

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call – Commissioner Jake Gillen, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Members present were Plaisance, Malecha, Brown, Bauer and Gillen.
- B. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Plaisance, carried 5-0, to approve the minutes of October 23, 2007, (Board Meeting). Motion by Malecha, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to approve the minutes of November 6, 2007, (Committee Meeting).
- C. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to approve the agenda as presented.

II. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Deanna Kuennen

Motion by Malecha, seconded by Plaisance, carried 5-0, to approve the use of funds from the 2007 Economic Development departmental budget to support the Rice County Small Business Development Center. It is the Board's understanding that the funds will be used for the best interest of the county in promoting, advertising, improving, or developing the economic and agricultural resources of the County.

III. PARKS & FACILITIES: Joe McGough

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to adopt Resolution #07-071 – DNR Dam Safety Program Grant Agreement.

IV. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Richard Cook

Motion by Malecha, seconded by Plaisance, carried 5-0, to approve setting a public hearing on Ordinance Number 110 – Alcohol Licensing Enforcement.

V. ADMINISTRATION: Gary Weiers

- A. Public Hearing on Gravel Tax – At 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Government Services Building, a Public Hearing was conducted by the Rice County Board of Commissioners. The following members of the public spoke: Debra Sullivan (Bridgewater Township), Don Walsh, Steve Johnson (Richland Township), Orville Nelson, Terry Overn (Southern Minnesota Construction Co.), Ron Gernandt (Forest Township), Randy Timm (Timm's Trucking), Larry McFadden. The Public Hearing was then closed.
- B. Motion by Brown, seconded by Bauer, carried 4-1 on roll call vote, to adopt Resolution #07-072 – Resolution Enacting an Ordinance for an Aggregate Material Removal Production Tax. Roll call vote: Aye: Malecha, Brown, Bauer, Gillen. Nay: Plaisance.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH: Mary Ho

- A. Motion by Brown, seconded by Malecha, carried 5-0, to approve the contract amendment with Accra Care, Inc. establishing payment rates for in-home respite services for persons on the Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver Programs. Effective date of the contact amendment is October 15, 2007, and payment is \$181.12 when paid as a daily rate and \$5.15 per fifteen minutes when paid at a quarter hour rate.
- B. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Malecha, carried 5-0, to approve the contract amendment with Prairie River Home Care, Inc. establishing payment rates for in-home respite services for persons on the Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver Programs. Effective date of the contact amendment is November 15, 2007, and payment is at the rate of \$181.12 when paid as a daily rate and \$5.15 per fifteen minutes when paid at a quarter hour rate, or the Contractor's charge, whichever is lower.

- C. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to approve the contract amendment with Rison Homes, Inc. authorizing an increase of 2% (approved by the Minnesota Legislature) on amounts paid for eligible clients residing in contracted units at 16 N.E. Fifth Street and 630 N.W. Sixth Street in Faribault. As per action by the Legislature, the increase is effective October 1, 2007.
- D. Motion by Brown, seconded by Malecha, carried 5-0, to approve the contract amendment with the Northfield Hospital to: 1) extend the term of the contract between Rice County and the Northfield Hospital, acting through its Center for Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, to December 31, 2008; and 2) requires the Hospital to have in place liability insurance in amounts that meet Rice County requirements for contracting.
- E. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to approve the shared services agreement between Rice County and the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the purchase of Independent Living Services for a client served by the (Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) Program. The term of the agreement is November 14, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The agreement allows Rice County to purchase up to 200 quarter-hour units of Independent Living Services at \$14.76 per unit, for a total not to exceed \$2,952.00.
- F. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Bauer, carried 5-0, to adopt Resolution #07-070 – Home Care Recognition.

Motion by Plaisance, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to move into Community Health Board.

- G. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Malecha, carried 5-0, to approve the agreement between the Minnesota Department of Health and Rice County Community Health Services for administration of a State Indoor Radon Grant. The term of the agreement is October 2001 through to September 30, 2007, and the dollar amount is in the award of \$3,094,41.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to move out of Community Health Board.

VII. AUDITOR/TREASURER: Fran Windschitl

Motion by Malecha, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to approve the Mill Towns Trail Joint Powers Board 2007 Budget as presented by the County Auditor.

VIII. SOCIAL SERVICES: Mark Shaw

Motion by Malecha, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to approve the South Central Children's Mental Health Initiative Compact; and to appoint the Director of Social Services as the County's authorizing representative for this Compact.

IX. SOLID WASTE: Michael Cook

- A. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Plaisance, carried 5-0, to approve raising the rate for disposal of petroleum-contaminated soils from \$6.00 per ton, to \$12.00 per ton. Motion by Plaisance, seconded by Brown, carried 5-0, to approve the minimum charge for licensed haulers be not less than \$30.00 per ton. Motion by Plaisance, seconded by Malecha, carried 5-0, to approve keeping the rate for residential drop off of appliances the same, but changing the rates for the commercial properties to \$9.00 for all major appliances, \$15.00 for window air conditioners, and any large commercial units would be at the rate of \$1.00 per cubic foot. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Bauer, carried 5-0, to approve decreasing the residential charge for video display devices from \$15.00 to \$5.00 each, with all other residential electronic devices (phones, radios, speakers, computers and laptops, keyboards and mouse) collected free of charge; and approving the business charges of all electronic waste at the rate of \$0.35 per pound, plus \$0.05 handling charge. Individual units shall be charged at the rate of \$20.00 per item. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Bauer, carried 5-0, to approve the charge for business fluorescent/HID lamp bulb recycling at: 1) first ten bulbs per year are free; 2) all bulbs after the ten free bulbs per year are \$0.60 per bulb; and 3) ballast charge at a rate of \$1.50 per pound.
- B. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Plaisance, carried 5-0, to grant permission to request proposals for the processing of recyclables.

X. ADMINISTRATION: Gary Weiers

A. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Bauer, carried 5-0, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- 1. Payment of Bills: Bills totaled \$786,258.79. Claims over \$5,000 as listed: Aero Metric \$63,402, Thomas Behrends \$5,067.04, DHS Moose Lake \$11,040, GIV \$5,787.52, Minnesota Correctional Facility \$13,800, New Horizons \$7,375.50, Software House Int. \$5,261.12, Steele Co. Treas. \$222,191.56, Erickson Engineering \$6,980.68, H&L Mesabi \$5,246.66, Kielmeyer Construction Co. \$9,051.17, Valley Asphalt Products \$6,224.18, Aiimsonian Clinic \$6,858.65, Archambault Bros. Disp. \$7,240.66, City & Lakes Disposal \$6,202.69, DeGrood Oil \$8,496.72, Flom Disposal \$6,086.13, JR's Advanced Recyclers \$6,155.25, Sweeney Bros. Tractor \$112,097.86, Waste Mgmt.-Nfld \$22,277.77. Additional Social Service bills totaled \$225,033.45. Claims over \$5,000 as listed: Estate Resources \$37,884.71, Heartland Girls Ranch \$5,022, KCO \$16,218.30, LSSMN \$6,166.98, MSOP MN Sex Offender Program \$6,918.40, Mary Nelson \$5,553.78, PATH \$13,334.61, RollxVans \$18,730, Workforce Development \$24,204.45.**
2. Extra Time/Over Time Report – Paid 10/26/2007 & 11/09/2007
3. Personnel Appointments
Gina Myrmel, Reg. FT Child Support Enforcement Aide, Social Services @ \$11.58/hr., eff. 11/26/2007
Joseph Peterson, Reg. FT Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office @ \$16.17/hr., eff. 11/12/2007
Jacob Jandro, Reg. FT Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office @ \$15.69/hr., eff. 11/12/2007
Serena Dynes, Reg. FT Social Worker, Social Services @ \$19.30/hr., eff. 11/06/2007
Gilbert Ross, Temp. PT (On-Call) Worker, Solid Waste @ \$10.35/hr., eff. 11/01/2007 thru 02/29/2008
Judy Chavie, Temp. PT (On-Call) Clerk-Receptionist, Administration @ \$10.75/hr., eff. 11/14/2007
Brian Niessen, Reg. FT Assistant Probation Officer, Community Corrections @ \$15.80/hr., eff. 11/19/2007
- B. Elected Official Salary Requests – This was an item for discussion. No formal action was taken.
- C. Date for Strategic Planning Session – This was an item for discussion. No formal action was taken.
- D. Motion by Malecha, seconded by Gillen, carried 5-0, to approve the Letter of Support for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Application.**
- E. Discussion of Budget – This was an item for discussion. No formal action was taken.

XI. Adjournment – Motion by Malecha, seconded by Plaisance, carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Dated at Faribault, Minnesota, this 13th day of November, 2007.

Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 27th day of November, 2007.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jake Gillen, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Gary Weiers, County Administrator