

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were David Lieser, Jim Dahlvang, David Nordaune, Matt Gilbertson, and Jeffrey Lopez.

Commissioner Gilbertson requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator (ATC) Michelle May requested to add the Milan Beach Resort Liquor License to the Consent Agenda and Aaron Harms from US Solar to the Regular Agenda. Commissioner Lieser moved, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ag./Drainage Inspector Josh Macziewski presented bids for the construction of a Lateral to Branch 3 of Lateral D of County Ditch No. 22. Mr. Macziewski recommended the low bid from Jeff Johnson Excavating for \$64,946.00 which is 16% below the Engineer's Estimate provided by Bolton & Menk. Motion by Commissioner Lopez, second by Commissioner Lieser to award the contract to Jeff Johnson Excavating. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board and Mr. Macziewski discussed the supervision of the construction and agreed part-time supervision from Bolton & Menk was appropriate.

The Board and Mr. Macziewski discussed buffer compliance enforcement. Motion by Commissioner Lopez, second by Commissioner Dahlvang to direct Mr. Macziewski to send a letter to landowners if drainage buffers are not compliant with MN Statute 103E by June 30, 2020. At that time, Mr. Macziewski will notify landowners that the County will hire the planting of the buffer strip and charge the landowners on their drainage assessments for the cost incurred. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Macziewski provided an update on other activities occurring in the Ag./Drainage Department.

The Board and Mr. Macziewski discussed a request for additional manure pipeline that crosses county and joint ditches. The Board set a public hearing date of April 7<sup>th</sup> to consider the request.

Zach Bothun, Soil & Water Conservation District, and JoAnn Blomme, Environmental Technician, provided an update on the Chippewa River Watershed District.

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

Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 regular meeting  
Set the date for next regular meeting of March 3, 2020 at 9:00 AM  
Milan Beach Resort Liquor License

Approve the sale of tax-forfeited property to the City of Montevideo at a lower negotiated price  
than the appraised sale price.

Approve the hold from public auction of tax-forfeited parcel 13-134-4401 at the request of MN  
DNR

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

Aladtec Inc	\$2,995.00
Anoka County Human Services	5,175.00
Brookside Senior Living	4,380.96

Brouwer Construction LLC	8,207.50
CCM Health	4,037.90
CEE VI Task Force	59,825.00
Cenex	12,172.80
Chappell Central Inc	3,976.00
Clara City Herald	3,419.10
Emergent Systems Exchange LLC	3,150.00
Emmons & Olivier Resources Inc	7,686.50
Erickson Engineering Co. LLC	3,207.50
Farmers Coop Oil Company	4,438.89
I S Group INC	6,023.38
Information Systems Corp.	13,179.00
Kris Engineering Inc	7,572.84
L & O Acres Transport Inc	7,766.75
Marco Technologies	4,006.59
MEND Correctional Care	2,697.06
Midstates Equipment & Supply	25,084.40
MN Counties Information System	25,794.00
MSOP	9,137.25
Nelson Oyen Torvik PLLP	25,687.51
Performance Kennels Inc	9,795.00
Pro-West & Assoc Inc	3,485.00
Ridgewater College	2,475.00
Runnings Supply INC	5,580.42
Tostenson INC	16,354.99
Upper Mn Valley Reg Dev Commission	19,120.00
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc.	4,848.75
Yellow Medicine Co Jail	13,908.67
Vendor payments under \$2,000	46,779.65
<hr/> Total:	<hr/> \$371,968.41

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 Aaron Harms from US Solar presented on solar garden subscriptions for Chippewa County. The Board directed ATC May to provide detailed information of Chippewa County electrical usage to Mr. Harms.

County Sheriff Derek Olson met before the Board to discuss the State’s consideration of legalization of marijuana. The Board and Sheriff Olson expressed concerns about the impact of this legislation on County youth and opposed the legalization of marijuana in the State of Minnesota.

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)