

October 19, 2021
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 19, 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 Tom Appel, Donna Gravley, Norm Holmen, Larry Anderson, Kevin Stevens; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/Treasurer Donna Torkelson, Kathy Marsh, Kevin Gotto, Blair Mace, Todd Hauge, Gale Bondhus, Drew Hage, Nick Klisch, Jed Rhubee, and Joel Alvstad.

Chairman Appel called the meeting to order. Motion by Holmen, second by Gravley, unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda. Motion by Stevens, second by Anderson, unanimous roll call vote to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 regular meeting.

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Blair Mace and Todd Hauge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, met with the board to get certification of a land acquisition. Mace informed the board that U.S. Fish & Wildlife has signed a purchase agreement for 7.2 acres in Lakeside Township owned by Kevin and Myra Gotto. Mace explained that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife is purchasing the land with Migratory Bird Conservation funds and is required to get County Board certification. Motion by Gravley, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to approve the Certification of Fee title purchase from Kevin and Myra Gotto to U.S. Fish & Wildlife for 7.2 acres in Lakeside Township.

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Drew Hage, Windom EDA Director, informed the board that a Home Initiative – New Construction application has been received from Barga, Inc., for the construction of a twin home in Mountain Lake. Hage stated that all requirements to date have been met so a public hearing date needs to be set. Motion by Stevens, second by Holmen, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution 21-10-19 “Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Abatement for new Residential Project.” (Resolution is on file in the County Coordinator’s office.)

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Nick Klisch, Public Works Director, met with the board to discuss a few items. Klisch asked for approval of the 2021-2022 snow removal agreements. Motion by Anderson, second by Gravley, unanimous vote to approve the 2021-2022 snow removal agreements with the City of Jeffers, City of Westbrook, City of Mountain Lake, and Lakeside Township.

Klisch presented two quotes for concrete crushing as follows: Hanson Custom Crushing: (1) 15,000 ton at \$6/ton plus \$375/hr for processing - \$127,500, or (2) 15,000 ton at \$8/ton including processing - \$120,000; Dubelde Gravel: (1) \$3,000 mobilization, plus 15,000 ton at \$5/ton plus \$260/hr for processing - \$104,000 or (2) \$3,000 mobilization, plus 15,000 ton at \$7.25/ton with processing included - \$111,750. Motion by Anderson, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to accept the quote from Dubelde Gravel for concrete crushing as follows: \$3,000 mobilization, plus 15,000 ton at \$5/ton plus \$260/hr for processing - \$104,000.

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Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator, met with the board to discuss a few items.

Motion by Holmen, second by Gravley, unanimous vote to accept the resignation from Brett Nolte, Solid Waste Technician, effective October 12, 2021.

Thongvivong presented, on behalf of Red Rock Rural Water Systems, a request for the board to approve the re-appointment of Mike Carlson and Jay Mickelson to the Red Rock Rural Water Systems Board for a 4-year term. Motion by Anderson, second by Stevens, unanimous roll call vote to approve resolution 21-10-19A "Resolution Recommending the Appointment of Mike Carlson and Jay Mickelson to the Red Rock Rural Water System Board of Commissioners." (Resolution is on file in the County Coordinator's office.)

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Motion by Holmen, second by Gravley, unanimous vote to approve October warrants as follows:

County Revenue Fund	\$ 83,646.96
County Building Fund	\$ 6,771.34
Ditch Fund	\$ 12,917.58
Taxes and Penalties Fund	\$ 4,017.26
Agency Fund	\$ 2.57
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 33,325.51
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 3,245.00
Landfill Enterprise Fund	<u>\$ 30,061.73</u>
	\$173,987.95

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Commissioner Appel led discussion on a couple of topics: AMC District 8 meeting that will be held on October 28, 2021; salary schedule and new hires; and informed the board that a work session will probably be needed in December to discuss buildings, roads, audit, etc.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer

Thomas D. Appel, Board Chair

Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator