

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in special session on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were David Lieser, Jim Dahlvang, Matt Gilbertson, David Nordaune, and Jeffrey Lopez. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Tri-County COVID Medical Center (TCMC). Also in attendance was CCM Health CEO Brian Lovdahl and Representative Tim Miller.

Commissioner Gilbertson opened the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting is to hear an update on the TCMC.

Mr. Lovdahl updated the Board and meeting attendees on the collaboration between Appleton Area Health, CCM Health, Johnson Memorial Health Services, Madison Healthcare Services, and Swift County Benson Hospital to create a critical care facility to serve the local communities in response to COVID-19. TCMC developed a plan to utilize space in the vacant Prairie Correctional Facility to triage patients diagnosed with COVID-19.

TCMC hopes to be operational by March 30th and Mr. Lovdahl is requesting temporary financial assistance from each of the counties where these hospitals are located. Mr. Lovdahl requested \$425,977.00 as a loan from Chippewa County for startup costs directly associated with TCMC.

Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Michelle May updated the Board on reserves available for this expense and indicated the General Fund may not have capacity for this expense without some assistance from other County funds.

Motion by Commissioner Lieser, second by Commissioner Lopez to approve a one-year, zero interest loan of \$425,977.00 to TCMC for expenses directly related to the TCMC facility. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Lieser to approve a one year, zero interest interfund loan from the Road & Bridge Fund to the General Fund for \$425,977.00. 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

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