

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SESSION HELD May 24, 2022
10:00 AM WINONA COUNTY BOARD ROOM

The Winona County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners Room on the above date with Commissioner Marie Kovecsi; Commissioner Marcia Ward; Commissioner Steve Jacob; Commissioner Greg Olson; Commissioner Chris Meyer; County Attorney Karin Sonneman; Interim County Administrator Maureen Holte; Finance Director Pat Moga; Assistant County Attorney II Stephanie Nuttall; Sheriff Ron Ganrude; Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jeff Mueller; Emergency Management Coordinator Ben Klinger; Planning and Environmental Services Director Kay Qualley; Zoning Administrator Eric Johnson; Water Resource Planner Sheila Harmes; Information Technology Director Chad Lang; EDMS Specialist SamMichael Long; Health and Human Services Supervisor Melanie Frazier; Health and Human Services Supervisor Karen Bunkowski; Environmental Services Supervisor Ross Dunsmoor; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund; Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Public comments were heard from John Campe, 39342 County Rd 8, regarding material from Advocacy Center; Doug Nopar, 29440 County Rd 17, in support of Advocacy Center and opposing animal unit cap discussion; Barb Nelson, 23078 Highway 14, opposing animal unit cap discussion; Elizabeth Heublein, 17434 County Rd 37, opposing animal unit cap discussion; Tim Ahrens, 12969 County Rd 31, opposing animal unit cap discussion; David White, 705 W. Wabasha, opposing animal unit cap discussion; Margaret Walsh, 1749 W. Broadway, opposing animal unit cap discussion; Rita McGovern, 875 48th Ave, regarding material from Advocacy Center; Malia Hougen, 12969 County Rd 31, opposing animal unit cap discussion; Sam Streukens, 1435 48th Ave, opposing animal unit cap discussion; Olivia Kendall, 359 E. Lake Blvd., in support of Advocacy Center; Ben Daley, 17755 County Road 18, regarding animal unit cap and variance process; Kelly Stanage, 31775 Highway 76, regarding animal unit cap and county decision making; Susan Reed, 23981 Speltz Dr., regarding correlation between the county and materials from Advocacy Center.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to approve the County Board minutes dated May 10, 2022. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to acknowledge the Whitewater Joint Powers Board minutes dated February 17, 2022. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to acknowledge the Parks and Environment Advisory Committee - February 9, 2022. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to acknowledge Parks and Environment Advisory Committee - January 4, 2022. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Jacob, to acknowledge the Economic Development Authority minutes dated January 27, 2022. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the agenda as amended by moving Consent Business items 6.2, 6.8 and 6.5 to General Business items 7.0, 7.01 and 7.02 respectively. Vote: Yes – 5.

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

Approve Cooperative Environmental Health SSTS Mutual Aid Agreement with Wabasha County.

Approve Monthly Resolution.

RESOLUTION #2022-24

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 **May 24, 2022** 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 **May 24, 2022** 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 **May 24, 2022** 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 24th day of May, 2022.

Approve Amendment No. 2 for Grant Contract No. GRK% 181906 for Child and Teen Checkups Administrative Services.

Approve Cost Share Contract with Teresa Stokes for Well Replacement.

Approve Cost Share Contract with Mitchell and Sara Stephan for Equipment and Installation to Remove Contaminants from Water.

Confirm Payment of Disbursements.

| 05/04/22 - 05/17/22 | | |
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| Fund | | |
| 1 | Revenue | \$ 382,657.06 |
| 2 | Recycling & Solid Waste Fund | \$ 89,897.60 |
| 3 | Road and Bridge | \$ 68,036.60 |
| 5 | Health & Human Services | \$ 196,996.25 |
| 7 | Road and Bridge State Aid | \$ 248,197.33 |
| 27 | CLFRF (Coronavirus) #21.027 | \$ 144.00 |
| 37 | Jail Expenses Fund | \$ 15,376.93 |
| 71 | H.C. Garvin Fund | \$ 22.06 |
| 76 | Employee Benefit | \$ 3,284.45 |
| 81 | Settlement Fund | \$ 28,287.31 |
| 83 | State Revenue Fund | \$ 171,065.49 |
| Total | | \$1,203,965.08 |

150 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000
totaling \$88,591.36

Approved Resolution Declaring State of Emergency.

RESOLUTION #2022-25

Winona County Local State of Emergency

WHEREAS, the County of Winona, Minnesota and the communities of Homer Township, Wiscoy Township, Hillsdale Township and other communities have been impacted by a heavy rain and flash flood event the event occurred May 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the wind and tornado has significantly impacted Winona County by causing damage to roads, powerlines, and hillsides; and

WHEREAS, several roads including Homer Road were closed and impassable; and

WHEREAS, the power was knocked out and power infrastructure damaged; and

WHEREAS, the Winona County Department of Emergency Management requests the Winona County Board of Commissioners to declare Winona County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY due to the severe weather event.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Winona County Board Chair declares that a state of Emergency exists within Winona County for conditions resulting from this severe weather event, with all powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Chapter 12, Minnesota Statutes and Winona County.

Adopted in Winona, Minnesota this 24th day of May, 2022.

Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovcesi, to approve revised County Board Ground rules. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 2 (Ward, Jacob). Motion failed as 4/5 majority was not obtained.

On motion of Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Approve Mn Dept. of Agriculture Cooperative Agreement for Waste Pesticide Collection, with the revision of striking paragraph 17. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to Approve Purchase of Service and Business Associate Agreement with Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center for Mental Health Services. Vote: Yes – 4; Abstain – 1 (Kovcesi).

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovcesi, to open discussion on Continuation of Public Access Through Virtual Meetings. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 2 (Ward, Jacob).

By consensus of the Board to bring back the Continuation of Public Access Through Virtual Meetings with a draft policy for review at the June 14, 2022 County Board meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to open discussion to Approve/Deny Future Agenda Item for Discussion on Animal Unit Cap. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to Approve Discussion on Animal Unit Cap at the June 14, 2022 County Board meeting. Vote: Yes – 2; No – 3 (Olson, Meyer, Kovcesi).

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to open discussion to Approve/Deny Future Agenda Item to Review Advocacy Center and Outside Agency Funding. Vote: Yes – 5.

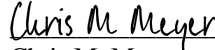
On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to Approve Review of Advocacy Center and Outside Agency Funding at the June 14, 2022 County Board meeting. Vote: Yes – 2; No – 3 (Olson, Meyer, Kovcesi).

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve/deny a future agenda item to discuss audio/video abilities in the County Board room.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovecs, to adjourn the County Board meeting at 11:50 a.m. Vote: Yes – 5.

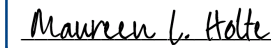
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Chris M. Meyer
Board Chair

Attest:

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Maureen L. Holte, Interim County Administrator