

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota and via Skype due to COVID-19 health pandemic. Commissioners present were David Lieser, David Nordaune, Matt Gilbertson, Candice Jaenisch, and Bill Pauling.

Commissioners Lieser, Nordaune, and Gilbertson welcomed newly elected Commissioner Jaenisch and Commissioner Pauling to the Board.

Commissioner Lieser nominated David Nordaune as Board Chair. Commissioner Gilbertson called for other nominations. Commissioner Lieser moved to cease all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Nordaune, second by Bill Pauling. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Gilbertson passed the gavel to Commissioner Nordaune.

Commissioner Gilbertson nominated David Lieser as Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Nordaune called for other nominations. Commissioner Gilbertson moved to cease all nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Lieser, second by Candice Jaenisch. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Nordaune requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. Commissioner Gilbertson requested to add discussion of drainage assessments to the end of the agenda. Commissioner Lieser moved, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

County Attorney Matt Haugen updated the Board on activities in the Attorney's Office during the month of December.

Each Commissioner gave a report of meetings attended during the month of December.

The Board reviewed and assigned Committee appointments for the calendar year of 2021.

County Engineer Jeremy Gilb met before the Board to provide an update on highway projects. Mr. Gilb presented a request for final acceptance and payment on projects SAP 012-601-022, 012-602-026, 012-606-013, 012-613-029, 012-620-006, 012-630-022, 012-631-001 for the final payment amount of \$251,859.72 to Central Specialties, Inc. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Lieser to approve the final payment. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilb presented a resolution authorizing the Engineer to perform various administrative functions for the operation of the County Highway Department. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the resolution for 2021. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

IT Director Terry Ocana provided an update of County IT projects.

The Board, Drainage Inspector Josh Macziewski, and ATC May discussed the process of drainage assessments versus liens and County ditch account balances. The Board instructed Mr. Macziewski and Ms. May to reach out to impacted landowners prior to the receipt of property tax statements to provide additional information regarding assessments, balances, and past and future drainage projects.

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

- Approve the minutes of the December 29, 2020 special meeting
- Award the 2021 legal newspaper bid to Clara City Herald and designate the County website for official publication of highway bids under MN Statute 331A.12

Approve the 2021 regular board meeting dates  
Approve credit cards for Candice Jaenisch and Bill Pauling

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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

(Auditor's Seal)