

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SESSION HELD July 13, 2021
9:00 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; Assistant County Administrator/Personnel Director Maureen Holte; Finance Director Pat Moga; Planning and Environmental Services Director Kay Qualley; Chief Deputy Jeff Mueller; Jail Administrator Steve Buswell; Assistant Jail Administrator Dave Glithero; Shift Commander Kelsie Horst; Shift Commander Doug Stokes; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Ward called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Public comments were heard from Bonnie Hammick, 805 E. 2nd St., Winona, opposing the new jail; Mary Jo Klinker, 156 E. Broadway, Winona, opposing the new jail; Sarah Venturra, 724 E. King, Winona, opposing the new jail; Claire Richards, 1257 W. Lake Blvd., Winona, opposing the new jail; Kara Eggers, 613 E. 7th, Winona, opposing the new jail; Scott Makstenieks, 156 E. Broadway, Winona, opposing the new jail.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the County Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes dated June 22, 2021. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the County Board minutes dated June 22, 2021. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Road and Bridge minutes dated April 20, 2021. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Board of Adjustment minutes dated May 20, 2021. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Planning Commission minutes dated May 20, 2021. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the Whitewater Joint Powers Board minutes dated April 15, 2021. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, 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:

Approve Conditional Use Permit for Dennis Allen and Debra Abnet to Allow an Existing Dwelling on Less Than Forty Acres.

Approve Professional Services Agreement with Steve Hacken.

Approve Right of First Refusal Amendment for 30 S. Liberty Street.

Approve LG220 Gambling Application for Exempt Permits-Pickwick Fire and Rescue.

Approve Renewal of Agreement for Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care Placement with Winona Area Public Schools, ISD#861.

Approve Minnesota Department of Health Community Health Board Grant Project Agreement for Eliminating Health Disparities.

Approve Demolition of Monument Building and Surfacing.

Approve Recommendation to Hire Information Technology Director.

Approve Supervisor Association Amendment 2021.

Approve International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 49 Amendment.

Confirm Payment of Disbursements.

06/16/21 - 07/06/21		
Fund		
1	Revenue	\$ 600,212.01
2	Recycling & Solid Waste Fund	\$ 105,210.66
3	Road and Bridge	\$ 226,270.98
4	Transportation Sales Tax	\$ 10,448.72
5	Health & Human Services	\$ 611,082.34
7	Road and Bridge State Aid	\$ 1,889.28
76	Employee Benefit	\$ 85,961.30
81	Settlement Fund	\$10,893,531.25
82	Misc Taxes Fund	\$ 350.00
83	State Revenue Fund	\$ 170,313.89
Total		\$12,705,270.43

372 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000
totaling \$160,526.71

Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to Receive Presentation and Approve Renewal of Memorandum of Agreement with University of Minnesota to Provide Extension Services from 2022-2024, from Planning and Environmental Services Director Kay Qualley. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to Approve Resolution Commending Staff for Service During COVID-19 Pandemic. Vote: Yes – 5.

RESOLUTION #2021-033

WHEREAS, the Winona County Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator commend the commitment and dedication to public service excellence of county staff during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, county employees serve as the cornerstone of their communities, dedicating their time, skills, and expertise for the benefit of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the work of county employees is essential and often in person, whether that is a newborn well-check by a public health nurse, a tab renewal at a license center, or processing voter registrations and ballots; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted county service delivery and program administration, creating uncertainty for employees and citizens on accessing essential services; and

WHEREAS, showing exemplary leadership by taking personal risks, assuming new duties and responsibilities, or innovating new modes of service delivery, county employees continued providing vital community services; and

WHEREAS, through their dedication to county work and commitment to public service, county employees are keeping counties open and their communities safer, healthier, and productive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Winona County Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator recognize the commitment and dedication to public service excellence of county staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adopted in Winona, Minnesota this 13th day of July, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Kovcesi, to Receive Presentation from Klein-McCarthy and Approve Design Development Phase to Issue Documents for Bids. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 2 (Ward, Jacob).

Received Monthly Finance and Budget Update for May 2021, from Finance Director Pat Moga.

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to recess to Closed Session, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b), to Discuss Multi-State Opioid Litigation at 10:43 a.m. Vote: Yes – 5.

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

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Marcia L. Ward

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Board Chair

Attest:

Maureen L. Holte

Assistant County Administrator/Personnel Director

Kenneth J. Fritz, County Administrator