

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SESSION HELD January 12, 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; Health and Human Services Director Karen Sanness; County Engineer Dave Kramer; Planning and Environmental Services Director Kay Qualley; Water Resource Planner Sheila Harmes; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Ward called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

No public comments were heard.

On motion of Commissioner Kovecsi and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the County Board minutes dated January 5, 2021. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to acknowledge the Extension minutes dated March 12, 2020. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to acknowledge the Extension minutes dated July 28, 2020. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to acknowledge the Extension minutes dated September 10, 2020. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to acknowledge the Road and Bridge minutes dated August 18, 2020. Vote: Yes – 5.

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

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

Adopt Driveway Approach Paving Policy.

Approve Application for MN Dept of Agriculture Grant for Stone Point Community Gardens Deer Fencing.

Approve Lease for 30 S. Liberty Street.

Accept Certificate of Performance and Authorize Final Payment for SAP 085-641-002.

Approve Resolution to Acquire Right-of-Way for CSAH 30.

**RESOLUTION #2021-002**

Acquire Land Right-of-Way on CSAH 30

WHEREAS, the Winona County Highway Department proposes to acquire land along the existing right of way of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 30 for the purpose of reconstruction of the existing roadway, located from the junction of CSAH 31 to approximately 1.5 mile west; and

WHEREAS, the project will require additional land along the existing right-of-way in order to construct and maintain the project and is necessary to provide for public health, welfare, safety and convenience; and

WHEREAS, the necessary lands for the furtherance of the project are more particularly described in Winona County Highway Right-of-Way Plat No. 2030, constructed in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 160.085.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Winona County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Highway Engineer to proceed to acquire said lands in accordance with Minnesota Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those lands as described above which cannot be acquired by direct negotiations, shall be acquired by eminent domain and the County Board hereby requests the County Attorney to file the necessary petition therefore and to prosecute such action to a successful conclusion or until it is abandoned, dismissed or terminated by the District Court.

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

Approve Resolution to Acquire Right-of-Way for CSAH 25.

**RESOLUTION #2021-003**

**Acquire Land Right-of-Way on CSAH 25**

WHEREAS, the Winona County Highway Department proposes to acquire land along the existing right of way of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 25 for the purpose of reconstruction of the existing roadway, located from the junction of CSAH 12 at Wyattville to one mile west; and

WHEREAS, the project will require additional land along the existing right-of-way in order to construct and maintain the project and is necessary to provide for public health, welfare, safety and convenience; and

WHEREAS, the necessary lands for the furtherance of the project are more particularly described in Winona County Highway Right-of-Way Plat No. 13025, constructed in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 160.085.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Winona County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Highway Engineer to proceed to acquire said lands in accordance with Minnesota Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those lands as described above which cannot be acquired by direct negotiations, shall be acquired by eminent domain and the County Board hereby requests the County Attorney to file the necessary petition therefore and to prosecute such action to a successful conclusion or until it is abandoned, dismissed or terminated by the District Court.

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

Appoint Winona County Regional Railroad Authority Board of Commissioners.

Approve Pay Equity Implementation Report.

Confirm Payment of Disbursements.

12/30/2020 - 01/05/2021		
Fund		
1	Revenue	\$ 807,463.60
2	Recycling & Solid Waste Fund	\$ 3,749.70
3	Road and Bridge	\$ 198,314.09
5	Health & Human Services	\$ 288,545.94
7	Road and Bridge State Aid	\$ 10,331.25

37	<b>Jail Fund</b>	<b>\$ 455,000.00</b>
71	<b>H.C. Garvin Fund</b>	<b>\$ 132.00</b>
76	<b>Employee Benefit</b>	<b>\$ 77,030.87</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,840,567.45</b>

54 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000  
totaling \$30,495.83

Vote: Yes – 5.

Commissioner Ward reappointed Patrick Byron, Lynn Carlson and Kelley Stange to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Ward appointed Arlie Herber and Lewis Reiman to the Planning Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to appoint Commissioner Jacob as primary representative of the Mississippi River – Winona La Crescent Watershed One Watershed One Plan. Moved Chair to Commissioner Meyer. Vote: Yes – 2; No – 3 (Meyer, Olson, Kovecsi). Moved Chair back to Commissioner Ward.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to reaffirm appointment of Commissioner Kovecsi as primary representative of the Mississippi River – Winona La Crescent Watershed One Watershed One Plan made at the October 13, 2020 County Board meeting. Yes – 4; No – 1 (Jacob).

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to appoint Commissioner Jacob as alternate representative of the Mississippi River – Winona La Crescent Watershed One Watershed One Plan. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to establish Commissioner Kovecsi as liaison between the Mississippi River – Winona La Crescent Watershed One Watershed One Plan and the Whitewater Joint Powers. Moved Chair to Commissioner Meyer. Vote: Yes – 5. Moved Chair back to Commissioner Ward.

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to maintain the published 2020 Winona County Board Appointments to Boards and Committees and renew for 2021 with the addition of the Mississippi River – Winona La Crescent Watershed One Watershed One Plan. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to reappoint the 2020 AMC Policy Committee Appointments and renew for 2021 with the addition of Commissioner Olson to Public Safety Policy Committee. Vote: Yes – 5.

Took a break from 10:30 a.m. - 10:41 a.m.

Reviewed and Discussed Respectful Workplace Policy.

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to add an approve or deny agenda item to regarding discussion on using sales tax to potentially fund the Winona County jail.

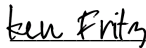
On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Jacob, to adjourn the County Board meeting at 11:08 a.m. Vote: Yes – 5.

**WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Marcia L. Ward*  
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Board Chair

Attest:

  
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Kenneth J. Fritz, County Administrator