

# TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners held on  
March 1, 2011*

## **Call to Order**

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Blessing with all members present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Approval of Agenda**

On motion by Kneisl and second by Ruda, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as prepared.

## **Routine Business**

On motion by Ruda and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants #27260 thru 27385 in the amount of \$75,259.29.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Ruda voting against.

### **APPROVE TOBACCO LICENSES FOR ESTABLISHMENTS TO SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN TODD COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Tobacco Sales and Youth Access Ordinance, effective November 2000, is in accordance with MN and federal laws to regulate the sales of tobacco to decrease youth access to tobacco products, and;

WHEREAS, the referenced Ordinance provides for licensing of establishments to sell tobacco, a retailer education opportunity, compliance checks and appropriate legal consequences, and;

WHEREAS, the following establishments have met requirements for licensing: Shipwrex on Mound Lake Grill and Bar, Inc – Shawn Ehlert, Rohde's Hub Supper Club – Bruce Rohde;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the tobacco sales licenses effective:

Shipwrex on Mound Lake Grill and Bar, Inc      January 16, 2011 – December 31, 2011

Rohde's Hub Supper Club                              February 10, 2011 – December 31, 2011

On motion by Ruda and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2011 PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the parcels of tax forfeited land appearing on the list filed with the County Auditor/ Treasurer, be appraised and classified; that the basic sale price of each parcel be approved and authorization for a public sale of these lands be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that said sale will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, March 25, 2011, by the County Auditor/Treasurer at the Todd County Courthouse, for not less than the basic price; and that all sales shall be full payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale are as follows:

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All property is sold for cash only, no payment plans. Full payment is due on the date of sale.

A charge of \$25.00 will be made for each State Deed issued.

A charge of \$46.00 will be made to record the State Deed.

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected. (0.0033 x purchase price)

A \$40.00 fee for well certificate, if applicable, will be collected.

A Tax Forfeiture Administration fee of \$125.00 will be collected.

A 3% Assurance Fund charge will be made (as per Minnesota Statutes 284.28, Subd. 8).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all the parcels of tax-forfeited land shall be offered for sale subject to liens, existing roads, easements & leases, if any. Any unpaid special assessments canceled at forfeiture may be reassessed by the municipalities after the sale. Todd County reserves the right, in the interest of the public, to withdraw from the land sale, any parcels at any time prior to its sale.

## Todd County Livestock Advisory Committee

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Motion is to accept and agree with the Todd County Livestock resolution. Todd County will also have resolution written for the next meeting March 15, 2011.

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TODD COUNTY LIVESTOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH RECIPROCAL BROADBAND SERVICES COUNTY WIDE**

WHEREAS, the world's cultural and economic environment is becoming increasingly more knowledge-driven and information-based, and Todd County citizens, businesses, and agriculture need access to that information, and;

WHEREAS, the needs of modern agriculture broadband speeds that are higher than current telecommunication companies serving Todd County are willing to provide. Those needs for ag services such as online training, livestock auctions, live stream video links, and virtual tours and marketing to name a few, require reciprocal speeds that are not available to the rural community, and;

WHEREAS, the members of the Todd County Livestock Advisory Committee wants its citizens to maintain the highest quality of life and its businesses to be as competitive and productive as possible, and;

WHEREAS, the highest speed, highest capacity broadband, and other telecommunications services are critical for maintaining a healthy and competitive agricultural community, along with other cultural and economic environments, and;

WHEREAS, high speed, high capacity access to telecommunications services should be thought of an essential public service that should be available to all citizens of Todd County, similar to the way the street and highway system is available to all citizens, and;

WHEREAS, private sector providers are currently unwilling and/or unable to provide the highest speed, highest capacity access to broadband services to the citizens and business of Todd County via last mile fiber, wireless or other means, and;

WHEREAS, the Member of the Todd County Livestock Advisory Committee desire that Todd County retain its right to establish and operate a telecommunications utility under the same terms and conditions as it already operates its electric, water and sewer utilities, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Livestock Advisory Committee would oppose any action by parties that would restrict the ability of all governments in Todd County to establish telecommunications utilities, which would consequently severely restrict the ability in Todd County citizens, businesses, and agriculture to have the highest speed, highest capacity access to broadband services.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TODD COUNTY LIVESTOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

- a) That the Todd County Livestock Advisory Committee supports any action the Todd County Board of Commissioners would take to establish by any means legally available, a municipal telecommunications utility system county wide that provides the highest speed (reciprocal) speed internet, highest capacity access to broadband services.
- b) That the Todd County Administrator shall provide a copy of this Resolution to the governor, legislatures, citizens, businesses, and other interested parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and that provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereof.

This resolution is in full effect upon its adoption this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011.

## Todd County Administration

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Ruda, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve establishment and charge of a committee to review Todd County's data practices policies.

On motion by Ruda and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE ALLOCATION OF LEGACY FUNDS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR SAID FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Historic Courthouse is an important Todd County Landmark, and a symbol of permanence and steadfastness of the early citizens of Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Historic Courthouse has been found to be of sufficient stability to renovate and use the building for many years in to the future, and;

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the legacy of the Todd County Historic Courthouse belongs to the citizens of Todd County, those who came before, and those yet to come, and;

WHEREAS, the renovation and use of the Todd County Historic Courthouse will result in greater service to the Citizens of Todd County by providing access to Todd County services in a single location, and;

WHEREAS, the renovation and use of the Todd County Historic Courthouse will result in greater efficiencies between Todd County Departments by eliminating physical barriers between departments, thereby allowing greater additional flexibility to cross-train and work collaboratively, and;

WHEREAS, the renovation of the Todd County Historic Courthouse will be completed in accordance with historic standards of renovation, and;

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Minnesota have authorized an additional sales tax by constitutional amendment, called the Legacy Amendment to be collected for the purposes of funding the arts, historic projects and environmental projects.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners requests that the State of Minnesota Legislature authorizes funding through the Legacy Amendment for distribution through a competitive grant process to deserving historic projects, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners supports application for said funding for the purposes of renovation of the Todd County Historic Courthouse.

On motion by Ruda and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann voting against: To approve out of state travel for Sheriff Mikkelson and Commissioner Kneisl to Washington D.C. for the purposes of meeting with the Central Minnesota Congressional Delegation.

On motion by Ruda and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve acknowledgment of permission for Central Planes Aviation for spraying of tent caterpillars in Todd County.

## **Administrator's Report**

The Records Retention Committee found that the County Board adopted the State Records retention schedule in 1986. The committee will be recommending that the policy be continued, and will be on the next board agenda. The Commissioners and Administrator will be going to the State Capitol Wednesday 3/2/2011. They will be meeting with Representative Ingebrigtsen and Representative Franson.

## **Commissioners' Report**

Ruda reported that the Solid Waste Committee will be meeting with Ottertail, Wadena and Becker Counties. They will be looking at sample ordinances.

## **Adjourn**

Commissioner Blessing recessed the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

### **COMMISSIONER WARRANTS**

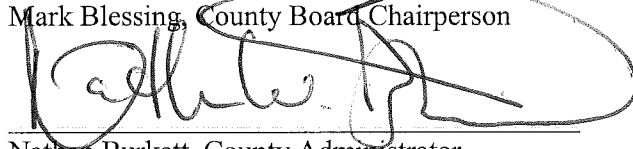
<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
CITY OF SEBEKA	4,189.50
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION	6,353.14
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY	6,660.28
MORTON SALT	15,254.03
NORTHERN STAR COOP	2,715.89
REGION V DEVELOPMT	
COMMISSION	2,000.00
SEBEKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	4,991.60
TODD COUNTY WELLNESS COMM	3,999.72
118 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2000	29,095.13
FINAL TOTAL.....	\$75,259.29

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On a motion by Kircher and second by Ruda the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 1, 2011 were duly approved by a unanimous vote of the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 15, 2011

Witness my hand and seal:

  
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Mark Blessing, County Board Chairperson

  
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Nathan Burkett, County Administrator