

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota met in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were David Nordaune, Matt Gilbertson, Candice Jaenisch, Bill Pauling, and David Lieser.

Commissioner Nordaune requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. Sr Deputy Auditor/Treasurer, Molly Barborek, announced that there was one addition to the regular agenda to consider a quote from Chappell Central for the Community Service Building. Commissioner Lieser moved, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Gilbertson moved, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to move the regular Board session into a Public Hearing for discussion on Drones and Body Cams. Sheriff Olson and Chief Deputy Shamla shared the history of Body Cams, and the usage information that had been gathered amongst surrounding counties. Sheriff Olson reported that an expense of \$45,000 would need to be paid to purchase the Body Cams.

Sheriff Olson also reported the testing of the Drone had been successful. Once a Policy has been approved by County Attorney Haugen and the Board of Commissioners, the use of the Drone in assisting the Sheriff's Office would start. Commissioner Gilbertson moved, second by Commissioner Pauling to resume the regular session at 11:09 a.m.

Sheriff Olson reported that Medical Dispatching will soon be required for all Dispatching Centers. A cost of \$13,610 will be needed in assisting with required training and equipment. The Chippewa County Sheriff's Office has applied for a \$5,000 grant to assist in the expense. Commissioner Gilbertson moved, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the expense and authorize the grant application. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Sheriff Olson discussed the two older snowmobiles in the Sheriff's fleet. A quote from Motor Sports in Willmar, MN, of \$10,599 was received to replace one snowmobile. The second snowmobile would be replaced in a two-year cycle. The Chippewa County Sheriff's Office applied for a \$1,200 grant in assisting the expense. Commissioner Lieser moved, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the purchase of the snowmobile. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Attorney Matthew Haugen reported on activities in the Attorneys office. County Attorney Haugen provided history on the Victim Witness program and requested that the vacant Victim Witness position be moved to the Attorneys Office where they would be employed. Commissioner Lieser moved, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the request. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ag/Ditch Inspector, Josh Macziewski updated the Board on the potential redetermination of benefits for JD 8 Renville & Chippewa, JD 7 Kandiyohi, Chippewa & Renville, JD 1 Chippewa & Renville, and JD 3 Chippewa & Kandiyohi. The Board asked Mr. Macziewski to gather more information to bring back to the Board in April. No action was taken.

County Engineer Jeremy Gilb presented to the Board the 2021 Sealcoat Oil Bids. The low bid was from Flint Hills Resources in the amount of \$230,720. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to award the Sealcoat Bid to Flint Hills. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Lieser to enter into closed session at 12:32, to discuss the employment performance of Engineering Tech I. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Pauling to reopen the Regular Board session at 12:46. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

The Board directed Engineer Gilb, Assistant to the Engineer Kevin Enevoldsen and ATC May to explore a telecommute work plan with Engineer Tech I given satisfactory performance and years of service.

Commissioner Gilbertson and Commissioner Pauling reported on a quote received by Chappell Central for \$14,304.45 to replace steam traps and control valves in the Chippewa County Community Service Building. Commissioner Lieser moved, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the quote to replace the control valves. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

Approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular meeting

Approval to withdraw from MCIS Payroll

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 375.12 vendors receiving payments in excess of \$2,000 are listed individually below:

Chappell Central Inc	\$10,276.12
Clara City Herald	2,104.50
Clara City/City Of	2,720.00
Emmons & Oliver Resources Inc	4,420.50
<b>Klein McCarthy Architects</b>	3,725.00
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	2,909.54
MN Office of IT Svc	3,250.00
O'Leary Mechanical Insulation Inc	13,824.00
Pioneerland Library System	50,939.25
Tostenson Inc	17,746.13
Upper MN Valley Reg Dev Commission	6,250.00
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc	9,997.50
<b>Vendor payments less than \$2,000</b>	20,203.86
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>\$148,366.40</b>

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Molly Barborek  
Sr. Deputy Auditor/Treasurer

/s/ David Nordaune  
Chairman of the Board

(Auditor's Seal)