

August 23, 2022
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Work Session
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Tom Appel, Donna Gravley, Kevin Stevens, Norm Holmen, Larry Anderson; County Attorney Nick Anderson, County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/Treasurer Donna Torkelson, Kathy Marsh, Nick Klisch, Kay Gross, Paul Johnson, Tayla Snapp, Samuel Krueger, and Todd Hill.

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Chairman Gravley called the meeting to order. Motion by Holmen, second by Appel, unanimous vote to approve the agenda as amended.

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Kay Gross, SWCD District Administrator, met with the board to review the 2023 proposed budget for the Soil & Water Conservation District office. Gross also gave an update on the County Fair.

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Nick Klisch, Public Works Director, met with the board to review the 2023 proposed budget for the Landfill. The board had a few questions on some of the numbers and will need to revisit this budget.

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Chairman Gravley led the review and discussion of proposed budgets.

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Chairman Gravley recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and asked that everyone return by 12:45 p.m.

Chairman Gravley called the meeting back to order at 12:53 p.m.

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Chairman Gravley led the review and discussion of the remaining proposed budgets.

Commissioner Anderson gave an update on Southwest Mental Health.

Commissioner Appel gave an update on CPT (Counties Providing Technology).

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Motion by Holmen, second by Anderson, unanimous vote to recess as the County Board and to convene as the Ditch Authority.

Motion by Anderson, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to accept the Engineers Report for the repair of CD#35 as presented and set the public hearing for Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse.

Motion by Stevens, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to adjourn as the Ditch Authority and to reconvene as the County Board.

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Chairman Gravley led a short discussion on the list of county buildings and the repairs, remodels, or new structures that are needed.

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Samuel Krueger and Tayla Snapp from TC Energy, and Todd Hill, Hill Capital Strategies, met with the board to give a presentation the presence of natural gas pipeline infrastructure in Minnesota.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer

Donna L. Gravley, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator