

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
January 17, 2023

The Jackson County Board of Jackson, Minnesota met in regular session, in the Jackson County Courthouse, Commissioners' Board Room, City of Jackson, Minnesota, on January 17, 2023. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: James Eigenberg, Roger Pohlman, Scott McClure, Phil Nasby and Don Wachal. County Administrator Ryan Krosch, Assistant to the Administrator Brandi Bourquin and County Attorney Kristi Meyeraan were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nasby called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner McClure to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Board Action 23-010 – Approve January 3, 2023 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes.

Board Action 23-011 – Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01 subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 101487-101640 in the amount of \$646,044.62 for the following funds: Revenue, \$254,064.94; Public Works, \$139,252.20; Debt Service, \$550.00; Ditch, \$94,126.88; Agency Fund, \$2,825.50; Library Fund, \$1,166.09; Taxes & Penalties Fund, \$154,057.38 and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund, \$1.63. A detailed list of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office upon request.

Vendor	Total
Wold Architects And Engineers	73,729.34
I & S Group Inc	56,124.11
Jackson Co Central School District 2895	46,464.27
Department Of Corrections	37,681.74
Tri-State Pump & Control Inc	32,177.21
Loo Con Inc.	28,608.29
Cooperative Energy Co.	27,824.75
Jackson/City Of	26,597.97
Jackson County Agricultural Society	20,000.00
Minnesota Energy Resources	19,376.53
Trimin Systems Inc	18,959.00
Association Of Mn Counties	16,517.00
C&B Operations LLC	16,500.00
Ziegler Inc.	16,482.25
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	13,118.11
Lakefield/City Of	12,474.51
Windom Area Schools	12,182.37
Heron Lake - Okabena School Isd 330	10,980.92
Heron Lake Watershed District	8,162.22
SafeAssure Consultants Inc	6,668.62
CORNWALL/STACIE	6,480.00
Livewire Printing Co	6,407.37
Dell Marketing L P	6,400.00
Red Rock Rural Water Systems	6,225.93
Minnesota Paving & Materials	5,554.83
MISSISSIPPI HEADWATERS BOARD	5,000.00
Bauer Built, Inc	4,502.88
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	4,425.96

Marsden Bldg Maintenance LLC	4,313.78
NAC Mechanical & Electrical Service	3,963.00
Federated Rural Electric Association	3,653.54
CRYTEEL MANUFACTURING INC.	3,586.00
S & J Cleaning	3,309.25
Belmont Township	3,205.04
Round Lake Township	2,992.36
Waste Mgmt - Mankato	2,759.38
Sw Mn Workforce Council	2,730.00
Treasury Division Of Mn Dept Of Finance	2,699.63
Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc	2,495.34
M C C C Mi 33	2,437.65
Kinser Law Office PLLC	2,290.00
Petersburg Township	2,224.22
Rost Township	2,062.34
Weimer Township	2,027.44
Total Claims Sumbitted Over \$2000	592,375.15
98 Claims Submitted Under \$2000	53,669.47
Total Claims Submitted	646,044.62

Board Action 23-012 – Approve the 2023 Solid Waste and Recycling Haulers Licenses.

Board Action 23-013 – Approve the contract with Verde Outdoor for “Stop the Spread of Aquatic Invasives” advertising billboard.

Board Action 23-014 – Appoint Sandra Garber to the Jackson County Library Board representing the Commissioner District 4 board member position.

Board Action 23-015 – Approve Public Works fuel ids for 2023.

Board Action 23-016 – Appoint Joe Liepold to the SW Minnesota EMS Corporation Board as the alternate member.

The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Wachal and seconded by Commissioner Pohlman to adopt Board Action 23-017 - Approve Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. proposal for jail medical services and authorize the Sheriff and County Administrator to sign a contract once provided and reviewed by the County Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

WOLD ARCHITECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner McClure to adopt Board Action 23-018 – Accept the completed Law Enforcement Center and Government Center design development plans and approve Wold Architects & Engineers proposal to complete the construction documents phase of the project. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 23-019 – Approve the Jackson County Board of Commissioners Operating Rules & Guidelines. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wachal and seconded by Commissioner McClure to adopt Board Action 23-020 – Approve the Jackson County Fairgrounds lease agreement with the Jackson County Agricultural Society. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 23-003 – Approve Submitting a 2023 State Bond Funding Request for the Proposed Law Enforcement Center and Government Center Project.

County of Jackson)

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State of Minnesota)

Resolution 23-003

Authorizing a Request for 2023 State Bonding Funds for the Proposed Jackson County Law Enforcement Center and Government Center Project

Whereas, Jackson County’s Law Enforcement Center was built in 1976 and is now one of the oldest in the State of Minnesota; and

Whereas, due to changes in law enforcement, incarceration practices, building codes and inmate mental health needs, it is not practical or economically feasible to remodel the current facility to meet today’s public safety and inmate needs; and

Whereas, Jackson County is also in need of additional space for county departments that provide election administration, Veteran service benefits, driver’s licenses, emergency management, land records and other important local and regional services; and

Whereas, Jackson County proposes to construct a law enforcement center and government center to address the above stated needs; and

Whereas, the State of Minnesota currently has a projected \$17.6 billion surplus; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that a State bonding bill will be approved in 2023; and

Whereas, historically a portion of State bond funds are provided to local units of government to help fund various capital projects; and

Whereas, local units of government can request State bond funds for up to 50% of a project's cost.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners approves submitting a request to the Minnesota State Legislature for 2023 State bond funding for the proposed Jackson County Law Enforcement Center and Government Center project.

Be It Further Resolved, the Jackson County Administrator is authorized to submit said bonding request in an amount up to 50% of the total project cost.

Resolution 23-004 – Approve Requesting Minnesota Legislative Approval to Impose a Local Sales and Use Tax in the County of Jackson.

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Resolution 23-004

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Whereas, due to changes in law enforcement, incarceration practices, building codes and inmate mental health needs, it is not practical or economically feasible to remodel the current facility to meet today’s public safety and inmate needs; and

Whereas, Jackson County is also in need of additional space for county departments that provide election administration, Veteran service benefits, driver’s licenses, emergency management, land records and other important local and regional services; and

Whereas, Jackson County proposes to construct a building that will consist of a law enforcement center and government center to address the above stated needs; and

Whereas, the building will have shared spaces and is being constructed as a single structure and capital project; and

Whereas, this capital project provides regional significance and impact; and

Whereas, Minnesota Statute 297A.99 authorizes the imposition of a general sales tax if approved by special law of the Minnesota Legislature; and

Whereas, Minnesota Statute 297A.99 requires Jackson County to pass a resolution authorizing such a local sales and use tax to obtain Legislative approval prior to requesting approval of the tax by the local voters at a general election.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, in accordance with M.S. 297A.99 Local Sales Taxes, by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the State authorize a local sales and use tax for Jackson County, Minnesota, of one percent (1%); and

2. The revenue from the local sales and use tax will be used to finance the capital and administrative costs of constructing and equipping a new law enforcement center and government center and related upgrades and associated infrastructure related to this
3. capital project; and
4. This facility is the only project requested for a local sales and use tax; and The regional significance and impact of this project includes, but is not limited to:
 - Boarding of male and female inmates for other Minnesota counties
 - Use of the law enforcement center by area city police departments, Minnesota State Patrol, BCA agents, and the multi-jurisdictional/multi-state High Risk Entry and Arrest Team (HEAT).
 - Providing Veteran services benefits, driver's licensing and testing, joint drainage ditch administration, land records, permits and tax services to both local residents and to citizens that live outside of Jackson County.
5. The amount of the local sales and use tax revenue utilized for this capital project would not exceed \$39,000,000.00, or up to 30 years, whichever comes first; and
6. Upon approval of this resolution, Jackson County will submit the adopted resolution and documentation of regional significance to the chairs and ranking minority members of the House and Senate Tax Committee by January 31, 2023; and
7. Upon Legislative approval and passage of the special law authorizing the tax, Jackson County will adopt a resolution accepting the new law, which will be filed with a local approval certificate to the Office of Secretary State before the following Legislative session; and
8. Jackson County will put a ballot question on a general election ballot for voter approval. This will be done within two years of receiving legislative authority; and
9. Upon completion of the requirements, the local sales and use tax will commence and run for up to 30 years or until a sum sufficient to fund the voter approved project, including related debt costs, is raised, whichever comes first.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner McClure reported on meetings/events involving Joint Public Safety and Health & Human Services Committee, Labor Relations & Personnel Committee, DVHHS, Southwest Mental Health Center and Jackson County Work Session.

Commissioner Wachal reported on meetings/events involving PrimeWest, JD 91 Closeout, DVHHS, MCIT and Jackson County Work Session.

Commissioner Nasby reported on meetings/events involving Fair Board, Southwest Mental Health Center, DVHHS and Jackson County Work Session.

Commissioner Eigenberg reported on meetings/events involving DVHHS, GBERBA, Land Use & Environment Advisory Task Force and Jackson County Work Session.

Commissioner Pohlman reported on meetings/events involving DVHHS and Jackson County Work Session.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Krosch, County Administrator