



BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

DATE APPROVED: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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, Holland, Schoen, and Kaczmarek present.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Commissioner Tina Diedrick moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeanne Holland. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Darek Vetsch absent.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

A. Approve Minutes from the County Board Meeting (3-19-2024)

III. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Michael Kaczmarek moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Diedrick moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of Charitable Gambling Application, Form LG220, Silver Bullet Saddle Club, Gambling Premises: Silver Bullet Saddle Club, 17363 County Road 7 NW, Clearwater, MN 55320, Date of Activity 6/8/2024.
2. Approval of Charitable Gambling Application, Form LG220, Silver Bullet Saddle Club, Gambling Premises: Silver Bullet Saddle Club 17363 County Road 7 NW, Clearwater, MN 55320, Date of Activity 6/22/2024.
3. Approval of Charitable Gambling Application, Form LG220, 3 of a Kind, Gambling Premises: Silver Bullet Saddle Club, 17363 County Road 7 NW, Clearwater, MN 55320, Date of Activity 7/20/2024.

B. FINANCE & TAXPAYER SERVICES

1. Motion to Approve the Reimbursement of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds as Follows:
Approval of Use of ARP funds From 01-099-493-000
\$125,911.42 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater- City of Cokato
2. Request Approval for Tobacco License Renewals for:
Westside Liquor of Albertville - 11905 61st Street NE Suite P
Marohn's Cokato Marketplace - 310 Cokato Street West
3. Acknowledge Warrants Issued Between March 13, 2024 and March 26, 2024.

C. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve the Following Grant Applications:
 - WCAG-009 Wetland Restoration Near Granite Lake (\$143,750)
 - TOWN-004 Buffalo Township Surface Transportation Grant (\$49,339)Approve an increase to the allocation for Water Quality Improvement Projects from \$170,967.55 to \$314,717.55.

V. TIMED AGENDA ITEMS**A. 9:05 AM- MARC MATTICE, ADMINISTRATION**

1. Approve Resolution Recognizing National Work Zone Awareness Week in Wright County April 15-19, 2024.

Assistant County Administrator Marc Mattice said that this is an annual request from the Property Services Safety Committee. Wright County has a significant number of employees working on the road and the resolution helps bring attention and awareness to the need to be safe in work zones.

Kaczmarek moved to approve the resolution recognizing National Work Zone Awareness Week in Wright County April 15-19, 2024. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

B. 9:10 AM- CHAD HAUSMANN, HIGHWAY

1. Enter, by Resolution, Into Cooperative Construction Agreement 1055255 with State of Minnesota Department of Transportation

County Highway Engineer Chad Hausmann said that this agreement is for I-94 construction, affecting CSAH 19.

Holland moved to approve the resolution to enter into Cooperative Construction Agreement 1055255 with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Diedrick. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

C. 9:15 AM- HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

1. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CONSENT AGENDA

Holland moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Diedrick. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

- i. Approve OSAC Recommendation to Remove the Following Members from the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council (OSAC):
 1. Ann Bajari - Effective March 2024. Ann Withdrew Her Membership to Make Room for Others with Current Expertise About the System and Issues.
 2. Richard Ward - Due to Inability to Fully Commit to Group and Regularly Attend Meetings.
 3. Patrick Budke - Due to Inability to Fully Commit to Group and Regularly Attend Meetings.
 4. Mark Hoffman - Due to Inability to Fully Commit to Group and Regularly Attend Meetings.
 5. David Miller - Due to Inability to Fully Commit to Group and Regularly Attend Meetings.
 6. Todd Jorgensen - To Free Up Spots for Other Members. Served as a Backup to Eric Kunkel.

With the Removal of These Individuals, the Council Will Sit at 16 Members. Member Recruitment Will Begin in April 2024 by Chief Strategists.

2. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES TIMED AGENDA

- i. Adopt Resolution HHS 24-03 Accept March 2024 Donation

Health & Human Services Director Jami Goodrum said that the donation is from Cokato Community Chest to be applied to Wellness on Wheels.

Kaczmarek moved to adopt a resolution accepting the March donation. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

- ii. HHS Director's Comments:
 1. Support MACSSA Recommendations for Urgent Legislative Action to Expand Hospital Capacity Specifically for People with Court-Ordered Mental Health Treatment
 2. DHS Response to PATH Proposal
 3. Child Support State Performance Report for 2023 FFY
 4. COVID Recovery RFP

5. Upcoming Laundry Events Sponsored by Medica Grant – April 2 & April 9

6. Proclaim April 1-7 as Public Health Week

1. Support MACSSA Recommendations for Urgent Legislative Action to Expand Hospital Capacity Specifically for People with Court-Ordered Mental Health Treatment

Goodrum said that proposed legislation would expand the mental health 48-hour rule. When Wright County has someone at a facility and there is not an available bed, the county pays for 100 percent of the cost. Wright County spent \$71,000 in 2022 and \$25,000 in 2023. Goodrum said that this is an issue locally and statewide and asked for commissioner support.

2. Department of Human Services (DHS) Response to Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Proposal

Goodrum said that Wright County belongs to CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI), which received a PATH grant for \$750,000 to be used for temporary housing within the four-county members of CAMHI. HHS will be looking for a housing coordinator in the future, that will be funded by the grant. Diedrick asked if this role could be filled by current staff. Goodrum said that there are likely portions of current initiatives that could qualify but would need to be looked into. Goodrum said that CAMHI also has increased funding by \$1.8 million, in addition to the current \$1.2 million, to go towards adult mental health needs in the four-county area.

3. Child Support State Performance Report for 2023 FFY

Goodrum referenced the Child Support State Performance Report and said that Wright County outperformed the statewide performance in all five areas.

4. COVID Recovery RFP

Goodrum said that the COVID Recovery Committee was formed to disburse recovery dollars via Request for Proposal (RFP). The committee will be accepting RFPs a second time, seeking to support efforts for community wellbeing. There is \$300,000 to be disbursed, with an allowance of \$30,000 per request.

5. Upcoming Laundry Events Sponsored by Medica Grant – April 2 & April 9

Goodrum said that the events are being held in Buffalo and Monticello.

6. Proclaim April 1-7 as Public Health Week

Goodrum requested the board to proclaim April 1-7, 2024 as Public Health Week to recognize the contributions of Public Health in improving the health of people of the United States and achieving health equality.

7. State Opioid Advisory Council Meeting

Goodrum said that Wright County will be hosting the State Opioid Advisory Council and invited the commissioners to attend.

Holland moved to proclaim April 1-7, 2024 as Public Health Week in Wright County. The motion was seconded by Diedrick. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

D. 9:30 AM- PUBLIC HEARING, LARGE ASSEMBLIES

Civil Division Chief Greg Kryzer said that a public hearing is being held regarding ordinance amendment number 24-1, a request to amend chapter 91, large assemblies. Kryzer outlined the proposed changes to include amendments to definitions relating to the legalization of cannabis in Minnesota, permit requirements, public telephones, vehicle barriers, ambulance requirements, application timeline, and procedure of denial. Diedrick said that she would like to reiterate that the 90-day timeline for applications will be strictly enforced so applicants are aware of the change.

1. Public Hearing - Amendment to Wright County Code of Ordinances, Large Assembly.

Commissioner Nadine Schoen opened the public hearing at 9:35 a.m. The public hearing closed at 9:36 a.m. No members of the public were present to comment for the record.

2. Adopt By Resolution Large Assembly Ordinance 24-01

Holland moved to adopt ordinance amendment 24-1. The motion was seconded by Kaczmarek. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

Diedrick moved to adopt a resolution approving summary language for publication of ordinance 24-1 amending the Wright County code of ordinance article 1, chapter 91, large assemblies. The motion was seconded by Kaczmarek. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

E. 9:35 AM- BARRY RHINEBERGER, PLANNING & ZONING

1. Accept The Determination That Valley Paving Sand and Gravel Mine in Monticello Township, Wright County, Does Not Need An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Planning & Zoning Administrator Barry Rhineberger said that Valley Paving is proposing an expansion of an existing sand and gravel

extraction onto an 80-acre parcel in Monticello Township. The Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) process was mandatory, as it involved more than 40 acres of total disturbance. The EAW was completed and published with the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board in February 2024, with all comments received in March 2024. The EAW indicated a negative declaration of the need for an EIS.

Diedrick moved to accept the determination that Valley Paving Sand and Gravel mine in Monticello Township does not need an EIS. The motion was seconded by Holland. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Adopt Resolution Declaring April as County Government Month

County Administrator Lee Kelly said that the National Association of Counties (NACo) has designated April as County Government Month since 1992 and this is the first year that Wright County is looking to adopt April as County Government Month.

Holland moved to adopt a resolution declaring April as County Government Month. The motion was seconded by Diedrick. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

2. Discuss Topics for April 9 Workshop

Schoen asked to add a discussion related to the impervious surfaces ordinance. Kryzer suggested a Committee of the Whole (COTW) due to the amount of data that Planning & Zoning would need to gather and provide. Kelly said that it would be added to the meetings to schedule item for the workshop. Kaczmarek asked to add performance-based bidding for ditch work as a workshop topic.

Schoen asked to schedule a COTW to discuss the Wright County Economic Development Partnership (EDP) and requested attendance of the EDP Board President and Vice President. A COTW was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 8.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Holland motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by

Kaczmarek. The motion passed 4-0.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1; Recused: 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

VIII. WARRANTS ISSUED

A. Warrants Issued

County board minutes submitted by Caitlin Chovan, Administration Office Manager

