

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2017

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners' Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, in the Small Courtroom, Wadena County Courthouse, 415 South Jefferson Street, Wadena, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Chairperson Hillukka and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were Commissioners: Sheldon Monson, William Stearns, Jim Hofer and Chuck Horsager, County Attorney; Kyra Ladd, County Engineer; Ryan Odden, Solid Waste Director; Tammy Ehrmantraut, Human Service Administrative Services Supervisor; Pam Jenson, Human Service Accounting Technician; Brenda Schwartz, Elections Coordinator; Joy Weyer, WCETA Director, Mark Hanson, *Wadena Pioneer Journal* reporter, Brian Hansel, *Sebeka/Menahga Review Messenger* reporter, Matthew B. Johnson.

In the absence of A/T Taves, Joy Weyer was clerking the meeting.

Amend/Approve Day's Agenda: Moved by Commissioner Monson, seconded by Commissioner Hofer to accept today's agenda items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Horsager, seconded by Commissioner Monson to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- Approve the Minutes from the 10-24-17 Board meeting
- Approve the second half allocation for Wadena County Historical Society of \$8000.
- Approve the second half allocation for Kitchigami Regional Library of \$45,881.50.
- Approve the unpaid leave request for probationary employee #867 in Public Health.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2018-2019 County MFIP Biennial Service Agreement: Pam Jenson was present to speak about the service agreement that the county has with Minnesota Family Investment Program. Moved by Commissioner Hofer, seconded by Commissioner Horsager to accept this service agreement in the amount of \$263,939 for 2018-2019. Motion carried unanimously.

2018-Rural MN-CEP Contract: Pam Jenson spoke about the contract with MN-CEP. Nothing has changed except the dates and amounts from last year. Moved by Commissioner Monson, seconded by Commissioner Horsager to accept the contract in the amount of \$218,939. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 Innovation Fund Grant Opportunities: Mark Hanson was present to request that Wadena County put some money towards a feasibility study of building an event center in Wadena. The Initiative Foundation has pledged \$2500 in funds and he was looking for funds from other entities as well. The Commissioners asked if the City of Wadena was putting funds to this project. So far they have not

agreed to fund this, so the Commissioners felt that until the City of Wadena comes forth with its financial approval, the county will not agree to put any money into this now.

Perimeter Fence at Solid Waste Transfer Station: Ryan Odden and Tammy Ehrmantraut presented the bids received for the perimeter fence of the Solid Waste Transfer Station. The County would like to be good neighbors and so Tammy was instructed to keep watch of any debris that is getting onto the adjoining properties. Motion by Commissioner Monson, seconded by Commissioner Hofer to accept the low bid from Oberg Fence Co. in the amount of \$46,984.00 to be erected yet this year if possible. Motion carried unanimously.

Lean To on Cold Storage Shed: Ryan Odden presented the bids that were received for building a lean to on the west side of the Highway Department Shed for storage of equipment out of the elements. Moved by Commissioner Horsager, seconded by Commissioner Stearns to approve construction of the 12' x 72' lean to onto the Highway Department shed by O.K. Building and Design, Inc. in the amount of \$6,846.02. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Engineering Room Remodel: Ryan Odden presented the only bid received for the remodel of the highway engineering room. Motion by Commissioner Monson to accept the bid from O.K. Building and Design, Inc. in the amount of \$17,434.95 with Highway Engineer, Ryan Odden negotiating a reduction in the price for work that the Transit department did on a leaking window that had been included in the original bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Monson: Nothing to Report

Commissioner Hillukka: Nothing to Report

Commissioner Hofer: 11/8 Budget Committee Meeting, 11/9 NJPA with Mike Wilson, 11/9 Old Wadena Board Meeting, 11/13 Extension Meeting

Commissioner Stearns: 11/8 Tri-County Board of Health at NJPA in Staples,

Commissioner Horsager: 11/8 Budget Committee, 11/13 Extension Meeting, 11/13 Wellness in the Woods, 11/13 Wadena County Fair Board

Moved by Commissioner Monson, seconded by Commissioner Hofer to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Joy E. Weyer
Elections Coordinator

Dave Hillukka
Chairperson Wadena County Commissioners