



BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

DATE APPROVED: September 10, 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, Vetsch, Holland, Schoen, and Kaczmarek present.

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES - DISPENSE WITH READING, APPROVE AS WRITTEN/REVISED

Motion to approve minutes collectively made by Diedrick and seconded by Holland

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

A. Approve Minutes from the County Board Meeting (8-6-2024)

Motion to approve minutes collectively made by Diedrick and seconded by Holland

B. Approve Minutes from the County Board Workshop (8-13-2024)

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Diedrick and seconded by Holland

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

Schoen asked to remove Item B1, Approve the reimbursement of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds for the City of Annandale for further discussion.
Diedrick asked to remove Items D1, Accept the Recommendation of the Planning Commission to Rezone request from Brian Michelson (Rockford)

Township), and D2, Accept the Recommendation of the Planning Commission to Rezone request from Donavon DesMarais (Silver Creek Township) for comment.

Motion to approve the consent agenda with the modifications listed made by Kaczmarek and seconded by Holland

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

A. ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Approve Request to Withdraw Ordinance Amendment 24-5 from Public Hearing Scheduled for September 10, 2024**
- 2. Void Authorizations Allowing the Temporary Placement of Mobile Homes Pursuant to Wright County Ordinance 30.09**

B. FINANCE & TAXPAYER SERVICES

- 1. Approve the Reimbursement of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds as Follows:
Approval of use of ARP Funds from 01-099-493-000
\$122,971.00 5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance-City of Annandale**
- 2. Motion to Approve Transfer of \$311,110 from SCORE Fund (20-393-000-0000-6910-000000) to CIP Fund (34-150-000-0000-5910-000000).**
- 3. Approve Request to Rehire Senior Accountant-Highway. Position has been Vacant Since August 2nd.**
- 4. Approve Request to Rehire Staff Accountant. Position has been Vacant Since August 6th.**
- 5. Informational: Recount Designation from the Office of the Secretary of State**
- 6. July 2024 Budget to Actual Report**
- 7. Acknowledge Warrants Issued Between July 30, 2024 and August 12, 2024.**

C. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- 1. Accept Mental Health Advisory Council (MHAC) Member Resignation:
1. Kristina Eich, District 2**
- 2. Approve Mental Health Advisory Council (MHAC) Member Application:**

1. Mikki Northuis, District 3

- 3. Approve Opioid Settlement Advisory Council (OSAC) Request for Proposal (RFP) for Release to Public September 2024.**

D. PLANNING & ZONING

- 1. Accept the Recommendation of the Planning Commission to Rezone the Following Property: Brian Mickelson -(Rockford Twp.) With a Split 5-2 Vote, the Planning Commission Recommends Approval to Rezone the Entire Property from AR-Agricultural/Residential and S-2 Residential Recreational Shoreland to R2a- Suburban Residential and S-2 Residential Recreational Shoreland.**
- 2. Accept the Recommendation of the Planning Commission to Rezone the Following Property: DesMarais, Donavon - (Silver Creek Twp.) With a Unanimous Vote, the Planning Commission Recommends Approval to Rezone the Entire Property from General Agriculture (AG) with a Residential-Recreational Shoreland District Overlay (S-2) to Agricultural/Residential (A/R) with a Residential-Recreational Shoreland District Overlay (S-2).**
- 3. Accept the Recommendation of the Planning Commission to Rezone the Following Property: Aaron Haho - (Cokato Twp.). With A Split 6-1 Vote, the Planning Commission Recommends Approval to Rezone the Entire Property from Suburban Residential-a (R2a) with a Residential-Recreational Shoreland District Overlay (S-2) to Suburban Residential (R2) with a Residential-Recreational Shoreland District Overlay (S-2)**

E. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Approve the Following Grant Application:**
 - ACC-001 Access Improvements at Montissippi Park (\$150,000)**

Item B1 Pulled from Consent

Schoen asked to table the item until September to allow time for additional research. She would like to review ARP funding with Baker Tilly. Diedrick asked if this was a reimbursement for an already approved expense, Vetsch confirmed it was and said that the question is related to understanding of how Baker Tilly reviews projects. Diedrick said that the funds were already approved and she objects to delaying for another month. Kaczmarek asked if there was a process to notify the city that the reimbursement has been tabled and why. Vetsch said that the Project Administrator or Interim County Administrator would be in contact with the city. Interim County Administrator Greg Kryzer confirmed staff can assist with any information needed for review.

Motion to table the reimbursement of ARP funds until the Tuesday, September 24 County Board meeting made by Schoen and seconded by Holland

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

Names:

For: Holland, Kaczmarek, Schoen, Vetsch

Against: Diedrick

Items D1 and D2 Pulled from Consent

Diedrick said she agrees with both recommendations from the Planning Commission and wanted to comment on the drainage concerns of area residents saying that the concerns have been discussed and reviewed in the report. Kaczmarek said that drainage is a big deal that doesn't always get the attention needed. Holland said Planning & Zoning did its due diligence and both requests were looked at by the Planning Commission with Wright Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) present and also the Silver Creek Township Supervisor for the Silver Creek request. Holland said that she is confident in the drainage portion of both recommendations.

Motion Items D1 and D2 accepting the recommendations of the Planning Commission made by Holland and seconded by Schoen

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

A. 9:05 AM- MATT DETJEN, PARKS & RECREATION

- 1. Accept the Implementation Grants for Wastewater Resilience Grant Through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for County Ditch #33 Outlet for \$400,000, and Authorize Assistant County Administrator to Sign on Behalf of the County**

Agriculture and Drainage Supervisor Matt Detjen said that the grant is submitted via DocuSign, so there is not a contract available yet to review. Vetsch said that it is great to see additional funding received for such a large project.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Diedrick

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

- 2. Approve the Purchase of an Easement Along Branch #4 of County Ditch #33 for the Realignment of the System.**

Detjen said that emergency repairs were approved in May and the county has been working with the landowner on the easement description. The easement will serve for both the temporary and permanent easement.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

3. Approve Staff to Request Quotes for Work on County Ditch #33 Branch #4 Repairs.

Detjen said if approved, the work will be done this fall.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

4. Discuss Updates on the Redetermination of Benefits on County Ditch #7 and Judicial Ditch #1

Detjen said that viewers are in high demand and scheduling a meeting is difficult and suggested Tuesday, January 14, 2025, for an informational meeting and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2025, for a public hearing.

Motion to schedule an informational meeting for Tuesday, January 14, 2025, and a public hearing for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2025, made by Kaczmarek and seconded by Schoen

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

5. Update on Joint Ditch #4 Redetermination of Benefits from Carver County and Subsequent Public Hearing

Detjen said that Carver County has notified Wright County that a public hearing is set for Tuesday, November 12. Carver County is the host county and Wright County has one member of the Drainage Authority. Wright County has a significant amount of land and county roads as benefited landowners on Joint Ditch #4 (JD 4). Kryzer said that Tuesday, November 12 is also a Wright County Board Workshop and Vetsch suggested to discuss the workshop schedule at the Tuesday, November 5 board meeting to determine if any changes to time need to be made to accommodate the public hearing.

B. 9:30 AM- PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing- Property Tax Abatement, Monticello Hospitality Group, LLC

Assistant County Administrator and Economic Development Authority (EDA) Executive Director Clay Wilfahrt said that a representative from the Monticello Hospitality Group spoke at an EDA meeting stating that the group is looking to build a hotel/restaurant in Monticello. Based on the EDA recommendation, staff has been working through the tax abatement process, which includes a public hearing. The City of Monticello has also approved a 10-year agreement, similar in nature to the proposed county agreement.

Vetsch opened the public hearing at 9:30 a.m. There were no members of the public present that requested to comment. Vetsch closed the public hearing at 9:30 a.m.

2. Adopt Resolution and Authorize Signatures Approving Tax Abatement and Business Subsidy Agreement for Monticello Hospitality Group, LLC.

Kaczmarek said that there was another recent abatement application that was reduced by board request. Based on the current budget projection for 2025 and for consistency, Kaczmarek asked if a reduction should be entertained. Vetsch said that anything substantially lower could damage the project and it doesn't save the county money at the end of the day. This project will make up close to the abatement amount in Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funds during the 10-year abatement.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

Names:

For: Diedrick, Holland, Kaczmarek, Schoen, Vetsch

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve Certificate of Completion Resolution for Certificate of Participation, Series 2019A

Vetsch said this is a housekeeping item on bonds from the construction of the Government Center. Diedrick asked if all the work has been completed. Vetsch said that is still in process and Kryzer said that any funds can be withheld for warranty work that is still being completed.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

Names:

For: Diedrick, Holland, Kaczmarek, Schoen, Vetsch

B. HIGHWAY

1. Approve Resolution of Final Acceptance for Contract 2205 and Authorize Final Payment to Thomas and Sons Construction in the Amount of \$238,560.42.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

Names:

For: Diedrick, Holland, Kaczmarek, Schoen, Vetsch

C. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve and Adopt Recommendations from the County Board Workshop (8-13-2024)

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

WARRANTS ISSUED

A. Warrants Issued

Wright County Board meeting minutes submitted by Caitlin Chovan,
Administration Office Manager

