



BOARD MINUTES

BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

DATE APPROVED: OCTOBER 4, 2022

Christine Husom	District 1
Darek Vetsch	District 2
Mark Daleiden	District 3
Mary Wetter	District 4
Michael Kaczmarek	District 5

The Wright County Board met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Husom, Daleiden, Wetter, and Kaczmarek present. Vetsch was absent.

COUNTY BOARD MINUTES 9/20/2022

Commissioner Mike Kaczmarek wanted the response to the insurance question noted that there were no extra costs to the county by having security cameras installed. Commissioner Christine Husom had a correction to her advisory board update. She said her statement should read “all 87 counties and cities with populations over 30,000 people will receive funding.”

Kaczmarek moved to approve the County Board minutes with the above corrections from Tuesday, September 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Daleiden with the corrections. The motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA

Daleiden moved to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mary Wetter. The motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kaczmarek requested to remove Item B1. from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Daleiden moved to approve the Consent Agenda with B1 being removed for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Wetter. The motion carried 4-0.

*Item removed for further discussion

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Request To Set Date And Time For A Public Hearing Related To The Adoption Of Aggregate Removal Tax Ordinance at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 1.
2. Approve The Following Grant Applications:
 - i. WCPK-006 Montissippi Park Playground Replacement (\$200,000)
3. Approve The Following Program Request:
 - i. Sheriff's Radio Compliance Project.
4. Reduce The Allocation For Broadband Improvements From \$10,000,000 To \$8,895,000

B. ADMINISTRATION – FINANCE

1. *Acknowledge Warrants Issued Between September 14, 2022 And September 20, 2022.
2. Motion To Approve The Reimbursement Of The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Funds As Follows:
Approval Of Use Of ARP Funds From 01-099-493-8433-6020.
\$5,466.87 2.2 Household Assistance

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

BARRY RHINEBERGER – PLANNING & ZONING

Determination Of Need For An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) For MBE, Inc. Sand And Gravel Mine In Buffalo Township, Wright County.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Barry Rhineberger said the gravel mine was a 33-acre parcel in Buffalo Township and the property owner had applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for gravel mining and extraction. There was a petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) which was approved by the board. The EAW had been posted to the public and comments had been made along with responses. He was recommending a negative declaration for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from the county. Husom asked about the moratorium. She said any determinations

would happen after May 2023. She said that the Minnesota Department of Transportation said the main area of concern was that busy area handling a gravel truck coming through every 90 seconds. Daleiden asked if this was submitted before Buffalo Townships moratorium. Rhineberger said the application was submitted before.

Wetter moved to approve the determination of need for an MBE, Inc. Sand and Gravel Mine in Buffalo Township. The motion was seconded by Daleiden. The motion carried 4-0.

KIMBERLY FOX – EXTENSION

Request Approval And Signatures On A Resolution Declaring October 2-8, 2022 As National 4-H Week In Wright County.

In Kimberly Fox's place, Wright County 4-H Ambassador Lane Simpson presented. He was a member of the Farside 4-H Club in Maple Lake. Simpson said 4-H is a youth organization from kindergarten through one year past high school. This program was offered for leadership and development. He started this program as a youth. There are 18 clubs which had more than 600 youth and 170 adult volunteers. Simpson wanted the board to approve National 4-H Week during October 2-8 2022. Simpson read the 4-H declaration to the board. Wetter asked if Simpson was an ambassador, he answered yes. He took part in livestock projects which included cattle, sheep, rabbits, general exhibits, and welding.

Daleiden moved to approve the request for approval and signatures on a resolution declaring October 2-8, 2022 as National 4-H Week in Wright County. The motion was seconded by Wetter. The motion carried 4-0. Vetsch being absent.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONERS

* Acknowledge Warrants Issued Between September 14, 2022 And September 20, 2022.

Kaczmarek wanted to review warrant 275334 for Department 111. The claim was for \$25,953 to Weidner Plumbing Company. This bill was for the Sheriff's Office Training Center. He wanted an update on this. The bill was approved on Monday, September 12. Kaczmarek understood that BKV was going to pay \$19,000 and the county was going to pay \$6,000. County Administrator Lee Kelly said work was completed the last week in August. Testing was done to make sure installation was done correctly. The county was invoiced approximately \$12,000 of which the county paid in a timely fashion to stay in good standing with the business. An invoice was then sent to BKV on Tuesday, September 13 for \$19,000 as was directed at the May 31, 2022 board meeting. Friday, September 23 the inspection report confirmed everything was operating correctly as installed. Kaczmarek wanted to clarify that the inspection was included in the initial bill. Kelly said testing and balancing was done on Friday, September 23 and this was included in the previous stated cost and the shooting range was operational.

Kaczmarek moved to approve B1. The motion was seconded by Daleiden. The motion carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATION

Schedule Meeting Regarding 2023 Budget And Levy For 6 P.M. December 1, 2022.

Kelly said the board was required by statute to have a meeting no sooner than 6 p.m. between Friday, November 25 and Wednesday, December 28 for the budget and levy, known as the Truth in Taxation hearing. There was discussion about when to schedule this. Kaczmarek valued Vetsch's input last year and thought the meeting should be had with Vetsch present. It was decided the meeting be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 14.

Daleiden moved to approve scheduling a meeting regarding 2023 budget and levy for 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Kaczmarek. The motion carried 4-0.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE / ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

County Administrator Lee Kelly

Kelly said facility staff met prior to the board meeting to discuss details on the old Government Center walk-through on Wednesday, September 28. He said it sounded like the interest from surrounding public entities within the county was strong. Also, the staff appreciation pork chop lunch event was held at the Highway Department on Thursday, September 22. Kelly said it was nice to host everyone on one campus this year.

Commissioner Michael Kaczmarek

Kaczmarek said the Wright County Mayor's Association meeting was held the week prior and was hosted at Bait and Hook in Cokato. He said it was brought up at the meeting that the elected officials would be paying dues next year and there needed to

be a vote on that. Kaczmarek wanted this petitioned on the next board agenda.

Commissioner Christine Husom

Husom attended the Reel Hope presentation and a Forensic Science Seminar. She thought there was good information at the Mayors Association meeting.

Commissioner Mary Wetter

Wetter attended the Mining and Extraction Work Group meeting and there was discussion about secondary uses for gravel pits. She said at the Historical Society meeting she was introduced to the new Archivist Marisa Kampanaro. Wetter also discussed the Festival of Trees. This year the theme will be gingerbread. The Festival of Trees opens Thursday, December 1. She said Monday November 21 would be the last day to put up trees and the Historical Society's hours had changed to 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday – Friday and 9am-3pm Saturdays. Wetter said the Mayor's Association meeting held in Cokato went well. She said she was at the employee pork chop appreciation lunch, and it seemed everyone was very appreciative. Wetter attended the Hanover Open House and there were more than 50 people who attended.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39a.m.

County Board Minutes submitted by Delia Scepaniak, Administrative Specialist.