 time filling a social worker position in the
Human Services department. Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held to talk about replacement of the Planning and Zoning
Administrator position. Changes in office duties and other staff positions in the Planning
& Zoning office were also discussed. Bruce contacted Laura Elvebak from the Council
of Governments for input on re-structuring the Planning & Zoning Administrator
position. Her report was given to the board. Bruce will come back at a later date with
more detail after discussion with the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee.

Under other county board business, the Fell Machine shop property was
discussed. The owner may be willing to sell the property to the County. The board
discussed obtaining a real estate appraisal and an appraisal for removal of the building.
The board decided to have the Assessor come and talk about an appraised price at the
next meeting.

Morris moved and Androli seconded the motion to change the commissioner’s
meeting scheduled for July 15th to July 18th at 9:30 a.m. due to a conference. Motion
carried unanimously.
Androli moved to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Peterson seconded the motion and it was carried by the unanimous vote of all members.

S/________________________________
Daniel Kuhns, Chairman
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

S/___________________________________
Joan Manthe
Waseca County Auditor

The following bills were audited and allowed:

ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC 3.17
ALBERT LEA SEED HOUSE INC 266.43
AMERICAN AIR PRODUCTS INC 146.06
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSN 166.25
AUTO VALUE WASECA INC 154.45
AVAYA INC 1,447.30
BARTLELT LANDSCAPING 29.82
SARAH BEENE 100.00
BELLKATO COOP 270.51
BIRDS EYE FOODS INC 340.00
DANIEL BOETTGER 72.17
BUDACH IMPLEMENT INC 27.13
CDW GOVERNMENT INC 42.48
CENTRAL STATES WIRE PROD INC 1,570.34
DUANE COLE 42.00
CONDON FARM SERVICE 58.68
KATHLEEN CONNOR 15.91
COPIER BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 157.95
CPS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS INC 312.75
CRYSTEEL DISTRIBUTING INC 187.22
DEML FORD INC 137.13
DENNIS DINNEEN 58.58
DONAHUE ELECTRIC LLC 1,937.53
DOW EINHAUS & MATTISON PA 30.00
PAUL DRESSLER 15.15
FLEX COMM SECURITY 48.99
RUSSELL FREDERICK 57.02
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