

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SESSION HELD February 23, 2021
7:00 PM 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; Finance Director Pat Moga; Assistant County Administrator/Personnel Director Maureen Holte; Health and Human Services Director Karen Sanness; Planning and Environmental Services Director Kay Qualley; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public comments were heard from Amy Cordury 26006 Cty Rd 9, regarding the DNR culling; Tova Strange, Hiawatha Blvd, regarding the Community Engagement Plan.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the County Board minutes dated February 9, 2021. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the Closed Session minutes dated February 10, 2021. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to acknowledge receipt of the Board of Adjustment minutes dated August 20, 2020. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the amended agenda by moving Consent Business items 6.2 and 6.1 to General Business items 7.0 and 7.01. Vote: Yes – 5.

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

Approve Resolution for 2021 Trail Equipment Grant – Federal Recreational Trail Program - Snowsports Snowmobile Club.

RESOLUTION #2021-007

WHEREAS, Winona County supports the grant application made to the Federal Recreational Trail Program – 2021 Trail Equipment Grant. The application is to assist the Snowsports Snowmobile Club purchase a brush trimmer to maintain its snowmobile trails. The trail system is located within Winona County; and

WHEREAS, Country Climbers Snowmobile Club has secured \$75,000 in non-government cash matching funds for this purchase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners approved the Federal Recreational Trail Program – 2020 Trail Equipment Grant application for the Country Climbers Snowmobile Club.

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota this 23rd day of February, 2021.

Approve Monthly Resolution.

RESOLUTION #2021-008

WHEREAS, the Director of Health and Human Services has advised that all Income Maintenance case actions are in conformance with State, Federal and County laws, rules, regulations and policies.

BE IT RESOLVED that all Income Maintenance case openings, closings, suspensions, grant changes and any other affecting client eligibility and payments documented in the Department on the State's MAXIS eligibility system through **February 23, 2021** are hereby approved; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Health and Human Services advised that all Social Service case actions are in conformance with State, Federal and County laws, rules, regulations and policies.

BE IT RESOLVED that all Health and Human Services case openings, closings, payments, placements and licensing actions as documented in the Department on agency listings for licensing actions, case records, record of human service plan cards, purchase of service abstract, reports of refunds and cancellations, payment authorizations and computer printouts through **February 23, 2021** are hereby approved; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Health and Human Services has advised that all Social Service and Welfare claims against the County submitted for payment **February 23, 2021** have been reviewed and are eligible for payment pursuant to all applicable rules, regulations, laws and policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all bills as listed on listing of warrants and claims against the Community Social Service Act and Welfare funds and Warrant registers shall be approved as valid claims against the County and are hereby approved for payment.

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota this 23rd day of February, 2021.

Approve Agreement for 2021-2022 Adult & Children's Mobile Crisis Grant Cooperative.

Approve Resolutions for Local Road Improvement Program Projects.

RESOLUTION #2021-009

Act as Project Sponsor for LRIP Grant(s)

WHEREAS, in a 2020 special session, the Minnesota legislature approved \$75 million Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds. Counties, cities and townships are eligible to apply for up to \$1.25 million in LRIP project funding. For small cities under 5,000 population and for all township LRIP projects, the county must agree to act as "project sponsor"; and

WHEREAS, several townships and small cities in Winona County are applying for LRIP funds. If successful, the township or small city will be responsible for overall direction of their project(s) and all costs not covered by LRIP grant funds, including but not limited to consulting engineering, permits, right-of-way, and any construction costs not covered by grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Winona County supports all LRIP applications submitted by townships and small cities within Winona County. For any and all such LRIP projects funded, Winona County agrees to act as project sponsor, to act as fiscal agent for project funds and administer the project, performing sponsor tasks identified in the 2020 LRIP Solicitation Guide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through this resolution and sponsorship, Winona County is not agreeing to take on financial obligation for any project costs.

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota this 23rd day of February 2021.

RESOLUTION #2021-010

Supporting LRIP Grant for CSAH 1 Project

WHEREAS, in a 2020 special session, the Minnesota legislature approved \$75 million Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds. Counties, cities and townships are eligible to apply for up to \$1.25 million in LRIP project funding; and

WHEREAS, a 2023 project is proposed to resurface and replace guardrail on County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 1, from CSAH 12 to the Houston County line; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 1 is a designated scenic byway – the *Apple Blossom Scenic Drive*, and is part of the *Mississippi River Trail* bicycle route, and provides access to the county’s *Apple Blossom Overlook Park*. New surfacing including paved shoulders would benefit all road users and benefit area tourism and commerce.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Winona County Board of Commissioners supports the CSAH 1 project and supports the request of LRIP funds. Winona County will fund all project costs not covered by LRIP grant funds.

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota this 23rd day of February 2021.

Approve Personnel Board of Appeals Resolution.

RESOLUTION #2021-011

WHEREAS, Winona County has previously established a Personnel Department by Resolution, and adopted personnel rules; and

WHEREAS, Winona County is required to establish an effective date and appoint an Appeals Board pursuant to Minnesota Statute §375.65, in order to establish a county personnel administration system as provided by Minnesota §375.56; and

WHEREAS, Winona County established the Personnel Administration System, effective March 10, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §375.65 requires the County Board of Commissioners to appoint three persons to serve staggered terms as members of a Personnel Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the persons so appointed shall not serve while holding any County office, while standing as a candidate for any County office, or while employed by Winona County; and

WHEREAS, the persons so appointed shall be residents of Winona County and shall forfeit office on becoming a non-resident; and

WHEREAS, the County of Winona desires to establish a Veteran’s Preference panel, which complies with the Veteran’s Preference Act, as defined in Minnesota Statute §197.46; and

WHEREAS, the County of Winona desires to have one Board serve as the Personnel Board of Appeals and the Veteran’s Preference panel.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Winona County Board of Commissioners appoints the following persons to serve on the Personnel Board of Appeals and the Commission for the terms indicated.

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| James Wenzler | January 1, 2019 — December 31, 2021 |
| Emily Solheid | May 26, 2020 — December 31, 2022 |
| Jeremy Beck | January 1, 2021 — December 31, 2023 |

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota, this 23rd day of February, 2021.

Approve 2020 Restricted and Assigned Reserves.

Confirm Payment of Disbursements.

02/03/2021 - 02/16/2021		
Fund		
1	Revenue	\$ 369,296.34
2	Recycling & Solid Waste Fund	\$ 740.20
3	Road and Bridge	\$ 123,628.95
4	Transportation Sales Tax	\$ 52,137.11
5	Health & Human Services	\$ 260,764.56
7	Road and Bridge State Aid	\$ 7,628.44
37	Jail Fund	\$ 6.65
73	Collaborative	\$ 106,696.37
76	Employee Benefit	\$ 10,697.12
83	State Revenue Fund	\$ 138,677.96
Total		\$1,070,273.70

142 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000
totaling \$99,341.86

Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to table Approving the Department of Natural Resources Access to old Landfill until the March 9, 2021 County Board meeting. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to Approve the Community Engagement Plan. Vote: Yes – 5.

Acknowledged Completion of County Administrator's Performance Review.

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

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to adjourn the County Board meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote: - 5.

WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Marcia L. Ward
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Board Chair

Attest:

Ken Fritz
Kenneth J. Fritz, County Administrator