The Wadena County Board of Commissioners’ Meeting was held on June 25, 2019 in the Small Courtroom, Wadena County Courthouse, 415 South Jefferson Street, Wadena, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Commissioner Stearns and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Commissioners Chuck Horsager, Sheldon Monson, Jim Hofer, Jon Kangas, County Coordinator/Engineer Ryan Odden, County Attorney Kyra Ladd, County Auditor/Treasurer Heather Olson, Chief Deputy Joe Schoon, Zoning Director Deana Malone, Human Service Director Tanya Leskey, Mike Willie, Kim Barse, Terry Davis, Karen Johnson, Dean Uselman, Brian Minnerath, Joel Beiswenger, Review Messenger reporter Matthew Johnson, Wadena Pioneer Journal reporter Michael Johnson and Independent New Herald reporter Trinity Gruenberg.

Amend/Approve the Day’s Agenda: Moved by Commissioner Monson, seconded by Commissioner Horsager to accept the day’s agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognize Citizen: Dean Uselman came to give his feelings on Tri-county Hospital purchasing the fairgrounds property. As a citizen he wants to see that the new hospital is retained within Wadena County. This will help with the property tax burden on the citizens of Wadena County.

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Kangas, seconded by Commissioner Horsager to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approve the Minutes from the 6-17-19 Meeting and the 6-17-19 Board of Equalization meeting.
- Approve the Warrants from: 5-23-19, 5-31-19, 6-7-19, US Bank 6-7-19, 6-14-19, 6-21-19 and 2nd one from 6-21-19 for a total of $1,216,896.37.
- Approve the Human Services Warrants from: 5-24-19-, 5-31-19, 6-7-19, 6-14-19 and 6-21-19 for a total of $41,328.06.
- Approve the donation of a pool table from an anonymous donor for the Hope Center with an estimated value of $250.00
- Approve the payment of the 1st Half Allocation for the Old Wadena Society of $1,250.00.
- Approve the contracts from 7-1-19 to 6-30-20 at $46.80 per hour for school nursing services plus additional cost for: 1. Freshwater Education District up to 60 hours, 2. Verndale Public Schools up to 300 hours, 3. Wadena Public Schools for up to 240 hours. The cost if all hours are used will be $28,080.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Horsager, seconded by Commissioner Hofer to approve the minutes from the 6-20-19 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Conditional Use Permit for Guy Schoon on PID #10.0093010.3035: Deana Malone and Brian Minnerath from Central Specialties presented the request for the Conditional Use Permit for an aggregate extraction and processing operation. This property was previously used as a gravel pit. Motion by Commissioner Monson, seconded by Commissioner Kangas to pass the following resolution:

Wadena County Board of Commissioners
A Resolution Establishing a Conditional Use

WHEREAS, Guy Schoon, has made an application for Conditional Use to operate an aggregate extraction and processing operation including crushing, screening, and storage of sand and gravel and recycled asphalt on his property located in Section 9, Township 137 North, Range 35 West, Red Eye Township, described as: the North Half of the SW14; and

WHEREAS, this use may be allowed in the specified Zoning District as a Conditional Use according to Section 7. C. 3 and in accordance with Section 15. D. of the Wadena County Zoning Ordinance #1; and

WHEREAS, a fully noticed Public Hearing was held on the application on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at the Wadena County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m., and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did due diligence in hearing the application and have made a recommendation to the Wadena County Board of Commissioners to approve the application with the following Findings of Fact:

1. The requested use will be compatible with the surrounding area and not significantly depreciate nearby properties because it is an existing use already and we have several gravel pits in the area in the rural areas of the county;
2. The requested use will not significantly depreciate nearby properties because it is an existing gravel pit and there are no structures or residential areas close to this property;
3. The establishment of the requested use will not impede the normal orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area because it is an existing pit and has been there for some time. There have been hardly any complaints in the past from that pit for truck traffic or anything else. They have a reclamation plan outlined in their application;
4. There are adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities being provided because according to the application, everything that has been requested by the county has been covered;
5. Adequate measures have been taken to provide off-street parking and loading/unloading space to serve the proposed use because the maps provided with the application packet indicate there is plenty of room on the property for trucks to get in and out;
6. Adequate measures are in place to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration so as not to constitute a nuisance, and measures are taken or in place to control lighted signs or other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result because as stated in the application they will be creating berms and digging down so there will be barriers and also stated in the application there is a plan for watering if needed for dust control;
7. The requested use is consistent with the Wadena County Land Use Control because it is an allowed use in that district as long as they apply for a conditional use permit and it is approved by the Board in accordance with Section 21 of the Zoning Ordinance; and
8. The requested use is not in conflict with the Wadena County Comprehensive Plan because it is an existing gravel pit and does help with economic development and also with travel with upgrading the road.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wadena County Board of Commissioners approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for issuance of the Conditional Use Permit for Guy Schoon to operate an aggregate extraction and processing operation including crushing, screening, and storage of sand and gravel and recycled asphalt on the above reference parcel with the following conditions:

1. That the plan submitted for the application will be the conditions for the duration of the existence of the Conditional Use permit on the property.

THE WADENA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF THE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has caused this resolution to be adopted this 25th day of June, 2019.

ATTEST: WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ryan Odden, County Coordinator  BY  Bill Stearns, Chairperson

Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Stearns abstaining from the vote.

Resolution for Request for Proposals for Managed Care: Tanya Leskey presented the request on the Proposals for Managed Care. She recommended that we go with Blue Plus. Commissioner Kangas questioned how the review team came to this recommendation. Tanya Leskey explained that this has been reviewed by the review team and it was determined to be the best option for Wadena County at this time. Moved by Commissioner Monson, seconded by Commissioner Hofer to pass the following resolution:

Wadena County Resolution

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has published a Request For Proposals (RFPs) to provide health care services to recipients of Families and Children and MinnesotaCare in eighty (80) Minnesota counties including Wadena County; and

WHEREAS, DHS has requested County evaluations and recommendations regarding the RFP proposals from each respective county; and
WHEREAS BlueCross BlueShield dba Blue Plus, Medica, and Ucare submitted proposals to provide managed health care services in Wadena County; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Wadena County Human Services have reviewed and evaluated the proposals; and

WHEREAS, BlueCross BlueShield dba Blue Plus have submitted a proposal suitable to meet our needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wadena County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendation of Wadena County Human Services approving Blue Plus as Managed Care Organization (MCO) providing managed health care services in Wadena County

Dated this 25th day of June 2019

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William Stearns
Wadena County Board of Commissioners Board Chair

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Hofer: 6-10-19 Todd Wadena Corrections Meeting, 6-11-19 Budget Committee, 6-12-19 AMC District 2 Meeting, 6-12-19 Kitchagami Budget Committee, 6-17-19 Board of Equalization, 6-17-19 Board Meeting, 6-20-19 Kitchagami Board, 6-24-19 CPT Board, 6-24-19 Budget Committee, 6-25-19 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Kangas: 6-11-19 Budget Committee, 6-12-19 Emergency Services Board, 6-14-19 AMC District Meeting, 6-17-19 Board of Equalization, 6-17-19 Board Meeting, 6-24-19 Solid Waste Committee, 6-24-19 Budget Committee, 6-25-19 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Horsager: 6-4-19 Septic Loan Review Committee, 6-4-19 Strategic Planning Committee, 6-5-19 Management Team, 6-6-19 Central Minnesota Council on Aging, 6-6-19 Red Eye Watershed, 6-7-19 Soil and Water Meeting, 6-10-19 Personnel Committee, 6-10-19 Fair Board, 6-11-19 Fair Board Master Planning, 6-12-19 Central Minnesota Council on Aging, 6-13-19 North Central Economic Development Association, 6-14-19 AMC District Meeting, 6-17-19 Board of Equalization, 6-17-19 Board Meeting, 6-20-19 Planning Commission Meeting, 6-25-19 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Monson: 6-5-19 Community Health Board, 6-6-19 Red Eye Watershed, 6-10-19 Todd Wadena Corrections, 6-11-19 Fair Board Master Planning, 6-11-19 Tri-county Hospital, 6-13-19 Representative Poston and Hospital Staff, 6-17-19 Board of Equalization, 6-17-19 Board Meeting, 6-17-19 Eagle Bend City Council meeting, 6-25-19 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Stearns: 6-4-19 Strategic Planning and Economic Development, 6-5-19 Community Health board, 6-5-19 Management Team, 6-6-19 SCHA Budget Committee, 6-11-19 Tri-county Hospital, and 6-13-19 Economic Development, 6-13-19 Representative Poston and Hospital Staff, 6-14-19 AMC District Meeting, 6-25-19 Board Meeting.
A break was taken at 9:49 am. The meeting reconvened at 10:05 am.

**Closed Session to Develop or Consider Offers or Counteroffers for the Purchase or Sale of Real or Personnel Property at 400 Ash Ave. NW and 1721 US Hwy 71, Wadena, MN 56482:** The closed session began at 10:05 am as permitted under Minnesota State Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3 (3) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property at 400 Ash Ave NW, and 1721 US Hwy 71, Wadena, MN 56482.

The meeting reopened at 11:06 am.

No offers were made to Tri-County Hospital.

Moved by Commissioner Monson, seconded by Commissioner Horsager to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 am. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ryan Odden,                                             Bill Stearns, Chairperson
Wadena County Coordinator/Engineer                       Wadena County Commissioners