



BOARD MINUTES

BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 5, 2020

DATE APPROVED: MAY 19, 2020

Christine Husom	District 1
Darek Vetsch	District 2
Mark Daleiden	District 3
Michael Potter	District 4
Charles Borrell	District 5

The Wright County Board met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Husom, Vetsch, Potter and Daleiden present. Commissioner Borrell joined the meeting remotely.

COUNTY BOARD MINUTES 4-28-20

Vetsch moved to approve the 4-28-20 Wright County Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Daleiden and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

COUNTY BOARD MINUTES 4-30-20

Vetsch moved to approve the 4-30-20 Wright County Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Daleiden and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

AGENDA

Daleiden moved to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Potter and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Daleiden moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Potter and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Madden, Galanter & Hansen, Attorneys At Law, March 2020 Services, \$7,989.05

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. Refer To 5-12-20 County Board Workshop: Non-licensed Uniformed Officer At The Department Of Motor Vehicles

C. AUDITOR/TREASURER

1. Acknowledge Warrants Issued Between April 22, 2020 And April 28, 2020

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1. Refer To The Personnel Committee Discussion RE: School Resource Officer Staffing For The 2020-2021 School Year

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

ALICIA O'HARE, WATER RESOURCE SPECIALIST-SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCD)

Resolution Of Intent To Support South Fork Crow One Watershed Plan

O'Hare requested approval of the resolution of support. The cooperators to be involved in the South Fork One Watershed One Plan have decided to apply for funding to plan the comprehensive water plan for the South Fork Crow River Watershed. The application will be written by McLeod Soil and Water Conservation District and Buffalo Creek Watershed District. Wright County is not a required partner in this effort, but the support will bolster the application. Borrell said that the partnership with McLeod County in the North Fork Crow River Watershed worked well. He extended appreciation to Luke Johnson and Alicia O'Hare from the SWCD, and to Jeff Burns, SWCD Board member, for their efforts.

Borrell moved to adopt Resolution #20-32 supporting participation in the South Fork Crow One Watershed Plan and the efforts of the McLeod County Soil and Water Conservation District and Buffalo Creek Watershed District to seek a Planning Grant from the BWSR (Board of Water and Soil Resources) for the planning effort. The motion was seconded by Potter and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

CAPT. PATRICK O'MALLEY, WRIGHT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL DIVISION

Resolution Proclaiming National Corrections Officer Week Is May 3-9, 2020

O'Malley presented the resolution for approval. Daleiden moved to adopt Resolution #20-33. The motion was seconded by Vetsch and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Resolution #20-33 follows:

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 3-9, 2020
AS CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEE WEEK IN WRIGHT COUNTY

WHEREAS, correctional officers are trained law enforcement professionals dedicated to maintaining a safe correctional facility and ensuring the public safety; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers are essential to the success of our criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers work includes daily exposure in a hostile environment with some of the most dangerous individuals in society; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees provide offenders with direction, hope and a new focus while assisting with reentry and life outside corrections; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Wright County Board of Commissioners, do hereby acknowledge the week of May 3-9, 2020 as "Correctional Officers' and Employee Week" in honor of the dedicated professionals who serve the citizens of Wright County by supervising the County's inmate population.

(End of Resolution #20-33)

VIRGIL HAWKINS - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Approve Agreement No. 20-57 For The Fallon Avenue State Park Road Account (SPRA) Project With Monticello Township. Monticello Township Approved This Agreement At Their Meeting On Monday, April 20, 2020.

Hawkins indicated that Agreement No. 20-57 outlines the funding participation, construction, and maintenance responsibilities between Monticello Township and Wright County for the Fallon Avenue NE improvements (SAP 086-600-008). The DNR State Park Road Account funds pay up to \$292,836.60 of construction costs.

Potter moved to approve Agreement No. 20-57. The motion was seconded by Borrell and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Concur With The City Of Delano Award Of The Low Bid For The CSAH 30 Project. On April 21, 2020 The City Of Delano Awarded The Low Bid To GMH Asphalt In The Amount Of \$3,198,559.65 Which Was 8.2% Under The Engineer's Estimate

Hawkins said the City of Delano awarded the low bid subject to Wright County concurrence. Project Funding will include \$2,334,495 Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) County funds and \$ 864,064.65 City of Delano funds.

Potter moved to concur with the City of Delano's award of the low bid for the CSAH 3 Project to GMH Asphalt for \$3,198,559.65. The motion was seconded by Daleiden and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Husom questioned whether the Board should schedule a Board Meeting near the end of next week as that will be just prior to the expiration of the Governor's stay-at-home order. Lee Kelly, County Administrator, said the County has been following the guidelines set by Governor Walz. The County is working towards modifications for when the stay-at-home order is lifted to allow protection for residents and employees. Some of these modifications include sneeze guards at public counters, queuing stations for flow, floor graphics designating 6' social distancing, and an exterior drop box in the east alley.

Vetsch moved to set a special County Board Meeting for 5-15-20 at 10:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Potter and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Kelly said the County will follow the Governor's orders but ultimately will need to decide how to proceed. Vetsch said based on public feedback he has received, he wanted to voice that the County is unable to change the Governor's orders and has no control over the reopening of restaurants. There are County services that cannot be provided at this time due to limitations on access to State programs that are shut down because of the order. Husom said the public can access COVID-19 information on the County website. Daleiden questioned the status of the Justice Center and new Government Center building projects. Kelly responded they are moving forward with the established timeline for opening and contractors are working onsite. Potter said there was a contractor who left the Justice Center job site for one day. Contegrity Group implemented accommodations which allowed the contractor to return to the job site.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE / ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

1. Great River Regional Library Board. Potter said a meeting was held last week. It was the consensus of the GRRL Board that the goal will be no increase to signatories for next year's budget. There is the potential of up to 1.76% increase.
2. Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership (CMRP). Vetsch said a meeting was held last week. The group is reviewing the impact COVID-19 will play on future planning efforts. He encouraged Board members to participate in a survey that is on the CMRP website.
3. Transportation Alliance. Potter said the Washington Fly-In has been moved to September. He asked for input from the CMRP group to take with at that time. Vetsch said they are focused on the river crossing.
4. Annandale Safe School Meeting. Husom participated in a web meeting. The school has provided web access for some families. Things the group is focusing on is what can be done for seniors, prom, and making sure students have what they need to learn.
5. Midwest Forensic Lab Meeting. Husom said evidence is being processed at the Lab utilizing social distancing and extra cleaning efforts. Testing is down about 20% due to COVID-19. Discussed were grants and new hires. Potter referenced a situation in the southwest part of the County where a theft occurred. Touch DNA is being utilized in the case by the Midwest Forensic Lab. The BCA does not offer this because of time limitations. He said this situation supports participation in the Midwest Forensic Lab because of the benefit to residents.
6. Daleiden attended a local Board of Appeals meeting in St. Michael last week and does not believe any appeals will be forwarded from this meeting to the County.
7. Daleiden and Husom participated in Negotiations Meetings relating to the Corrections and Communications Officer contract. This will be the last union contract to be negotiated for the period through 2022.
8. Administrator Updates:
 - A. Kelly has been in contact with Duane Northagen, Wright County Economic Development Partnership (EDP). The EDP is looking at potential business loans related to COVID-19. It would involve \$5,000 loans with 0% interest and a 6-month deferred payment. More information will be provided to the County Board at a future date.
 - B. Kelly said the Governor announced budget information will be available today. A surplus was anticipated but now a deficit is expected.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

County Board Minutes submitted by Susan Backes, Clerk to the County Board