Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission

August 28, 2007

At 8:00 a.m. the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission was called to order by Chairman Klose. Roll call was answered by Douglas Kaiser, Craig Neys, Dennis Ova, Dale Marks, and Mark T. Klose.

Mike Zimmerman, County Highway Superintendent, requested a 30 day personal leave of absence for one of his department's employees. A motion was made by Ova and seconded by Neys to grant the leave of absence. Motion carried.

Noel Johnson, County COO, requested approval of a minimum payment policy for right of way acquisitions for federal aid projects. The minimum payment policy would allow payment for right of way per acquisition regardless of the size or the project. The policy could expedite right of way acquisitions for easy acquisitions. A motion was made by Kaiser and seconded by Marks to establish a minimum payment policy of $300 per acquisition for permanent acquisitions and $100 per acquisition for temporary easements. Roll call vote - Ova, Marks, Kaiser, Neys and Klose voted aye.

Commissioner Marks informed the Board of his and Commissioner Kaiser's plan to drive the county road system to initiate planning for future road projects. The road system would be driven and reviewed so a comprehensive plan could be developed. The plan would be presented to the voters to encourage them to support additional tax dollars for road projects. The Commission would be planning future reviews. The public would be kept informed of the times and the dates of future road inspections.

Johnson reviewed and recommended changes to various revenue and expenditure budgets. The changes decreased projected deficits in several departments.

A motion was made by Marks and seconded by Neys to approve the purchase of a 1991 Dodge service truck for the road department for $2,500. Roll call vote - Marks, Kaiser, Neys, Klose and Ova voted aye. $15,000 was cut from the 2008 road budget for purchase of a service truck.

The Commission considered the $15,000 request by Community Corrections for 2008. The legislature had cut funding for the program. No action was taken.

Johnson requested a decision on the Sheriff's Department request to pay for accumulated holiday hours. Johnson would review the individuals affected and the total cost at the next meeting.

Johnson reviewed the State's Attorney's opinion that townships could only pass an excess levy at their annual meeting in March. Johnson and Fremgen would develop a policy for borrowing money to townships to assist with the Township's share of costs for FEMA projects.

Zimmerman reported that a part time employee had resigned and that the position would not be filled until next year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kaiser and seconded by Marks. At 9:35 a.m. the August 28, 2007 special Stutsman County Commission meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Noel A. Johnson	Mark Klose
County COO (Auditor)	Commission Chairman