

**MINUTES OF THE
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Otter Tail County Courthouse
Commissioners' Room, Floor 1-B
Monday, September 15, 2003
9:30 a.m.**

Call to Order

The Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners convened a special meeting to set the preliminary budget and levy on Monday, September 15, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. at the Otter Tail County Courthouse with Commissioners Malcolm Lee, Chair; Syd Nelson, Vice-Chair; Dennis Mosher, Roger Froemming, and Bob Block present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Froemming, second by Nelson, and unanimously carried to approve the County Board agenda of September 15, 2003, as mailed.

**ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND LEVY
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2003 - 54**

Commissioner Lee offered the following and moved its adoption:

Proposed Total Budget and Net Property Tax Levy for Payable 2004:

	<u>Payable 2004</u>	<u>Payable 2003</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Gross County Property Tax Levy	18,980,014	18,725,265	1.36%
Gross Debt Levy			
Veteran Home Bonds	143,633	142,307	0.93%
Government Services Bldg Bonds	994,429	512,197	100.00%
Capital Improvement Bonds	500,000	0	100.00%
Total Gross County Property Tax Levy	20,618,076	19,379,769	6.39%
HACA	0	2,828,511	-100.00%
County Program Aid	2,239,201	0	100.00%
Net County Property Tax Levy	18,378,875	16,551,258	11.04%
Gross Lake Improvement District			
Pelican Group of Lakes	105,000	50,000	110.00%
Pine Lakes	10,400	0	100.00%
McDonald, Kerbs & Paul	9,740	0	100.00%
Special Taxing District			
Otter Tail County HRA	200,000	0	100.00%
Proposed Net Property Tax Levy	18,704,015	16,601,258	12.67%

WHEREAS, on or before September 15, 2003, Otter Tail County must adopt a proposed budget for fiscal year 2004 and must adopt and certify a proposed net property tax levy for payable 2004, and

WHEREAS, THE Otter Tail County Budget committee has held numerous committee meetings to consider and discuss the 2004 budget request and tax levy information.

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

The amount of \$20,618,076 be adopted as the County's proposed gross property tax levy for the payable year 2004 representing a 6.39% increase over the gross property tax levy for the payable year 2003, and that the amount of \$18,378,875 be adopted as the County's proposed net property tax levy for the payable year 2004 representing a 11.04% increase over the net property tax levy for the payable year 2003:

And that,

The amount of \$125,140 be adopted as the County's proposed Lake Improvement Districts property tax levy for the payable year 2004, representing a 150.28% increase from the Lake Improvement Districts property tax levy for the payable year 2003.

And that,

The amount of \$200,000 be adopted as the County's proposed Otter Tail County HRA Special District Property Tax Levy for the payable year 2004, representing a 100% increase from the property tax levy for the payable year 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of \$51,000,000 be adopted as the County's proposed budget for the General Fund, for the Budgeted Special Revenue Funds and for the Budgeted Debt Service fund for the fiscal year 2004.

Commissioner Mosher seconded the motion and upon being put to a vote, the above resolution was adopted as follows:

Dated: _____

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____

Malcolm K. Lee, County Board Chair

Attest: _____

Larry Krohn, Clerk

Truth In Taxation Hearing Date

Motion by Froemming, second by Block, and unanimously carried to set the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2003.

**Budget Discussion
Recess & Reconvene**

Lengthy budget discussion took place regarding the proposed HRA special taxing district, University of Minnesota Extension Service, bonding, and township funding reductions. At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Lee declared the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners meeting recessed for a short break. The meeting was reconvened at 11:05 a.m. Budget discussion continued regarding total revenue, expenditures, salaries, and County reserves.

Adjournment

At 11:37 a.m., Chairman Lee declared the meeting of the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2003.

Dated: _____ OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Malcolm K. Lee, County Board Chair

Attest: _____
Larry Krohn, Clerk