

## WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners' Meeting was held on February 8, 2022 in the Wadena County Court House, 415 Jefferson St. S. Wadena, Minnesota lower level Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairperson Kangas and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and no formal board actions will be taken.

Present were: Commissioners Jon Kangas, Murlyn Kreklau, Sheldon Monson, Mike Weyer, Bill Stearns, County Coordinator Ryan Odden, County Attorney Kyra Ladd, County Auditor/Treasurer Heather Olson, IT Director Dave Hotchkiss, Chief Deputy Joe Schoon, *Review Messenger* reporter Matt Johnson, *Wadena Pioneer Journal* reporter Rebecca Mitchell and *Independent News Herald/Verndale Sun* reporter Trinity Gruenberg.

**Amend/Approve the Day's Agenda:** Commissioner Kreklau would like to add ADU presentation information at 12.1. Motion by Commissioner Kreklau, seconded by Commissioner Weyer to approve the agenda with the addition at 12.1 for an update on the ADU presentation. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition of Interested Citizens:** None present today.

**Snow Plow Safety Program:** There was discussion on a possible Snow Plow Safety Program to go to the local schools. This will be added to the 3-1-22 meeting.

**Tech Conference Room:** There was discussion the on the remodel of the area for the Tech Conference Room. This will be added to the area in the lower level of the Court House that has been vacant for a number of years. This will be brought back to the 2-15-22 meeting.

A break was taken at 10:01 am. Meeting reconvened at 10:07 am.

**Redistricting Information:** Heather Olson presented the redistricting dates for different jurisdictions. The County must wait until the State and Cities adopt their lines. The deadline for the county to redistrict the County Commissioner Districts is April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The population count from the 2020 Census will make it necessary to make some changes to the Commissioner Districts to comply with Minnesota Statutes. This will be discussed further at future meetings and some Public Hearings need to be held to discuss the changes that will need to be made.

**Process of Establishing Appointed Offices:** Ryan Odden presented the information on the process of establishing of Appointed Offices. With the current Recorder filing a letter stating that she will not be seeking reelection to the office, this is a good time to look into this. By consensus it was decided to bring this to the next meeting to decide whether to proceed with this.