



Cass EDC to be housed in Backus

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Cass County Board Dec. 7 approved an agreement to rent without charge office space in the new land department building at Backus to Cass County Economic Development Corporation.

That building is expected to be ready for occupancy in January. Cass EDC will move there from their present location in the Community Resource Center at Pine River.

The commissioners approved purchasing a digital with Voice over Internet Protocol telephone system for the land department building from low bidder North Country Business of Bemidji at \$11,569, plus a \$2,345 five-year additional warrantee.

They also approved additional costs for running telephone lines into the building from the street and related connection costs with the total telephone installation not to exceed \$15,000.

They approved an audiovisual system for the meeting room in the new land department building not to exceed \$35,000.

The system will be designed to enable boards and the public to view presentations given at meetings simultaneously.

The board set 2007 mileage reimbursements to county employees for use of their personal vehicles when county cars are unavailable at the IRS mileage rates of 48.5 cents per mile for business purposes, 20 cents per mile for medical or moving purposes and 14 cents per mile for services to charitable organizations. If a county car is available, but an employee chooses to use their personal vehicle for county business instead, the county will pay only 24 cents per mile for business purposes.

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