

SWIFT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

October 1, 2013

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM with all members present as well as County Administrator Mike Pogge-Weaver, County Auditor Kim Saterbak, County Attorney Robin Finke and Payroll Officer/General Assistant Amanda Ness.

Chairman Fox asked if there were any additions to the Agenda. There were none.

10-01-13-01 Commissioner Peterson moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

10-01-13-02 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2013, to approve a contract with SafeAssure to provide countywide safety training, to approve the purchase of a mower for the Highway Department, to approve the purchase of a tractor for the Highway Department, and to approve the MNDVA Operational Enhancement Grant for Veterans Services. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Commissioner warrants and no questions or comments were made.

10-01-13-03 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the Commissioner warrants as follows: Revenue: \$153,515.33; Solid Waste: \$7,232.93; and Road and Bridge: \$163,138.01 which includes the following bills over \$2,000: Duininck Inc, \$92,360.71; Glacial Plains Cooperative, \$4,859.64; Maney International of Alexandria, \$8,557.95; Marsden Bldg Maintenance LLC, \$4,140.34; Pemberton Sorlie Rufer and Kershner, \$3,480.30; Simplex Grinnell, \$4,350.67; SW/WC Service Cooperatives, \$124,599.00; Three D Specialties, \$52,942.70; Waste Management of Northern Minnesota, \$6,990.10; and Yellow Medicine County Jail, \$5,735.38. Motion carried unanimously.

Board and Committee Reports were given as follows: Chairman Fox reported on the Chippewa River Watershed District, Hospital Finance Committee, Hospital Board, and SPCC. Commissioner Klemm reported on RDA, Prairie Lakes Youth, DAC, Youth Programs, a meeting regarding the County's health insurance, and SPCC. Commissioner Peterson gave an update on the Historical Society and reported on the Community Action Council meeting. Commissioner Rudningen reported on Glacial Lakes Scenic Byway. Commissioner Hendrickx reported on Planning and Zoning, RDC, MCCA conference, and SPCC.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver pointed out that he doesn't anticipate major impacts due to the federal government shutdown unless it drags on for a long time. He also stated that all four union groups have requested negotiations. There is a meeting on October 10th to go over the proposed insurance changes for 2014 and to consider continuing with the joint powers group. October 15th is the deadline to decide whether or not we will be staying with the service cooperative.

Environmental Services Director Scott Collins brought to the board Conditional Use Permit #4286 to be amended to CUP #4375 regarding the transfer of land to Pheasants Forever. The U.S. Attorney General didn't like two of the conditions listed in the permit and Director Collins is recommending removing the conditions regarding right-of-way for maintenance and utilities as well as permitting and paying for ground work to mitigate adverse actions from increases in water levels. The suggested amendment would remove both conditions.

10-01-13-04 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the amended Conditional Use Permit #4375. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Collins also brought Conditional Use Permit #4374 which would amend CUP #4228 regarding the

transfer of land to the MnDNR. The same two conditions would be removed by the amendment.

10-01-13-05 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve the amended Conditional Use Permit #4374. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Collins along with Gary Messer of Jennie-O then brought Conditional Use Permit #4371 regarding the Camp Lake turkey barns damaged in the spring storm as well as CUP #4372 (the Olson south site) and CUP #4373 (the Olson West site).

10-01-13-06 Commissioner Klemm moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to approve Conditional Use Permit #4371. Motion carried unanimously.

10-01-13-07 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve Conditional Use Permit #4372. Motion carried unanimously.

10-01-13-08 Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve Conditional Use Permit #4373. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver recommended opening a public hearing on the Solid Waste Assessments and keeping it open until the October 15th meeting in order to look at the rates other counties are charging apartment buildings and other commercial properties.

10-01-13-09 Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to approving opening and continuing a public hearing on the proposed increase in Solid Waste Assessments. Motion carried unanimously.

An update was given by Dr. Richard Lee, CEO of Woodland Centers.

County Engineer Andy Sander requested the board approve a resolution accepting bond funds for the County 17 bridge project.

10-01-13-09 Commissioner Peterson moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve a resolution to receive bond funds for SP 076-617-011, Bridge No. 76542. Motion carried unanimously.

County Engineer also requested approval from the board for county ditch weed spraying.

10-01-13-10 Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve the bid of \$13,800 from Holmgren Tree Spraying Service for 120 miles of county ditch weed spraying. Motion carried unanimously.

10-01-13-11 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Paula Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Drainage Supervisor Mike Johnson presented the board with the proposed 2014 ditch assessments pointing out that the numbers should go down next year with JD8's watershed being mostly cleaned out now and Joint Ditch 4 trees coming out between Clontarf and the golf course next year.

10-01-13-12 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve the 2014 ditch assessments. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Fox updated the board on the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District's recommendation to appoint Gene Meyer as the new manager.

10-01-13-13 Commissioner Klemm moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to appoint Gene Meyer as manager of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver updated the board on the basics of the proposed county health insurance move to the joint powers group.

10-01-13-14 Commissioner Peterson moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to adjourn to a closed session pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25 to consider strategies for labor negotiations. Motion carried.

The regular meeting recessed to the closed session at 10:53 AM.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:36 AM.

10-01-13-15 Commissioner Peterson moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM

WITNESSED:

Joe Fox, Chair

ATTEST:

Michel Pogge-Weaver, County Administrator