

STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
9:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 20, 2021, by Chair Donny Wohlers. Members in attendance were: Ennen, Wohlers, Wiese, Kopitzke and Staples. Four private landowners and others via Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Kopitzke moved to approve the Agenda with removal from item number 3; staff introduction. Commissioner Staples seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Ennen moved to approve minutes of 04/16/2021 regular meeting with changes. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment.

Landowners, Kelly Zimmerman, Mike Bruer and Jon Hallman spoke during public comment on some concerns on the Findings and Final Order for CD25.

Emergency Management Director Dona Greiner gave an update on the current pandemic statistics, vaccinations, testing and administration. Greiner fielded questions.

Human Service Director Liberty Sleiter, presented the list of warrants for approval. Human Service warrants were approved in the amount of \$120,024.80 on a motion by Ennen, second by Wiese and all members voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor/Treasurer Stephanie Buss presented the list of Auditor's Warrants for the 04/07/21 and 04/17/21 time periods for review.

Buss presented the Commissioner Warrants for approval. Buss fielded questions. Commissioner Ennen motioned to approve Old No. 1 warrant. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion. The motion passed upon the following vote: Staples, Wiese, Kopitzke, and Ennen – Ayes. Wohlers abstain.

Kopitzke moved to approve the Commissioner Warrants in the following amounts:

FUND	AMOUNT
Revenue	\$87,501.15
Special Reserves Fund	\$831.30
County Road & Bridge Fund	\$97,524.66
Solid Waste Service	\$22,973.45

County Ditches Fund	\$71,108.42
TOTAL	\$279,938.98
Warrants \$2000 or more:	
Counties Providing Technology	\$6,599.00
PMC Wear Parts LLC	\$3,137.12
Dorweiler, Lauren	\$2,575.00
Engebretson & Sons Disposal Service, Inc.	\$32,334.62
I + S Group, Inc	\$15,549.75
Jerry's U-Save	\$19,150.15
McLeod County Solid Waste	\$2,303.40
Northland Trust Services, Inc.	\$88,683.31
Pope County Auditor/Treasurer	\$9,315.24
RDO Equipment Company	\$3,642.83
Regents of The University of Minnesota	\$19,114.00
Stevens Co Auditor Treasurer	\$9,822.00
Stevens County Times	\$4,528.66
Traverse County Sheriff	\$4,302.76
Traverse County Sheriff	\$22,777.74
West Central Regional Juvenile Center	\$3,980.00
Payments for less than \$2000	\$32,123.40
TOTAL	\$279,938.98

Ennen seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Buss requested approval of loan advance from CD18 to CD5 and CD25 in the amount of \$35,000. Commissioner Wiese motioned to approve loan advance from CD18 to CD5 in the amount of \$8,000 and to CD25 in the amount of \$27,000 for a total of \$35,000. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motioned carried.

Buss presented the quarterly ditch balances for information only.

Chair Wohlers called the Continued Final Hearing for CD 25 to order at 9:30 a.m. for the Stevens County Board of Commissioners acting as the Drainage Authority.

Kale Van Bruggen, attorney from Rinke Noonan, gave an procedural overview on actions taken at the 4/6/2021 meeting. Kale stated that a motion was adopted to continue today with option 1 and directing legal counsel to draft final findings and orders. Kale noted for the record that at the last hearing there were no comments during public comment period and board closed public comment time. After some discussion, Kale gave an overview of the draft findings and final order.

Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to approve draft findings and order for CD25 with amended clerical changes and inserting \$10,000 paragraph D, the total cost of change order. Commission

Staples seconded the motion. The motion passed upon the following vote: Staples, Wiese, Kopitzke, Ennen and Wohlers – Ayes. Nays – None

Commissioner Kopitzke motioned for engineers to delay bidding for CD25 for late fall early winter of 2021. Commissioner Wiese seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Chair Wohlers adjourned hearing at 10:05 a.m.

Assisted County Engineer Jon Maras requested approval for informal bids. Maras fielded questions. Commissioner Ennen motioned to award 2021 shouldering to apparent low bidder, Riley Bros Construction Inc. in the amount of \$45,600. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Ennen motioned to award 2021 Rubberized Asphalt Crack Filling to apparent low bidder, Midwest Asphalt Maintenance in the amount of \$9,965.69. Commissioner Wiese seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motioned carried.

Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to approve the 2020 Highway Annual Report as presented on April 6, 2021. Commissioner Staples seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Nick Young Facilities Manager requested approval for bids for Lee Center remodel. Young stated the remodel will consist of replacement of doors that are rusted through and replace damaged steel siding. Commissioner Kopitzke motion to approve an approximate bid of \$119,687 to Piotter Construction from Holloway for the Lee Center Remodel. Commissioner Wiese seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Bill Kleindl Planning and Zoning Director requested approval for Chippewa River Watershed Resolution of Support.

Commissioner Ennen moved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 210420-12
TO SUPPORT A CHIPPEWA RIVER WATERSHED
ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.401, Watershed Management Plan, authorizes Minnesota Watershed Districts to develop and implement a watershed management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorizes Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Chippewa River watershed, watershed # 20 as delineated in the attached One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map, have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for this area.

WHEREAS, the counties, soil and water conservation districts, request that the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil resources accept the proposed boundary change as delineated in the attached watershed map for the Chippewa #20 to include the hashed portion #16 within the Upper Minnesota River Watershed be adopted into the Chippewa 1W1P. This area has been removed from the Minnesota River-Headwaters one watershed, one plan (1W1P) planning boundary. The Chippewa River Watershed Association JPB at their February 21, 2020 board meeting approved the recommended inclusion of the hashed portion in area #16 as represented on the map into the suggested planning boundary #20. Local Government Units that will be represented through this one believe these changes will allow for a more localized approach to One Watershed, One Plan. It will not affect the existing number of Local Government Units already participating in the Chippewa 1W1P planning effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stevens County Board recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stevens County Board welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties, soil and water conservation districts within the Chippewa River Watershed for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and

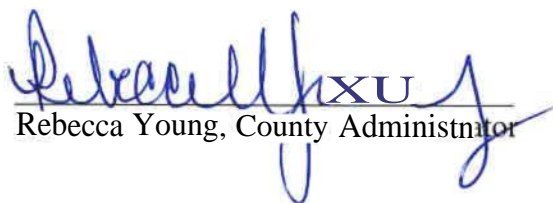
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stevens County Board supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan has entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with the counties, soil and water conservation districts within the Chippewa River Watershed, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant.

Commissioner Wiese seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

County Administrator Rebecca Young gave a staffing update.

Commissioners were provided an opportunity to update on assigned committee activities.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m. on a motion by Staples, second by Kopitzke and all members voting aye.


Rebecca Young, County Administrator


Donny Wohlers, Chair