At 4:00 p.m., Chairman Klose called the special meeting of the Stutsman County Commission to order. Dennis Ova, Dale Marks, David Schwartz, Craig Neys and Mark Klose answered roll call. The purpose of the meeting was to review the comments of the references listed by two candidates for the Auditor/COO position.

Linda Chadduck, Deputy Auditor, and Noel Johnson, County COO/Auditor reported on the comments of the references.

Johnson presented the salary range for the position as recommended by The Archer Company, wage consultant for the County; Step 1 - \$79,331; Step 8 (mid-range) - \$89,107; Step 15 (range maximum) - \$99,050. The consultant indicated that generally, an organization can hire at least to step 8, or even higher. Ova made a motion seconded by Schwartz to offer the job to Casey Bradley and to authorize Chairman Klose and Johnson to negotiate a salary up to Step 8. Motion carried.

At 4:12 p.m., the meeting was recessed.

At 4:30 p.m., the meeting was reconvened with all Commissioners present.

Schwartz made a motion seconded by Ova to hire Mr. Bradley at \$89,107 and to authorize a one step raise (2%) after 6 months of employment. Roll call vote – Ova, Marks, Schwartz, Neys and Klose voted aye.

Neys made a motion seconded by Schwartz to adjourn. At 4:53 p.m. the special meeting was adjourned. ATTEST:

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