

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

**Otter Tail County Courthouse  
Commissioners' Room, Floor 1-B  
Tuesday, January 23, 2001  
9:30 a.m.**

**Call to Order**

The Otter Tail County Human Services Board convened Tuesday, January 23, 2001 at 9:31 a.m. at the Otter Tail County Courthouse with Commissioners Roger Froemming, Chair; Dennis Mosher, Vice-Chair; Syd Nelson, Malcolm Lee, and Bob Block present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, to approve the Human Services Board agenda of January 23, 2001 with the following changes.

10:00 a.m. - Court Services Director - canceled  
Commissioner Lee - yearly expense report

Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Lee, second by Block, to approve the Human Services Board minutes of January 9, 2001 as presented. Motion carried.

**Academic Health Center - University of Minnesota**

Dr. Frank Cerra, M.D. Senior Vice President of the Academic Health Center, University of Minnesota, and Dr. David Born, Ph.D. Director of the Division of Health Ecology, University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, updated Board members from the University's prospectus relative to the dental program. Proposed University legislation includes requirements for health sciences to address health workforce shortages in the State of Minnesota. A request to legislators is in place to support the medical school and allow expansion. The rural dentistry program will need all the support possible to obtain approval from the legislature for funding. For the medical school, there is a need for 8 million dollars recurring. In rural dentistry, the University is cognizant of medicaid situations, and training dentists to help this population is of great value. In the past 5-6 years, some of the outreach efforts in communities have changed dramatically which include dental clinics. The Otter Tail clinics have been very effective and served as a model for other areas. The more exposure the University can give their students to greater Minnesota, the greater likelihood that they will settle in rural Minnesota to assist with the shortage of healthcare workers. Commissioner Lee stated that the County would lobby state elected officials to help this initiative. If successful with legislation and the funding is received for the proposed dental clinic, the University will follow the County's building plans relative to the Regional Treatment Center.

**Energy Assistance Program**

Peggy Meissner, Coordinator of the Energy Assistance Program, briefed the County Board in light of the news and concerns people have expressed in the length of time it is taking to complete applications for energy assistance dollars. To date, there are more applications for energy assistance than are normally processed in a year. Individuals in crisis have been put ahead of other applications. Discussion continued regarding the high cost of Natural Gas and the hope that the price has peaked and will be coming down along with warmer weather. Those factors may slow down the high influx of applications.

### **Reappointments - Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Committee Contract Updates**

Motion by Froemming, second by Nelson, to reappoint Paul Baehr from St. Williams Annex and Bob Dungay, Chair of "A Place to Belong" to the Adult Mental Health LAC effective January 1, 2001, for a three year term. Motion carried.

Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, to authorize the appropriate county officials' signature(s) to renew a contract between the County of Otter Tail and Park Region Telephone Company for lifelines at a cost of \$55 for the first month and \$30 per month thereafter, subject to the approval of the County Attorney. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Block, to approve a contract between the County of Otter Tail and Lakes Home Inc. in Detroit Lakes for a one time rate adjustment for a client with high needs and to authorize the Human Services Director to sign the contract. Motion carried.

Social Services Supervisor, Tom Jensen, reported that the Guardianship Program has been in existence for a number of years and this year, the County received a request from Lutheran Social Services for a rate adjustment. Mr. Jensen recommended approval of the increased rates and reported that the total budget for 2001 for this program is \$32,000. Motion by Mosher, second by Lee, to authorize the Chair's signature to execute a contract between the County of Otter Tail and Lutheran Social Services for the Guardianship Program effective January 1, 2001, with a review of the contract annually thereafter. The contract authorizes an increase from \$130 to \$145 per month for Guardian services and an increase from \$40 to \$45 per hour on an hourly basis. The flat rate includes 3 hours per month and any services beyond the 3 hours qualifies for the hourly rate. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

### **Request for New Positions**

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, to approve two new positions for an Account Technician and an Office Support Specialist as recommended by the Human Services Director. These positions may work out of the New York Mills office at a later date. Motion carried.

### **CY 2001 Budget Overview & Other Handouts**

Human Services Director, John Dinsmore, provided a 2001 Budget Report. Budgeted expenses for the agency are over 13 million dollars. The agency was 9% over budget for the year 2000. He reported 2.7 million dollars in the cash reserve fund. On the expense side, expenditures were less than projected for out-of-home placement costs. Mr. Dinsmore briefed the Board on the Values and Goals of the Children's Justice Initiative. The MACSSA organization will meet January 24, 2001, with interesting discussions revolving around collaboratives.

### **Bills & Claims**

Motion by Lee, second by Nelson, to approve the Human Services bills and claims as presented. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

At 11:15 a.m., a motion was offered by Block and seconded by Mosher to declare the meeting of the Otter Tail County Human Services Board adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2001. Motion carried.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Froemming, Human Services Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk

### **Call to Order**

The Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners convened Tuesday, January 23, 2001 at 11:37 a.m. at the Otter Tail County Courthouse with Roger Froemming, Chair; Dennis Mosher, Vice-Chair; Syd Nelson, Malcolm Lee, and Bob Block present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Lee, second by Block, to approve the County Board agenda of January 23, 2001, with the following addition: Add Highway Engineer, Rick West at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Lee, second by Mosher, to approve the County Board minutes of January 16, 2001, with the following correction: The January 16, 2001, County Board meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m. Motion carried.

### **Request for Approval of Final Plats**

#### **“Silver Lake Prairie Lane” & “OakView Country Estates”**

Property Owner, Greg Nelson, requested approval of the final plat for “Silver Lake Prairie Lane” subdivision. Mr. Nelson reported that the only thing not completed for the final plat is the inspection of the seeding of the ditches along the road. The seeding was completed and then it snowed so inspection was not possible. Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, to approve the final plat of “Silver Lake Prairie Lane” located in Sec. 7, Twp. 137, R39, in Gorman Township, Lake No. 56-224 (developers - Leo & Cecilia Janu) subject to \$500 to be held in lieu of the final road inspection by the Land & Resource Department next spring. Motion carried.

Motion by Lee, second by Block, to approve the final plat of Dan Sillerud known as “OakView Country Estates” located in Section 20, Twp. 133, R. 42 of Aurdal Township. Motion carried.

### **Land & Resource Management Fee Schedule Change**

Motion by Nelson, second by Lee, to leave the year 2001 Land & Resource Management Fee Schedule the same as year 2000 except for an increase to \$300 for the After-The-Fact Permit fee. Motion carried. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of site permit fees being based on square footage rather than flat fee.

### **Approval to Pay Bills**

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, to approve payment of bills per Attachment A of these minutes which includes the following lodging payment:

Rochester Marriott

Commissioners, Syd Nelson  
County Coordinator, Larry Krohn

Motion carried.

### **Recess and Reconvene**

At 12:05 p.m., Chair Froemming declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners recessed for lunch break. The meeting was reconvened at 1:21 p.m.

### Liquor License Applications

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

Corner Store RR 2 Box 275 Battle Lake, MN Gregory J Stich and Joanne M. Stich	Tobacco
Galaxy Resort 39578 County Highway 41 Dent, MN Ronald and JoAnn Bina	Tobacco
Heisler Country Store RR 1 Box 28D Vergas, MN 56587 Marvin Heisler	Tobacco
Perham Oasis Perham Oasis – Division of Perham Co-op Creamery PO Box 247 Perham, MN 56573 Luke Krueger	Tobacco
Slammers of Elizabeth, Inc. DBA Slammers Bar & Grill 209 W Broadway Elizabeth, MN Ronald B. Haugrud	Tobacco
Wee Villa Lodge 31126 County Highway 27 Fergus Falls, MN Marilyn A. Heit	Tobacco

### Payment Approval

Motion by Nelson, second by Block, to approve payment to Widseth, Smith and Nolting, in the amount of \$312.00, for initial site assessment costs at the New York Mills Tax Forfeited site. Motion carried.

### Board of Adjustment Appointments

Motion by Lee, second by Nelson, to appoint Steve Schierer, Dave Holmgren, Randy Mann, Cecil Femling, and Mark Steuart to the Otter Tail County Board of Adjustment effective January 1, 2001, for a one-year term. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROPRIATING FOR COUNTY EXTENSION WORK OTTER TAIL COUNTY

**Year Beginning January 1, 2001**

**Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2001 - 04**

Commissioner Lee offered the following and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the sum of \$251,610.75 be set apart from the General Revenue Fund and appropriated subject to the order of the Dean and Director of the University of Minnesota Extension Service for the support of county extension work in Otter Tail County for the year beginning January 1, 2001, in accordance with Minnesota Statute, Section 38.33 – 38.38, 1990.

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

Adopted at Fergus Falls, MN this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2001.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Froemming, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk

**Request for Abatement of Tax Penalty**

County Auditor, Wayne Stein, presented a request for forgiveness of penalty on behalf of Lloyd Johnson. Mr. Johnson paid the second half of the payable 2000 property taxes on January 8, 2001 and paid a penalty of \$70.80. No action was taken to forgive the penalty because the late payment was not a result of County error.

**Deposit Authorized**

Motion by Block, second by Lee, to authorize a deposit of \$500.00 into the Otter Tail County Game and Fish Account #6510618512. Motion carried.

**Transportation Enhancement Funds  
Bike/Pedestrian Path from City of Parkers Prairie to Lake Adley Park  
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2001 - 05**

Commissioner Mosher offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation District 4 Area Transportation Partnership is currently soliciting proposed projects for funding in 2004 with Transportation Enhancement Funds available through Transportation Equity Act of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA 21), and

WHEREAS, Projects selected under this program may be funded with up to 80% Enhancement Funds with the remainder to be funded locally, and

WHEREAS, There is a local effort by the City of Parkers Prairie to construct a bike/pedestrian path from Oak Street in the City of Parkers Prairie to Lake Adley Park approximately 1.3 miles in length, and

WHEREAS, Application for these Transportation Enhancement Funds is to be made by a governmental agency representing a population of 5,000 or greater.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners that Otter Tail County hereby agrees to become the sponsor and will make application for Transportation Enhancement Funds for the construction of a bike/pedestrian path from the City of Parkers Prairie to Lake Adley Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that agreement to sponsor this project does not include a commitment to provide county funds as a part of the local share funding for construction or future maintenance of this proposed bike/pedestrian path.

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

Adopted at Fergus Falls, MN this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2001.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roger Froemming, County Board Chair

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 Larry Krohn, Clerk

**Agriculture Update**

Doug Holen, Extension Educator, briefed the Board on the state of Agriculture. Areas discussed were low milk prices, increased cost of chemicals and fertilizers, cost of land rental, etc. Commissioner Mosher expressed the importance of reminding feedlot operators to register their feedlots with the State. Mr. Holen stated that registration is due by 2002 and it will be a ten-year program.

**Solid Waste Hauler License Application**

Motion by Nelson, second by Mosher, to approve the following Solid Waste Hauler Application for CY 2001:

Jon & Son's Disposal Service  
 Rt. 3, Box 30B  
 Frazee, MN 56544  
 Jon Christenson

Motion carried.

**CY 2001 Solid Waste Fee Schedule**

Motion by Nelson, second by Block, and unanimously carried to approve the following year 2001 Solid Waste fee schedule effective April 1, 2001, as recommended by the Solid Waste Director:

<b>Mixed Municipal Waste/Household Waste:</b>	<b>County Fee</b>	<b>State Assessment</b>	<b>Total</b>
Per Ton	\$ 37.18	\$ 6.32	\$ 43.50
Acceptable Industrial/Non-Incinerated (per ton)	64.10	10.90	75.00
Per Container (minimum)	1.71	0.29	2.00
Per container (30 gallons)	1.71	0.29	2.00
Per Container (50 gallons)	3.42	0.58	4.00
Cubic Yard (uncompacted)	5.13	0.87	6.00
Cubic Yard (compacted)	12.82	2.18	15.00
<b>Demolition Debris:</b>			
Per Yard	\$ 8.00	\$ 0.60	\$ 8.60
Dump Truck (10 yards)	80.00	6.00	86.00
<b>Whitegoods:</b>			
Major Appliances (stove, freezer, etc.)	\$ 8.00	N/C	\$ 8.00

Minor Appliances (microwave, etc.)	5.00	N/C	5.00
Commercial Appliances (freezers, coolers, etc)	50.00	N/C	50.00

**Batteries:**

Car/Boat/Motorcycle	\$ 1.00	N/C	\$ 1.00
Truck/Tractor	4.00	N/C	4.00
Commercial	10.00	N/C	10.00

**Tires:**

Passenger Car/Pickup	\$ 2.00	N/C	\$ 2.00
Semitruck/Trailer	5.00	N/C	5.00
Tractor (38 or smaller)	15.00	N/C	15.00
Tractor (Larger than 38)	25.00	N/C	25.00
Flotation Tire	50.00	N/C	50.00

**Miscellaneous:**

Stuffed Chair	\$ 5.13	0.87	\$ 6.00
Sofa	10.26	1.74	12.00
Mattresses	10.26	1.74	12.00
Carpeting (per yard)	0.85	0.15	1.00
Televisions (all)	6.84	1.16	8.00

**Scrap Iron & Metal:**

Refer to Local Scrap Dealer			
Small Volumes (cars)	\$ 5.00	N/C	\$ 5.00
Pickup/Trailer (level box)	8.00	N/C	8.00
Commercial (10 yards)	25.00	N/C	25.00

**Brush:**

Pickup/Trailer (level box)	\$ 5.00	N/C	\$ 5.00
Dump Truck (10 yards)	20.00	N/C	20.00
Per Yard	2.00	N/C	2.00

**Non Otter Tail County Waste:**

Joint Powers Counties	1.5 times	the county rate	
Non Joint Powers Counties (F.A)	5.0 times	the county rate	

**Yard Waste:**

Must be clean and free of contaminates	Free	Free	Free
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**Haulers License Fees:**

License Fee (base)	\$ 100.00	N/C	\$ 100.00
License Fee (per truck)	10.00	N/C	10.00
Bond	5,000.00	N/C	5,000.00

**Service Fee:**

Per Service Fee Point	\$ 8.00	N/C	\$ 8.00
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**Unprotected Loads:**

1.5 times	the Posted Rate
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**Adjournment**

At 2:22 p.m., a motion was offered by Mosher, seconded by Nelson, to declare the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, February 6, 2001. Motion carried.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Froemming, County Board Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Krohn, Clerk

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