

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 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.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Commissioner Dahlvang moved, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

Approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 regular meeting.

Set the date for the next regular meeting for August 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room in the Courthouse in Montevideo.

Approve the request to use \$5,000 of Septic Grant funds to develop a septic inspection application with Pro-West

Approve the Police & Fire PERA Resolution

Approve the extension amendment for the VEGA Grant

County Attorney Matthew Haugen met before the Board to report on the activities in his office and also updated them on court trials and investigations conducted during July 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 July 2019.

Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Michelle May provided an update of activities during the month of July 2019.

JoAnn Blomme, Environmental Technician, and Zack Bothun, Soil & Water Conservation District Technician, met before the Board to discuss the Hawk Creek-Middle Minnesota One Watershed One Plan consultant interviews. Motion by Commissioner Lopez, second by Commissioner Nordaune to authorize the Steering Committee to enter into contract negotiations with Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. for consulting services on developing the Hawk Creek-Middle Minnesota Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. 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 July 2019. The Board and Sheriff discussed the Department of Corrections jail inspection report.

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

Mr. Kubista presented a final payment request of \$527,477.70 on CP 05-001 to R&G Construction Co. Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the payment request. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to close the meeting in accordance with MN Statute 13D subd. 3(a) to conduct an annual performance evaluation of Alice McColley, License Director. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Lopez, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to open the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the satisfactory performance evaluation and authorize a step increase for Alice McColley to Grade 8, Step 2. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Jim Accurso, U.S. Census Bureau, met before the Board to present on the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census and Complete Count Committees.

City Officials Ron Anderson, Windy Block, Richard Groothuis, Nicole Koenen, and Robert Wolfington III met before the Board to discuss a collaborative initiative to address blighted property within the County. The County Board agreed to develop a committee of city and county officials to discuss a program for evaluating and addressing blight within Chippewa County.

Drainage Inspector Josh Macziewski provided an update of the bids for construction of Lateral to Branch 3 of Lateral D of County Ditch 22. Motion by Commissioner Lopez, second by Commissioner Nordaune to accept the recommendation from Bolton & Menk to reject the two bids received because they exceed the Engineer's estimate and direct the Drainage Inspector to rebid the project at a later date. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Macziewski and Ms. May presented proposed drainage liens for 2019. Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the following drainage liens for 2019. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ditch	% Lien	# of Years
CD 12	100%	1
Imp. CD 15	20%	1
CD 16	50%	1

Imp. A Br. 21 CD 22	10%	2
Lat I CD 22	10%	1
Lat R CD 22	10%	1
CD 37	75%	2
Lat A CD 37	50%	1
CD 44	10%	1
CD 48	50%	1
CD 59	50%	1
CD 65	50%	1
CD 68	10%	1
Lat A Br 10 JD 3 K&C	50%	1
Imp Br 10 JD 3 K&C	50%	1
Lat B JD 7 CKR	10%	1

Mr. Macziewski and Ms. May provided an update of the JD 9 Court of Appeals proceedings.

Veterans Service Officer Tim Kolhei met before the Board to provide an update of the Montevideo Veterans Home funding and development progress.

Mr. Kolhei provided an update on staffing within the office and requested to donate 87.958 hours towards the former Assistant VSO's sick accrual balance in accordance with the County Personnel Policy. Motion by Commissioner Lopez, second by Commissioner Dahlvang to authorize the donation of sick leave. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to authorize Mr. Kolhei to advertise for hiring the Assistant VSO position. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the pay rate for temporary office assistants in the Veterans Service Office. Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to set the pay rate for temporary office assistants in the Veterans Service Office at Grade 1, Step 1. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Family Service Director Patrick Bruflat provided an update on the PrimeWest single-health plan contracts with the Department of Human Services. Motion by Commissioner Lopez, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the following resolution. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, PrimeWest Rural Minnesota Health Care Access Initiative, dba PrimeWest Health ("PrimeWest"), is a joint-powers entity, duly authorized by the Minnesota Department of Health, and to be comprised of twenty-four Minnesota counties—Beltrami County, Big Stone County, Chippewa County, Clearwater County, Cottonwood County, Douglas County, Grant County, Hubbard County, Jackson County, Kandiyohi County, Lac qui Parle County, Lincoln

County, Lyon County, McLeod County, Meeker County, Nobles County, Pipestone County, Pope County, Redwood County, Renville County, Stevens County, Swift County, Traverse County, and Yellow Medicine County (“the Counties”); and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County (“the County”) is one of the twenty-four Counties that has agreed to authorize PrimeWest to act on its behalf through a joint powers agreement under Minn. Stat. § 471.59;

WHEREAS, the County elected, through PrimeWest, to purchase health care services on behalf of persons within the County eligible for Health Care Services for Families and Children through Prepaid Medical Assistance (MA) and MinnesotaCare, as well as persons eligible for Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO)/Minnesota Senior CarePlus (MSC+);

WHEREAS, consistent with Minn. Stat. § 256B.69 and Minn. Stat. § 256B.692, the County informed the Department of Human Services that the County had selected PrimeWest to purchase health care services for eligible persons within the County. The County also desired that PrimeWest be selected as the single plan for both MA and MSHO/MSC+ to serve all persons within the County as allowed under federal and state law starting on January 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, on or around July 25, 2019, the Department of Human Services notified the County that PrimeWest was not invited to contract to provide services as the single plan for all persons within the County who are eligible to participate in the MA or MSHO/MSC+ programs;

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services has offered no explanation for its decision not to select PrimeWest as the single health plan, and the Department of Human Services has identified no evidence that the Commissioner of Human Services considered contracting with PrimeWest on a single-health plan basis as required by Minn. Stat. § 256B.694;

WHEREAS, the County strongly disagrees with the Department of Human Services’ decision not to select PrimeWest as the single health plan for both MA and MSHO/MSC+ in the County as allowed by federal and state law and, to the extent PrimeWest has not been selected as the single health plan both MA and MSH/MSC+ in the County, the County seeks to pursue all action necessary to challenge the Department of Human Services’ decision;

WHEREAS, to the extent the Department of Human Services did not select PrimeWest as the single health plan for both MA and MSHO/MSC+ within the County as allowed by federal and state law, the County wishes to retain Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP as outside legal counsel to pursue legal and/or administrative action challenging that decision.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The County of Chippewa (“the County”) retains the law firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen, PLLP for purposes of challenging any decision by the Department of Human Services not to contract with PrimeWest on a single-health plan basis within the County.

2. The County expressly authorizes Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP to communicate with the Department of Human Services on behalf of the County to request and pursue mediation under Minn. Stat. Chapter 256B, to appear on the County's behalf at any mediation or administrative proceeding, and, if necessary, to pursue litigation on behalf of the County to challenge the Department of Human Services' decision.

Mr. Bruflat updated the Board on a number of personnel items related to Family Services. Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the following personnel actions. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

1. Accept the resignation of Social Service Supervisor Debbie Stoeckman effective August 1, 2019.
2. Authorize advertising for the social service supervisor position retroactive to July 17, 2019.
3. Appoint Megan Lynne, Developmental Disabilities Social Worker, to replace Morgan Roiger as a Child Protection Social Worker effective July 29, 2019 under Section 12.04 of the Labor Agreement.
4. Authorize advertising for the developmental disabilities social worker position retroactive to July 24, 2019.
5. Rescind the previous job offer to Brandi Ehmcke for the Child Protection Social Worker position effective July 29, 2019.
6. Appoint Brandi Ehmcke as the Developmental Disabilities Social Worker at Grade 8, Step 2 effective August 7, 2019.

Ms. May presented two quotes for replacing a portion of the Courthouse roof. The quotes were \$49,230.00 from Buttweiler's Do-All, Inc. and \$54,436.31 from West Central Roofing. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Dahlvang to award the low quote to Buttweiler's Do-All for roof replacement. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A quote was presented from French Glass & Specialty, Inc. for \$57,770.00 to replace the windows along the North and East side of the Courthouse with options to include the venting style windows at an additional cost. A second quote was requested but none were received. Motion by Commissioner Dahlvang, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to award the quote to French Glass and authorize the replacement of the venting windows where currently located and add venting windows in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

IT Director Terry Ocaña submitted a request to purchase firewall support services for \$3,000.00 from Emergent Systems Exchange. Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Dahlvang to approve the purchase. 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/ David Lieser
Chairman of the Board

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