

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were Chairman David Lieser, Jeffrey Lopez, Jim Dahlvang, David Nordaune, and Matt Gilbertson.

Commissioner Lieser requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator (ATC) Michelle May requested to add IT Director Terry Ocaña to the agenda for an update. Commissioner Dahlvang moved, second by Commissioner Lopez to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

IT Director Terry Ocaña met before the Board to provide an update on the latest IT Committee meeting and the county website domain. Mr. Ocaña also reported on an invitation to participate in an IT advisory group in Texas through the National Association of Counties. Expenses for participating are paid by the Association of Minnesota Counties. Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to authorize the out-of-state travel for Mr. Ocaña. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Sheriff Derek Olson met before the Board to provide a report of the activities in the Sheriff's Office and Jail during the month of August 2019. Sheriff Olson presented bids for the purchase of two squads for the 2020 budget. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Lopez to accept the state contract bid for two Chevy Tahoes. After additional discussion, Commissioner Gilbertson and Commissioner Lopez rescinded their motion with the request for Sheriff Olson to research additional information related to the purchase.

County Engineer Steve Kubista met with the Board to provide a report of the activities of the Highway Department during the month of August 2019 and an update on the Highway 277 Turnback.

Mr. Kubista presented a Local Road Improvement grant agreement for SAP 012-604-014 for \$1,000,000.00 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Motion by Commissioner Lopez, second by Commissioner Dahlvang to approve the following resolution. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, Chippewa County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for Local Road Improvement and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$1,000,000.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Chippewa County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52 and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

At 11:00 a.m., a public hearing was conducted to consider the 5-Year Road & Bridge Construction Plan. Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Nordaune to open the public hearing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Kubista presented the 5-year construction plan and answered questions from the Commissioners and the public.

Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Lopez to close the public hearing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the 5-Year Construction Plan as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Megan DeSchepper from the Minnesota Department of Transportation presented the MnDOT 10-year Construction plan.

Tessia Melvin from David Drown & Associates presented on employee classification and compensation studies. The Board, ATC May, and Ms. Melvin discussed the various aspects and approaches of market analysis and compensation studies. The Board directed ATC May to bring back additional information.

The County's health insurance broker, Bill Chukuske, presented the proposed 2020 health insurance premium rates to the Board. The Board discussed cost saving alternatives and self-insurance. The Board directed ATC May and Mr. Chukuske to pursue a self-insurance model for the County and work with employee groups on education and approval.

Hawk Creek Watershed Project staff Heidi Rauenhorst, Dean Dambrotten, and Jordan Austin provided an update on the various activities of the watershed.

Joann Blomme, Environmental Technician, provided an update on the Hawk-Creek Middle Minnesota One Watershed One Plan.

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

Approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 special meeting.

Approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 regular meeting.

Set the date for the next regular meeting for September 17, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room in the Courthouse in Montevideo.

Approve the MN DVA Operating Grant for \$7,500.00

Approve the payment to CDW-G for \$575.70

ATC May provided an update on the 2020 draft budget and levy and discussed strategic planning with the Board.

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 Lieser
Chairman of the Board

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