

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were David Lieser, Matt Gilbertson, David Nordaune, Candice Jaenisch, and Bill Pauling.

Commissioner Lieser called the meeting to order and requested any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Gilbertson moved, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

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

County Engineer Jeremy Gilb met before the Board to provide an update on highway projects. Mr. Gilb presented construction bids on SAP 012-612-009 and SAP 012-612-010 with the low bid at \$757,052.50 from Riley Brothers Construction, Inc. Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to award the project to Riley Brothers Construction. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilb presented a maintenance agreement with the City of Milan for CSAH 21. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the maintenance agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board and Mr. Gilb discussed seasonal projects and staffing level. A recommendation was presented to hire a seasonal engineering tech to assist during the summer. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to authorize Mr. Gilb to hire an Engineering Tech position. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilb updated the Board on construction projects and professional services required for planning. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Nordaune to authorize Mr. Gilb to enter in a professional services contract for geotechnical engineering services. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Attorney Matt Haugen updated the Board on activities in the Attorney's Office during the month of January. The Board and Attorney Haugen discussed language barriers in certain cases and how the Attorney's Office is handling that.

Sheriff Derek Olson met before the Board to provide an update on activities in the Jail and Sheriff's Office during the month of January. Sheriff Olson presented the State Snowmobile Grant for \$3,916.00. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the grant agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Librarian Larissa Schwenk updated the Board on activities at the libraries in Chippewa County over the last year and answered questions regarding funding and future projects.

Land Resource Director Scott Williams updated the Board on the purchase of 51-acres of land for future County park project. Mr. Williams requested authorization to hire professional appraisal services for the 51-acres. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Nordaune to authorize Mr. Williams to spend up to \$5,000 for appraiser services. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 regular meeting

Set County Board of Appeal for June 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Approve hire of Eligibility Worker

Authorize the advertisement of seasonal Ag./Drainage positions

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

All Traffic Solutions Inc	\$17,928.00
Cee Vi Task Force	69,289.00
Marco Technologies	2,728.23
Midwest Playscapes Inc	2,851.07
Milan/City Of	2,130.00
Onsolve Intermediate Holding Company	6,642.00
West Central Communication Inc	6,915.55
Western Area City County Cooperative	2,838.14
Vendor payments less than \$2,000	18,218.61
Final Total:	\$129,540.60

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Chippewa County Wellness Committee presented activities and participation during 2021 and planned events for 2022.

Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Michelle May updated the Board on activities in the A/T Office.

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

(Auditor's Seal)