

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioner Kathy M Luthi, Commissioner James P Kay, Commissioner Ray McGavran and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Luthi opened the meeting with the flag salute and prayer.

The official minutes of August 6, 2012, were approved and signed.

At 8:00 a.m., the commissioners held Board of Canvass for the August 7, 2012, Primary Election. After reviewing all records and provisional ballots, Commissioner McGavran moved to declare the August 7, 2012, Primary Election valid. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, came in and discussed next year's budget, and where Economic Development was headed. The commissioners will discuss his hours, which he is at 25 hours a week, and let him know. Phil gave the commissioners an update on workshops.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported the fire index is in the high range. The commissioners will leave the burn ban off.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, talked to the board about purchasing a scanner, to help with processing the sales questionnaires they receive and deeds. He had a quote from Computer Solutions, Inc., for \$1,069. Truette thought he could install it, and save a couple hundred of dollars. The commissioners approved.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 22, Ottawa County 1, City of Minneapolis 1, and Saline County 13. Keith said that the repeater is down in Tescott. Randy Gruber, Fire Department #4 Bennington, joined the group, and they discussed the repeater the fire department uses. Randy said that after 7 years, they can do what they want with the repeater, since it was purchased with grant funds, and it's

been over 7 years. The voter system in the repeater is not working. Keith thought there should be a pool of funds that entities can use to pay for repairs for repeaters, since everyone uses the repeaters. There are 4-5 repeaters within the county. The commissioners thought having one fund to pay from was a good idea. Commissioner McGavran moved to accept ownership of the Fire Department #4 repeater to managed under Emergency Management. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner McGavran wanted to discuss at budget time next year, to have a fee to the fire districts for use and replacements of the repeaters. Fire Department #4 will come up with a Memorandum of Understanding for the county to sign.

Vouchers were approved.

Lou Anne Snavely, Trisha Smith, Charlotte Johnson, and Amanda Loughridge, Health department employees, met with the board to discuss what plans they have for the health department. Who is going to approve vouchers, approve time sheets, day-to-day operations. Commissioner Luthi said that they would like recommendation from them, for instance an interim director, while they interview for a new administrator. Lou Anne said none of them have operation knowledge. Splitting up duties was discussed. It was decided that the day-to-day operations they could handle. Lou Anne said that before an administrator is hired they really need another RN hired, and to follow through on the social worker hiring. Commissioner Kay moved to appoint Lou Anne to approve vouchers until further notice. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried. They reported that the shredder is broke, and the commissioners approved for them to purchase a new one. The group discussed payroll time sheet issues with the commissioners, and who was going to approve time and do adjustments. The group also discussed how to use vacation/sick hours in regards to 8 hour day and 40 hour work week. Commissioner McGavran moved to appoint Lou Anne as time clock administrator until further notice. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Luthi asked if Lou Anne would be available to come down weekly for now to report on what needs to be done.

Mary Wilson, Minneapolis Messenger, stopped in and talked to the commissioners about a special meeting last week. The commissioners said that it was to take off the burn ban.

Mary asked about the health department, and the commissioners said that Sandy Cline had resigned last Monday, with her last day being last Friday. Mary asked if they could get the minutes as soon as the commissioners are finished with their meeting, instead of waiting for them to approve them next week. The commissioners said that they would not be approved yet, and Mary said they were told that doesn't matter. Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, will do some checking on the issue. Mary asked what was happening with the Noxious Weed building. The commissioners said the architect was checking to see why the bids were so high.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, returned and the commissioners said they would like to move Phil to 32 hours a week, effective July 25, 2012, which is August payroll.

Abatement's were approved.

Richard Buck, Assistant County Attorney, stopped in to see if the commissioners needed anything.

The commissioners approved the minutes of August 13, 2012.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.