CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the McLeod County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Kermit Terlinden in the County Board Room. Commissioners Bayerl, Nies, Terlinden, Wangerin and Wright were present. County Administrator Patrick Melvin, County Attorney Michael Junge, County Auditor Cindy Schultz and Administrative Assistant Bonnie Richter were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At the request of the Board Chair, all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were added to the agenda:

Regular Agenda:
• Under Administration was added “Demolition project- Eggert Property east of Solid Waste.”

Wangerin/Nies motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the aforementioned addition.

CONSENT AGENDA

• Approval of September 8, 2009, County Board Meeting Minutes and Synopsis.
• Approval of September 15, 2009, County Board Meeting Minutes and Synopsis.
• Approval of September 22, 2009, County Board Meeting Minutes and Synopsis.
• Approval of September 17, 2009, Auditor’s Warrants totaling $3,547.88.
• Approval of September 18, 2009, Auditor’s Warrants totaling $19,463.92.
• Approval of September 22, 2009, Auditor’s Warrants totaling $26.00.
• Approval of September 25, 2009, Auditor’s Warrants totaling $1,849,162.29.
• Approval of Preliminary Plat JP09-P2 for Wayne Johnson for a single-lot split to create an additional buildable lot known as Johnson’s Addition to Wood View Acres in Section 25 of Acoma Township. The McLeod County Board of Adjustment granted a variance of the required lot width and setback from Fernold Lake at their meeting July 23, 2009. The County Environmentalist reviewed the soil boring log and identified two areas for standard septic systems to be constructed. This request meets the requirements set forth in the McLeod County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Hutchinson Area Joint Planning Board recommended approval at their meeting September 16, 2009.
• Approval of Change Order 7 to Mathiowetz Construction of Sleepy Eye, MN for concrete incentives earned on SP 43-715-03, CSAH 115 for a net increase of $56,248.28.
• Approval of Change Order 1 to Duininck, Inc. of Prinsburg, MN for bituminous disincentives on SAP 43-608-12, CSAH 8 for a net decrease of $13,782.82.
• Approval of Work Order 1 to Duininck, Inc. of Prinsburg, MN to install rumble stripes on SAP 43-608-12, CSAH 8 for an increase of $14,237.96.
• Approval of Work Order 1 to Duininck, Inc. of Prinsburg, MN for concrete driveway changes on SAP 43-607-14, CSAH 7 for an increase of $4,146.
• Approval of 50/50 cost share agreement between McLeod County Solid Waste Management and the McLeod Soil and Water Conservation District for the abandonment of a well located east of the McLeod County Solid Waste Management building.
• Approval of 2010/2011 Adult Mental Health Grant application.

Nies/Wright motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - COMMISSIONER WARRANT LIST

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Wangerin/Bayerl motion carried unanimously to approve payment of bills totaling $231,919.50 from the aforementioned funds.

CENTRAL SERVICES – Central Services Coordinator Betty Werth and Building Services Supervisor Wayne Rosenfeld

• **Snow Removal Services**

Two bids were received for snow removal at various County-owned facilities in Glencoe. The bids were structured for quotes on 1-3 inch and over 3 inch snowfall removal for a two-year term. Previously quotes were based on an hourly rate, however staff found that hourly rates rewarded less efficient snow removal.

Discussion revealed that the contract did not contain an exit clause for the County. The Board directed staff to work with the County Attorney to develop language allowing the County to get out of the contract with 30 days notice.

The second bid received was from Neubarth Lawn Care of Glencoe.

**Bayerl/Wangerin motion carried unanimously to approve an agreement between McLeod County and Glencoe Garden Center of Glencoe, MN for snow removal, sanding and salting services for all County parking lots in Glencoe with the stipulation that the contract include McLeod County’s right to terminate this contract with a 30-day written notice.**

• **Courthouse Windows Update**

Mr. Rosenfeld informed the Board that the windows delivered for the courthouse were not the windows specified. According to the specifications the windows were to have a natural grain interior so that they could be stained to match the existing windows and trim and the windows delivered consisted of a primed interior. Commissioner Wangerin and Building Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Rosenfeld and Pat Melvin worked together, negotiated a reduced price and decided to use the windows delivered resulting in a savings of $11,982.83.

**SHERIFF OFFICE – Sheriff Scott Rehmann, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tim Langenfeld, Assistant Jail Administrator Kate Jones and Mr. Chuck Jones of Brownton, MN.**

• **Mounted Patrol**

Sheriff Scott Rehmann informed the Board that Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust staff recommended that the mounted patrol be considered part of the Sheriff’s Posse and as such would be covered. In the future M.C.I.T. will ask for records showing the hours the mounted patrol spent training and providing assistance to the Sheriff’s Department.
Nies/Wangerin motion carried unanimously to proceed with adding 20 volunteer mounted patrol to the McLeod County Sheriff’s Posse for a total of $461.00 per year to cover Workers’ Compensation and other insurances.

- **E-Citation Project Grant Acceptance**

Sheriff Scott Rehmann expressed appreciation to Assistant Jail Administrator Kate Jones for submitting two grants and being awarded $171,509 through a Recovery Act Justice Assistance grant. This grant will be used to fund a County wide E-Citation program, allowing deputies to swipe a driver’s license after which the software program will automatically populate the necessary fields to complete a report and distribute the report to the necessary databases, including Court Administration.

This project will make it possible to do citations more quickly and safely. Court Administrator Karen Messner said it would also reduce the chance for errors and would benefit Court Administration by centralizing citation entry. County Attorney Michael Junge said that some states are in the process of e-charging and looking ahead to eliminate the need to do repeated data entry.

This grant will be contingent upon the final negotiation of a work plan and budget.

Terlinden/Wright motion carried unanimously to approve a Recovery Act Justice Assistance grant agreement between McLeod County and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and accept $171,509 for use towards the E-Citation Program.

- **E-Citation Software License Agreement**

This cost is made necessary by the E-Citation Program and as such can be taken from the grant money at no cost to the County.

Wangerin/Bayerl motion carried unanimously to approve an additional Software License Agreement between McLeod County and New World Systems of Troy Michigan for $20,000 plus tax.

- **911 Communication Consolidation Study**

Currently there is up to $25,000 allotted to McLeod County from the state to conduct a feasibility study of a possible 911 communication consolidation with Carver, Scott and Sibley Counties. The four counties must agree to study consolidating their communication centers into one centralized location. There is no obligation to consolidate or follow the recommendations of the study. It would merely create a roadmap for the future if such a venture is pursued. McLeod County would not receive any funds directly.

The rationale for exploring this option is that consolidating these services would result in cost savings to all the participants. The study shouldn’t take long because the existing radio study will be used. Sheriff Rehmann will bring the results of the study back to the Board once completed.

Bayerl/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve entering a feasibility study with the State of Minnesota to review possible 911 communication dispatch consolidation with Carver, Scott and Sibley Counties.
**County-wide Curfew Ordinance**

Sheriff Rehmann received only one call from a person who did not want the curfew, but this individual was already within the city limits of a city that had adopted the curfew language. He is recommending approval of the curfew ordinance to prevent youth from migrating outside city limits to get around the curfew ordinance which is currently enacted by numerous cities within McLeod County.

Commissioner Wangerin said she had several people (approximately 10) that discussed it with her at the County Fair. Commissioner Bayerl feels that the parents should be responsible and Sheriff Rehmann said the children who are causing the problems have parents who are not being responsible.

**Nies/Wright motion carried unanimously to adopt a county-wide curfew ordinance as follows:**

**CURFEW FOR MINORS**

I. DEFINITIONS

A. CURFEW HOURS MEAN:
   1. in the case of persons 13 years of age or younger, on any day of the week, 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the following day; and
   2. in the case of persons 15 years of age or younger, on any day of the week, 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. the following day; and
   3. in case of persons 16 years of age on any day of the week, 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the following day; and
   4. in the case of persons 17 years of age, on any day of the week, 12:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. the following day.

B. EMERGENCY means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, a natural disaster, an automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life.

C. ESTABLISHMENT means any privately owned place of business operating for a profit to which the public is invited, including but not limited to any place of amusement of entertainment.

D. GUARDIAN means:
   1. a person who, under court order, is the guardian of the person of a minor; or
   2. a public or private agency with whom a minor has been placed by a court

E. MINOR means any person under 18 years of age.

F. OPERATOR means any individual, firm, association, partnership, or corporation operating, managing, or conducting any establishment. The term includes the members or partners of an association or partnership and the officers of a corporation.

G. PARENT means a person who is:
   1. a natural parent, adoptive parents, or step-parent of another person; or
   2. at least 18 years of age and authorized by a parent or guardian to have the care and custody of a minor.
H. PUBLIC PLACE means any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, streets, highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, transport facilities, and shops.

I. REMAIN means to:
   1. linger or stay; or
   2. fail to leave premises when requested to do so by a police officer or the owner, operator, or other person in control of the premises.

J. SERIOUS BODILY INJURY means bodily injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes death, serious permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss of impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

II. RESTRICTIONS

A. It shall be unlawful for any minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the County during curfew hours.

B. It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian of a minor to knowingly permit, or by insufficient control, allow the minor to remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the County during curfew hours. The term “knowingly” includes knowledge which a parent or guardian should reasonably be expected to have concerning the whereabouts of a minor in the legal custody of that parent or guardian.

C. It shall be unlawful for any owner, operator, or any employee of an establishment to knowingly allow a minor to remain upon the premises of the establishment during curfew hours.

III. EXCEPTIONS

A. The following shall constitute valid exception to the operation of the curfew. That the minor was:
   1. accompanied by the minor’s parent or guardian;
   2. on an errand at the direction of the minor’s parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;
   3. in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;
   4. engaged in employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;
   5. involved in an emergency;
   6. on the sidewalk abutting the minor’s residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the Sheriff’s Office about the minor’s presence;
   7. attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the County of McLeod, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the County of McLeod, a civic organization, or another similar entity that take responsibility for the minor;
   8. exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religious, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or
   9. married or has been married.
B. It is a defense to prosecution under Section 2 that the owner, operator or employee of an establishment promptly notified the Sheriff’s Office that a minor was present on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours and refused to leave.

IV. ENFORCEMENT

Before taking any enforcement action under this section, a Sheriff’s Deputy shall ask the apparent offender’s age and reason for being in the public place. The Deputy shall not issue a citation or make an arrest under this section unless the Deputy reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and that, based on any response and other circumstances, no defense in Section 3 is present.

V. PENALTIES

A. A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued, or permitted.

B. Any minor who is convicted of a violation of this code chapter after the case has been referred for prosecution in the trial court under Minnesota Statute 260.125, and any adult person having the care and custody of such minor, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided by this code.

C. That the terms and provisions of this code chapter are severable. If any provision is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter. It is intended that the code chapter be held inapplicable in such cases, if any, where its application would be unconstitutional.

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RECESS

The meeting recessed at 9:53 a.m.
The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

COUNTY ATTORNEY- Mike Junge

• PUBLIC HEARING FOR TREASURER VACANCY

Attorney Junge distributed six options for the Board to consider in filling the County Treasurer vacancy as a follow up to the September 22, 2009 meeting. Attorney Junge said that once the Board decides which option they will pursue, he will publish a resolution and bring it back to the Board for consideration.

County Treasurer Linda Radtke joined the meeting by speaker phone. She does not believe the electorate of the County is willing to give up their right to vote for this position if the Board were to pursue appointing a Treasurer. She believes that combining the Treasurer with another department is too much work to place on one person if the County wants proper attention devoted to the Treasurer responsibilities. She also has concerns that if the Board were to combine departments, the County would lose the checks and balances that exist with a separate Treasurer’s Department. For all these reasons she believes the Treasurer’s Office should remain a separate department.

Overall the Commissioners showed an interest in combining the Treasurer position with the Auditor. Commissioner Nies believes the County can continue to foster the checks and balances that currently
exist and encouraged the Board to make the decision as soon as possible so the Auditor has someone work with the Treasurer before her retirement date.

Donald R. Albrecht of Penn Township asked if the County has analyzed what the cost savings would be if the two offices were combined which has not been done. Mr. Albrecht reminded the Board that this issue was looked at approximately ten to fifteen years ago.

The question was posed to current Treasurer Linda Radtke whether or not additional staff would need to be hired if the department was combined. Linda responded that yes, during tax collection time more staff is needed, but that it should be possible to pull staff from other departments to assist during the tax rush.

Commissioner Terlinden asked the County Auditor Cindy Schultz for comments. Ms. Schultz said the trend has been that the Treasurer and Auditor Departments are being combined. She thinks there would be savings from combining the two departments which are compatible and that the two departments are able to work together well but that she would encourage more cross-training. There is currently a segregation of duties between the two offices and she sees that continuing.

In response to a question about staffing levels if she assumed the Treasurer role, Ms. Schultz chose not to address that at this time.

Commissioner Wangerin would like to see a sample resolution to combine the Treasurer and Auditor elected office. County Attorney Michael Junge said a resolution would be needed in that case and at least four of the five Commissioners voting in favor of the change.

Nies/Bayerl motion carried unanimously to have a meeting to discuss the Treasurer’s vacancy at 10:30 a.m. November 3, 2009.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow

- **Clay Montgomery Rezoning Request for Agricultural to Highway Business**

Clay Montgomery requested approximately five acres of an existing 33.89 acre property in section 25 of Winsted Township be rezoned from Agricultural to Highway Business to construct a machine manufacturing shop with access to County Road 9. The Winsted Township Board recommended approval at their meeting September 23, 2009, with the condition that a survey be completed and submitted to the Planning and Zoning Office prior to the October 6, 2009, County Board meeting.

Commissioner Bayerl asked why Mr. Montgomery wanted to establish the business in an agricultural zone and not in an industrial park since they would not have the municipal water and utilities available. Mr. Montgomery stated that he wouldn’t need water and utilities and that the waste would be trucked and hauled out by a licensed hauler. The potential owner would need a permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA.)

John Valen of Winsted Township who lives north of property said that a right-hand turn off of County Road 9 could not be made by a semi-truck without going into the oncoming lane and there is a slight hill that obstructs the view of on-coming traffic. Other concerns are the pollution of ground water and the increased maintenance of the highway. The highway may need an extra turn lane.

Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow said the owner would have to get an access permit from the Highway Department and they would view it to see if a wider access to turn would be needed. There
is also shared access to the south that may be suitable for a frontage road. Commissioner Nies said the County already has precedent to have the landowner pay for this rather than the County.

Matt Lynch of Winsted Township, land owner to the east, was concerned about the right-of-way being too close to his property line.

Erica Cohrs of Winsted Township asked if there are rules to prevent noise and pollution. Mary Harvey of Winsted Township asked who would monitor for pollution. Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow said the only way it could be monitored would be to look at the waste hauler’s receipts.

Commissioner Wright voiced concern about encouraging industrial parks to be located in agricultural areas.

Donald Albrecht asked if the subsurface drainage was taken into consideration. Mr. Gasow said this area has surface drainage with a pond and designed waterways and there is a culvert that goes under Highway 7 leading to land that has a lot of water.

Alan Otto of Winsted Township agrees with John Valen that he is concerned about traffic safety and said the State of Minnesota just spent a great deal of money to make that intersection safe. Also, he has a feed lot and what if he decides to increase the number of animal units?

Commissioner Bayerl stated that the reason for his vote was because he wished to back the Planning Commission’s recommendation and not that he disagrees with Commissioner Wright in opposition to using prime agricultural land for industrial parks.

Wright/Nies motion carried unanimously to deny rezoning five acres of an existing 33.89 acre property in section 25 of Winsted Township from Agricultural to Highway Business to construct a machine manufacturing shop with access to County Road 9 because of unsafe access and the property being prime agricultural land. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nies, Terlinden and Wright. Nays: Bayerl and Wangerin.

Mr. Montgomery asked why the Board denied his request for rezoning when it met the requirements. County Attorney Michael Junge said if a request meets the requirements it does not automatically get approved by the County Board.

PUBLIC DITCH HEARING – Cindy Schultz

- **Recessed Public Ditch Hearing from September 22, 2009**

The Public Ditch Hearing for 2009 ditch assessments opened at 11:00 a.m. Commissioners Bayerl, Nies, Terlinden, Wangerin and Wright were present. County Administrator Patrick Melvin, County Auditor Cindy Schultz and Administrative Assistant Bonnie Richter were also present.

County Auditor Cindy Schultz made ditch assessment recommendations.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute requires the assessment of properties benefited by a drainage system to be assessed the cost of repair and maintenance of said drainage systems, and

WHEREAS, certain drainage systems are in need of funds to pay for past expenditures and to provide a balance for future repairs,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the McLeod County Board of Commissioners hereby orders the County Auditor to place an assessment on the following drainage systems for the said amount of years beginning for taxes payable in 2010 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes.

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Wangerin/Bayerl motion carried unanimously to order the County Auditor to place an assessment on the aforementioned drainage systems.

Discussion was held on the current interest rate that the County is receiving on its investments and the impact that this economy is having on property owner’s ability to pay.

Wangerin/Bayerl motion carried unanimously to approve the installment rate of 2 (two) percent interest on the ditch levy assessments for 2010.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for ditch assessment was closed.

OPEN MEETING

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION – County Administrator Patrick Melvin

The Commissioners Calendar was reviewed. The Commissioners reported on committee meetings attended since September 22, 2009.

- Boardroom Audio Visual Maintenance Options

  Melvin reminded the Board that this issue was discussed at a prior meeting at which time Tierney Brothers had quoted the County maintenance packages ranging from $900 to 2,892 for the Boardroom Audio Visual system. Based on the low occurrence of problems with the Audio Visual system the decision was made to forego a maintenance contract. The Board at that time directed Administration to research other local vendors. Administrative Assistant Bonnie Richter contacted Home Solutions and scheduled an appointment to review the equipment and obtain an estimated cost for maintenance.

  The comparison was based on two hours of work. For Tierney Brothers, Minneapolis, the non-contract cost would be $390.00. Home Solutions, Glencoe, would charge $169.
The decision was made to consider Tierney Brothers of Minneapolis, MN for problems beyond the scope of what Home Solutions could resolve.

Nies/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to approve hiring Home Solutions of Glencoe, MN to repair and maintain the County Boardroom audio/visual system equipment.

- **Tax Forfeiture Review Committee**

  The board considered forming a Tax Forfeiture Review Committee to review tax forfeited property. This will require a tour to view the 16 parcels, three of which are houses with the remaining consisting of vacant land. This tour will be scheduled in December or January. Two Commissioners will be asked to serve on this Committee. A meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 2:00 with the location to be determined.

  **Bayerl/Terlinden motion carried unanimously to appoint the Budget Committee, County Auditor and County Assessor to form a Tax Forfeiture Review Committee to review tax forfeited property and give recommendations to the County Board.**

- **Workers’ Compensation Board**

  Administrator Pat Melvin asked the board to consider payment of the bill from Diane Gordon, Mediation Services LLC for $450 for her time serving on a Workers’ Compensation Board hearing the leave request from a Sheriff’s Department employee who was injured at work. Mr. Melvin’s understanding, although it had never been discussed, was that Ms. Gordon’s services would be voluntary and was surprised when the County was billed for her services.

  Mr. Melvin said the injured worker’s issues are not yet resolved. At this time, she will be granted a one-year leave of absence; a maximum of two years is possible according to the Union contract.

  **Wangerin/Nies motion carried unanimously to approve payment of $450 to Diane Gordon Mediation Services LLC of Hutchinson, MN.**

- **Staffing Request Review Committee Recommendations**

  Solid Waste Management requested a position to serve as the front receptionist to direct visitors and do other clerical duties.

  **Recommendation to Board:** Work with Central MN Jobs and Training for services to see if they might have someone available from one of their programs for 28 hours per week.

  The Veterans Service Officer Jim Lauer and the Staffing Request Committee continued discussion concerning restructuring in Veteran Services.

  **Recommendation to Board:** Continue discussion about restructuring in Veterans Services Department.

  Social Services requested filling two Office Support Specialist vacancies.

  **Recommendation to Board:** Fill one of the positions through a new hire and look to fill the second Office Support Specialist position through reassignment from another department.
Filling a Fairgrounds Helper vacancy was considered. (On August 4, 2009, the Board approved filling a position through Central MN Jobs and Training Services but they have not been able to find a qualified candidate.)

**Recommendation to Board:** Recruit and hire a new employee at 14 hours per week.

Highway Department requested filling the Maintenance Superintendent vacancy.

**Recommendation to Board:** Continue discussion at next meeting October 13, 2009.

Switching to a new insurance broker for life, LTD, dental, and long-term care insurances.

**Recommendation to Board:** Continue with the current provider, Ochs, Inc and bring this issue back in March 2010 for further discussion.

HR Director Mary Jo Wieseler presented an additional request from the Sheriff’s Department requesting a temporary transcriber for 12 hours per week to cover an employee who is on an absence excused by the Family Medical Leave Act. This was not delayed and addressed at the Staffing Request Review Committee because of the urgent need. Commissioner Bayerl suggested that staff first consider staff from other departments before hiring through a temporary service.

**Wangerin/Bayerl motion carried unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Staffing Request Committee and the request from the Sheriff’s Department to hire a temporary transcriptionist for 12 hours a week until the current employee returns from FMLA Leave.**

- **Life Insurance Requests for Proposal**

  Human Resources Director Mary Jo Wieseler made a formal request for proposal for life insurance rates. Ochs, Inc. assisted with the process as the Agent of Record. Sealed bids were submitted to Ochs, Inc. and also to McLeod County. Several companies bid and the lowest bid was from our current plan with MN Life of St. Paul. The new life insurance bid is a 20 percent lower than the current rate.

  The total premium that varies from month to month depending on how many employees are on the plan through MN Life is estimated to be $2,761.58 per month.

  Cigna quoted $3,325.71 per month; Fort Dearborn quoted $3,221.40 per month; Madison National quoted $2,905.45 per month; Mutual of Omaha quoted $3,353.97 per month; Humana quoted $3,353.97 per month; USAble quoted $3,461.64 per month; Hartford quoted $3,582.91 per month; Principal quoted $3,053.85 per month and Reliance Standard’s plan did not match.

  **Wangerin/Nies motion carried unanimously to approve remaining with our current insurance carrier MN Life of St. Paul.**

- **Demolition Project – Eggert property east of Solid Waste**

  Pat Melvin shared quotes that Ed Homan had received for demolition of the Eggert property recently purchased by the County and located east of Solid Waste. The quotes are as follows:

  Juul Contracting of Hutchinson quoted $5,625; R & R Excavating of Hutchinson quoted $4,300; Reiner Contracting, Inc. of Hutchinson quoted $4,430; Hjerpe Contracting, Inc. of Hutchinson quoted...
$5,495; Hanson Gravel, Inc. of Hutchinson quoted $6,780 with a variable for transportation to Spruce Ridge for $7,380 and Mathiowetz Construction Co. quoted $7,570.

The Board encouraged Solid Waste Director Ed Homan to do this as soon as possible because there could be a potential liability just waiting to happen.

Wright/Nies motion carried unanimously to approved hiring R & R Excavating of Hutchinson to complete the demolition and/or removal of all buildings and backfilling the basement of the house at 1105 5th Avenue SE, Hutchinson, MN for $4,300.

PUBLIC FORUM

- Roger Gutzke – Helen Township (The Board Chair elected to address this issue earlier in the meeting and not keep Mr. Gutzke waiting until the end of the meeting to voice his concerns.)

  Mr. Gutzke expressed his opinion regarding a recent repossession of a skid loader by the McLeod County Sheriff Department. Sheriff Scott Rehmann was in attendance and established a time to meet with Mr. Gutzke and address his concern.

- **Tree removal in Ditches**

  Environmentalist Roger Berggren told the board that there is a new method of grinding trees in ditches rather than spraying. Mr. Berggren will be researching this and may try it on County Ditch 22 because the individual who resides by this ditch said he would let us try it on his ditch.

RECESS

Nies/Bayerl motion carried unanimously to recess at 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. October 20, 2009 in the County Boardroom.

ATTEST:

Patrick T. Melvin, County Administrator  Kermit D. Terlinden, Board Chair