

**TRANSCRIPT AND REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF CASS
April 20, 2010**

- 1A. Chairman Demgen convened the regular meeting of the Cass County Board of Commissioners at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, with the flag pledge, in the Land Department Meeting Room, Backus, MN. Commissioners present: Demgen, Downham, Dowson, Kangas, and Peterson. Commissioners absent: None.

Others present during portions of the meeting included:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Robert Yochum | Administrator | Larry Wolfe | Chief Financial Officer |
| Paul Fairbanks | County Planner/Solid Waste | Josh Stevenson | Land Commissioner |
| David Enblom | Highway Engineer | Randy Fisher | Sheriff |
| Tom Burch | Chief Deputy Sheriff | Christopher Strandlie | Attorney |
| Kerry Swenson | Emergency Mgmt. Coord. | Dale Yerger | Deep Portage Conservation Reserve |
| Jane Furnseth | HOWA Family Center | Lee Westfield | Pro-West |
| Michelle Tessin | Northland Area Family Ctr. | Leslie Bouchonville | Pine River Backus Family Center |
| Betty Doss | Pillager Family Center | Gail Leverson | Cass County EDC |
| Skip Duchesneau | Cass County EDC | Monica Lundquist | Brainerd Dispatch |
| Gail DeBoer | Pilot Independent | | |

- 1B. M/S/P Downham, Peterson - To approve the agenda items for discussion and the addition of Item 8B. (Resolution No. 20-10 regarding a MNDOT Agreement for project SP11601-17, CSAH#1 improvements). Unanimous.

- 2A. County Administrator Robert Yochum presented to the Board the following matters:

M/S/P Dowson, Kangas – To waive reading and approve the consent agenda. Unanimous.

Approve - Board Minutes of April 6, 2010.

Approve - Auditor manual warrants dated March, 2010 in the amount of \$991,764.83.

Approve - Auditor's warrants dated April 1, 2010 in the amount of \$98,061.70.

Approve - Auditor's warrants dated April 8, 2010 in the amount of \$160,686.08.

Approve - HHVS Commissioner's warrants dated April 9, 2010 in the amount of \$105,034.39.

Approve - HHVS Auditor's warrants dated April 9, 2010 in the amount of \$81,482.21.

Receive & file - Monthly Budget Reports.

Approve Personnel Actions - A. Budgeted positions scheduled for replacement - Receive and File- Movement of Jill Geroy, Social Worker, into the open budgeted Adult Protection/Case Management Social worker position, no change in grade or step, and Receive and File-Intent to fill the budgeted open Children's Mental Health Social worker position vacated by Jill Geroy with intent to post internally.

Approve licenses - Lawful Assembly - Moondance Country Jam (June 16th – 19th) Bill Bieloh, Turtle Lake; Moondance Jam (July 14th – 17th) Bill Bieloh, Turtle Lake. Gambling - Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lake Association (@ The Narrows - Mary Kowalski, Crooked Lake; Remer Volunteer Firemen's Relief Assn @ Deer Haven Supper Club, Mark Madden, Thunder Lake. On & Off Sale 3.2 Beer - Big Rock Resort - Big Rock Resort Owners Association, Turtle Lake. The following licensees are approved contingent upon proper documentation & fees - On & Off Sale 3.2 Beer - Shores on Leech Lake, Mara Loomis, Shingobee; Wilderness Trail Golf & Village, Todd Anderson, Kego; Agency Bay Lodge, Sharon Palmer, Turtle Lake. Off Sale 3.2 Beer - Chippewa Lodge Leech Lake, Inc., James Springsteele, Boy Lake.

Approve - Cass County Land Department MN Trail Riders Association Grant in the amount of \$950.00.

Authorize - 1st quarter Longville Ambulance Subordinate Service District payment in the amount of \$88,250.00.

Approve - Law Enforcement agreements with Moondance Jam, Inc. for Country Jam on June 17-20, and Moondance Jam on July 15-17, 2010.

Approve - Updated tax variance policy - Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

Establish - Annual Cass County Auction on Saturday, August 21, 2010, 10:00 am, at the Cass County Highway Department, Walker of surplus property and direct staff to advertise for auctioneer services, and notification to townships & cities of that their surplus property may be included.

Receive & file - Auditor-Treasurer's Interest Income Report for March 2010.

Receive & file - Cass County's share of state taxes collected in 2009 on the Leech Lake Reservation in the amount of \$80,114.50.

Approve - Resolution No. 18-10 - Alternate land sale on Monday, May 24, 2010 to adjacent landowners in Twp. 133N (May Twp.), Section 14, Rge 31W.

Commissioner Dowson offered Resolution No. 18-10 and moved its adoption; Commissioner Kangas seconded:

WHEREAS, the following parcels of land described as:

Tract "A", containing 0.601 acres, more or less

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 133 North, Range 31 West, Cass County described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 12 seconds West, bearing assigned, on the west line thereof 400.00 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence continue North 0 degrees 0 minutes 12 seconds West on said west line 370 feet, more or less, to intersect a line 50.00 feet southwesterly of and at a right angle to the centerline of County State Aid Highway Number 31, as defined in Project Number S.A.P. 11-631-01 as approved September 01, 2004, being the southeasterly right-of-way line of said highway; thence southeasterly on said right-of-way line 384 feet, more or less, to intersect a line parallel to the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter which bears easterly from the point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 56 minutes 21 seconds West on said parallel line 180 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning and there terminate.

Appraised Value - \$830.00

Tract "B", containing 0.221 acres, more or less

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 133 North, Range 31 West, Cass County described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 21 seconds East, bearing assigned, on the south line of thereof 400.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds West parallel to the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter 175.00 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence return South 0 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds East 141.99 feet to intersect a line 33.00 feet northerly of and parallel to the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 21 seconds East on said parallel line 2.68 feet to intersect a line 33.00 feet northwesterly of and parallel to the centerline of the Township Access Road as defined in Project Number S.A.P. 11-631-01 as approved September 01, 2004; thence northeasterly on said parallel line 135.61 feet, more or less, to intersect a line 50.00 feet southwesterly of and at a right angle to the centerline of County State Aid Highway Number 31 as defined in above said project, being the southeasterly right-of-way line of said highway; thence northwesterly on said right-of-way line 135.09 feet, more or less, to intersect a line bearing North 0 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds West from the point of beginning; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 12 seconds East parallel to the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter 7.11 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning and there terminate.

Appraised Value - \$430.00

Tract "C", containing 0.198 acres, more or less

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 133 North, Range 31 West, Cass County described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 21 seconds East, bearing assigned, on the south line thereof 751.44 feet to intersect a line 50.00 feet southwesterly of and parallel to the centerline of County State Aid Highway Number 31 as defined in Project Number S.A.P. 11-631-01 as approved September 01, 2004, being the southwesterly right-of-way line of said highway; thence northwesterly on said right-of-way line 199.57 feet, more or less, to intersect a line 33.00 feet southeasterly of and parallel to the centerline of the Township Access Road as defined in above said project; thence southwesterly on said parallel line 103.77 feet, more or less, to intersect the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 21 seconds East on said south line 253.58 feet to the point of beginning and there terminate.

Appraised Value - \$410.00

Are Cass County Fee Owned lands, and

WHEREAS, the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer has determined that the highest and best use of said parcels will be achieved by combining them with adjoining parcels, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that said parcels be offered for sale by sealed bids to adjoining property owners at no less than their appraised value. The sale will be for cash and held by the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 24, 2010 at the Auditor's Office at the Courthouse, Walker, MN.

Resolution No. 18-10 was adopted by majority vote: Ayes: Demgen, Downham, Dowson, Kangas, Peterson. Nays: None.

M/S/P Dowson, Kangas - To award the 2010 Cass County Land Department site preparation and ground application of herbicide to Future Forests Inc. Unanimous.

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>SITE PREP</u> | | <u>RELEASE</u> | |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| | <u>Chemical/gallon</u> | <u>Trench & Herbicide Cost</u> | <u>Chemical/gallon</u> | <u>Mechanical Application Cost</u> |
| Future Forests Inc | (Garlon) \$100.00/gallon (Accord XRT) \$32/gallon (Accord) \$32/gallon | \$92.00/acre | (Chopper) \$100/gallon (Aresenal) \$175/gallon | \$56.00/acre |
| | (Activation) \$20/gallon | | (Entry II Sufactine) \$20/gallon | |
| A&K Contracting | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid |
| D&M Forestry | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid |
| John Berendes | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid |
| Mutch's Forestry | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid | No Bid |

Approve - Transfer of Land Department's 1995 Ford F-150 to Highway Department for use or dispose at annual Cass County Auction on Aug. 21, 2010.

Authorize - ESD submission of MPCA - PPL Worksheet for Stony Point (Cass Lake) project area to be placed on MPCA State Project Priority List.

M/S/P Dowson, Kangas - Award contract to Schrupp Excavating for repairs to Bull Moose Impoundment Road in Sections 22,23, & 27-138-31 (Bull Moose Twp) not to exceed \$1,100.00 without Land Department authorization (additional gravel at \$10 per yd installed).

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| Schrupp Excavating | \$1100.00 with \$10 per yd installed for additional Class 5 |
| Kurt Sawyer | \$1189.00 with \$15 per yd installed for additional Class 5 |
| Outdoor Creations & R. | \$1250.00 with \$12 per yd installed for additional Class 5 |
| Sawyer Timber Inc. | \$1350.00 with \$12 per yd installed for additional Class 5 |
| Aspen Construction | \$1400.00 with \$28 per yd installed for additional Class 5 |

Approve - Resolution 19-10 – DNR/County land exchange resolution that accepts the appraised values of parcels.

Commissioner Dowson offered Resolution No. 19-10 and moved its adoption; Commissioner Kangas seconded:

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2008 the Cass County Board of Commissioners authorized the Land Commissioner to cost share the appraisals of all lands involved in the land exchange between Cass County and The State of Minnesota, and:

WHEREAS, the appraisals have been completed and the land values are as follows:

County Tax-Forfeited Land:
\$984,000.00

State of Minnesota Land:
\$984,000.00

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Commissioners accepts the land values as presented by the Land Commissioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Land Commissioner to proceed with the land exchange of all lands involved with the State of Minnesota.

Resolution No. 19-10 was adopted by majority vote: Ayes: Demgen, Downham, Dowson, Kangas, Peterson. Nays: None.

Receive & file - SWCD Liaison Committee Meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Receive & file - Capital Improvement Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Approve - Teamsters Local #320 - Vacation accumulation grievance.

- 3A. Deep Portage Conservation Reserve Director Dale Yerger discussed the Deep Portage Environmental Learning Center's opportunity to secure two grants that would be used as demonstration projects for energy saving improvements. The potential sources of funds include the Sustainable Energy Practices at Residential Environmental Learning Centers (MN LCCMR) and Today's Leaders for a Sustainable Tomorrow (U.S. Dept of Energy). The LCCMR proposal (if enacted) will include awards to five environmental learning centers in MN with \$212,000 scheduled to go Deep Portage (Cass County). The Department of Energy grant, if awarded, will provide up to \$1,500,000 to five centers located in Congressional District 8 - the LCCMR grant and recently completed MN DEED wood gasification would be utilized as matching funds to the Federal funds. No County funds are committed to either grant. The planned improvements at Deep Portage would include a 900 gallon per day solar domestic hot water system, a 6.72 KW photo voltaic panel (5% of the center's usage), 10,000 gallons of additional storage capacity to the wood gasification system, wood gasification system at the Interpretive Center for heat and domestic hot water, building envelope and mechanical improvements to the Main Campus and Interpretive Center, a small wind generation project for demonstration, and energy efficient lighting improvements.

M/S/P Dowson, Downham – To approve the Deep Portage Foundation grant applications to the MN LCCMR and the U.S. Dept. of Energy Sustainable Energy Program, to approve the use of State funds (LCCMR and DEED) as matching funds in the Federal application, and to authorize endorsement letters for the grant applications. Unanimous.

- 3B. Mr. Yerger explained that the MN LCCMR or U.S. Dept. of Energy Sustainable Energy Program grants may require an agreement for project management including any local funding match from the Deep Portage Foundation. Director Yerger suggested that the County and the Deep Portage Foundation consider an agreement similar to the April 21, 2009 understandings for the MN DEED Wood Gasification grant.

M/S/P Dowson, Dowham – To authorize preparation of Cass County & Deep Portage Foundation project management agreements for the Minnesota LCCMR and U.S. Dept. of Energy Sustainable Energy Program grants. Unanimous.

- 4A. Land Commissioner Josh Stevenson presented the update to the Cass County Forest Resource Management Plan. Mr. Stevenson reported that two public input meetings have been held, however, requested the Board to table final adoption of the plan until Tuesday, May 4, 2010 – providing additional time for comments.

M/S/P Peterson, Kangas - To table final adoption of the Cass County Forest Resource Management Plan until the Tuesday, May 4, 2010 regular Board Meeting. Unanimous.

- 4B. Mr. Stevenson presented correspondence dated March 16, 2010 from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe opposing the management of tax-forfeited parcels in Cass County with identified Leech Lake land claims. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe requests that the Forest Resource Management Plan be amended that parcels encumbered by Leech Lake land claims should not be managed on the same basis as other (by timber cutting or other resource harvesting) pending resolution of the unresolved claims by the Department of the Interior and Congress.

M/S/P Peterson, Downham – To refer the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe request to the Leech Lake Band Liaison Committee of the Board (Commissioners Downham and Dowson) with a report back to the full Board on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Unanimous.

5. At this time the Board had a telephone briefing with Senator Mary Olson from her office in St. Paul. Items discussed with the Senator included: Federal health care reform; Legacy funding criteria; ARMER sales tax exemption; and LCCMR funding for Deep Portage Conservation Reserve. The Board thanked Ms. Olson for the update.

- 6A. County Planner-Solid Waste Administrator Paul Fairbanks reported to the Board a request by the City of East Gull Lake for Cass County to assist in planning and zoning functions. Mr. Fairbanks requested approval to forward a fee-based service agreement to the City of East Gull Lake.

M/S/P Dowson, Downham – To approve the Planning and Zoning Administration Service Agreement with the City of East Gull Lake as presented, subject to the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) review. Unanimous.

6B. Mr. Fairbanks presented the ESD 2010 1st quarter Planning and Zoning Activity Report. The 2010 first quarter zoning permit activity was up 25% compared to last year's first quarter, the revenue on zoning actions was \$34,241 versus \$27,109 during first quarter of 2009. No action necessary.

7A. Sheriff Randy Fisher, Chief Deputy Sheriff Tom Burch, and Emergency Management Coordinator Kerry Swenson presented an agreement for professional services with GeoComm to provide consulting and project management related to the implementation of the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) 800 MHz radio system. The estimated cost of the agreement is \$105,240.00 (from capital fund balance). Sheriff Fisher also commented on possible shared savings if Aitkin and Crow Wing counties consider a similar agreement.

M/S/P Downham, Dowson – To approve execution of an agreement for professional services with GeoComm to provide consulting and project management related to the implementation of the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) 800 MHz radio system not to exceed \$105,240.00 (from capital fund balance). Unanimous.

7B. Sheriff Fisher discussed the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) correspondence of April 9, 2010 regarding recent legislation impacting State funding for the Sentencing to Service (STS) Programs in the State. Mr. Fisher explained that Cass County's State support will be reduced to a maximum of 25% for fiscal year 2010 (estimated to be \$18,997.25). The County Board and Sheriff Fisher discussed the benefits of the STS program. Administrator Yochum explained that the Sentence to Service (STS) Program reduction by the State was contemplated in Cass County's 2010 Budget contingency plan.

M/S/P Downham, Peterson – To authorize preparation of an amended agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections for funding of the Cass County Sentence to Service (STS) Program. Unanimous.

7C. Emergency Management Coordinator Kerry Swenson requested approval to submit a grant application to the MN Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Communication Networks (DECN) in the amount of \$215,000.00 with no local match for partial infrastructure and end user radio equipment for the ARMER Project.

M/S/P Kangas, Downham – To approve the Sheriff's Office grant application submission to the MN Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Communication Networks (DECN) Grant in the amount of \$215,000.00 with no local match for partial infrastructure and end user radio equipment for the ARMER Project. Unanimous.

7D. Sheriff Fisher and Kerry Swenson discussed the 10% match for a Cass County Regional Fire Department Grant that had been discussed at the April 7, 2009 Board Meeting. The grant is through Aid to Firefighters (FEMA) in the amount of \$183,674.80 and would purchase radios that will be in compliance with the 2012 Federal standards. The grant requires a 10% match for each Cass County fire department.

M/S/P Kangas, Dowson – To approve a 10% match for the Cass County Regional Fire Department Grant for the purchase of radios in compliance with the 2012 Federal standards through Aid to Firefighters (FEMA) in the amount of \$183,674.80 (utilizing designated fund balance). Unanimous.

8A. Highway Engineer Dave Enblom presented bid results for award consideration for 2010 Cass County Maintenance Projects: CM 2010-3 Aggregate Surfacing; CM 2010-4 Aggregate Surfacing; 2010 Roadway Striping. Bids were opened at 2:00 PM on April 14, 2010.

M/S/P Dowson, Kangas – To award the bid to the following apparent low bidder (received on April 14, 2010) for CM 2010-3 Aggregate Surfacing to Charlie Swenson in the bid amount of \$126,192.00 (19.78% Under Engineers Estimate of \$157,300.00). Unanimous.

Project No.: CM 2010-3

Engineers Estimate - \$157,300.00

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> | <u>Percent Over/Under Estimate</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Charlie Swenson | \$126,192.00 | 19.78% UNDER ESTIMATE |
| Anderson Contracting, Inc. | \$149,391.00 | 5.03% UNDER ESTIMATE |
| Central Specialties, Inc. | \$158,867.50 | 1.00% OVER ESTIMATE |
| Wm. D. Scepaniak, Inc. | \$161,463.50 | 2.65% OVER ESTIMATE |
| Hammerlund Construction, Inc. | \$163,487.50 | 3.93% OVER ESTIMATE |
| Tri-City Paving, Inc. | \$221,100.00 | 40.56% OVER ESTIMATE |

M/S/P Kangas, Peterson – To award the bid to the following apparent low bidder (received on April 14, 2010) for CM 2010-4 Aggregate Surfacing to Wm. D. Scepaniak, Inc. in the bid amount of \$190,159.20 (3.56% Under Engineers Estimate of \$197,175.00). Unanimous.

Project No.: CM 2010-4

Engineers Estimate - \$197,175.00

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> | <u>Percent Over/Under Estimate</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Wm. D. Scepaniak, Inc. | \$190,159.20 | 3.56% UNDER ESTIMATE |
| Hammerlund Construction, Inc. | \$210,842.50 | 6.93% OVER ESTIMATE |
| Anderson Contracting, Inc. | \$228,235.70 | 15.75% OVER ESTIMATE |
| Central Specialties, Inc. | \$254,155.00 | 28.90% OVER ESTIMATE |
| Tri-City Paving, Inc. | \$276,045.00 | 40.00% OVER ESTIMATE |

M/S/P Peterson, Downham – To award the bid to the following apparent low bidder (received on April 14, 2010) for 2010 Roadway Striping to Traffic Marking Services, Inc. in the amount of \$68,472.02. Unanimous.

Project Name: Roadway Striping 2010

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Traffic Marking Services, Inc. | \$ 68,472.02 |
| AAA Striping Service | \$ 73,410.82 |

Swanston Equipment Company \$ 83,572.86
Tri-State Striping, Inc. \$ 90,445.13

- 8B. Mr. Enblom presented Resolution No. 20-10 regarding the MNDOT Agreement for project SP11601-17 (CSAH#1) improvements. Mr. Enblom informed the Board of an additional \$1.2 million Federal FHWA funds that may be made available for eligible transportation related projects on CSAH#1.

Commissioner Kangas offered Resolution No. 20-10 and moved its adoption; Commissioner Dowson seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the Cass County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cass County Board Chairman, Jim Demgen and Cass County Administrator, Robert H. Yochum are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of Cass County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 96757", for project SP 11-601-17, a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Resolution No. 20-10 was adopted by majority vote: Ayes: Demgen, Downham, Dowson, Kangas, Peterson. Nays: None.

M/S/P Kangas, Peterson – To direct the County Engineer to update the Capital Improvement Plan by considering additional CSAH#1 projects in light of the additional \$1.2 million in Federal FHWA funds and report back at the Tuesday, June 1, 2010 regular Cass County Board Meeting. Unanimous.

- 9A. Retiring County Assessor Steve Kuha and newly appointed Assessor Mark Peterson presented a list of abatements.

M/S/P Kangas, Downham – To approve 2008/2009, and 2009/2010 abatement applications as recommended by the County Assessor, for taxes payable in 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 Clifford W Jones, Sr - Pike Bay, Homestead, 2009/2010; Gerald Price - Wilson, Homestead, 2009/2010; Cory Brock - Walker, Homestead, 2009/2010; Hideaway Properties, LLC - Walker, Value Reduction, 2009/2010; Hideaway Properties, LLC - Walker, Value Reduction, 2009/2010; Hideaway Properties, LLC - Walker, Value Reduction, 2009/2010; Lois Harrington - Homebrook, Class Change, 2009/2010; Curt & Susan Martin - May, Class Change, 2009/2010; Pillager Family Center - Pillager, Exempt, 2009/2010; Pine River/Backus Family Ctr - Pine River, Exempt, 2009/2010; Pine River/Backus Family Ctr - Pine River, Exempt, 2008/2009. Unanimous.

- 9B. Mr. Kuha presented the 1st Quarter 2010 Foreclosure Report (45 in 2010 versus 16 in 2009, and 35 in 2008) including cancellation of contracts for deeds (not including time share foreclosures). No action necessary.
- 9C. Mr. Kuha updated the Board on the change of the Cass County tax base. The 2010 assessment for 2011 taxes collected has an estimated market value of \$6,597,000,000 (-5.2%), new construction at \$44,000,000 (-31.3%), new home starts 120 (-28.1%), taxable market value \$6,562,000,000 (-5.0%), tax capacity based on pay 2010 data \$68,570,000 (-3.1%), and non-taxed market value at .53%, \$35,000,000. No action necessary.

- 10A. Cass County Area Family Center Directors Michelle Tessin, Betty Doss, Jane Furnseth, and Leslie Bouchonville presented a summary of the programs, and services that the Family Centers offer to residents of Cass County including children, adults and families. In addition, the Directors explained the financial structure of the Family Centers with a total budgeted income of \$1,189,155 for 2010. Funding in 2010 included: Better Way Foundation \$138,650 (12%), ATOD Grant \$161,539 (13%), Thrift Store Income \$110,000 (9%), Grants \$57,942 (5%), School Districts \$63,500 (5%), Fees \$153,250 (13%), Fundraising donations \$143,300 (12%), Contracts and rental income \$10,200 (1%), Blandin Foundation \$45,000 (4%), Mentoring Grants \$65,000 (5%), Initiative Foundation \$7,500 (1%), Cass County CTC Grant \$33,141 (3%), MN Dept of Ed 21st CCLC Grant \$40,000 (3%), Drug Free Community Grant \$125,000 (11%), and Cass County (3%). The Board thanked Ms. Tessin, Ms. Doss, Ms. Furnseth, and Ms. Bouchonville for the update and complimented the Directors for their extraordinary results in leveraging local funds.

M/S/P Dowson, Peterson – To refer the 2011 Cass County Family Center funding initiatives to the Cass County Health, Human, and Veteran Services Department and the Cass County Administrator. Unanimous.

11. Administrator Yochum presented the upcoming meeting schedule: a. Cass County and Crow Wing County ESD presentation/training with MCIT Attorney - Scott Anderson on Tuesday, Apr. 27, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Land Department Meeting Room, Backus.
12. Chairman Demgen adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

SIGNED: _____
Jim Demgen, Chairman
Cass County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Robert H. Yochum
Cass County Administrator