

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners held on
October 1, 2013*

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 1st day of October, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All members present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and second by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda with the following additions/changes:

1. Move South Country to second Agenda Item.
2. Discussion – The title "Administrator" to be removed from County Website and replaced with Administration

Todd County Extension

On motion by Blessing and second by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 6 – 12, 2013

WHEREAS, 4-H youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their communities and make a difference for their futures;

WHEREAS, 4-H is one of the largest youth development organizations in Minnesota and the largest in the nation with six million young people.

WHEREAS, 4-H in Todd County claims 4-H program numbers more than 260 members and more than 76 volunteers.

WHEREAS, 4-H as part of Extension of the University of Minnesota is a program where youth learn through opportunities that provide them hands-on experiences in 4-H's mission mandates of science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship.

WHEREAS, 4-H has connected youth and their communities with the innovative research and resources from our nation's 106 land-grant universities and colleges for more than 100 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Neumann, Chairman of the Todd County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2013, as National 4-H Week in Todd County. I urge the people of this community to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program that enhances our young people's interests in their futures as part of Todd County 4-H Youth Development and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our county and our state University System.

South County Health Alliance

Leota Lind, South Country Health Alliance was present and gave the partial annual report for 2012.

Todd County Highway Department

On motion by Erickson and second by Blessing, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to set the 2013 Fall Road Meeting for October 22, 2013 at 1:00 PM at the Public Works Department.

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On motion by Kircher and second by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

TRANSFER OF EXCESS MUNICIPAL STATE AID CONSTRUCTION FUNDS TO REGULAR STATE AID CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 162.08, Subdivision 4 (3d), provides that accumulated balances in excess of two years apportionments may be spent on projects located outside of municipalities under 5,000 population when approved solely by resolution of the county board, and;

WHEREAS, Counties having a Municipal State Aid Construction Fund Balance exceeding three years apportionments are subject to a penalty on future year apportionments, and;

WHEREAS, the current State Aid Municipal Construction Fund Account Balance indicates an excess amount of \$44,597, which would subject Todd County to a penalty reduction on the 2014 State Aid Apportionment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners request that the Commissioner of Transportation transfer \$44,597 from the Todd County Municipal State Aid Construction Fund Account, in excess of the two years apportionment, into the Todd County Regular State Aid Construction Fund Account.

On motion by Blessing and second by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2014 MASTER BRIDGE PRIORITY REPLACEMENT LIST

WHEREAS, Todd County has determined that the attached list of bridge on County State Aid Highways, County Roads, Township Roads, and Municipal Streets are either listed as structurally deficient or are a high priority for removal and replacement within the immediate future, and;

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are a critical component of the local road system, and;

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement of bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road system and is necessary funding source for the County, Townships, and Municipalities to proceed with replacements of the bridges on the attached list, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County intends to proceed with the replacement of these bridges as soon as either State Transportation Bond Funds or State Townbridge Funds become available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County commits that it will proceed with the replacement of these listed bridges immediately after being notified of the availability of State Transportation Bond Funds or State Townbridge Funds.

Hands of Hope

On motion by Kneisl and second by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

PROCLAMATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Our homes should be a place of warmth, love, tranquility, and security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings;

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that terrorizes one's home and affects people, regardless of race, age, religion, income level, gender or occupation, and is happening in Todd County;

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WHEREAS, The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, safety, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse;

WHEREAS, Domestic violence costs the nation \$10 billion annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and loss of productivity; and in Todd County, Hands of Hope Resource Center has served 315 men, women and children during the past year, with 252 of those being first time served clients. Todd County not unlike larger metropolitan areas has in the past year experienced an attempted murder, and domestic violence related suicide, and most recent a homicide due to domestic violence;

WHEREAS, Only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this crime; therefore we at Hands of Hope Resource Center encourage you, the Todd County Commissioners to stand at the forefront in supporting law enforcement officials, shelter providers, victim services, health care providers, the clergy and concerned citizens to come together and directly confront the crisis of domestic violence;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, In recognition of Domestic Violence, we the commissioners of Todd County do hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to work with Hands of Hope Resource Center in eliminating domestic violence in our communities.

MIS

On motion by Blessing and second by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve and sign the Joint Powers and Cost Share Agreements with Cities of Browerville, Long Prairie and Staples in the amount of \$55,992.88 to be paid over three years. (Contracts on file in the Administration and MIS Departments.)

Routine Business

On motion by Blessing and second by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the September 17, 2013 Regular Board Minutes as read.

On motion by Kircher and second by Blessing, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants #35601 - #35722 in the amount of \$64,167.12.

On motion by Erickson and second by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Actions of HHS Committee Meeting held September 24, 2013 in accordance with the minutes on file in the Todd County Administration Office.

On motion by Neumann and second by Blessing, to suspend rules for the purpose to the discuss topic of a vehicle purchase.

On motion by Kircher and second by Blessing, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the bid to purchase county vehicle is awarded to Gessell Auto to purchase a 2012 Impala LS V6 in the amount of \$14,150.00.

On motion by Blessing and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Addendum to the Agreement to change hours of work at the Transfer Station from 5:00 pm to 4:30 pm effective 9/30/2013.

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On motion by Kneisl and second by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

HIRING OF A PART-TIME COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATOR - TO EMPHASIS ON LOCAL FOODS FOR MORRISON AND TODD COUNTIES

WHEREAS, The Morrison and Todd Co. Extension Committees and Todd/Morrison Co. Statewide Health Improvement Programs (SHIP) have joined forces to propose to the Morrison & Todd Co. Boards a part-time Extension Educator position to focus on education for local foods producers and small farms in Morrison & Todd Counties while attending to triple bottom line of economic return, environmental health and quality of life & well-being, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed Extension Educator will provide education and education coordination for county residents on many aspects of local foods and small farm operations, and

WHEREAS, this will be a .60 FTE position and would start January 1, 2014 with Todd Counties share being \$17,100 for 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve to partnership with Morrison County and SHIP to hire a Part-time County Extension Educator-to emphasis on local foods for Morrison and Todd Counties. Contingent on continuation of the partnership with Morrison County.

On motion by Neumann and second by Erickson, to suspend rules for the purpose to the discuss topic of discontinuing the early retirement incentive.

On a motion by Kircher and second by Erickson, the following resolution was adopted by roll call vote: Kircher, yes; Erickson, yes; Kneisl, yes; Blessing, yes; Neumann, yes.

TO DISCONTINUE THE EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE OF THE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

WHEREAS, in 2010 the County Board amended the County policy for the early retirement incentive (originally established in 1995) to pay up to the current single base plan rate for the single health insurance premium up to three years, not to exceed the employee's 65th birthday with the condition the employee is eligible for PERA retirement and has twenty (20) years or more of service; and

WHEREAS, during the budgeting process and setting the preliminary levy there was a short fall in funds for the 2014 budget with the State putting a levy limit in force and some cuts are being made.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve to discontinue the early retirement incentive listed in the County policy effective December 31, 2013.

On motion by Kircher and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve and remove the wording "Administrator" from the Administration Department on the County Website.

Commissioner's Report

Erickson reported on the construction update, that small changes in the entrance were made due to the handicap area relocation. Neumann reported there will be a dedication ceremony for the Armed Forces Memorial at the Osakis Lions Park on Saturday 10/5/2013 at 11:00 a.m.

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Adjourn

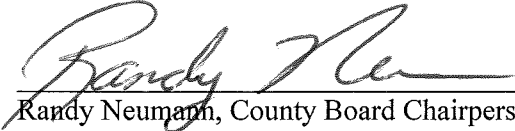
Commissioner Neumann recessed the meeting until October 15, 2013.

Commissioner Warrants

Vendor Name	Amount
BRAATEN SAND & GRAVEL	3,672.68
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	2,192.94
CONTECH CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS	9,599.64
DIGITAL ALLEY	2,195.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION	5,024.48
IMPACT TECHNOLOGY	3,472.74
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	3,444.78
SYNERGY GRAPHIC	3,149.50
Payments less than 2000	31,415.36
Final Total	64,167.12

On a motion by Blessing and second by Kneisl the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 1, 2013 were duly approved by a unanimous vote of the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 15, 2013.

Witness my hand and seal:


Randy Neumann, County Board Chairperson


Karen Busch, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer