

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SESSION HELD January 05, 2021  
9:00 AM WINONA COUNTY BOARD ROOM**

The Winona County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners Room and virtually on the above date with Commissioner Marie Kovecsi; Commissioner Marcia Ward; Commissioner Steve Jacob; Commissioner Greg Olson; Commissioner Chris Meyer; County Administrator Ken Fritz; County Attorney Karin Sonneman; Assistant County Attorney III Stephanie Nuttall; Finance Director Pat Moga; Assistant County Administrator/Personnel Director Maureen Holte; Health and Human Services Director Karen Sanness; Recorder Bob Bambenek; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Ward called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

On motion of Commissioner Ward to nominate Commissioner Jacob as County Board Chair. Failed due to lack of second.

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to nominate Commissioner Ward as County Board Chair. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Ward to nominate Commissioner Jacob as County Board Vice Chair. Failed due to lack of second.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to nominate Commissioner Meyer as County Board Vice Chair. Vote: Yes – 4; Abstain – 1 (Meyer).

Public comments were heard from Tina Lehnertz, Minnesota City, regarding Daley farm; Bonnie Hammick, 805 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., regarding the Winona County Jail.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to approve the County Board minutes dated December 22, 2020. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to acknowledge the Planning Commission minutes dated September 17, 2020. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the following Consent Business:

Approve Conditional Use Permit for Michael and Tamara Heim to Allow Dwelling on Less Than 40 Acres.

Approve Funding Request for Lidar Project.

Approve Minnesota COVID-19 Business Relief Fund Distribution Agreement with Winona Area Chamber of Commerce.

Award Bid and Approve Contract for 2021 Official Newspaper.

Approve Minnesota Department of Health Community Health Board Grant Project Agreement for COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccination Planning.

Approve Renewal of Purchase Contract with Driftless Region Vector Control LLC for Mosquito Abatement Services.

Approve Renewal of Purchase of Service Agreement with Thomas Allen, Incorporated for General Case Management - Waiver Funded Services to Vulnerable Children and Adults.

Approve Renewal of Purchase of Service Agreement with Thomas Allen, Incorporated for Guardianship/Conservator Services.

Approve Renewal of Purchase of Service Agreement for Semi-Independent Living Services with Home and Community Options, Inc.

Approve Resolution for Prioritized Bridge Replacement List.

**RESOLUTION #2021-001**

Prioritized Bridge Replacement List

WHEREAS, Winona County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal supplied by local citizenry and local units of government and has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Winona County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available.

	<b>Old Bridge Number</b>	<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Proposed Construction Year</b>
1	85507	CSAH 30	County	2020
2	85502	CSAH 5	County	2021
3	85503	CSAH 26	County	2021
4	R0632	Runaway Rd	New Hartford Twp	2021
5	85513	CSAH 27	County	2022
6	L1317	CSAH 7	County	2022
7	L1429	Arches Rd	Warren Twp	2022
8	4649	CSAH 15	County	2023
9	91478	CSAH 31	County	2023
10	L2481	Willow Road	City of Elba	2023
11	85508	CSAH 30	County	2024
12	92814	CR 111	County	2024
13	4649	CSAH 15	County	2025

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Winona County hereby requests authorization to replace, rehabilitate or remove such bridges and requests financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges and smaller city bridges as provided by law.

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

Designate Publication of Transportation Projects on County Website.

Approve Revisions to Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy 2.04.

Approve Contract with Ehlers to Provide Arbitrage Monitoring for 2020A Bond.

Approve Write-Off of Uncollectible Accounts.

Confirm Payment of Disbursements.

<b>12/15/20 - 12/29/20</b>		
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 325,737.91</b>
<b>1</b>		

2	<b>Recycling &amp; Solid Waste Fund</b>	\$ 110,010.21
3	<b>Road and Bridge</b>	\$ 102,838.72
4	<b>Transportation Sales Tax</b>	\$ 916.91
5	<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>	\$ 532,592.50
7	<b>Road and Bridge State Aid</b>	\$ 347,009.56
37	<b>Jail Fund</b>	\$ 500.50
42	<b>Capital Improve &amp; Equip Fund</b>	\$ 119,343.86
69	<b>CARES ACT (COVID) #21.019</b>	\$ 9,223.64
76	<b>Employee Benefit</b>	\$ 7,529.82
82	<b>Misc Taxes Fund</b>	\$ 2,990.26
83	<b>State Revenue Fund</b>	\$ 172,754.37
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,731,448.26</b>

375 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000  
totaling \$165,519.60

Vote: Yes – 5.

Received Update from County Recorder Bob Bambenek.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to reappoint Robert Redig to Board of Adjustments. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to appoint Jordan Potter and Don Evanson to Board of Adjustments.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to amend the motion to appoint Jordan Potter to Board of Adjustments. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 2 (Kovecsi, Olson).

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to appoint Kelsey Fitzgerald to Board of Adjustments. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1 (Jacob).

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to reappoint Dr. Ruth Charles and Andrew Kranz to Health and Human Services Advisory. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to appoint Timothy Hopkins to Health and Human Services Advisory. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to appoint Jeff E. Larson to Economic Development Authority. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to reappoint Sidney Greden to Extension. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to appoint Ann Lubinski to Extension. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to reappoint Dale Hadler, John Howard, and Matthew Neil to Parks and Environment Advisory. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to appoint Don Evanson to Parks and Environment Advisory. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1 (Kovecsi).

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to appoint James T. Spartz to Parks and Environment Advisory. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to appoint Amanda Gentry to Parks and Environment Advisory. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob, to reappoint Patrick Byron, Lynn Carlson, Kelly Stange and appoint Arlie Herber and Lewis Reiman to Planning Commission. Failed due to lack of second.

By consensus of the County Board, approved postponing the Planning Commission appointments until the January 12, 2021 County Board meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Approve Future Agenda Item to Discuss Respectful Workplace Policy at the January 12, 2021 County Board meeting. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1 (Jacob).

Discussed and Provided Direction for Gathering Information for Social and Criminal Justice Services.

Received Monthly Finance and Budget Update for November 2020 from Finance Director Pat Moga.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to adjourn the County Board meeting at 10:28 a.m. Vote: Yes – 5.

**WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Marcia L. Ward*

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Board Chair

Attest:

*Ken Fritz*

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Kenneth J. Fritz, County Administrator