

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MARCH 1, 2022

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners' Meeting was held on March 1, 2022 in the Wadena City Council Chambers, 222 2nd St. SE, Wadena, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 9:13 am by Chairperson Kangas and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Chief Deputy Joe Schoon, IT Director David Hotchkiss, County Engineer Darin Fellbaum via Zoom, Human Services Administrative Services Supervisor Amie Gendron via Zoom, Sheriff Detective Amy Lane via Zoom, Public Health Director Erica Keppers via Zoom, Community Corrections Kathy Langer via Zoom, Community Corrections Sara Urbach via Zoom, County Assessor Lee Brekke via Zoom, County Recorder Soledad Henriksen via Zoom, via Zoom, Sheriff Mike Carr via Zoom, *Review Messenger* reporter Matt Johnson, *Wadena Pioneer Journal* reporter Rebecca Mitchell via Zoom and *Independent News Herald/Verndale Sun* reporter via Zoom.

Amend/Approve the day's Agenda: Ryan Odden and Commissioner Kreklau asked for some additions to the meeting - 13.1 Legislative Priorities and 13.2 Next step in ADU discussion. Moved by Commissioner Kreklau, seconded by Commissioner Weyer to approve the agenda with these additions at 13.1 Legislative Priorities and 13.2 Next step in ADU discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Interested Citizens: County Attorney Kyra Ladd addressed the board and gave information on the salaries of the County Attorneys around the state of Minnesota. She has been the County Attorney for the last 16 years. There are only 18 County Attorneys out of 87 that have more tenure than her. She reported that the average salary of all county attorneys in office both full and part time across the state of Minnesota is \$120,239.00 not including the counties that have Part Time County Attorneys. She stated that the salaries for the County Attorneys around the state are available and she provided the information today so that the board will be properly informed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Kreklau asked what TriMin was. It was explained that this is for computer programming that the different departments use in the county and the costs are divided between departments that use the programs. Commissioner Monson noted that the new hire was being paid at \$19.18 per hour and wonders if that is competitive with other jobs in the area. Moved by