

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SESSION HELD May 09, 2023
9:00 AM WINONA COUNTY BOARD ROOM**

The Winona County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners Room on the above date with Commissioner Dwayne Voegeli; Commissioner Marcia Ward; Commissioner Greg Olson; Commissioner Chris Meyer; County Administrator Maureen Holte; County Attorney Karin Sonneman; Assistant County Attorney II Stephanie Nuttall; Finance Director Pat Moga; Zoning Administrator Eric Johnson; Planner-Natural Resource Specialist Olivia Luther; Auditor-Treasurer Chelsea Wilbright; Information Technology Director Chad Lang; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public comments were heard from Anne Joria, 344 Knopp Valley Dr., regarding dog breeding facilities; Debra Brekke, 651 E. 5th St., regarding dog breeding facilities; Rita Jessen, 269 E. 4th St., regarding dog breeding facilities; Gayle Goetzman Stolpa, 22036 E. Burns Valley Rd., regarding dog breeding facilities; Elizabeth Ricker, 1490 48th Ave., regarding dog breeding facilities; Libby Hanson, 860 E. King St.; regarding dog breeding facilities; Sarah Ricker, 1490 48th Ave., regarding dog breeding facilities.

On motion by Commissioner Voegeli and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the County Board minutes dated April 25, 2023. Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to acknowledge Road and Bridge minutes dated February 21, 2023, Board of Adjustment minutes dated March 16, 2023 and Planning Commission minutes dated March 16, 2023. Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Voegeli and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to approve the following Consent Business:

Approve Conditional Use Permit for Anthony Wurst.

Approve Conditional Use Permit for Estate of Leslie W. Ladewig and Property Representative, Kristin Kingsley.

Approve LG220 Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Hidden Valley Fire and Rescue.

Approve Updated Notice of Service Availability Policy to Eligible Minnesota Health Care Program Recipients 2023-2025.

Approve Fund Transfer from 2022 to 2023 for Uncompleted Capital Items.

Approve Snowplow Truck Replacement in 2024 Budget.

Approve Resolution to Reappoint Highway Engineer.

RESOLUTION #2023-19

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 163.07 Subd. 1 requires the County Board of each county to appoint and employ a highway engineer; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 163.07 Subd. 2 mandates that the County Board may appoint a new county engineer for a term of only one year and all reappointments shall be for a term of four years, which shall be made in May of the year in which the first term expires; and

WHEREAS, the Winona County Board of Commissioners appointed David Kramer to an initial term set to expire on May 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Winona County Board of Commissioners reappointed David Kramer to a four-year term set to expire on May 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Winona County Board of Commissioners reappointed David Kramer to a four-year term set to expire on May 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Winona County Board of Commissioners reappointed David Kramer to an additional four-year term set to expire on May 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Winona County Board of Commissioners hereby reappoints David Kramer as the Winona County Highway Engineer for a four-year term of employment. This term of office shall run until May 31, 2027, at which time the Board may review appointment options.

Adopted in Winona, Minnesota this 9th day of May, 2023.

Approve 2022 Year-End Feedlot Program Review and the 2022 Annual Report and Performance Credit Report from MPCA.

Approve 2023 State of Minnesota Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement.

Confirm Payment of Disbursements.

04/19/23 - 05/02/23		
Fund		
1	Revenue	\$ 457,576.78
2	Recycling & Solid Waste Fund	\$ 94,980.79
3	Road and Bridge	\$ 84,618.08
4	Transportation Sales Tax	\$ 11,078.36
5	Health & Human Services	\$ 352,318.88
7	Road and Bridge State Aid	\$ 9,471.00
27	CLFRF (Coronavirus) #21.027	\$ 112,269.55
37	Jail Expenses Fund	\$ 9,028.00
42	Capital Improve & Equip Fund	\$ 267,841.19
71	H.C. Garvin Fund	\$ 22.56
73	Collaborative	\$ 2,657.34
76	Employee Benefit	\$ 83,888.50
83	State Revenue Fund	\$ 15,754.27
Total		\$1,501,505.30

360 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000
totaling \$147,080.98

Vote: Yes – 4.

Received April 20, 2023 Planning Commission Dog Kennel Facility Findings of Fact, presented by Assistant County Attorney II Stephanie Nuttall.

On motion by Commissioner Ward, to accept the April 20, 2023 Planning Commission Dog Kennel Facility Findings of Fact recommendation and send a resolution in support of establishing the Companion Animal Board. Motion failed due to lack of second.

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to acknowledge receipt of the April 20, 2023 Planning Commissioner Dog Kennel Facility Findings of Fact recommendation and begin the process of implementing a zoning ordinance amendment, that could potentially prohibit new, large scale dog breeding facilities. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 1 (Ward).

On motion of Commissioner Voegeli and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Approve Resolution Proclaiming May 10, 2023 Winona County Law Enforcement Memorial Day. Vote: Yes – 4.

RESOLUTION #2023-20

Proclaim May 10, 2023 as Winona County Law Enforcement Memorial Day

WHEREAS, the 10th of May, 2023 is designated as Winona County Law Enforcement Memorial Day, and is set aside as a day to honor all fallen law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the well-being of all citizens of Winona County and the United States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, more than 700,000 men and women, at great risk to their personal safety presently serve their fellow citizens as guardians of peace; and

WHEREAS, more than 245 peace officers across this Nation were killed in the line of duty during 2022; and

WHEREAS, all Winona area law enforcement agencies use this day to honor our fallen fellow officers who have made the supreme sacrifice for the citizens of Winona County and the City of Winona; and

WHEREAS, this day also serves as a reminder of the dangers faced currently serving Law Enforcement Officers in their day-to-day activities; and

WHEREAS, our officers do not serve in a vacuum but are assisted in many ways by the citizens of Winona and Winona County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Commissioner Chris Meyer, do hereby call upon all the citizens of Winona County to join area law enforcement agencies in honoring our fallen officers on Winona County Law Enforcement Memorial Day.

Adopted in Winona, Minnesota, this 9th day of May, 2023.

Receive Presentation from UMN Extension Educators.

Received Presentation on Treatment Court from Treatment Court Coordinator, Carin Hyter.

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to Approve Resolution Proclaiming May as National Treatment Court Month. Vote: Yes – 4.

RESOLUTION #2023-21

Proclaim May as National Treatment Court Month

WHEREAS, treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts have served 1.5 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, they are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, they save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts improve education, employment, housing, and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winona County Board of Commissioners declares that Treatment Court Month be established during the month of May 2023 in Winona County, Minnesota.

Adopted in Winona, Minnesota this 9th day of May, 2023.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Select Commissioner Voegeli and Commissioner Meyer to Serve on May 12, 2023 Special Primary Election Canvass Board. Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to appoint Don Evanson to Parks and Advisory Committee and Jerry Papenfuss to Health and Human Services Advisory Committee. Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to adjourn the County Board meeting at 10:45 a.m.

WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chris M. Meyer
Board Chair

Attest:

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Maureen L. Holte
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Maureen L. Holte, County Administrator