

APPROVED 4-12-16

WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2016

The Wright County Board met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Husom, Sawatzke, Daleiden, Potter and Borrell present.

MINUTES

Daleiden moved to approve the 3-29-16 County Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Borrell and carried unanimously.

AGENDA

Husom moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Daleiden. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Borrell, second by Daleiden, all voted to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. ADMINISTRATION
 - 1. Approve Charitable Gambling Application Form LG220, Dassel Cokato Regional Ice & Sports Center, 4770 Reardon Ave SW, Cokato MN (Cokato Township).
- B. ATTORNEY
 - 1. Refer to Ways and Means Committee Update on Codification and Restatement of County Ordinances.
- C. AUDITOR/TREASURER
 - 1. Approve Claims as Listed in the Abstract, Subject to Audit, for a Total of \$1,310,880.66 with 165 Vendors and 241 Transactions.
- D. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
 - 1. Approve ROW Plat No. 69 for Roundabout at CSAH 35 and CR 134
- E. PLANNING & ZONING
 - 1. TRUE FRIENDS– (Corinna Twp.) Planning Commission unanimously recommends approximately 4.55 acres be rezoned from AG General Agricultural and S-2 Residential-Recreational to R-1 Urban-Rural Transitional and S-2.
 - 2. LUTHER WORKMAN – (Franklin Twp.) Planning Commission unanimously recommends the 40-acre property be rezoned from AG General Agricultural to A/R Agricultural-Residential.
- F. SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 - 1. Request County Board to accept and sign the MN DNR 2016 Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement, \$17,826, Grant Period 1-01-16 through 6-30-17.

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

BOB HIIVALA, AUDITOR/TREASURER

Information Only: Recount Designation from the Office of the Secretary of State.

Hiivala stated this is a bi-annual request from the State for Wright County to serve as a recount location if required. Wright County will serve in that capacity again. This was provided as an informational item.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2-25-16 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Potter moved to approve the Minutes and recommendation, seconded by Daleiden, and carried 5-0. The Committee Minutes follow:

Vendor Interviews for Wright County Courts RFP

The Committee heard presentations from three firms regarding their RFP responses for the Courts Feasibility Study RFP.

2-25-16 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES (CONT.):

BKV Group was represented by Bruce Schwartzman, Kelly Naylor, and Mark Bradby. A presentation by Klein McCarthy Architects was given by Scott Fettig and Andrew Enright. Wold Architects were represented by Michael Cox, Lynae Schoen, Joel Dunning, Andrew Dahlquist, Jonathon Loose.

Following the completion of the presentations the Committee discussed the project vision and timeline and reviewed each firm's qualifications and experience. The consensus was to proceed with Wold Architects.

Recommendation: Select Wold Architects for Courts Remodeling Feasibility Study
(End of 2-25-16 Committee Of The Whole Minutes)

SCHEDULE OWNERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Daleiden moved to establish Owners Committee Meetings on 5-05-16, 6-02-16, 7-07-16, and 8-04-16. The meetings will be held at the Public Works Building at 10:30 A.M. The motion was seconded by Potter and carried 5-0.

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS**VIRGIL HAWKINS, HIGHWAY ENGINEER**Approve Public Meeting Minutes 5-Year Plan (2-23-16), Set Road Tour Dates

The purpose of the 5-Year Plan Public Meeting was to explain the needs, funding, completed projects, delayed projects, and the proposed plan for future highway/bridge improvements. Hawkins provided an overview of the Minutes. Potter made the following change to the Minutes: Page 4, 2nd paragraph, last sentence should read, "Potter commented that has helped make some good headway in reducing the borrowing ahead of state aid regular funds." Potter moved to approve the 5-Year Plan Public Meeting Minutes, seconded by Daleiden, and carried 5-0.

On a motion by Potter, second by Husom, all voted to set a Road Tour for 5-16-16 at 9:00 A.M. Hawkins will develop a schedule for the Road Tour.

Approve Hwy. 25 Corridor Coalition Joint Powers Agreement

A draft Highway 25 Corridor Coalition Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) was presented for review. Members will include Wright County, City of Monticello, City of Big Lake, Big Lake Township, and Sherburne County. The Corridor includes State Highway 25 between I-94 and State Highway 10. The JPA is in draft form and will be revised based on input from the Members. The final Agreement will be presented at a future date for approval.

The County Attorney's Office will convey suggested revisions to the JPA. Potter said one of these relates to the effective date of the JPA and requested that the effective date be 5 years from the date of the last member signature versus 2020. Potter added that MnDOT is engaged with the Corridor. The formation of the Coalition is needed to obtain funding. Jeff O'Neill, Monticello City Administrator, viewed the Coalition as critical for the economic health of the region. He said the goal is for the Members to work together for the common good.

O'Neill indicated were a few minor changes made by Big Lake Township and Sherburne County. One change that was made included adding Item #6F, Powers and Duties, and relates to insurance for the Board, Members, and property. Any expenditures beyond the planning will have to be presented to each agency for approval. Sawatzke asked what occurs when a Member does not want to fund a particular effort, would the Member withdraw from the JPA. O'Neill said that is correct. By virtue of not electing to fund a portion, the Member would lose their standing as a voting Member. In response to Sawatzke, O'Neill said the intent of Item #6 is that it requires a 4/5 vote for approval to act on the powers and duties listed in Item #6. Sawatzke felt that it should be conveyed to other Members that this is Wright County's understanding.

Daleiden moved to approve the concept of Wright County joining the Hwy. 25 Corridor Coalition, until the final JPA is presented for approval and the County Attorney's Office has an opportunity for review. The motion was seconded by Husom. Changes will be made to the draft and presented to Members at a future date. Discussion

followed on the potential of adding Members. O'Neill said the City of Becker was involved in the initial discussion but did not continue as it was felt it did not apply to them. However, that could change. Sawatzke said Becker Township should be approached as well. Discussion followed on voting (Item #9, requiring a 4/5 vote for all Items listed in Item #6), and on appointments (Item #4). Sawatzke said that Item #9 will need to be clarified so that it reflects that the 4/5 vote pertains to all items in Item #6. It was the consensus that the 4/5 vote should apply to any and all action items. The motion carried 5-0.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE / ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

1. National Association of Workforce Boards Conference. Husom recently attended the Conference. One of the sessions related to advanced manufacturing. Overall wages are higher than before the 2007-2008 recession. In manufacturing, the average wage is \$62,000 because of higher productivity. She said 2.8 million people will be needed to replace those leaving the workforce and the new jobs being created. She stated that 3 out of 10 parents are encouraging their children to look at these types of jobs versus obtaining a 4-year degree. It is important that youth are told about these opportunities.
2. Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Transportation Day. Potter attended on 3-30-16. He said the Transportation Day was focused and provided a good opportunity to connect with others.
3. AMC Transportation Regional Policy Committee. Potter said the group is visiting various parts of the State, most recently in Albert Lea on 4-01-16. In two weeks, the group will travel to Rochester. Mankato is tentatively scheduled.
4. Just Drive Event. Sawatzke said the event was scheduled for 4-02-16 in Monticello but was rescheduled to 4-30-16 because of weather. This is a walk/run event (individuals or teams) starting at the Monticello Middle School at 7:00 A.M. The goal is to bring awareness to distracted driving.
5. Bertram Chain of Lakes. Volunteers are needed for tree planting at Bertram Chain of Lakes on 4-30-16 from 10:00AM to 1:00 PM. To sign up, contact the Wright County Parks Department at 763-682-7894 or Bradley.harrington@co.wright.mn.us.
6. Bertram Blast Challenge. The event is an off road triathlon, duathlon, and trail run at Bertram Chain of Lakes Park. The event is on 4-30-16 and registration begins at 6:30 A.M. For more information or to sign up, visit www.bertramblast.com.
7. Township Officers Meeting. Daleiden said the Township Officers Meeting will be held on 4-07-16 and that he may attend because the Solar Energy Farms issue will be discussed. Borrell said the Franklin Township Board took action to pass a moratorium related to Solar Energy Farms. They will need to form a planning commission to address that issue.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 A.M.