



BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

DATE APPROVED: August 15, 2023

Tina Diedrick, District 1
Darek Vetsch, District 2
Jeanne Holland, District 3
Nadine Schoen, District 4
Michael Kaczmarek, District 5

The Wright County Board met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Diedrick, Vetsch, Holland, and Kaczmarek present.

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Board of Commissioners:	Tina Diedrick
	Jeanne Holland
	Michael Kaczmarek
	Darek Vetsch

Absent

Board of Commissioners:	Nadine Schoen
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I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. MINUTES - DISPENSE WITH READING, APPROVE AS WRITTEN/REVISED

A. Approve Wright County Board Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2023

Commissioner Michael Kaczmarek asked to add detail to Section C. Public Hearing County Ditch #31 (CD 31). Kaczmarek asked to include Fillmore Avenue to County Road 8 SW on CD 31 to better describe the scope of the work being done.

Kaczmarek moved to approve the Tuesday, July 25 County Board meeting minutes with the proposed correction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeanne Holland. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Nadine Schoen absent.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

B. Approve Minutes from the July 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole (COTW) Law Enforcement Services Contract

Commissioner Darek Vetsch said that the approval of minutes from the July 26, 2023 COTW would be moved to items for consideration, A. Committee Minutes, to be approved with the recommendations.

III. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Holland asked to move Item for Consideration #1, Approve and Adopt Recommendations from the July 26, 2023 COTW to the timed agenda.

Holland moved to approve the Tuesday, August 1 County Board agenda with the proposed change. The motion was seconded by Kaczmarek. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye:4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Kaczmarek moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

A. FINANCE & TAXPAYER SERVICES

1. Motion to Approve the Reimbursement of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds as follows:
County ARP Funds:
Approval of County Reimbursement of \$953.91 from 01-099-493.6910 Transfer Out into 01-100-493.5910 Transfer In as follows:
\$953.91 for Administrative Expenses-Staff Costs
Approval of use of ARP funds from 01-099-493.6261
\$291,586.00 5.1 Cleanwater: Centralized Wastewater Treatment-City of Albertville
2. Acknowledge Warrants Issued Between July 18, 2023 and July 25, 2023.

B. PLANNING & ZONING

1. Accept the Finding and Recommendations of the Planning Commission for the Following Request to Rezone: Mark Johnson - (French Lake Township) Commission Unanimously Recommends Approval of the Rezoning of Tax Parcel 209-000-093400 from General Agriculture (AG) to Agricultural/Residential.
2. Accept the Finding and Recommendations of the Planning Commission for the Following Request to Rezone: Gary Lantto - (French Lake Township) Commission Unanimously Recommends Approval of the Rezoning of the North 10 Acres of Tax Parcel 209-000-091100 from General Agriculture (AG) to Agricultural/Residential (AR).

C. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve the program request for Sheriff's Office Employee Retention (\$1,500,000)
Reduce the allocation for Broadband Improvements from \$7,395,000 to \$5,895,000.

V. TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

A. 9:02 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

1. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CONSENT AGENDA

Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Jami Goodrum said that there is a change in the Consent Agenda, item ii. Josh Borrell is stepping down from the Public Health Task Force and HHS is requesting appointment of Jacquelyn Bergo, District 4 instead.

Holland moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the appointment change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tina Diedrick. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

- i. Approve 2023-08-23 Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Planning Retreat, Bertram Park, Monticello.
- ii. Approve Public Health Task Force Member Appointment
 1. Emmanuel Ngabire, District 1
 2. Josh Borrell, District 5

2. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES TIMED AGENDA

- i. Adopt Resolution HHS 23-07 to Accept July Donations

HHS received \$600 in donations, \$250 for Wellness on Wheels, and \$350 for Special Needs Program.

Diedrick moved to adopt resolution 23-07, to accept July donations. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

- ii. Adopt Resolution HHS 23-08 to Proclaim August as Child Support Awareness Month in Wright County

Financial Services Manager Kim Johnson read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Minnesota is committed to the well-being of children to ensure they receive financial, emotional, and other supports from their parents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota proudly recognizes the parents who contributed child support last year to help more than 220,000 children be more financially secure; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota thanks the county and state child support professionals who provide high quality service to more than 314,000 parents and their families across the state to ensure children receive the financial support they deserve; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's automated child support computer system, PRISM, supports 4,500 calls a month, giving parents accessible and

secure information about their child support cases 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota strives to build an equitable child support program with its policies, practices, and procedures by expanding and engaging in respectful conversations with partners and families to improve service delivery and address the inequities often experienced by marginalized communities due to systemic racism and its impact on public programs and policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Wright County Health & Human Services Board of Commissioners proclaim this first day of August for the citizens of Wright County. The month of August 2023 is declared as Child Support Awareness Month.

Diedrick moved to adopt resolution 23-08, proclaiming August as Child Support Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

iii. Recognize the HHS Employee of the Month for August

Goodrum recognized Katie Lawrence as the August Employee of the Month. Lawrence is a Case Aide in the Economic Engagement Coordination Operations Team. She joined Wright County in November 2021 and is extremely knowledgeable in program policies. Lawrence provides exceptional customer service to clients and works hard at removing barriers for those seeking services. Lawrence is a tremendous asset to the team.

Lawrence's nominator states, "Katie always has a great attitude and is so well spoken with both teammates and clients. She is always willing to lend a helping hand and encourages her fellow staff. Katie has a level head and exceptional patience. She is always willing to assist clients when they come into the Agency and assists fellow teammates. She also has great attention to detail. Clients can witness Katie's professionalism and program knowledge when they meet with her. She is a true example of what it means to be Employee of the Month, but not just the month, because she shows up for her clients and teammates all year!"

iv. Central MN Jobs & Training Services (CMJTS) Annual Update (Chief Executive Director Barbara Chaffee)

CMJTS CEO Barbara Chaffee presented the Annual Reports to the Counties for 2021-2022 to the board. Chaffee said that there are eight of the 11 county commissioners are new this year and recognized Holland for her involvement. Chaffee said that Holland is deeply invested in workforce development and is deeply committed to excellence.

CMJTS Finance Director Tricia Bigaouette shared the fiscal audit with the board. CliftonLarsonAllen is the fiscal auditor and CMJTS had a clean

audit for 2022. CMJTS manages 87 grants in-house and revenue was up to \$6.8 million from \$6.1 million.

CMJTS Human Resources & IT Director Kristin Yeager said that CMJTS has 60 employees and shared its organizational chart.

CMJTS Program Manager Dina Wuornos and CMJTS Employment Specialist Krystal Doran shared a success story from Wright County. Doran said:

“Haylee started to receive MFIP benefits from CMJTS in 2020 when her son was born. Employment Specialist Krystal began to working with Haylee in June 2021. At this time, Haylee was only 22 years old, a single mom of a 1-year-old boy, and living in Buffalo. She did not have a driver's license, so transportation was limited to walking and Trailblazer Transit. Haylee began this journey on MFIP scared. Haylee's first words to Krystal when they first spoke were, “I do not know how to adult.” Krystal assured Haylee that WE would get through this one step at a time. That is exactly what took place- small steps to a big success. Today, Haylee is working full time, is off MFIP, and is in the process of obtaining her driver's license.”

v. Information: Family Resource Center (Michelle Miller, Sarah Grosshuesch, WCCA Director Carrie Tripp)

Social Services Manager Michelle Miller said that a Family Resource Center (FRC) is a community hub that welcomes all families to provide support, services, and an opportunity for connection.

A FRC is an opportunity for a community to have a place for families to come for support, services and classes. The idea would be to be strengths based, multi-generational, and have no cost.

The goal of a FRC is to bring services to community that otherwise don't exist. The needs of each individual community would be addressed by information already used by Public Health and Community Action. Each community would have a parent advisory board. The board would direct the level and type of services each FRC would host.

Families utilizing a FRC would have the ability to build peer connections including social, parental resilience and concrete supports in times of need.

Director of Public Health Sarah Grosshuesch shared a personal experience using a FRC when she moved from Alaska to Wisconsin with her young family. Grosshuesch said that a FRC is cost-effective and services that would be offered currently exist, just not in a central location.

Wright County has partnered with Community Action and they have agreed to be the grant holder when that stage is reached. The Teller County, CO data has shown that for every \$1 invested in a FRC in 2018, the child welfare system saved \$2.92, totaling \$2.5 million.

Wright County has been visiting other Minnesota Counties that are also pursuing FRC opportunities and there are now 10 counties that are either pursuing, opening, or have opened a FRC.

vi. HHS Director Comments (Jami Goodrum)

Goodrum said the basic sliding fee allotment for childcare from the state of Minnesota increased from \$900,000 in 2023 to \$2.3 million in 2024.

Wright County's direct care and treatment cost has increased. Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center took a 19 percent increase in its daily fee. Child and Behavioral Health Hospital took a 25 percent increase in its daily fee, and Community Behavioral Health Hospitals took an 18 percent increase.

On Tuesday August 8, KRWC will be airing a program on substance abuse and the co-responder pilot program.

The deadline for August renewals on Medical Assistance (MA) unwinding has been moved to September to get renewals in. The goal of Minnesota Health and Human Services (MNHHS) is to try and make sure people don't fall off MA if they are still eligible.

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Approve and Adopt Recommendations from the July 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole

Kaczmarek said that he would like to make the following modifications to the COTW Minutes:

"The Sheriff is elected by the people to provide a public safety service. If we trust him for that, we should trust him to determine the level or hours of service based on trends, calls for service and other relevant data. "

"Kaczmarek pointed out that there was no notice of this item being on the agenda at today's meeting which is similar to how this was presented to the board by the Sheriff when this contract with US Bank Stadium was proposed. Kaczmarek said that this hourly rate isn't the only concern. The fact that we just had several meetings with several cities to pass a new contract to pay deputies and other staff stipends in the interest of hiring and retaining them and we continue to send a platoon of them to Minneapolis to work at US

Bank Stadium for a lesser contract rate isn't something I will support."

Kaczmarek moved to approve the July 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole minutes with the proposed revisions. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

Vetsch said that the board would vote on the recommendations individually.

RECOMMENDATION: Move forward with the verbally agreed upon language changes and bring the contract to the County Board meeting on August 1 for adoption.

Kaczmarek moved to approve the recommendation to move forward with the verbally agreed upon language changes to the Law Enforcement Contract. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

RECOMMENDATION: Continue contracting with Hennepin County and US Bank Stadium at a revised rate of \$95/hour.

Vetsch suggested to move this topic to the workshop as Commissioner Nadine Schoen is not currently present and there may be additional questions. Sheriff Sean Deringer said that he would not be available to attend the workshop.

Deringer clarified and said that he was given incorrect information when he presented to the board during the COTW. The correct county that has contracted with US Bank Stadium is McLeod County, not Meeker County.

Vetsch said that there is slight urgency to approving the contracted rate, because the Sheriff's Office will continue to bill the current, lower contracted rate until a new recommendation is approved and the contract is amended.

Holland said that she spoke with the Chief Deputy from Meeker County and was told that Meeker County doesn't have any interest in sending their officers to US Bank Stadium, which made her question Wright County's involvement. Holland also had second thoughts about the rate, since the board worked very hard to come to an agreement with the Wright County cities on a hourly rate and she felt it was unfair to give US Bank Stadium a lesser rate. Holland said that she would recommend a rate of \$105 to match the contracted rate with the cities within Wright County. Kaczmarek said that he agreed.

Diedrick said that she recalled that the rate of \$95 was decided on because Wright County is not offering US Bank Stadium the same services that they are offering their contracted cities. Deringer said that US Bank Stadium is not being charged for factors including guaranteed hours potentially backfilled with overtime, records management, equipment, and other items that are not being incurred by US Bank Stadium for the security of the Wright County staff.

Chief Deputy Matt Treichler said that US Bank Stadium has said that if Wright County were to amend its contract to a rate of \$105 per hour, the number of shifts offered would be drastically decreased.

Deringer said that this is a large benefit to the deputies, having significant opportunities for off-duty shifts at US Bank Stadium, when there are only limited opportunities for off-duty shifts within the county.

Holland moved to approve to continue contracting with Hennepin County and US Bank Stadium at a revised rate of \$105/hour. The motion was seconded by Kaczmarek. The motion passed 3-1 with Diedrick opposing.

Aye: 3; Nay: 1; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize temporary over-comp of one Office Tech II position in the Sheriff's Office.

Diedrick moved to approve the recommendation to authorize temporary over-comp of one Office Tech II position in the Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. Schedule Public Hearing for Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Spaces

Civil Division Chief Greg Kryzer said the county will be looking to adopt a countywide ordinance for public use of cannabis and a public hearing needs to be scheduled before the ordinance is adopted. A public hearing has been scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 15.

Kaczmarek moved to approve scheduling a public hearing for an ordinance prohibiting the use of cannabis in public spaces. The motion was seconded by Diedrick. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

2. Refer Items to County Board Workshop on August 8, 2023

Update on Commissioner Projects and TDX
Schedule Meetings as necessary
MCIT Annual Presentation
Update on Fee Schedules

Kaczmarek moved to approve referring items to the County Board Workshop. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent:1; Recused: 0

3. Approve 2024 Sheriff's Contract

Vetsch said that action has already been taken.

VII. ADVISORY COMMITTEE / ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Jeanne Holland

Holland attended State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC), an informational meeting for HHS and will be leaving for Duluth on August 2 for the CMJTS conference.

Darek Vetsch

Vetsch has spent the last couple of weeks in budgetary meetings for the 2024 County budget.

Mike Kaczmarek

Kaczmarek attended the township quarterly meeting and the Wright County Fair, both had a good turnout. Highway 12 coalition met in Delano and the Back the Blue event was also hosted in Delano.

Lee Kelly

Kelly thanked the staff who attended the fair and has been in the budgetary meetings. Also, a reminder that a Safe Schools meeting is scheduled for August 9.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

IX. WARRANTS ISSUED

A. Warrants Issued

