

July 6, 2021
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present in person or via teleconference for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Donna Gravley, Norm Holmen, Larry Anderson, Kevin Stevens; County Attorney Nick Anderson, County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/Treasurer Donna Torkelson, Kathy Marsh, Ron Schramel, Kyle Pillatzki, Gale Bondhus, Marlowe Nelson, John Madson, Ron Knoll, Babe Crowell, and Joel Alvstad. Commissioner Tom Appel was absent.

Vice-Chair Gravley called the meeting to order. Motion by Anderson, second by Holmen, unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda. Motion by Holmen, second by Stevens, unanimous roll call vote to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021, regular meeting and the June 15, 2021 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

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The County Attorney made the determination that as far as Commissioner meetings are concerned the pandemic is over and the board no longer needs to do a roll call vote on every motion and MS Teams teleconferencing will not be scheduled for every meeting.

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John Madson and Marlowe Nelson met with the board representing the local Legions and VFWs regarding the \$150 memorial day funds that can be requested from the county each year and asked that this amount be increased. After discussion, consensus of the board is to discuss at budget time and to possibly make a yearly, direct appropriation.

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Ron Schramel, Attorney for Red Rock Rural Water Systems, met with the board on behalf of Dominic Jones to get approval for the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$831,000 for the building of the new water treatment plant. Schramel answered the questions that the County Attorney asked and also provided a signed statement stating that RRRWS is not currently in default on any bonds. Motion by Anderson, second by Stevens, unanimous roll call vote to approve the resolution Authorizing an Advance Agreement with Minnesota Rural Water Finance Authority and Authorizing Participation in Joint Powers Authority.

Motion by Stevens, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve the Advance Agreement between Minnesota Rural Water Finance Authority and Cottonwood County, Minnesota and the Water Commission of the Red Rock Rural Water System subject to the changes requested by the Cottonwood County Attorney.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to approve the state bid for the purchase of a 2021 John Deere 544P Loader from RDO Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$133,452.72 which includes a trade-in and an 84 month warranty. The purchase of the loader will be paid from the SCORE fund.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Anderson, unanimous roll call vote to approve resolution 21-07-06: Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the County of Cottonwood on Behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff. (Resolution is on file in the County Coordinator's office.)

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Motion by Stevens, second by Anderson, unanimous vote to allow the transfer of Tessler Crowell from part-time to full-time Jailer/Dispatcher effective July 5, 2021 and to allow Heather Janssen to remain as a full-time Jailer/Dispatcher effective July 5, 2021.

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Motion by Stevens, second by Holmen, unanimous roll call vote to approve July warrants as follows:

County Revenue Fund	\$ 1,693.18
Road & Bridge Fund	\$142,332.94
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 1,952.41
Landfill Enterprise Fund	<u>\$ 55,814.74</u>
	\$201,793.27

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Motion by Holmen, second by Anderson, unanimous vote to close the meeting as permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3(b) to discuss the following litigation: FSG Ag Acquisition Company LLC vs. Cottonwood County at 9:33 a.m. Individuals present for the meeting were: Commissioners Donna Gravley, Kevin Stevens, Norm Holmen, and Larry Anderson; Kelly Thongvivong, Nick Anderson, Donna Torkelson, Kathy Marsh, and Gale Bondhus.

Motion by Anderson, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to open the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Motion by Holmen, second by Anderson, unanimous vote to approve retention of Marc Manderscheid to represent the county in the FGS Ag Acquisition Company, LLC tax court case.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer

Donna Gravley, Board Vice-Chair

Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator