



BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
DATE APPROVED: October 3, 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 Minutes from the Ways and Means Committee (08-31-2023)

B. Approve Minutes from the County Board Meeting (09-05-2023)

C. Approve Minutes from the County Board Workshop (09-12-2023)

D. Approve Minutes from the Committee of the Whole - Budget (09-12-2023)

Commissioner Tina Diedrick asked to add the following statement to the Committee of the Whole- Budget (09-12-2023) minutes:

"Diedrick said that the County Government services are also impacted by inflation and this current levy does not take inflation costs into consideration."

Commissioner Mike Kaczmarek moved to collectively approve the County Board and Committee meeting minutes with the provided update. The motion was seconded by Diedrick. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Nadine Schoen absent.

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

III. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Jeanne Holland moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Diedrick. 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. ADMINISTRATION

1. Request Approval Of A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the International Engineers Local 49ers and Wright County
2. Authorize Reallocation of Sheriff Overcomp Positions
3. Authorize Signatures on City Law Enforcement Contract with Maple Lake.

B. 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 \$745.19 from 01-099-493.6910 Transfer Out into 01-100-493.5910 Transfer In as Follows:
\$745.16 for Administrative Expenses-Staff Costs
Approval of Use of ARP Funds From 01-099-493.6261
\$103,362.00 5.14 Drinking water: Storage-City of Cokato
2. Acknowledge Warrants Issued Between August 30, 2023 and September 11, 2023.

C. HIGHWAY

1. Authorize Payment to Mathiowetz Construction in the Amount of \$7,750 Based on the Corrected Final Voucher.
2. Authorize Final Acceptance and Final Payment for the Buffalo Brine Building Project. Final Payment in the Amount of \$28,571.25 is Due to American Liberty Construction, Inc. of Rockford.

D. PLANNING & ZONING

1. Accept the Finding and Recommendations of the Planning Commission for the Following Request to Rezone: Daniel Rasset - (Clearwater Township) Commission Unanimously Recommends Approval of the Rezoning of Tax Parcel 204-100-252103 from (AG)-General Agriculture with the S-2 Residential-Recreational Shoreland Overlay to (AR) Agricultural/Residential with the S-2 Residential-Recreational Shoreland Overlay.

E. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve ARP Grant Agreement for the Following Project:
BB-004-003 2023 Border-to-Border Broadband – Local Contribution
Arvig, St. Michael, Albion and Rockford Townships

V. TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

A. 9:05 AM- LEE KELLY, ADMINISTRATION**1. Quarter Three Years of Service Recognition**

26 Wright County employees were recognized for milestone anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service.

B. 9:15 AM- CHAD HAUSMANN, HIGHWAY**1. Approve Resolution Requesting a Variance from Standard for State Aid Operation for the Franklin Township Bridge Replacement Project (Eastwood Avenue). Replaces the August 15th Resolution for Variance. Updated Traffic Counts/Volumes Moved Us to a Different Set of State Aid Rules.**

County Highway Engineer Virgil Hawkins said that this resolution was approved by the board on August 15, 2023 but was sent back by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) as it cited the wrong rule. The resolution has now been corrected, and the Highway Department is seeking the approval of the revised resolution.

Diedrick moved to approve the resolution requesting a variance from standard for state aid operation for the Franklin Township bridge replacement project. The motion was seconded by Kaczmarek. The motion passed 4-0.

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

C. 9:17 AM- MATT DETJEN, PARKS & RECREATION**1. Approval to Seek Solicited Bids for Joint Ditch #15 (JD 15) Water and Sediment Control Basin (WASCOB) Best Management Practices Project**

Agriculture and Drainage Coordinator Matt Detjen said that the board has already given approval to seek grant funding. Grant funding has now been received and the next step is approval to seek solicited bids for the JD 15 project.

Kaczmarek moved to approve the request to seek solicited bids for JD 15. The motion was seconded by Diedrick. The motion passed 4-0.

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

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve and Adopt Recommendations from the August 31, 2023 Ways and Means Committee Meeting

Assistant Finance Director Heather Lemieux said that the edits made were corrected statutes and the definition of public safety.

Diedrick moved to approve and adopt the recommendations from the August 31, 2023 Ways and Means Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Kaczmarek. The motion passed 4-0.

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

2. Approve and Adopt Recommendations from the September 12, 2023 County Board Workshop

Kaczmarek said that based on the presentation from the Great River Regional Library (GRRL), the board should have a discussion regarding the open library board position at a future meeting. Commissioner Darek Vetsch said that it can be added as a topic on the October Board Workshop agenda.

Kaczmarek moved to approve and adopt the recommendations from the September 12, 2023 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 and Adopt Recommendations from the September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole - Budget Meeting.

Diedrick moved to approve and adopt the recommendations from the September 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole- Budget Meeting. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

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

VII. ADVISORY COMMITTEE / ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Tina Diedrick

Diedrick attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) conference as part of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and attended presentations by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Board of Water and Soil Resources. Many of the presentation discussions included the implications of state law and how the changes will impact the individual

departments and essentially Wright County. The conference was very well attended.

Jeanne Holland

The Central Minnesota Council on Aging released a report about the aging population. Wright County has a large demographic of aging population that is growing and the report has good information on how the aging population is being managed in Wright County. Holland attended the opening of the Large Machine class at the Wright Tech Center. It was well attended, including the president of the Local 49ers union and several local companies. Cat donated three machines and four simulators. C.S. McCrossan donated cement barriers to close in the practice area. Holland also attended Open Streets in Buffalo and Otsego Prairie Fest and said it was nice to see the county employees and appreciates all of the hard work they put into these events. Holland said that Central Minnesota Jobs and Training (CMJT) will be affected if there is a federal government shutdown and recommended that the Wright County Board submit a letter to legislators on behalf of CMJT.

Darek Vetsch

Vetsch said that it is beginning to be the time of year to start collecting legislative topics for a conversation in October about initiatives to take into the next legislative session. On Wednesday, September 27, Xcel is hosting a community breakfast at the Monticello Community Center. Vetsch thanked the Finance and Administration Departments for the budget sessions and their dedication and hard work. Vetsch said that the Wright Tech Center has a deep appreciation for the county board in allowing them to utilize Flaherty & Hood to help navigate bonding services.

Mike Kaczmarek

Kaczmarek attended Cokato and Waverly City Council meetings and both had inquiries on the county levy. Kaczmarek attended Minnesota Rural Counties (MRC) Caucus meeting with discussion on the drainage registry that will slow down ditch projects. He attended the AMC Public Safety meeting and the topic of School Resource Officers (SROs) was discussed. Of approximately 25 counties in attendance, approximately six counties said that they still have SROs currently in their schools. The Highway 12 Coalition met and there are studies and work planned west of Delano in the coming years.

Lee Kelly

Kelly gave a reminder that the AMC District 5 meeting will be in Stearns County on Monday, October 16. There have been a lot of conversations amongst County Administrators regarding levy and budget.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

IX. WARRANTS ISSUED

A. Warrants Issued

County Board Minutes submitted by Caitlin Chovan, Administration Office Manager

