

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of Chippewa County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. in the Courthouse in Montevideo, Minnesota. Commissioners present were David Nordaune, David Lieser, 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 a payment to Randi's Stitch & Screen for \$198.00 to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gilbertson moved, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

County Engineer Jeremy Gilb met before the Board to provide updates on activities in the Road & Bridge Department. The Board discussed the implementation of a Road Closure Permit Form and authorized Mr. Gilb to move forward with the form and authorizing road closures under his discretion. The Board received an update on dust control, chip sealing projects, new snowplows, and building insurance claim. Mr. Gilb updated the Board on CSAH 7 road damage caused by MNDOT hauling during road restrictions, CSAH 15 and 30 construction, and moving permit changes.

County Ag./Drainage Inspector Josh Macziewski updated the Board on drainage issues along County Road 15 and Highway 7 from the County slough. Mr. Macziewski recommended a meeting with parties impacted by this issue including the DNR, DOT, City of Montevideo, and County representatives to discuss cleaning the drainage pipes and ditches.

Mr. Macziewski presented a quote from Van Heuvelen General Contracting regarding the cleaning of a portion of County Ditch #9 at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Lieser to authorize the hiring of Van Heuvelen for cleaning along County Ditch #9.

Mr. Macziewski also updated the Board on FEMA drainage projects and utilizing ISG as the engineering firm as needed.

The Board and IT Director Terry Ocaña discussed broadband concerns around the County, as well as the ongoing development of challenges and opportunities for a broadband development project in Chippewa County.

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

Approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 regular meeting

Approve the 2021-2022 LELS Union Contract

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

Brookside Senior Living	4,092.00
Brouwer Construction Llc	12,168.74
Cenex	12,460.63
Ervin Construction Llc	11,213.30
Farmers Coop Oil Company	4,710.98
Marco Technologies	2,337.75
Mediation Center Inc	4,312.50
Mend Correctional Care	2,751.00
Midwest Machinery Co	2,000.00
Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc	2,003.25
Pioneerland Library System	50,939.25
Sw Recycling	7,065.00

Swift County - Treasurer	5,151.54
Tostenson Inc	21,504.46
Vendor payments less than \$2,000	23,555.44
Final Total:	<b>166,265.84</b>

Additional Accounts Payable:  
Randi's Stitch & Screen \$198.00

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Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Lieser to pass a resolution to authorize JoAnn Blomme, Environmental Technician, to submit a proposal with the MPCA to conduct the Chippewa Countywide Septic System Upgrades II Project and authorize septic loans with a 1% annual interest rate. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Maintenance Supervisor Joey Buseman presented a quote from Chappell Central for installing three 24" relief hoods and control dampers on the Courthouse HVAC system at a cost of \$25,666.00. Motion by Commissioner Gilbertson, second by Commissioner Lieser to approve the quote from Chappell Central. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Jaenisch, second by Commissioner Gilbertson to enter a closed session to conduct an annual performance review of Land Resource Director Scott Williams. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Motion by Commissioner Pauling, second by Commissioner Jaenisch to accept the satisfactory performance evaluation of Mr. Williams and authorize a step increase to Grade 11, step 11 effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Assessor Bonnie Crosby and Sr. Deputy Tammy Mortenson met before the Board to provide an update on the local board of appeal and equalization meetings, as well as educate the Board on the County Board of Appeal and Equalization process.

The Board recessed to conduct the County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. Following the meeting, the Board reconvened the regular County Board meeting.

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

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