

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The County Board of Nobles County met in regular session this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2010, in the Board of Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance: David Benson, Diane Thier, Vern Leistico and Marvin Zylstra. Absent: Norm Gallagher.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

On a motion by Diane Thier seconded by Vern Leistico, it was duly passed to approve the agenda as amended.

On a motion by David Benson and seconded by Diane Thier, it was duly passed to approve the Official Proceedings of the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 County Board meeting.

Kent Wilkening, Sheriff; Michael Mazzitello, GeoComm and Dan Anderson, Emergency Management Director presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of the ARMER System.

On a motion by Vern Leistico and seconded by Diane Thier, it was duly passed to accept the ARMER Participation Plan as prepared by GeoComm and that this plan move forward in the process to utilize the ARMER system. A copy of the participation plan was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by David Benson, it was duly passed to appoint Dan Anderson, Emergency Management Director, the Nobles County ARMER systems administrator.

In Favor: Diane Thier, Marvin Zylstra, David Benson  
Opposed: Vern Leistico

Leticia Rodriguez, Nutrition Education Assistant, presented the Board with an update on After School Adventures and nutrition education programs.

JoAnn Ammann, 4-H Coordinator, presented the Board with an update on 4-H activities.

Holli Arp, Extension Regional Director, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of personnel.

On a motion by David Benson and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to authorize filling the vacant 3/5 time Secretary I position in the Extension office.

Neal Steffl, Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council Director, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of MCIT membership.

On a motion by Diane Thier and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc. is a valued partner of Nobles County, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost and effectiveness of Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council's insurance program through MCIT has both direct and indirect impacts on Nobles County and the citizens we all serve, then

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Nobles County Board of Commissioners hereby encourages the MCIT Board of Directors and Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc. to take the steps necessary to assure that Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council's MCIT membership is continued well into the future.

Dan Anderson, Emergency Management Director, and Paul Hohensee representing area fire chiefs presented information in regard to the need for rural residential addressing signage. Steve Schnieder, Public Works Director, will bring information to the township meeting tonight and ask for input. Mr. Schnieder will update the Board with information at a future Board meeting.

Steve Schnieder, Public Works Director, presented the Board with information and recommendations in the area of Public Works.

On a motion by Diane Thier and seconded by Vern Leistico, it was duly passed to declare a 2000 Caterpillar motor grader and a 1998 Ford truck as surplus property; and further, to authorize the purchase of two (2) tandem axle dump trucks, with the unbudgeted cost of approximately \$30,000 to come from Public Works reserves.

On a motion by David Benson and seconded by Diane Thier, it was duly passed to authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with insulation and stucco coating of the west wall of the Public Works facility on Diagonal Road with funding to complete the work to come from Public Works reserves.

Sharon Balster, Auditor-Treasurer, presented the Board with information pertaining to her office.

On a motion by David Benson and seconded by Vern Leistico, it was duly passed to approve the application of the City of Worthington for an on-sale beer and set-up license for the Prairie View Golf Links in Worthington Township.

On a motion by Diane Thier and seconded by David Benson, it was duly passed to approve the credit card request for Stacie Golombiecki, Interim Family Services Director; and further, that the credit limit maximum be set at \$2,500.00. A copy of the request was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Vern Leistico, it was duly passed to appoint Commissioners Marvin Zylstra & Diane Thier, and Melvin Ruppert, County Administrator to a Health, Human Services and Corrections task force with Rock and Pipestone counties; and further, authorize payment of per diem and expense reimbursement for Commissioner Zylstra's and Thier's attendance at meetings.

In Favor: Vern Leistico, Marvin Zylstra, David Benson  
Opposed: Diane Thier

On a motion by David Benson and seconded by Diane Thier, it was duly passed to approve county department and board travel expenses for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A summarized copy of the expenses was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

On a motion by Diane Thier and seconded by David Benson, it was duly passed to appoint Commissioner Vern Leistico to an ad-hoc economic development committee to establish an economic development blueprint for the City of Worthington; and further, authorize payment of per diem and expense reimbursement for attendance at meetings.

The Board accepted a letter of retirement received from Commissioner Norm Gallagher, effective March 31, 2010 and expressed appreciation for Commissioner Gallagher's years of service. The Board advised Administration to look into statutes to fill this vacancy.

On a motion by Diane Thier and seconded by Vern Leistico, it was duly passed to approve the following claims for payment:

Auditor's Warrants:	
February 23, 2010.....	\$108.00
February 26, 2010.....	\$23,302.31
March 1, 2010 .....	\$103.00
March 2, 2010 .....	\$20,432.85
March 5, 2010 .....	\$22,579.63
March 9, 2010 .....	\$2,279.11
March 10, 2010 .....	\$739.97
March 12, 2010 .....	\$31,362.26
March 15, 2010 .....	\$6,227.09
March 16, 2010 .....	\$250.00
Commissioners' Warrants:	
General Fund .....	\$143,506.74
Family Services Administration.....	\$72,029.66

Family Services Social Services	
February 26, 2010.....	\$36,021.36
March 5, 2010 .....	\$54,639.04
March 12, 2010 .....	\$74,988.34

There being no further business, the Board adjourned sine dies.

Attest:

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Chairperson

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Deputy County Administrator