

FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP

April 13th, 2010

The Freeborn County Board of Commissioners met in the Administrative Conference room of the Freeborn County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday April 13, 2010. Members present: Commissioners Shoff, Belshan, Mathiason, Tuttle and Nelson. County staff present: County Sheriff – Mark Harig, Human Services Director – Brian Buhmann, Public Health Director – Lois Ahern, Environmental Services Director – Randy Tuchtenhagen, County Auditor/Treasurer – Dennis Distad, County Assessor – Ryan Rasmusson, Court Services Director – Tom Jensen, County Engineer – Sue Miller, Planning/Zoning Director – Wayne Sorensen and County Administrator - John Kluever.

Chairman Commissioner Shoff called the workshop to order at 8:30 a.m.

Administrator Kluever commented on the agenda and the tentative schedule for the workshop.

Discussion was held on the current status of South Country Health Alliance. Administrator Kluever indicated that he would be calling for a Special Board Meeting for the week of April 26th and the Joint Powers Board for the South Country Health Alliance has a meeting during the morning of April 26th.

Administrator Kluever indicated that terms of 3 Shell Rock River Watershed Manager positions are up on June 30, 2010. Advertisement for these positions will be completed and a due date for letters of interest is May 3rd. All interested parties will be invited to the May 4th, 2010 Board meeting to discuss possible appointment and final selection will be made by the Board on May 18, 2010.

County Assessor - Ryan Rasmusson discussed classification and value of land that has wind turbines on them. He will present a resolution to the Commissioners to consider setting the classification and value of this land. Ryan also mentioned that it is possible that Home Federal Savings (Elks Club) may be applying for an abatement and that this issue may come before the Commissioners at a later date.

Court Services Director - Tom Jensen provided a status update for the Sentence to Serve program. Due to funding shifts at the state level, Tom will be presenting a resolution to the Commissioners that would allow for addition local funding to carry this program through June 30, 2011.

Environmental Services Director - Randy Tuchtenhagen discussed the current status of the Individual Septic System Treatment issues in the county. He indicated that letters would go out to locations with Imminent Health Threats stating that there is an October 1, 2010 compliance deadline.

Sheriff Mark Harig discussed the current status of the ICE Contract with the Commissioners. Discussion was held on the progress made with the contract over the past 10 months and the direction it appears to be heading into the future.

A proposed Development Agreement for Wind Farms was discussed. This template of an agreement will be presented to the Commissioners at a future meeting for their consideration.

Chairman Shoff adjourned the workshop at 10:50 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
John W. Kluever, Clerk/Administrator