

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
February 3, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn county Boardroom at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday February 3, 2009. Members present: Mathiason, Belshan, Tuttle, Nelson and Shoff.

Commissioner Mathiason offered the following motion;

MOVED, approve the January 20, 2009 regular meeting with the change being made to the minutes as requested by Chairman Shoff and approval of the January 27, 2009 workshop meeting.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Mathiason offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 09-024
APPROVAL OF SECOND HALF 2008 TAX ABATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the County Board has reviewed the application for reduction valuation of real estate and/or refund of taxes paid, taxes payable 2008 and

WHEREAS, the County Assessor and the County Auditor-Treasurer have recommended approval of the listed abatements,

NOWHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the abatements as presented be approved and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the complete listing of abatements are available for review in the office of the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Nelson.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Belshoan offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 09-025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DITCH LOANS

RESOLVE, that the Board of Commissioners authorize loans to the following ditches;

County Ditch No.	11	\$	6,000.00
	16L Out	\$	488,800.00 (Project currently in progress)
	39	\$	3,000.00
	49	\$	23,500.00
	62	\$	24,700.00
	71	\$	<u>1,500.00</u>
		\$	547,500.00
Judicial Ditch No.	6	\$	37,100.00
	6 IMP	\$	260,000.00 (Project Currently in progress)
	8 F&W	\$	38,700.00
	9	\$	2,200.00
	20	\$	17,600.00
	22	\$	27,800.00
	25	\$	120,400.00
	29	\$	400.00
	24 DC	\$	<u>58,800.00</u> (Project currently in progress)
		\$	563,100.00
		\$	1,110,600.00

From the General Fund at an annual interest rate of 3% to cover cash shortages for 2008 and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that loans will be repaid through the application of 2009 assessments.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Nelson.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution unanimously adopted.

Zoning request has been moved to the March 3, 2009 Board of Commissioner's meeting.

Commissioner Nelson offered the following motion;

MOVED, setting the Public Hearing date for the proposed Freeborn County Sanitary Sewer Treatment System Ordinance #16 for March 17, 2009 at 8:45 a.m.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Tuttle.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

Susan Carlin, Program Director from the University of Minnesota presented an overview of the Minnesota River Board.

Commissioner Tuttle offered the following motion;

MOVED, accepting the resignation of Darlene Cox effective March 31, 2009.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Tuttle offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 09-026
RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION WITHIN FREEBORN COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is a basic responsibility of the County to provide for the health and welfare of its citizens;
and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued regulations which require the replacement of wideband Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems operating in the Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) spectrum by 2013.

WHEREAS, public safety agencies throughout the country, including public safety agencies within Freeborn County, have relied upon wideband LMR systems to provide vital public safety communications for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, public works, disaster response and other vital government services.

WHEREAS, the County has worked with the Southeast Minnesota Regional Radio Board (SE MN RRB), of which it is a participating member, to complete a comprehensive assessment of public safety communication within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has been presented with a public safety communication assessment (hereinafter "Assessment") conducted by GeoComm, Incorporated, which included an assessment of the alternatives that exist for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Assessment as an accurate assessment of public safety communication needs within the County and of the alternatives that reasonably exist to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County, and be it further:

RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners adopted the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) participation alternative specified in the Assessment as the most appropriate and best option for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the county, and be it further:

RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Sheriff (hereinafter "Sheriff) is instructed to develop a participation plan (hereinafter "Plan") for the migration of and participation of all county and local governments and public safety agencies located and operating within the County to the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, the Assessment providing the basis of this action shall be submitted to the SE MN RRB with a recommendation that the Assessment be incorporated into the SE MN RRB regional public safety communication plan and that the Sheriff is authorized to submit the Assessment and the Plan to the SE MN RRB, to the Minnesota Departments of Transportation and Public Safety and to the Statewide Radio Board, as may be necessary to gain final approval for the County to participation in the ARMER public safety communication system as provided for in the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Freeborn County Board of Commissioners agree to collaborate with the state in the build out of the ARMER, 800 MHz platform by funding, in part, additional 800 MHz infrastructure within Freeborn County to enhance the performance of the ARMER System for the local and statewide public safety officials and other authorized governmental entities.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION 09-027
BOAT AND WATER SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION**

RESOLVED, accepting the 2009 Boat and Water Safety Grant.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Sheriff Mark Harig, Administrator John W. Kluever and/or Chairman Christopher Shoff be authorized to sign any documents pertaining to the grant.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Mathiason.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Belshan discussed the following items;

Stimulus package being offered maybe the county should address the Bath interchange. Send a letter stating the interest in the project and see if it would qualify.

Commissioner Shoff directed the Administrator to contact the City of Albert Lea to see if they would be interested in pursuing the Bath interchange as a stimulus project.

Commissioner Tuttle stated she attended the League of Cities meeting and the towns were receptive to the radio proposal by Sheriff Harig.

Commissioner Tuttle offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 09-028
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on February 6, 2009.

Fund	Amount	Name
01	\$ 78,051.33	General Fund
03	\$ 58,866.14	County Road and Bridge
31	\$ 53,599.51	Capital Improvement
40	<u>\$ 13,908.73</u>	County Ditches
	\$204,425.71	TOTAL

GENERAL FUND

Albert Lea Electric Co. 1,202.19, Albert Lea Police Dept 544, Albert Lea Township Fire Dept 345.38, American Institutional Supply 515.82, Anoka County Corrections 5,115, Bear Graphics Inc 544.41, Book World 1145 404.98, Brown County Evaluation Center 1,386, City of Albert Lea 11,701.32, City of Albert Lea 8,351.20, Cole Paper Inc 1,129.41, Com Tec Land Mobile Radio 846.04, Dalco Inc 800.97, Express Services Inc 3,145.70, Freeborn County

Recorder 690, Freeborn County Sheriffs Dept 463.85, Freeborn Fire Dept and Ambulance 468.38, Goldman Sturtz & Halvorsen 2,260, IBM Corporation 3,343.44, Litho Printing & Graphics 578.93, Manpower Inc 766.80, Marketing Systems Group 1,108.37, MCF-Red Wing 7,440, Mid America Business Systems 882, Minneapolis Gateway Hotel 756.58, MN River Board 625, MN UC Fund MN Dept of Economics 1,284.51, Northland Chemical Corp 650.26, OfficeMax Inc 524.86, Olmsted County 516, Quill Corp 1,122.25, Schilling Supply Co 5,455.58, Schmidt Goodman Office Product 765.98, Scotts Office Product 1,149.65, Sheraton Bloomington 967.94, Turning Point Psychological 500, Weinberg Ellen 900, West Payment Center 1,350.18, Youth Services International 1,377.60.

COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

Aspen Equipment Co 409.47, Commissioner Of Transportation 1,593.65, Ferrellgas LP 730.99, Freeborn Co Coop Oil 39,619.52, Interstate Motor Trucks Inc 601.59, Jones Haugh & Smith Inc 1,200, MN Transportation Alliance 2,565, Share Corp 463.55, SRF Consulting Group Inc 5,742.53, Ziegler Inc 5,333.79.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Albert Lea Electric Co 37,500, City of Albert Lea 3,562.42, Com Tec Land Mobile Radio 3,068.50, IBM Corp 8,611.94.

COUNTY DITCHES

Behrends Mark 714.60, Christian and Peterson PA 1,933, Christianson Chris 547.97, Johnson Daniel 628.70, Langlie Bruce 10,000.

Number of claims not exceeding \$300.00 – 59

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300.00 – \$7,617.91

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution unanimously adopted.

Chair, Commissioner Shoff adjourned the meeting until 8:30 a.m., February 17, 2009.

BY: _____

Christopher Shoff
Chairman of the County Board

ATTEST: _____

John Kluever
Administrator