

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were David Nordaune, Candice Jaenisch, and Bill Pauling. Commissioner Matt Gilbertson was absent.

Commissioner Nordaune requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator (ATC) Michelle May requested to discuss the veteran van drivers arrangement to the Agenda and Commissioner Jaenisch requested to discuss bringing employees back into the County Buildings. Commissioner Jaenisch moved, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Sentence to Serve Crew Leader Scott Jakobs met before the Board to provide an update on the program. Motion by Commissioner Lieser, second by Commissioner Pauling to renew the Sentence to Serve contract for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Sheriff Derek Olson met before the Board to discuss animal impound services. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Lieser to authorize the Sheriff to enter into a contract for services with Perfect Paws LLC for animal impound services. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Emergency Manager Stephanie Weick presented the Emergency Management Program Grant for \$17,754.00 from the State of Minnesota. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the grant. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Engineer Jeremy Gilb presented four bids for the SAP 012-599-098, 012-599-102, 012-599-103, and SAP 012-604-017 with the lowest bid from Riley Bros. at a total cost of \$1,226,959.52. Motion by Commissioner Lieser, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the low bid to Riley Bros. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilb presented a resolution for his reappointment to the County Engineer position for a four-year term in compliance with Minnesota Statute 163.07. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Lieser to reappoint Mr. Gilb beginning May 1, 2021 through May 1, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Quotes for the engineer's vehicle were requested by the County Engineer and two quotes were received from Schweiters for \$38,194.00 and Nelson Fleet for \$35,884.00. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the low quote from Nelson Fleet and authorize the purchase of the engineer's vehicle. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the purchase of skid steer and mower. No action was taken.

The Highway Department will start their summer schedule of four 10-hour days (Monday – Thursday) on May 3, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

ATC May and HR Specialist Vonnie Erickson presented the 2021-2022 AFSCME Family Services and Highway Union Contracts. Motion by Commissioner Lieser, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the union contracts. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed cost of living adjustments and wage matrix implementation for non-union employees. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve a 1.75% cost of living adjustment effective January 1, 2021 for non-union employees and a one-time lump sum payment for employees receiving less than 2% increase on the new wage grid. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Erickson presented an update on the employment status of the County's veteran drivers. Based on the review of the positions, it was determined these individuals met an employment status versus independent contractor. Motion by Commissioner Lieser, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the change to employee for the veteran drivers at Grade 1, step 1. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed transitioning employees back to County buildings by May 17th and recommend adhering to the Governor's Executive Orders on health guidelines.

ATC May presented a proposal from Aimee Gourlay from the Mediation Center for strategic planning facilitation. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the proposal. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ATC May presented a 2020 and 2021 financial update.

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

Approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 regular meeting

Approve the 2019 One Watershed One Plan Grant Amendment

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

Brookside Senior Living	4,092.00
Cenex	10,928.55
Emmons & Olivier Resources Inc	9,842.00
Erickson Engineering Co. LLC	2,310.00
Farmers Coop Oil Company	4,371.21
Mend Correctional Care	2,751.00
Mn Counties Information System	26,243.00
Montevideo/City Of	31,306.78
Nelson Oyen Torvik Pllp	26,666.67
Regents Of University Of Mn	18,814.00
Rinke-Noonan	4,732.50
Streichers Prof Police Equip	2,421.04
Tostenson Inc	28,086.25
Tritech Software Systems	5,721.55
Weidemann/James	7,862.24
Vendor payments less than \$2,000	21,878.70
Final Total:	\$208,027.49

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

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

/s/ David Nordaune
 Chairman of the Board

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