

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 17, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were Matt Gilbertson, Candice Jaenisch, David Lieser, and David Nordaune. Commissioner Bill Pauling was absent.

Commissioner Lieser called the meeting to order and requested any changes to the agenda. Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator (ATC) Michelle May requested to remove the Absentee and Mail Ballot Board Resolution from the Consent Agenda. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Joe Caruso from Summit Carbon Solutions presented on a proposed carbon pipeline through Chippewa County from area ethanol plants to North Dakota for long-term storage. The Board gathered information about the project and asked questions. No action was taken.

County Engineer Jeremy Gilb presented a contract with Yellow Medicine County for engineering services. Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the contract. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilb explained the County's current Master Partnership Contract (MPC) with Minnesota Department of Transportation which will expire on June 30, 2022. Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the MPC resolution and agreement for contract renewal. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilb updated the Board on other activities in the Highway Department including upcoming road projects, storm clean up, summer dust control and trail projects.

Sheriff Derek Olson and Emergency Manager Stephanie Weick updated the Board on recent storm damage around the County. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to pass a resolution declaring a state of emergency in Chippewa County for the storms from May 8th – 12th. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Maintenance Supervisor Joey Buseman and Sheriff Olson updated the Board on the proposed courtroom security upgrades and grant expenditures. The Board reviewed quotes from contractors. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the quote from Peters Construction for \$39,350.00 for courtroom construction and \$34,675.07 for key fob door locks from TCH Company. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

HR Generalist Molly Barborek presented a resolution for an employee referral program to help with recruitment efforts for county positions. Motion by Commissioner Nordaune, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the resolution for referral program. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Assessor Bonnie Crosby and ATC May presented a request for property tax abatement on parcels 30-988-0001, 40-988-0001, 50-988-0001, 70-988-0001, and 90-988-0004 owned Northern States Power Co. for duplication of market value on distribution lines. Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to approve the property tax abatement for 2022. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ATC May presented a quote from ESRI for ArcGIS maintenance and license renewals for \$10,816.25. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the ESRI quote and authorize payment. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ATC May updated the Board on fleet cards for county vehicles, election activities, insurance claims for recent storm damage, and other updates.

Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Nordaune to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 3, 2022

Approve the CCFs Board meeting on April 19, 2022

Appoint Joanna Klinghagen to the County Extension Committee

Accept the Saron Lutheran Church Quilt Donation

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

Brookside Senior Living	4,564.80
Cenex	4,617.72
Environmental Systems Research Inst	10,816.25
Farmers Coop Oil Company	3,793.53
Govconnection Inc	11,552.88
Helping Hands For Hire	2,127.58
Klein Mccarthy Architects	11,573.40
Mend Correctional Care	2,806.02
Montevideo/City Of	10,000.00
Pioneerland Library System	50,939.25
Renville Soil & Water Conservation Dist	3,836.01
Tostenson Inc	24,956.32
Vendor payments less than \$2,000	25,221.83
Final Total:	\$166,805.59

Family Services Director Lisa Schultz, Social Services Supervisor Becky Deterling, and Fiscal Supervisor Jennifer Kolp met before the Board to provide an update on activities in Family Services including the upcoming mock car crash, fundraising events, Mental Health Walk, chemical use assessment services, and other activities.

Ag./Drainage Inspector Josh Macziewski updated the Board on county drainage issues on County Ditch 36A and options for resolving localized flooding and potential repairs to the system. The Board directed Mr. Macziewski to pump the water from the flooded area and discuss options with impacted landowners for long-term repairs to the situation. Mr. Macziewski also updated the Board on cleaning along County Ditch 23 and potential rip rap for use along County Ditch 22.

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)