

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

State of Minnesota
County of Kanabec
Office of the County Coordinator

February 20, 2024

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Rick Mattson, Tom Roeschlein, Wendy Caswell and Peter Ripka. Absent: Alison Holland. Others Present: Board Clerk Kris McNally, County Attorney Barbara McFadden (WebEx) and Recording Secretary Kelsey Schiferli.

The meeting was held in the County Board Room and via WebEx for anyone wishing to attend virtually.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00am and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action #1 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Tom Roeschlein and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Action #2 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve minutes of February 6, 2024 as presented.

Action #3 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to approve the corrected minutes of January 16, 2024 as presented.

9:02am – The Chairperson called for public comment three times. None responded.

9:03am – The Chairperson closed public comment.

Action #4 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following paid claims:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AT&T Mobility	3,101.08
AT&T Mobility	3,099.49
Blaze Credit Union	5,695.55
Card Services (Coborn's)	13.99
Card Services (Coborn's)	65.18
Card Services (Coborn's)	273.84
Consolidated Communications	1,147.84
Kanabec County AT ACH_VISA	1,503.86

Kanabec County Auditor HRA	6,000.00
Kanabec County Auditor-Treas	17,190.91
Kwik Trip Inc	12,620.11
Marco Inc	178.12
Midcontinent Communications	435.08
Minnesota Department of Finance	338.30
Minnesota Department of Finance	4,724.00
Minnesota Energy Resources Corp	8,491.07
Office of MN.IT Services	1,338.65
Quality Disposal	262.30
Quality Disposal	283.80
Quality Disposal	224.79
Quality Disposal	574.90
Verizon Wireless Cell Phones	3,535.40
22 Claims Totaling:	<u>\$ 71,098.26</u>

Action #5 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to approve the following claims on the Revenue Fund:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	19,890.93
Amazon Capital Services	13.99
Amazon Capital Services	45.72
Amazon Capital Services	26.99
American DataBank	68.80
Anne M. Carlson Law Office, PLLC	2,020.00
Anoka County Sheriff's Office	80.00
Barlow, Jeffery	590.27
Bliss, Erica	140.70
Buresh, Corey	175.00
DS Solutions	140.11
East Central Regional Juvenile Center	4,957.00
EATI	1,865.25
EATI	3,330.68
ECM Publishers	50.00
Election Systems & Software Inc	4,152.68
Fairview Health Services	190.00
FBG Service Corporation	4,829.00
FBG Service Corporation	2,543.00
FBG Service Corporation	672.00
Galls	171.23
Glen's Tire	131.23
Glen's Tire	84.00

Granite City Jobbing Co	1,026.10
Granite Electronics	141.00
Granite Electronics	969.00
Gratitude Farms	500.00
Hoefert, Robert	874.35
Horizon Towing	1,337.81
Industrial Health Services Network Inc	47.90
Itsavvy LLC	141.18
Jamar Company	3,036.90
Johnsons Hardware	89.31
K & S Engraving, LLC	480.00
Kanabec Publications Inc	146.00
Kanabec Publications Inc	177.60
Kanabec Publications Inc	20.01
Kanabec Publications Inc	371.01
Kanabec Publications Inc	583.00
Kubesh, JohnClair	723.47
Made of Mora/Promotional Designs	45.00
Made of Mora/Promotional Designs	47.95
Marco, Inc	159.00
MCCC Lockbox	4,935.00
McFadden, Barbara	84.42
Michael Keller, Ph.D., L.P.	1,300.00
Mid-American Research Chemical	248.00
Mid-American Research Chemical	169.01
Mid-American Research Chemical	169.01
Minnesota County Attorney's Association	66.00
Minnesota Monitoring, Inc	368.00
Mora Chamber of Commerce	250.00
Morris Electronics	1,263.50
Motorola Solutions	2,115.00
Motorola Solutions	7,142.50
Oak Gallery	23.55
ODP Business Solutions	13.38
ODP Business Solutions	62.40
ODP Business Solutions	172.23
Office Depot	52.23
Office of MNIT Services	864.52
Premium Waters, Inc.	35.10
Primdata	4,500.00
Q Media Properties LLC	75.00
Quill	51.78
RELX Inc. DBA LexisNexis	220.00

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Ritter, Jane	135.64
River Valley Forensic Services, PA	250.00
Seachange	3,216.33
Stellar Services	142.63
Stellar Services	44.87
Summit Food Service Management	3,923.20
Summit Food Service Management	3,889.66
Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc.	161.22
Thomsen, Brandon	395.74
Thomsen, Brandon	339.47
Tinker & Larson Inc	1,543.68
Van Alst, Lillian	1,154.41
WEX Health, Inc.	434.50
80 Claims Totaling:	<u><u>\$ 97,135.85</u></u>

Action #6 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following claims on the Road & Bridge Fund:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aramark	555.90
Beaudry Oil	21,785.60
Central McGowan	239.17
Central Pension Fund	529.35
Federated Co-ops	164.83
Gopher State One-Call	59.45
JMD	7,279.77
Johnson Hardware	335.90
Kanabec County Highway Dept	76.20
Kwik Trip	26.63
Marco	352.17
MKJ Trucking	2,820.00
MCHAA	250.00
Oslin Lumber	1,072.97
Owens Auto Parts	90.54
Power Plan	192.75
Scientific Sales	69.50
Stepp MFG	222.72
Trent Terpstra	261.30
Trueman Welters	1,288.80
Vault Health	561.16
Walk-N-Roll	593.32

Widseth Smith Nolting	2,290.56
Wiarcom	675.30
Ziegler Inc	1,918.14
25 Claims Totaling:	<u>\$ 43,712.03</u>

County Coordinator Kris McNally led a discussion regarding committee appointments.

Action #7 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #7 – 2/20/24

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Derek Hippen-Koch to the Insurance Committee as a representative of the Local 107 Union for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to appoint Farrah Gajewski to the Insurance Committee as a non-union representative for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to appoint Andrew Magaard to the Insurance Committee as an alternate non-union representative for a three-year term commencing immediately and expiring January 5, 2027.

Action #8 – It was moved by Tom Roeschlein, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #8 – 2/20/24

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Jean Mattson to the Extension Committee for a special term until another representative from District 3 can be appointed, or up to one year, whichever occurs first.

Action #9 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to recess the meeting at 9:14am to a time immediately following the Family Services Board.

The Kanabec County Family Services Board met at 9:14am on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 pursuant to adjournment with the following Board Members present: Tom Roeschlein, Rick Mattson, Wendy Caswell and Peter Ripka. Absent: Alison Holland. Family Services Director Chuck Hurd presented the Family Services Board Agenda.

Family Services Director Chuck Hurd gave the Director’s report.

Action #FS10 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried

unanimously to approve the Family Services Board Agenda as presented.

Action #FS11 – It was moved by Tom Roeschlein, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #FS11 – 2/20/24

Health & Human Services Administrative Assistant Replacement Resolution

WHEREAS the Health & Human Services long term Administrative Assistant has given notice that she will be retiring on May 3, 2024, and

WHEREAS this position is budgeted and essential to the directors in both agencies, and

THEREFORE the Family Services Director is requesting to replace the Health & Human Services Administrative Assistant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Kanabec County Family Services Board authorizes the Family Service Director and Community Health Director assisted by the HR Director to hire a full time Administrative Assistant at Grade 9 Step A which is \$21.93 per hour and to backfill any position that could become vacant due to a promotion or lateral move.

Action #FS12 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #FS12 – 2/20/24

Family Services Community Support Tech to Social Worker Resolution

WHEREAS the Children’s Services 24-year veteran Community Support Tech (CST) has given notice that she will be retiring the first week in May, and

WHEREAS the position of Children’s Services CST was given an exception from DHS to bill for Targeted Case Management (TCM) in years past, and

WHEREAS finding a person to meet this exception would be difficult and would potentially not meet DHS’s requirements for billing for our TCM services, and

WHEREAS the Family Services Director is requesting to replace the CST with a social worker to continue performing and billing for the TCM duties she has been providing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Kanabec County Family Services Board authorizes the Family Service Director assisted by the HR Director to hire a full time social worker to replace the Children’s Services CST who is retiring at level 12 step B rate of pay of \$28.44 with a Social Worker Grade 14 Step A which is \$30.48 per hour and to backfill any position that could become vacant due to a promotion or lateral move.

Action #FS13 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #FS13 – 2/20/24

Family Services Community Supports Social Worker Resolution

WHEREAS a Social Worker in the Community Supports adult area has given notice of their resignation effective 2/12/2024, and

WHEREAS the adult area has another vacancy and a staff person out on leave at this time leaving the adult area down three staff, and

WHEREAS the Family Services Director is requesting to replace this social worker.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Kanabec County Family Services Board authorizes the Family Service Director assisted by the HR Director to hire a full time social worker at Grade 14 Step A which is \$30.48 per hour and to backfill any position that could become vacant due to a promotion or lateral move.

Action #FS14 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #FS14 - 2/20/24

Clay County Document Management Hosting Agreement resolution

WHEREAS, Kanabec County Family Services has a need for an electronic document management system to insure the capability of sharing resources, authority and accountability for human services programs, and

WHEREAS, Clay County has been providing the technological “Host Environment” with a centrally located server in Moorhead, MN, and

WHEREAS, Next Chapter Technology, Inc. will continue to provide the software, software maintenance and professional services needed for the system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Kanabec County Family Services Board approves the Family Services Director entering into an Agreement with Clay County, through its Human Services Division for technically hosting an electronic document management system for the period February 20, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Action #FS15 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Tom Roeschlein and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #FS15 – 2/20/24

Pine County Psychiatric Services Resolution

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§235.461 through 235.486 and Minn. Stat. §§235.487 through 235.488 establishes the Minnesota Comprehensive Adult Mental Health Act and the Minnesota Comprehensive Children’s Mental Health Act, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2023 this Board approved an Agreement with Pine County Health & Human Services for Psychiatric Services, and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the partially signed Agreement Pine County has chosen to revise said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Family Services Board approves the revised Psychiatric Services Agreement with Pine County Health & Human Services which commenced on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Action #FS16 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #FS16 – 2/20/24

Agreement for Foster Children and Youth Transportation resolution

WHEREAS, it is directed by the State of Minnesota that Local Education Agencies and Child Welfare agencies will collaborate in order to establish transportation procedures for foster care youth to ensure their educational stability, and

WHEREAS, Mora, Braham and Ogilvie Public Schools and Kanabec County Family Services agree to collaborate to design a comprehensive transportation plan to ensure that transportation for children in foster care is arranged, provided and funded when a best interest determination indicates that the student should remain in the school of origin, and

WHEREAS, Kanabec County Family Services and Braham, Mora and Ogilvie Public Schools agree that transportation must be provided in a “cost effective” manner and that all federal, state and local funding sources should be maximized to ensure transportation costs are not unduly burdensome to one agency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Kanabec County Family Services Board approves the Family Services Director signing Agreements with Braham, Mora and Ogilvie Public Schools for a Transportation Procedures Agreement to provide transportation for foster care youth to ensure their educational stability, effective upon the date of execution. These agreements shall be reviewed every three years by mutual agreement.

Action #FS17 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the payment of 103 claims totaling \$263,064.83 on Family Services Funds.

Action #FS18 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Tom Roeschlein and carried

unanimously to adjourn Family Services Board at 9:34am and to meet again on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 9:20am.

The Board of Commissioners reconvened.

County Coordinator Kris McNally presented a proposal from the Norsemen Motorcycle Club & Minnesota DNR for the AlanDale Motorcycle Trail through the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant-in-Aid Program.

Action #19 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Tom Roeschlein and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution # 19 – 2/20/2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF THE ALANDALE TRAIL PROJECT,
AN OFF HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE TRAIL SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC RIDING,
OPERATED BY THE NORSEMEN MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has made funding available through the Minnesota Trails Assistance Program for the purpose of constructing and maintaining Off Highway Vehicle trails for Off Highway Motorcycles (OHM) and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), and

WHEREAS, the County of Kanabec desires to make available to its citizens and visitors, such an area for the aforementioned purposes, in harmony and keeping with its comprehensive plan,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kanabec County act as the legal sponsor for an application for the funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for acquisition, construction, and maintenance of an OHM and ATV riding area, open to the public, and managed by the Norsemen Motorcycle Club, for a period of up to five (5) years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the State, Kanabec County may enter into any agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor-Treasurer is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and would be named the fiscal agent for this project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, notwithstanding the financial assistance provided for in the state contract, Kanabec County shall not be liable for any or such costs as are incurred by the Norsemen Motorcycle Club, should state funds become depleted.

ADOPTED BY the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners this 20th day of February, 2024.

Public Works Director Chad Gramentz met with the Board to discuss matters concerning his department.

Action #20 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Tom Roeschlein and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #20 – 2/20/24
Mussel survey agreement for Bridge # 33507 on CSAH 6

WHEREAS: the MnDNR is requiring that a mussel survey be conducted for Bridge 33507, and

WHEREAS: three price quotes were received as follows:

Daguna Consulting	\$26,515.00
Edge Aquatic Service LLC	\$1,000.00
Endangered Resource Services	\$3,333.00

WHEREAS: the Public Works Director has evaluated the proposals for, service availability, experience, schedule and cost, and

WHEREAS Endangered Resource Services can best accommodate the required schedule, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; to accept the quote from Endangered Resource Services for \$3,333.00 as the best value in services.

Action #21 – It was moved by Tom Roeschlein, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #21 – 2/20/24
Carpet bids for Courthouse Second Floor

WHEREAS the following quotes were provided for carpet replacement in the 2nd floor of the Courthouse:

DKN Construction	\$95,000.00
Multiple Concepts Interiors	\$99,475.00
Sam Schusted, LLC	\$118,000.00

WHEREAS said quotes were presented before the board, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to accept the quote of \$95,000.00 by DKN Construction for carpet replacement in the courthouse.

Action #22 – It was moved by Tom Roeschlein, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #22 – 2/20/24
Purchase Tractor

WHEREAS the following quotes were provided by Kubota and Trueman Welters for highway maintenance tractors:

Tractor (2024 Kubota M5-09IHDC12-1 4WD w/Loader)	\$88,636.53
Trade-In (unit no. 1503 Kubota L6060-20)	-\$25,000.00
Trade-In (unit no. 1502 Kubota L6060-20)	-\$25,000.00
Kubota Total:	\$38,636.53

Tractor (2024 Case IH Farmall 90C 4WD w/Loader)	\$78,151.00
Trade-In (unit no. 1503 Kubota L6060-20)	-\$12,000.00
Trade-In (unit no. 1502 Kubota L6060-20)	-\$12,000.00
Trueman Welters Total:	\$54,151.00

WHEREAS said quotes are based on State Contract pricing and were presented before the Board, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to accept the quote of \$38,636.53 by Kubota for a 2024 Kubota M5-09IHDC12-1 4WD w/Loader, trade-in of units 1503 and 1502, and approve the purchase thereof.

Action #23 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #23 – 2/20/24
Purchase Lawn Tractor

WHEREAS the following quotes were provided by Midwest Machinery for highway maintenance lawn tractor:

Lawn Tractor (2024 John Deere X730)	\$13,391.30
Trade-In (unit no. 448 John Deere X724)	-\$1,000.00
Total:	\$12,391.30

WHEREAS said quotes are based on State Contract pricing and were presented before the Board, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to accept the quote of \$12,391.30 by Midwest Machinery for a 2024 John Deere X730, trade in of unit no 448, and approve the purchase thereof.

Action #24 – It was moved by Tom Roeschlein, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #24 – 2/20/24
Purchase Brush Cutter

WHEREAS the following quotes were provided by Schulte and Trueman Welters for highway maintenance brush cutter:

Schulte:	FX-107 Rotary Cutter	\$12,384.96
Trueman Welters:	BH417 Rotary Cutter 7'	\$10,949.00

WHEREAS said quotes are based on State Contract pricing and were presented before the Board, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to accept the quote of \$10,949.00 by Trueman Welters BH417 Rotary Cutter 7' and approve the purchase thereof.

Action #25 – It was moved by Tom Roeschlein, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #25 – 2/20/24
Sign Inventory Quotes

WHEREAS the following quotes were received for signs and supplies inventory:

Newman Signs	\$23,155.44
MR Sign	\$23,710.17
Sign Solutions	\$28,614.38

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the low quote of \$23,155.44 submitted by Newman Signs.

Action #26 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #26 – 2/20/24
Purchase Drone

WHEREAS the 2024 Public Works budget includes the purchase of a drone for inspections and surveys, and

WHEREAS the following quote was received for a Skydio 2+ drone: Skydio \$1,873.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to accept the quote of \$1,873.00 submitted by Skydio for a Skydio 2+ drone.

The Board decided to hold a closed session toward the end of the meeting and deferred the resolution for SAP 033-603-026 Right-of-Way Determination of Just Compensation for 2376 Quarter Street until after the closed session discussion (MN Statute 13d.05 Subd3.c.3).

Public Works Director Chad Gramentz gave an overview of the five-year plan for road projects.

Action #27 – It was moved by Tom Roeschlein, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #27 – 2/20/24
Advertise for Bids
2024 Construction Projects

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners wish to proceed with the following projects:

Road	Type	Length	From	To
5	Reconstruction	2.5 mi.	TH 23	CSAH 19
86	Reclamation	1.0 mi.	CSAH 5	E. Co. Line
71	Resurfacing	4.3 mi.	CR 70	CSAH 11
6	Bridge Replacement	0.2 mi.	Ann River	

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the County Engineer, upon final plans, specifications, and proposal, to advertise for bids for said projects.

10:17am – The Board took a five minute break.

10:22am – The Board reconvened.

Environmental Services Supervisor Ryan Carda met with the Board to discuss criteria to define successful implementation/functionality of the Snake River Watershed Plan Partnership. Board consensus was that they would define successful implementation/functionality of the Snake River Watershed Plan Partnership as the actual initiation of at least one project with a projected cost of under \$20,000 and one project with a projected cost of over \$20,000 within the next 12 months.

Extension Educator 4-H Youth Development Nikki Priebe met with the Board to request that County Commissioners serve as judges for 4-H interviews at the County Fair this summer. Commissioners Tom Roeschlein and Peter Ripka volunteered to serve. A department update was also given. Information only, no action was taken.

Commissioner Wendy Caswell presented a Resolution to supersede the original Resolution to Withdraw from South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Agreement (#19 – 12/19/23) to clarify the date of the notice as well as the actual membership withdrawal date.

Action #28 – It was moved by Tom Roeschlein, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #28 – 2/20/24

Resolution to Withdraw from South Country Health Alliance Membership

WHEREAS Kanabec County is a member county in the South Country Health Alliance joint powers entity through a joint powers agreement; and

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners believes it is in the best interest of Kanabec County to withdraw its membership from South Country Health Alliance joint powers entity and to collect Kanabec County’s share of South Country Health Alliance’s capital and surplus; and

WHEREAS withdrawal from said membership will have minimal impact on Kanabec County clients due to new providers and a transition plan being in place; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the withdrawal from the South Country Health Alliance joint powers entity membership pursuant to Section 11 of the joint powers agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kanabec County requests its share of South Country Health Alliance’s capital and surplus be disbursed to Kanabec County pursuant to Section 11.3 of the joint powers agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of the Notice of Withdrawal from the South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Agreement and entity membership is December 19, 2023 per Board Resolution #19-12/19/23;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of Kanabec County’s withdrawal from the South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Agreement and entity membership is December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Rick Mattson led a discussion regarding consideration of approval of a resolution in opposition to the North Star Act.

Action #29 – It was moved by Tom Roeschlein, seconded by Peter Ripka and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #29 – 2/20/24

OPPOSITION TO NORTH STAR ACT (SF2724, HF2860)

WHEREAS, a “Sanctuary State” is a jurisdiction that restricts state and local officials from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Congress to establish all laws and rules regarding naturalization, and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified on July 9, 1869, and granted citizenship to “all persons born or naturalized in the United States” are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside, and

WHEREAS, law enforcement in Kanabec County is dedicated to protecting the communities they serve and promoting public safety requires the assistance and cooperation of the community, so law enforcement has the ability to gather the information necessary to investigate and deter crime, and

WHEREAS, the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners supports all law enforcement officers, federal, state, county and municipal, upholding the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is reviewing approval of Senate File (SF) 2724 and House File (HF) 2860 effectively making Minnesota a “Sanctuary State” by prohibiting law enforcement, county employees, and schools from collecting information on immigration or citizenship status, prohibiting the sharing of any other information about individuals for the purposes of immigration enforcement, and prohibiting the use of county resources for immigration enforcement, and

WHEREAS, SF2724 and HF2860 interferes with the County and its employees’ ability to perform current functions, imposes implementation hurdles and burdens upon the County, creates ambiguity and possible conflicts with federal law, may subject the County and its employees to statutory violations, employment consequences, and possible civil and criminal liability; and

WHEREAS, Kanabec County supports legal immigration and the positive impact it provides for our communities and the local and state economy; and

WHEREAS, Kanabec County citizens should not be negatively impacted from results caused by illegal immigration and the North STAR Act on the budgeting of taxpayer dollars and public resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners hereby urges our legislative delegation and the Governor to reject the North STAR Act proposals in Senate File 2724 and House File 2860, and give ample acknowledgment to public and local government input and the true impact of a “Sanctuary State” designation.

County Coordinator Kris McNally led a discussion regarding a request to re-allocate committed ARPA funds.

Action #30 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried

unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #30 – 2/20/24
Reallocation of Surplus ARPA Funds to a Courthouse Security Project

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners committed ARPA funds to multiple projects within the County and community; and

WHEREAS, to date, some projects have been completed under budget resulting in an \$18,885 surplus; and

WHEREAS a request to upgrade certain security features in the Courthouse has been received; and

WHEREAS an estimate for this upgrade is \$5,511; and

WHEREAS the ARPA Committee has voted in favor of the re-allocation of a portion of the surplus ARPA funds to this security project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the re-allocation of up to \$5,600 from the ARPA surplus to the Courthouse security project request;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the estimate and authorizes moving forward with the project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Public Works Director Chad Gramentz is authorized to sign agreements related to said project.

The Commissioners gave reports regarding the boards and committees in which they participate. Information only, no action was taken.

Future Agenda Items: Upcoming cannabis public hearing

Action #31 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to enter into a closed session at 11:18am pursuant to MN Statute §13D.05 subd.3.c.3 to discuss matters related to a real estate transaction. Those present during the closed portion of the meeting were Commissioners Rick Mattson, Tom Roeschlein, Wendy Caswell and Peter Ripka; as well as Public Works Director Chad Gramentz and County Coordinator Kris McNally.

Action #32 – It was moved by Peter Ripka, seconded by Wendy Caswell and carried unanimously to return to open session at 11:42am.

Action #33 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Tom Roeschlein and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #33 – 2/20/24
SAP 033-603-026 Right-of-Way
Determination of Just Compensation

WHEREAS Kanabec County wishes to proceed with the project development of improvements to CSAH 5 from TH 23 to CSAH 19 as identified in the five-year plan, and

WHEREAS the planned improvements require acquisition of additional right-of-way, and

WHEREAS a qualified and licensed appraiser has completed appraisal work on the subject property and the appraisal is included herein, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Kanabec County Board determines the appraised value as presented is just compensation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Public Works Director to initiate property acquisition based on the appraised value.

Action #34 – It was moved by Wendy Caswell, seconded by Tom Roeschlein and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:44am and to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 9:00am.

Signed _____
Chairperson of the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners,
Kanabec County, Minnesota

Attest: _____
Board Clerk