

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2022

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners' Meeting was held on January 4, 2022 in the Wadena City Council Chambers, 222 2nd St. SE, Wadena, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Ryan Odden and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Commissioners Murlyn Kreklau, Sheldon Monson, Mike Weyer, Bill Stearns, Jon Kangas, County Attorney Kyra Ladd, County Coordinator Ryan Odden via Zoom, IT Director David Hotchkiss, County Engineer Darin Fellbaum, Chief Deputy Joe Schoon, Public Health Director Cindy Pederson via Zoom, Election Coordinator Joy Weyer, *Review Messenger* reporter Matthew Johnson, *Independent News Herald/Verndale Sun* reporter Trinity Gruenberg via Zoom.

Ryan Odden was asked to clerk the meeting via Zoom. He called for the first board meeting of the year to begin.

Election of the Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: Ryan Odden called for nominations for the Board Chairperson for 2022. Commissioner Kreklau nominated Jon Kangas as the Board Chairperson for 2022. There were no other nominations made. Roll call vote: Stearns – aye, Kreklau – aye, Monson- aye, Weyer-aye, Kangas-aye. Carried 5-0. Commissioner Stearns said that in the past the board has rotated the Commissioners for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson so that each person can be the Chairperson.

Amend/Approve the Day's Agenda: Commissioner Monson stated he would have to leave at 9:30 am. Commissioner Kreklau wanted added at 17.1 a Discussion on Committee Study. Chairperson Kangas wanted to discuss the need for a resolution to set salary for elected positions at 17.2. Moved by Commissioner Weyer, seconded by Commissioner Kreklau to accept the agenda with the two additions. Motion carried.

Recognition of Interested Citizens: None present today.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Kreklau asked about the warrants that he is not sure what they are for. He wonders if there is a way for the Commissioners to find out what they are for. Commissioner Monson said that he would email the department heads when he had questions about some of the disbursements to see what the charges are for.

Moved by Commissioner Weyer, seconded by Commissioner Stearns to approve the following consent agenda items: