

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were David Lieser, Jim Dahlvang, David Nordaune, Matt Gilbertson, and Jeffrey Lopez.

Commissioner Lieser requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator (ATC) Michelle May requested to add the designation of the County website as the official site for publication of transportation projects under MN Statute 331A.12 and a repurchase resolution for tax-forfeited property to the Consent Agenda and a closed session to the Regular Agenda. Commissioner Dahlvang moved, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed reorganization for the year 2020. Commissioner Lieser entertained nominations for Chairman for 2020. Commissioner Dahlvang nominated Commissioner Gilbertson for Chairman. Commissioner Lieser asked three times for other nominations. Hearing no other nominations, Commissioner Dahlvang moved, second by Commissioner Lopez to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Gilbertson for Chairman for 2020. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The Chairman then entertained nominations for Vice-Chair for 2020. Commissioner Dahlvang nominated Commissioner Nordaune as Vice-Chair. The Chairman asked three times for other nominations. Hearing no other nominations, Commissioner Dahlvang moved, second by Commissioner Lieser to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Nordaune for Vice-Chair for 2020. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

County Attorney Matthew Haugen met before the Board to report on the activities in his office during December 2019.

Each Commissioner gave a report on the various committee meetings that each attended and described any special developments that occurred during the month of December 2019.

Commissioner Lieser moved, second by Commissioner Lopez to approve the following items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Approve the minutes of the December 30, 2019 special meeting

Set the date for next regular meeting of January 21, 2020

Designate the County website as the official site for publication of transportation projects in accordance with MN Statute 331A.12

Approve the repurchase resolution for the buy back of tax-forfeited parcel 50-090-0220

ATC May presented a resolution to submit a grant application for funding from the Minnesota Secretary of State for voting equipment. Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second

by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the resolution. Motion passed with Commissioners Lieser, Nordaune, and Dahlvang voting in favor and Commissioner Lopez voting against.

ATC May gave an update on activities in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office during the month of December 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Lieser to enter into closed session in accordance with MN Statute 13D.05 subd. 2 (a) (2). Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Lieser to open the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Engineer Steve Kubista met with the Board to provide a report of the activities of the Highway Department during the month of December 2019.

Mr. Kubista presented a resolution authorizing the County Engineer to perform administrative functions of the Chippewa County Highway Department including, but not limited to, hiring temporary staff, contracting for services, selling materials and equipment, and imposing load restrictions. Motion by Commissioner Lieser, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the resolution. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed and updated all Committee Appointments for 2020.

Windy Block, Interim City Administrator for Clara City, met before the Board to discuss the current state of the old Junior High School in Clara City and plans for demolition. Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Lopez to approve the request to participate with the City of Clara City in contracting for and submitting a joint application to MN DEED for the complete demolition of the existing building and sale of resulting vacant lot. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

/s/ Michelle May
Aud/Treas & Clerk of the Board

/s/ Matt Gilbertson
Chairman of the Board

(Auditor's Seal)