

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were David Lieser, David Nordaune, Matt Gilbertson, Candice Jaenisch, and Bill Pauling.

Commissioner Nordaune requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator (ATC) Michelle May requested to add the Clara City Per Capita EDA request to the Consent Agenda and remove the Veterans Service Temp help from the regular agenda. Commissioner Gilbertson moved, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The Board toured the Chippewa County Jail, Sheriff's Office and other areas of the Courthouse.

County Engineer Jeremy Gilb met before the Board to provide an update on activities in the Highway department. The Board and Mr. Gilb discussed the ROW plat 21-1 of CSAH 15 approved at the February 2nd meeting. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Lieser to approve Resolution 2021-01 for the CSAH 15 plat. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilb presented an amendment to the County's contract with Widseth Smith Nolting for bridge engineering services at an additional cost of \$26,450.00. Motion by Commissioner Lieser, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the contract amendment. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed dust control quotes received by the Engineer's Office on February 19, 2021. Mr. Gilb recommended the low quote of \$72,052.93 to Knife River. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to award the dust control contract to the low quote from Knife River. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilb presented pavement marking quotes received by the Engineer's Office on February 19th. Two quotes were received with the low quote coming from AAA Striping Service for \$64,397.54. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to award the quote to AAA Striping Service. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Pauling to close the public meeting under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 subd. 3 (c) to discuss right of way property located along CSAH 15. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

License Bureau Director Alice McColley met before the Board and provided an update on operations within the License Bureau.

Ag./Drainage Inspector Josh Macziewski updated the Board on upcoming joint ditch redeterminations with Kandiyohi, Swift, and Renville Counties. Mr. Macziewski presented a quote for a GIS license to be used in his office and to be paid from County buffer aid. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the purchase of a license from ESRI for \$5,828.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Macziewski requested to hire three seasonal workers for the summer. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to authorize the hiring of three temporary, seasonal workers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

IT Director Terry Ocaña and HR Specialist Vonnie Erickson presented a new Temporary Telework Policy and Request Form for Board consideration. The policies were recommended by the IT Committee. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the County Telework Policy. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

An amendment was presented to the County’s Permanent Telecommuting Policy to document the telecommuting arrangement is not to be used for supplementing dependent childcare. Motion by Commissioner Lieser, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve the amendment to the Telecommuting Policy. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ATC May presented recommendations for awarding business relief grants to local businesses. Due to the volume of applications, overall grant awards were reduced by 25% to stay closer to the \$250,000 funds provided by the State of Minnesota. The total grant recommendation totaled \$251,500 with the remaining \$1,500 coming from County reserves. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Pauling to approve a 25% reduction of awards to eligible applicants as noted on file with the Auditor/Treasurer’s Office. Motion passed by majority vote with Commissioner Nordaune abstaining from the vote.

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

Approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting

Approve the gambling permit for the Chippewa County Pheasants Forever

Approve the Clara City Per Capita EDA Request

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

Ag Water Management	\$6,072.50
Anoka County Human Services	4,000.00
BMC Software Inc	2,716.78
Chappell Central Inc	2,039.91
Evergreen Land Services Co	8,061.44
H & L Mesabi Company	18,441.57
Hillyard-Hutchinson	2,616.46
Jacobs/Joe	2,040.00
Liftoff Llc	62,974.80
Marco Technologies	3,996.76
MSOP	9,137.25
Ratwik Roszak & Maloney Pa	4,315.60
Renville County Treasurer	13,738.97
Vendor payments less than \$2,000	24,841.78
Final Total:	151,782.53

Each Commissioner gave an update of meetings attended during the month of February. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Michelle May provided an update on activities in the Auditor/Treasurer’s 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 Nordaune
Chairman of the Board

(Auditor’s Seal)