

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

February 21, 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 February 21, 2023. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: James Eigenberg, Roger Pohlman, Scott McClure, Phil Nasby and Don Wachal. Assistant to the Administrator Brandi Bourquin 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 with the correction to 6.1. Board Action – Drainage Ditch Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Chadd Preuss, Facilities Supervisor, introduced new Facilities Technician, Patrick O’Reilly.

Cole Rossow, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, introduced new Heavy Equipment Operator, Cole Monson.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Board Action 23-030 – Approve February 7, 2023 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes.

Board Action 23-031 – Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01 subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 101817-101978 in the amount of \$1,382,499.11 for the following funds: Revenue, \$70,492.56; Public Works, \$590,390.48; Ditch, \$672,241.38; Insurance Trust Fund, \$1,000.00; Revolving Loan Fund, \$135.50; Agency Fund, \$2,170.00; Library Fund, \$4,383.15; Forfeited Land Fund, \$5,592.27; and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund, \$36,093.77. A detailed list of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer’s office upon request.

| Vendor | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Dirt Merchant Inc | 341,976.90 |
| Nobles/County of | 154,829.65 |
| Beck/Jerry Lee | 66,520.50 |
| Putnam/James F or Ruth A | 42,110.00 |
| Jackson/City Of | 33,300.85 |
| Petersburg Township | 28,478.59 |
| Heron Lake Township | 27,912.39 |
| Wisconsin Township | 27,705.66 |
| Delafield Township | 27,126.56 |
| Rost Township | 26,124.18 |
| Ewington Township | 25,692.21 |
| I & S Group Inc | 25,688.63 |
| Des Moines Township | 25,397.91 |
| Town of Alba | 25,269.91 |
| Sioux Valley Township | 25,114.85 |
| Middletown Township | 25,040.03 |
| Christiania Township | 24,634.00 |
| Belmont Township | 24,151.05 |

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| Mills & Miller Inc | 23,523.49 |
| Round Lake Township | 23,161.44 |
| Minneota Township | 23,121.34 |
| Enterprise Township | 22,997.69 |
| La Crosse Township | 22,619.37 |
| Shi Corp | 21,755.02 |
| Hunter Township | 21,740.31 |
| West Heron Lake Township | 21,604.29 |
| Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc | 21,358.56 |
| Kimball Township | 19,242.61 |
| Weimer Township | 17,556.61 |
| Cooperative Energy Co. | 13,083.93 |
| DVHHS | 12,000.00 |
| SALLY FAIRCHILD ESTATE | 11,825.33 |
| Minnesota Energy Resources | 8,585.91 |
| Jackson Co Central School District 2895 | 8,539.39 |
| CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS | 7,446.79 |
| Cohrs Construction Inc | 6,520.40 |
| Wendland Sellers Law Office | 6,310.26 |
| BECKER/SHANE | 5,725.50 |
| BECKER/AGNES | 5,474.50 |
| Minnesota Department Of Transportation | 4,944.00 |
| Federated Rural Electric Association | 4,722.19 |
| Sanford Health - Sioux Falls | 4,615.75 |
| Heron Lake Watershed District | 4,545.56 |
| Office of MN.IT Services | 4,040.65 |
| Mn County Attorney's Assn | 3,454.00 |
| Primadata, LLC | 3,100.00 |
| The Minnesota Transportation Alliance | 2,625.00 |
| AUTO VALUE - JACKSON | 2,236.49 |
| Ziegler Inc. | 2,208.55 |
| Braun Intertec Corporation | 2,200.00 |
| Treasury Division Of Mn Dept Of Finance | 2,085.00 |
| Jackson Co Auditor-Treasurer | 2,035.76 |
| Truck Center Companies West | 2,033.13 |
| Total Claims Over \$2000 | 1,346,112.69 |
| 89 Claims Under \$2000 | 36,386.42 |
| Total Claims Submitted | 1,382,499.11 |

Board Action 23-032 – Approve out of state travel request for Jared Baloun, GIS Technician to Futureview (Eagleview Aerial) Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

The motion carried unanimously.

US FISH AND WILDLIFE

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 23-033 – Approve the certification for acquisition by the US Fish and Wildlife Service of an easement from Douglas and Lynette Lusk in Minneota Township. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 23-034 – Approve the certification for acquisition by the US Fish and Wildlife Service of a fee title property purchase from Pheasants Forever, Inc. in Middletown Township. The motion carried unanimously.

FEDERATED RURAL ELECTRIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner Pohlman to adopt Board Action 23-035 – Approve a letter of Commitment, NRECA Research Proposal “SCENIC - Smart-grid Consortium for Energy Network Innovation and Cooperation.” The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Pohlman to adopt Board Action 23-036 – Approve a letter of support for Federated Rural Electric’s Border-to-Border Grant Application in Jackson County. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wachal and seconded by Commissioner Eigenberg to adopt Board Action 23-037 – Approve making a financial contribution to Federated Rural Electric’s Border-to-Border Grant Project in Jackson County with the contribution being 10 percent of the total project cost not to exceed \$500,000. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

Motion was made by Commissioner McClure and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 23-038 – Approve the execution of the grant agreement and work plan with BWSR in the amount of \$390,000 for repairs to Judicial Ditch 8. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS

Motion was made by Commissioner Eigenberg and seconded by Commissioner Pohlman to adopt Board Action 23-039 – Approve the 2023 Drainage Ditch budget. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner McClure reported on meetings/events involving the AMC Drainage Conference.

Commissioner Wachal reported on meetings/events involving DVHHS and MCIT.

Commissioner Eigenberg reported on meetings/events involving DVHHS, Southern MN Adult Mental Health Consortium, Pipeline Safety Meeting, and GBERBA.

Commissioner Pohlman reported on meetings/events involving Heron Lake Township, DVHHS and Library Board.

Commissioner Nasby reported on meetings/events involving Prairie Ecology Bus, JD 35, Fair Board, AMC Drainage Conference, Friends of the Jackson County Trails and a Sales Tax meeting with Senators via zoom.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman and seconded by Commissioner Eigenberg to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Krosch, County Administrator