



BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 12, 2024

DATE APPROVED: MARCH 19, 2024

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

Members Present:	Tina Diedrick, Jeanne Holland, Michael Kaczmarek, Nadine Schoen, Darek Vetsch
Others Present:	Caitlin Chovan, Jolene Foss, Jami Goodrum, Sarah Grossheusch, John Holler, Kim Johnson, Mark Kellogg, Lee Kelly, Greg Kryzer, Lee Martie, Marc Mattice, Lindsey Meyer, Jim O'Dell, Jill Pooler, Clay Wilfahrt

Commissioner Darek Vetsch opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

1. Schedule Meetings as Needed

Committee of the Whole – Body Camera Update
Scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: Informational Only

2. Legislative and Commissioner Updates

County Administrator Lee Kelly explained changes to the legislative issues list track letters sent on behalf of the county. Kelly noted the addition of House File (HF) 4439 and Senate File (SF) 4388 to monitor. HF4439/SF4388 would modify the duties of certain facilities that confine people relating to phone calls and other communication services; specifying duties of certain direct care and treatment programs relating to phone calls and other communications; providing for reports.

Status and updates were discussed on the following legislative items:

- Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Delegation of Authority
- HF2272/SF2032 counties required to provide shelter to families experiencing homelessness
- HF4009/SF3964 minimum allowable densities established on residential lots in cities, authorization of middle housing types to be built on residential lots required, subdivision of residential lots authorized, parking requirements established by cities limited, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency required to create model ordinance, city aesthetic mandates on residential building permits limited, and multifamily residential development requirements established
- Tyler vs Hennepin County
- HF367/SF610 child care center and family child care provider allowed to adopt policy regarding immunizations

Communications Specialist John Holler suggested waiting to send a letter in support of Tyler vs. Hennepin County until the legislation has been assigned with a House or senate file number. The board agreed to Holler's suggestion. The board agreed to send a letter in opposition of bills HF367/SF610 as it would burden child care centers and family child care providers with more mandates that could result in the exacerbation of the existing child care shortage.

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3. HHS Update

Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Jami Goodrum presented a scorecard for community impact measures that detailed the outcomes and performance measures provided to the community that have been focused on improved outcomes and fiscal responsibility. Each performance measure addressed public health, social services, and financial services. Goodrum noted that the scorecard is an internal tool and data collected comes from a combination of state and

other resources. Discussion included: collaboration with Wright County Community Action; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and federal funding of programming; MnCHOICES assessments processes; programming trends; case management workloads; state technology challenges to access systems for new employees; and departmental challenges in hiring, promoting, and retaining employees. HHS Business Manager Jim O'Dell noted that technology improvements are likely contributors to the decrease in costs presented on the scorecard.

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4. Strategic Plan Update

Kelly presented the 2023-2024 strategic plan that detailed updates and project completion status across seven categories of strategic directions: Creating Good Governance, Developing Staff, Engaging Staff, Employee Appreciation/Recognition/Awards, Improving Accessibility, Improving Online Customer Service, and Increasing Public Engagement.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

County board workshop minutes submitted by Kelly Kosloski, Administrative Specialist.