

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

August 3, 2021

The County Board of Jackson County, Minnesota met in regular session, in the Jackson County Government Resource Center, Cafeteria Room (Door 7), 402 White Street, City of Jackson, Minnesota, on August 3, 2021. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: Catherine Hohenstein, James Eigenberg, 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 Eigenberg called the meeting to order at approximately 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 one addition: Utility Permit(s). The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Board Action 21-203: Approve July 20, 2021 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Action 21-204: Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01, subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 96039 through 96153 in the amount of \$715,900.45 for the following funds: Revenue, \$335,880.90; Public Works, \$103,348.01; Ditch, \$188,092.92; Insurance Trust Fund, \$189.00; Revolving Loan Fund, \$196.48; Library Fund, \$1,901.52; Taxes & Penalties Fund, \$86,051.62; and Forfeited Land Fund, \$240.00. A detailed list of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office upon request.

Vendor	Total Amount
Building Restoration Corporation	280,811.74
Flexible Pipe Tool Company	82,298.50
Traffic Marking Service Inc	76,906.70
ISG	38,280.57
Fischer/Jeanette	37,779.05
Jackson Co Central School District 2895	24,491.81
Windom Area Schools	18,313.14
Svoboda Farms LLC	15,122.58
Duininck, Inc.	12,342.09
Heron Lake - Okabena School Isd 330	11,645.64
Heron Lake Watershed District	10,181.46
Jackson/City Of	8,856.45

Election Systems & Software LLC	8,831.80
Marsden Bldg Maintenance LLC	6,577.28
H2Over Viewers LLC	6,230.88
Wold Architects And Engineers	5,719.27
Sioux Valley Township	4,836.83
La Crosse Township	4,647.30
Minneota Township	4,226.78
Generator System Services Inc	3,563.08
S & J Cleaning	3,309.25
Weimer Township	3,138.10
Delafield Township	2,936.83
DVHHS	2,680.83
West Heron Lake Township	2,302.10
Verizon Wireless	2,279.34
Commissioner Of Transportation	2,272.50
KUXX/KKOJ	2,240.00
Livewire Printing Co	2,070.48
Total Claims Over \$2000	684,892.38
75 Claims Under \$2000	31,008.07
Total Claims Submitted	715,900.45

Board Action 21.205: Approve Utility Permit(s)

- Minnesota Energy Resources – Gas Line – CSAH 14
- Minnesota Energy Resources – Gas Line Repair – CSAH 38
- Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water – 1 ½” Water Line – CSAH 1
- Agrinatural Gas/ Northwest Gas – 1” CTS Gas Service Line – CR 80
- Trevor Neal – Water Line – CSAH 14

Board Action 21.206: Approve Credit Card Request for County Human Resources Coordinator

Board Action 21.207: Approve Entering in Joint Powers Agreement with MN.IT Services State of Minnesota for LiDAR for Matching Funds of \$16,200 to United States Geological Survey

The motion carried unanimously.

NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES

Clay Cameron, Project Director of Development for NextEra Energy Resources provided an update on the development of the Three Waters Wind Energy Project and introduced the land management team.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner McClure reported on meetings/events involving the Building Committee and Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services (DVHHS).

Commissioner Hohenstein reported on meetings/events involving the Revolving Loan Fund.

Commissioner Nasby reported on meetings/events involving DVHHS, Des Moines River Watershed Planning Partnership Policy Committee, Fair Board, and Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Wachal reported on meetings/events involving the Area Transportation Partnership, Rural Minnesota Energy Board and SW Regional Solid Waste Commission.

Commissioner Eigenberg reported on meetings/events involving the Heron Lake Watershed District Board and DVHHS.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator, Ryan Krosch reported on staffing, health insurance, building projects and the budget process.

LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER

Jason Overby, General Manager of Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water presented the 2020 audit report and provide project updates.

PUBLIC HEARING
2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Chair Eigenberg opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding the Jackson County 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at 9:45 a.m.

Administrator Krosch gave a general overview of the CIP.

No one asked to speak or provide written comments on the proposed CIP plan.

Chair Eigenberg declared the public hearing closed at 9:51 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Hohenstein and second by commissioner Wachal to adopt Resolution 21.036 Adoption of the 2022-2026 Jackson County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Motion carried unanimously.

County of Jackson)
) SS.
State of Minnesota)

RESOLUTION 20.036
ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2026 JACKSON COUNTY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended, and Statute 373.40, as amended (collectively, the “Act”), counties are authorized to adopt a capital improvement plan and carry out the programs for financing the capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners has considered the 2022-2026 Jackson County Capital Improvement Program covering a five-year period and setting forth the estimated schedule, timing and details of specific capital improvements by year, together with the estimated cost, the need for the improvement, and sources of revenue to pay for the improvement; and

WHEREAS, in preparing the Capital Improvement Program, the County Board of Commissioners has considered for each project and for the overall plan:

- 1.) The condition of the County's existing infrastructure, including the projected need for repair and replacement;
- 2.) The likely demand for the improvement;
- 3.) The estimated cost of the improvement;
- 4.) The available public resources;
- 5.) The level of overlapping debt in the County;
- 6.) The relative benefits and costs of alternative uses of the funds;
- 7.) Operating costs of the proposed improvements; and
- 8.) Alternatives for providing services more efficiently through shared facilities with other counties or local governmental units; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program is intended to be a guide that is subject to change and does not commit the County to completing any of the improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2022-2026 Jackson County Capital Improvement Program.

Chair Eigenberg recessed the Board meeting at 9:51 a.m. Chair Eigenberg reconvened the Board meeting at 10:02 a.m.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Land Management Director Andy Geiger presented a conditional use permit (CUP) request from EW Wind Holdings, LLC to amend their CUP document #246098 to allow them to increase the overall height of their existing wind turbines from the previously permitted 407 feet tall to the proposed 452 feet tall to support the repower of the current wind turbines. The five affected parcels are currently a part of the original CUP that allows the wind turbines to operate on them. The CUP is currently in effect and in good standing. EW Wind Holdings, LLC has bought the wind farm and is planning to do a repower on nine of the 10 turbines. Tower T-05 is going to be removed from production and decommissioned. This tower is located on Parcel 07.020.0550 and is the south tower on the parcel. The turbine foundations will be reused and no turbine locations will be moved.

Tom Behrends, resident of Jackson County, expressed concerns with the conditional use permit amendment. He read his concerns from a written handout that will be included in the official meeting packet.

John Brown from EW Wind Holdings, LLC provided an explanation on the conditional use permit amendment request.

Motion by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 21.208: To approve the recommendation of the Jackson County Planning Commission and approve the CUP amendment request to CUP document #246098 from EW Wind Holdings, LLC to allow an increase to the overall height of existing wind turbines on a wind farm located on parcels 07.020.0100, 07.020.0200, 07.020.0450, 07.020.0550 and 07.034.0100 with the following conditions:

1. All state, federal and FAA regulations shall be followed.
2. Shall have an approved road use agreement with Jackson County Public Works.
3. All construction debris must be properly disposed of. No on-site burning or burial of any refuse or construction materials.
4. Shall obtain all necessary variances from the Jackson County Board of Adjustment in order to deem this Conditional Use Permit valid.

The motion carried unanimously.

Land Management Director Geiger informed the Board that the Jackson Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility is closed and that currently the only operational HHW facility is in Lakefield.

SECOND AMENDMENT GROUP

Chad Janssen and other members of the Jackson County Second Amendment Group presented to the Board information on Second Amendment dedicated counties. They also requested the Board to approve a resolution to become a Second Amendment dedicated county. Some commissioners indicated that the County Board is non-partisan and does not act on items that are not related to county services and programs. County Sheriff Shawn Haken commented on the increase in conceal to carry permit requests.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wachal to adopt the Second Amendment Dedicated County Resolution. Motion died for lack of a second.

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Hohenstein and seconded by Commissioner McClure to close the meeting at 11:02 a.m. as permitted by Minnesota State Statute 13D.05.03 to develop or consider offers for the purchase of real estate. Administrator Krosch announced that the property being discussed in the closed session is parcel 17.021.0150. Those participating in the closed session were all five county board members, Administrator Krosch, County Attorney Tom Prochazka, Assistant County Attorney Lynae Tucker and Assistant County Engineer Wes Liepold.

ADJOURN

The regular County Board Meeting reconvened at 11:24 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James Eigenberg, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Ryan Krosch, County Administrator