

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

MINUTES

Borrell moved to approve the 9-27-16 County Board Minutes, seconded by Daleiden. The motion carried 5-0.

AGENDA

Petitions were accepted to the Agenda as follows: Consent Item D2, Auditor/Treasurer, "Approve Additional Claim For Hardrives Inc, Subject To Audit, For \$7,644.46." (Hiivala); Consent Item D3, Auditor/Treasurer, "Approve Additional Claim For Design Electrical Contractors, Subject To Audit, For \$7,172.85" (Hiivala); Consent Item Consent Item E1, Administration, "Accept Resignation Of Launette Figliuzzi, Veteran Services Officer, Eff. 10-11-16 & Authorize Replacement" (Kelly). Daleiden moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Husom. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Daleiden moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Potter. Sawatzke referenced a claim on Page 12 for \$12.00 relating to inmate train rides. Lindsey Meyer, Assistant Finance Director, stated the claim is to reimburse petty cash for costs associated with the train from Big Lake to the metro for two inmates. The motion carried 5-0.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Refer Telecom Position To 10-12-16 Personnel Committee

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve Employee Request For A Non-Medical, Extended Personal Leave Of 4-6 Weeks

C. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve Charitable Gambling Application, Form LG220, BLESS Brandon Lanie Ethical Sportsman Society, Camp Courage, 10509 108th St. NW, Annandale MN 55302, Event 1-10-17 (Corinna Twp.)

D. AUDITOR/TREASURER

1. Approve Claims As Listed In The Abstract, Subject To Audit, For A Total Of \$274,382.03 With 129 Vendors And 201 Transactions
 - A. Approve Additional Claim For Hardrives Inc, Subject To Audit, For \$7,644.46.
 - B. Approve Additional Claim For Design Electrical Contractors, Subject To Audit, For \$7,172.85.

E. ADMINISTRATION

1. Accept Resignation Of Launette Figliuzzi, Veteran Services Officer, Eff. 10-11-16 & Authorize Replacement.

TIMED ITEMS

VIRGIL HAWKINS, HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Approve Final Payment To Hardrives, Inc., For CSAH 39 Turn Lane Project

On a motion by Daleiden, second by Potter, roll call vote carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution #16-56 authorizing final payment to Hardrives for the CSAH 39 Turn Lane Project.

Approve Final Payment To Design Electrical for 2015 Street Lighting Safety Project

On a motion by Daleiden, second by Borrell, roll call vote carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution #16-57 authorizing final payment to Design Electrical for the 2015 Street Lighting Safety Project.

SEAN RILEY, PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Set Public Hearing On 11-01-16 To Consider The Findings And Recommendations Of The 10-20-16 Planning Commission Public Hearing On The Intent To Amend Section 155.108, Solar Energy Farms & Solar Energy Systems, In The Wright County Code of Ordinances

Riley said the Solar Work Group had about eight meetings over the summer. The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on 10-20-16 on the intent to amend Section 155.108, Solar Energy Farms & Solar Energy Systems.

Because of the moratorium, Riley thought it prudent to schedule a Public Hearing at the County Board on 11-01-16 to allow for discussion. The six-month moratorium expires the second week of November.

Sawatzke said townships can implement something more restrictive than the County's ordinance. After discussion, it was decided that information can be brought forth at the upcoming Township Officer's Meeting.

Daleiden moved to set a Public Hearing on 11-01-16 at 9:30 A.M. to consider the findings and recommendations of the 10-20-16 Planning Commission Public Hearing on the intent to amend Section 155.108, Solar Energy Farms & Solar Energy Systems, in the Wright County Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Husom and carried 5-0.

Schedule Public Hearing For 11-08-16 To Consider Extension Of The Six-Month Moratorium On Solar Energy Farms & Solar Energy Systems

Daleiden moved to schedule a Public Hearing on 11-08-16 at 9:30 A.M. to consider the extension of the six-month Moratorium on Solar Energy Farms & Solar Energy Systems. The motion was seconded by Borrell and carried 5-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

9-27-16 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

At today's County Board Meeting, Daleiden moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by Potter. Lee Kelly, County Coordinator, stated the 10-13-16 COTW Agenda will be revised to reflect interviews will start at 12:00 P.M. Three architectural firms will be interviewed including BKV Group, Klein McCarthy, and Wold. The motion carried 5-0 to approve the Minutes:

I. Review of Court Facility Request For Proposals

Sawatzke inquired on the status of pricing for the proposals. Kelly stated that since this was not a requirement of the RFP, a subsequent request was made to all firms that responded to the RFP. Pricing proposals are due from the firms prior to October 5th.

The Committee reviewed the submitted information from each firm. There was discussion regarding each firm's qualifications and recent experience designing courts facilities in Minnesota. There was discussion regarding the project vision and timeline. Recent tours of the Pine, Benton, Polk and Carver Courts facilities provided good information to shape the preferences of the County.

Potter raised the topic of purchasing the Bremmer property located near the current Jail/LEC. This will be determined at a later date based on discussions with the architect.

The consensus was to allot an hour and a half for each firm's interview on October 13th. The Committee reviewed interview questions proposed by Court Administration.

Recommendation: Schedule interviews with Wold, BKV Group, and Klein McCarthy Architects for October 13th, 2016 starting at noon.

(End of 9-27-16 COTW Minutes)

9-28-16 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES

At today's County Board Meeting, Husom moved to approve the Minutes and recommendations, seconded by Daleiden. The motion carried unanimously. The 9-28-16 Personnel Minutes follow:

I. Chief Deputy Wage

Hoffman is requesting a 10% increase in wage to assume the responsibilities of the Chief Deputy appointment. Hoffman stated historically newly appointed Chief Deputy salaries have started roughly 1 to 2 steps below the predecessor.

Recommendation: Conduct additional research into past practice for promotion/appointment to Chief Deputy Positions in all elected departments.

9-28-16 Personnel Committee Minutes (cont.):

Recessed to a time and date specific – Friday, September 30 at 1:00 p.m.

II. Performance Review – Launette Figliuzzi, Veterans Services Director

Recommendation: Based on three (3) reviews received, the Committee recommends a rating of “Meets Expectations”.

(End of 9-28-16 Personnel Committee Minutes)

9-30-16 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES

At today’s County Board Meeting, Husom moved to approve the Minutes and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Potter and carried 5-0. The Minutes follow:

I. Chief Deputy Wage

Reviewed past practice for promotion/appointment to Chief Deputy positions in the Attorneys Office, Auditor Treasurer Office and Sheriff’s Office as well as MN Statute relative to the appointment of a Chief Deputy.

RECOMMENDATION: Salary offer of \$45.42 per hour effective October 3, 2016 with the appointment to Chief Deputy in the Sheriff’s Office.

(End of 9-30-16 Personnel Committee Minutes)

9-28-16 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES

At today’s County Board Meeting, the following correction was made to the Ways & Means Committee Minutes: Page 1, change date of Meeting to “September 28, 2016” (Husom). Husom moved to approve the Minutes and recommendations, seconded by Daleiden. The motion carried 5-0 to approve the Minutes:

I. Otsego Levee Update

Kryzer provided an update on the Otsego Levee. Cleanup of trees and brush has been completed by the contractor.

The Committee discussed the history of the levee and options for the ongoing maintenance. Kryzer noted at one time the County had suspended maintenance efforts on the representation that the Army Corps of Engineers would de-list the levee. The Army Corps of Engineers later retracted their representation and stated that delisting of the levee would take an act of congress. Now that the removal of brush is complete the County may want to resume doing annual maintenance.

Sawatzke noted that this area was platted by the Surveyor’s Department. There are 26 parcels in this plat. The County could seek to acquire easements for the impacted properties. Kryzer estimated the cost of acquiring the easements to be several hundred thousand dollars.

Recommendation: Informational

(End of 9-28-16 Ways & Means Committee Minutes)

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO DISCUSS STRATEGIC PLANNING

Potter moved to schedule a COTW Meeting on 10-18-16 at 10:30 A.M., seconded by Husom. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE DAY SCHEDULES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The Commissioners discussed setting one Committee Meeting date for the months of November and December. Daleiden moved to schedule 11-16-16 and 12-14-16 as Committee Meeting dates, seconded by Husom. The motion carried 5-0. Committee meetings will not be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month during November and December.

Kelly stated that the Negotiation Committee may hold a meeting on 10-26-16 which is a regularly scheduled Committee Meeting day. There is the potential that alternates could attend Committee Meetings or the

Committees may be moved to another date in October. This was provided as informational as they are still awaiting response from some of the unions. No action was taken.

AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING RE: GREATER MSP PRESENTATION, 10-26-16 @ 2:00 P.M., WRIGHT COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER 120

Borrell moved to authorize attendance, seconded by Potter. The motion carried 5-0.

AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE, MN TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING, 11-09-16, CHANHASSEN

Husom moved to authorize attendance, seconded by Daleiden. The motion carried 5-0.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE / ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

1. Central MN EMS Joint Powers Board. Husom attended a recent meeting. Focus of the group includes stable funding sources and reviewing the needs of the EMS region. The Regional Coordinator said 372 doses of Narcan have been distributed to 25 agencies; Wright County received 4 doses. Narcan grant funding ceases in June. The Critical Incidents Team has 45 new members who help to support emergency workers.
2. State Community Health Services Advisory Committee. Husom attended a recent meeting. The group is working on health equity. Recommendations for local officials is to think in terms of health and wellness policies and to be concerned with what is occurring locally. The group discussed the reduction in opioid deaths. Information was also provided on chemicals in water and the fact that the EPA regulates only 100 of them.
3. Highway 25 Corridor Coalition. Potter attended a meeting on 9-29-16. The City of Becker has requested to join the Coalition, which will require amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement. There was discussion on a traffic study and how to solve problems with MnDOT long term. The group discussed a potential river crossing identified in the 1990's by Clear Lake, which was geared at that time toward the Brainerd Lakes area. However, dynamics have changed and that project has not moved forward. MnDOT is monitoring traffic and growth patterns are being monitored by MnDOT. Potter described MnDOT as engaged and supportive.
4. St. Michael/Albertville Safe Schools. Potter attended on 9-29-16. Information has been dispersed to the community on sidewalk and cross walk safety by Steve Berg, Wright County Sheriff's Office.
5. Transportation Alliance. Potter attended the legislative committee meeting on 9-29-16. They have been doing candidate forums. Potter envisions the legislature will address same items as last year, similar to what is being done with the AMC platforms.
6. Economic Development Partnership – MN Manufacturer of the Year Award. Potter attended on 9-29-16. A local company, Jet Edge, was an Award finalist.
7. Xcel Energy Breakfast/Community Report. Sawatzke attended on 9-28-16. Xcel is in the process of determining whether to look at an extension of the 30-year operating period, which Sawatzke estimates expires around 2030. Energy needs are being reviewed. Information was provided on the Sherko Power Plant and the drastic coal cost increases. The demand for coal has reduced but the price is up. Sherko is considering solar and may become a natural gas facility. The energy production industry is changing, and solar and wind have become more predominant.
8. Emergency Services Board Meeting & Summit, Alexandria. Borrell attended on 9-28-16. Text-to-911 was discussed. Issues being addressed are complications between cell manufacturers, GIS, and the ability for a person to deactivate their cell phone location. The funding formula for the Emergency Services Board is being reviewed.
9. River Rider. Daleiden for an update. Sawatzke has not heard anything from MnDOT transit with regard to River Rider, and understands that MnDOT may owe River Rider a few thousand dollars. Sawatzke plans to request an update.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 A.M.