

**MINUTES OF THE
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Otter Tail County Courthouse
Commissioners' Room, Floor 1-B
Tuesday, January 2, 2001
9:30 a.m.**

Statutory Meeting - Call to Order

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners convened Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. at the Otter Tail County Courthouse with Commissioners Syd Nelson, Malcolm Lee, Dennis Mosher, Roger Froemming, and Bob Block present.

Year 2001 Otter Tail County Board Chair Selected

County Board Clerk, Larry Krohn, requested nominations for the year 2001 Otter Tail County Board Chair. Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, to elect Commissioner Roger Froemming as the Otter Tail County Board Chair for year 2001. Motion carried.

Year 2001 Otter Tail County Board Vice-Chair Selected

Chairman Roger Froemming assumed the chair and requested nominations for the year 2001 Otter Tail County Board Vice-Chair. Motion by Lee, second by Block, to elect Commissioner Dennis Mosher as the Otter Tail County Board Vice-Chair for year 2001. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, to approve the County Board agenda of January 2, 2001 as mailed. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Nelson, second by Block, to approve the County Board minutes of December 26, 2000 as mailed. Motion carried.

Welfare Statistics

Commissioner Lee stated that the President has cut welfare expenses and asked how much Otter Tail County has cut in this area. Discussion followed regarding the welfare system and the 60-month lifetime limit to collect welfare benefits. Human Services Director, John Dinsmore, will research this issue and provide a monthly report on how many clients are on welfare, how many go off, etc. for the county.

Day Treatment and Habilitation Contract

Human Services Supervisor, Tom Jenson, requested approval of a contract with Productive Alternatives for a Day Treatment and Habilitation program identified as "Willow". Motion by Lee, second by Mosher, to authorize the Chair's signature to execute a contract between Otter Tail County Human Services and Productive Alternatives to provide a Day Treatment and Habilitation program from December 1, 2000, through December 31, 2001, subject to the approval of the County Attorney. There are currently 14 clients to be served with rates at \$96.64 per day and \$72.48 for a partial day plus transportation fees. Motion carried.

Salary Increase for Non-Union Employees

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, to approve a salary increase of 2.5% for Otter Tail County non-union employees effective January 1, 2001. Motion carried.

Approval to Pay Annual Appropriations

Motion by Lee, second by Block, to authorize payment of the following 2001 annual appropriations:

Otter Tail Country Tourism Association	\$ 5,000
West Otter Tail Fair Association	\$12,000
East Otter Tail Fair Association	\$12,000
West Central MN Initiative Fund	\$15,212

Motion carried.

Tobacco License Applications

Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, to approve the following applications for license:

Bluffton Oil Co. PO Box 43. Bluffton, MN	Tobacco
Bonnie & Clyde's 105 E Main Street PO Box 175 Clitherall, MN	Tobacco
Elizabeth Municipal Liquor Store 103 Washington Ave PO Box 738 Elizabeth, MN	Tobacco
Jerry's Village Inn Main Street – PO Box 427 Otertail, MN	Tobacco
Stockman's Tavern 107 Main St. PO Box 77 Underwood, MN	Tobacco
Peak Supper Club 43517 Co. Hwy 38 Clitherall, MN	Tobacco
Battle Lake Farmers Union Oil Co PO Box 128 – Hi-Way 210 Battle Lake, MN	Tobacco
Under Mart 300 Frontage Ave W Underwood, MN	Tobacco

2001 Printing and Publishing Bids

After previously advertising for bids to be received for printing and publishing of the county board minutes, legal notices, delinquent tax list, and county's annual financial statement, Wayne Stein, County Auditor, proceeded to open bids which were found to be as follows:

Delinquent Tax List:

Parkers Prairie Independent	First Publication	\$9.95 per S.A.U.
Parkers Prairie Independent	Second Publication	\$5.90 per S.A.U.

Legal Notices, Publications and Commissioners' Minutes:

Daily Journal	\$9.95 per S.A.U.
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Annual Financial Statement:

New York Mills Herald	First Publication	\$9.95 per S.A.U.
Pelican Rapids Press	Second Publication	\$9.95 per S.A.U.

After consideration, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Mosher, to award bids for publishing and printing for the year 2001 as follows:

Delinquent Tax List:

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Pelican Rapids Press	Second Publication	\$9.95 per S.A.U.

**Pocket Gopher Bounty (M.S. 348.12 and 348.13)
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2001-01**

Commissioner Block offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Otter Tail County, Minnesota, that

The sum of thirty cents (\$.30) be paid out of the General Revenue Fund of Otter Tail County for every pocket gopher killed in said County during the year 2001 in cases where the township in which the pocket gophers were so killed shall provide for the payment of at least an additional bounty of forty cents (\$.40) for each pocket gopher so killed.

RESOLVED further that said payment of such County shall be made by the County Auditor upon certificates executed by the Chairman and/or Clerk of the Town Board of said Township setting forth that the township had issued and delivered to each claimant a payment for at least seventy cents (\$.70) for each pocket gopher so killed.

Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, and upon being put to vote, was unanimously carried.

Adopted at Fergus Falls, MN this 2nd day of January 2001.

Dated: _____ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Roger Froemming, County Board Chair

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn, Clerk

**Tax Forfeited Land Sale Apportionment
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2001 - 02**

Commissioner Lee offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Otter Tail County, Minnesota, that

WHEREAS, it is provided in Minn. Stat. 282.05 for the apportionment of proceeds from the sale of tax forfeited lands, and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor shall apportion the tax sale proceeds to the taxing district pursuant to Minn. Stat. 282.08 and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 282.08 (4) (b) provides that the County Board may set aside 20% of the proceeds remaining after the value of public improvements, special assessments, and bond issues levied on the property have been paid, for acquisition and maintenance of county parks and recreational areas, and

WHEREAS, Otter Tail County has a park and recreational area, which would benefit by such an apportionment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor retain 20% of the proceeds from the sale of tax forfeited lands for acquisition and maintenance of parks and recreational areas from the proceeds to be disbursed according to law.

Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, and upon being put to vote, was unanimously carried.

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Assessment for Delinquent Real Estate Parcels

Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, to set the cost assessed to delinquent real estate parcels that are published in the Delinquent Tax List, at \$24.00 per parcel. Motion carried.

County Board of Equalization Dates

Motion by Lee, second by Block, to convene the County Board of Equalization on Wednesday, June 13, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. and to reconvene the County Board of Equalization for final action on Tuesday, June 26, 2001, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 274.14. Motion carried.

Demolition of Old House

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, to authorize the demolition of an old house located on tax forfeited property in the City of Clitherall by the STS program. Motion carried.

Payment Approval

Motion by Lee, second by Block, to approve payment to the Association of Minnesota Counties, in the amount of \$14,587.00, for the AMC 2001 Annual Dues. Motion carried.

Approval to Pay Bills

Motion by Lee, second by Block, to approve payment of bills per Attachment A of these minutes. Motion carried.

County Board & Human Services Meeting Dates Set for Year 2001

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, to approve the following Otter Tail County Human Services and County Board meeting dates for the year 2001:

	Full Day County Board <u>9:30 a.m.</u>	Human Services Board Followed by County Board <u>9:30 a.m.</u>
January	2 & 16	9 23
February	6 & 20	13 & 27
March	6 & 20	13 & 27
April	3 & 17	10 & 24
May	1 & 15	8 & 22
June	5 & 19	12 & 26
July	*10 & 24	17 & 31
August	7 & 21	14 & 28
September	4 & 18	11 & 25
October	2 & 16	9 & 23
November	6 & 20	13 & 27
December	** & 18	11 & 27***

Generally, Commissioners will meet on the first four Tuesdays of each month. With the following exceptions:

*During the month of July, 2001, commissioners will not meet the first week because of the July 4th holiday; however, they will meet the other 4 Tuesdays as indicated in the above schedule.

**No meeting Tuesday, December 4th because of the Annual AMC Conference.

***No meeting Tuesday, December 25th because of the Christmas holiday; however, commissioners will meet Thursday, December 27th that week as indicated in the above schedule.

2001 County Board Committee Appointments

Chairman Roger Froemming made the following committee appointments:

AMC Delegates	Five Seated Commissioners County Coordinator/County Attorney/Hwy Engineer
Bois de Sioux Watershed District Committee	Mosher
Budget/Audit Committee	Nelson Lee
Building Committee, New York Mills (statutory)	Nelson Froemming
Building Committee, Fergus Falls (statutory)	Lee Block
Computer Steering Committee	Block Mosher
Highway Committee	Mosher Nelson
Capital Improvement Committee	Mosher Froemming
Community Partners	Block Mosher
Department Head Liaison	Nelson
Employee Relations/Labor Negotiation	Mosher Lee
Employee Safety Committee	Froemming
Extension Committee (statutory)	Froemming Mosher
Family Services Collaborative Executive Committee	Block Nelson
GIS/E911 Committee	Block Lee
Human Services Labor/Management Committee	Froemming
International Coalition	Lee
Joint Powers Board (Solid Waste)	Lee Froemming
Judicial Ditch No. 2	Mosher Lee
Labor/Management Committee	Nelson Lee
Lakeland Mental Health	Block
Land & Resource Committee	Mosher Lee
Law Library (statutory)	Froemming
Long Range Planning Task Force	Mosher
Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus (MRCC)	Delegate - Nelson Alternate - Froemming

Noxious Weed Appeal (statutory)	Mosher - West Froemming - East
Pomme de Terre Joint Powers Board	Mosher
Public Health Internal Labor/Mgmt. Committee	Block
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) (Regional MnDOT)	Lee
Wadena Community Action Council	Nelson
Water Planning Committee	Mosher
West Central Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA)	Block
WCR Juvenile Center Advisory Board	Nelson
West Central MN EDD (economic development)	Lee

Adjournment

At 10:41 a.m., a motion was offered by Nelson and seconded by Mosher, to adjourn the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners until Tuesday, January 9, 2001. Motion carried.

Dated: _____ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
 Roger Froemming, County Board Chair

Attest: _____
 Larry Krohn, Clerk

