

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
January 18, 2022

The Jackson County Board of Jackson, Minnesota met in regular session, in the Jackson County Government Resource Center, Cafeteria Room (Door 7), 402 White Street, City of Jackson, Minnesota, on January 18, 2022. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: James Eigenberg, Catherine Hohenstein, Scott McClure, Philip Nasby and Don Wachal. County Administrator, Ryan Krosch and Assistant to the Administrator, Brandi Bourquin were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Wachal requested Item 2.9 Board Action – Approve Travel and Reimbursement for Travel and Training Expenses of the Jackson County Assistant County Attorney for Scholarship-Funded Training to the regular agenda. **Motion was made by Commissioner Wachal and seconded by Commissioner McClure** to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Board Action 22-018 – Approve January 4, 2022 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes.

Board Action 22-019 – Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01, subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 97805-97963 in the amount of \$1,008,693.21 for the following funds: Revenue \$238,998.99; Public Works \$519,608.11; Debt Service \$1,000.00; Ditch \$87,845.00; Agency Fund \$127.50; Library Fund \$7,460.39; and Taxes & Penalties Fund \$153,653.22. A detailed listed of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer’s office upon request.

Vendor	Total
Jackson Co Auditor-Treasurer	423,471.35
Midstates Equipment & Supply, Inc.	57,660.00
Jackson Co Central School District 2895	48,684.50
I & S Group Inc	48,098.00
KARL CHEVROLET, INC	37,786.66
Department Of Corrections	37,537.47
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NAC Mechanical & Electrical Service	29,398.50
Jackson/City Of	28,977.67
L & M Boiler Systems Inc	27,077.66
Jackson County Agricultural Society	20,000.00
Lakefield/City Of	19,865.36
Family Services Network	13,522.92
Heron Lake - Okabena School Isd 330	9,187.44
Kris Engineering Inc	8,797.00
Red Rock Rural Water Systems	8,618.20
Bolton & Menk Inc	7,450.00
MCIT	5,695.00
Mn Sheriffs Assn	5,320.65

Windom Area Schools	5,196.57
Hill Ekedahl/Cynthia A	4,960.00
Assn Of Mn Counties	4,900.00
The Seed Center	4,280.00
Waste Mgmt - Mankato	3,599.15
Federated Rural Electric Association	3,531.78
S & J Cleaning	3,309.25
MEnD Correctional Care PLLC	3,263.21
Rinke Noonan, Ltd.	3,084.00
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	3,071.64
Bauman/Bryce	2,913.75
Bauman/Douglas	2,913.75
Bauman/Leonard P	2,913.75
Bauman/Lloyd	2,913.75
Gibson/Jeanne	2,913.75
Kirchner/Carolyn J	2,913.75
Kosovich/Martha Mary	2,913.75
Stoutenburgh/Catherine A	2,913.75
Heron Lake/City Of	2,805.80
The Minnesota Transportation Alliance	2,625.00
Belmont Township	2,274.07
Heron Lake Watershed District	2,134.50
Wisconsin Township	2,117.50
Sioux Valley Township	2,105.91
Black Strap Inc.	2,079.10
Total Claims Submitted Over \$2000	950,151.51
100 Claims Submitted Under \$2000	58,541.70
Total Claims submitted to Board	1,008,693.21

Board Action 22-020 – Approve 2022 Contracted Administrative Assistant for County Attorney and Court Services Offices.

Board Action 22-021 – Approve Maximus US Services Agreement for Fiscal Years 2021-2024.

Board Action 22-022 – Approve Satisfactory Performance Evaluation and Salary Step Increase for County Administrator Ryan Krosch.

Resolution 22-005 – Accept the Resignation of County Attorney Tom Prochazka effective February 2, 2022.

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Resolution No. 22-005

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNTY ATTORNEY TOM PROCHAZKA
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 351.01 states resignations by incumbents of elective offices shall be made in writing to the officer or board authorized by law to fill a vacancy in such office by appointment; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375.08 states when a vacancy occurs in the office of county attorney the county board shall fill it by appointment; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County Attorney Tom Prochazka submitted his written resignation, effective 12:01 a.m. on February 2, 2022, to the Jackson County Board on January 4, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners accepts County Attorney Tom Prochazka’s written resignation received on January 4, 2022 with said resignation becoming effective at 12:01 a.m. on February 2, 2022.

Board Action 22-023 – Approve Appointment of Michael Nesseth to the Extension Committee.

Board Action 22-024 – Approve Final Payment to Midwest Contracting, LLC for SAP 032-598-015.

The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Eigenberg to adopt Board Action 22-025 – Approve out of state travel and reimbursement for authorized travel and training expenses of the Jackson County Assistant County Attorney for scholarship-funded training. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN/STAKEHOLDER/ORGANIZATION

Mr. John Naurauth expressed concerns to the Board surrounding the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline and proposed that the Board formally state that they will not use the power of eminent domain for the pipeline’s construction. The Board stated it would take the request under future consideration.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner McClure to adopt Resolution 22-006 – Support the Southwest Regional Trails Plan and EDA Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Program Grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. 22-006

Resolution in Support of the Southwest Regional Trails Plan
and EDA Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Program Grant Application

WHEREAS, Jackson County, located in Southwest Minnesota, has demonstrated by its actions that it is committed to improving the economic conditions and quality of life of its people; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Pandemic has adversely affected the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors of Southwest Minnesota's economy, and in addition, the inherent volatility of the agricultural markets, and limited availability of capital for investment have adversely affected our economy, and the outmigration and aging of the region's population is resulting in the decrease of available labor force; and

WHEREAS, the current economic distress requires continuous and direct attention and action to assist area residents in their pursuit of economic independence, and to assist area businesses, parks and trails, and travel/tourism destinations towards successful competition in the tourism climate of today; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Regional Development Commission has been instrumental in the development and implementation of economic development strategies and the dissemination of information that provides assistance to industry and business in the achievement of these objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Regional Development Commission and Jackson County are committed to accelerating the recovery of the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation economy in Southwest Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the successful completion of a regional trails plan will expand and enhance the region's opportunities to strengthen our travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation economy, and will advance the region's equitable access to a connected trail system that can successfully compete in the outdoor recreation climate of today;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jackson County supports the efforts of the Southwest Regional Development Commission to develop and implement a Regional Trails Plan to advance recovery efforts in the tourism sector and improve equitable access to a regional trails system by applying to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration under the Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Program; and that Jackson County has committed matching funds in the amount of \$3,000, none of which are federal funds, and that these funds are committed and in place.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Eigenberg to adopt Board Action 22-026 – Authorize the County Administrator to enter into temporary legal services agreements with attorneys to complete the duties of the Office of County Attorney and begin the recruitment process for filling the pending County Attorney vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 22-027 – Rescind policy #508 Vaccination, Testing and Face Covering. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Eigenberg reported on meetings/events involving District 8 Land Use & Environment Advisory Task Force and DVHHS.

Commissioner Wachal reported on meetings/events involving the AMC Transportation Policy Committee, Benefits Committee, SRDC, MCIT and DVHHS.

Commissioner Nasby reported on meetings/events involving the Fair Board, Southwest Mental Health Center, Prairie Ecology Bus Center and DVHHS.

Commissioner McClure reported on meetings/events involving the Southwest Mental Health Center and DVHHS.

Commissioner Hohenstein reported on meetings/events involving the Benefits Committee and DVHHS.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Catherine Hohenstein, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Krosch, County Administrator