



WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 1, 2023 - 9:30 AM

East Annex Public Meeting Room

300 North State Street – East Annex · Waseca, Minnesota 56093

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 in the Commissioners' Room, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota. Members present were Chair Brian Harguth, DeAnne Malterer, Doug Christopherson, and Brad Krause.

Other members present were Michael Johnson, County Administrator; Beth Weimert, Administrative Coordinator; Sheriff Jay Dulas; Tammy Spooner, Property and Election Services Director; Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Director; Chris Howard, Ditch Management Coordinator; Brian Tomford, Building and Grounds Director; Jon Schiro, Court Services Director

Others present were Brad Milbrath, Amelia Roesler, Waseca County Pioneer.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Harguth called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Introduction of New Staff

Sheriff Dulas introduced numerous new staff including: Mary Ulrich and her husband Todd. Deputy Ulrich took her Oath of Office.; Brandon Herrmann and his wife Nicole. Deputy Herman his Oath of Office.

Sheriff Dulas also introduced Sarah Sundve and her husband and her mother Kathy, started in Dispatch this week. Erin Heitkamp, Interim who is working with the Sheriff's Office this summer. She is currently enrolled as a student at the U of M.

Sarah Berry, Public Health Director, introduced new staff that have started at Public Health recently as well, including Taylor Merges a new Public Health Nurse, Kirston Janike a new RN, and Andrea Kronback the new WIC Coordinator.

Jon Schiro introduced Kari Deml and John Frid who both come to the Court Services Department with experience.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Commissioner Christopherson, seconded by Commissioner Krause. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Approval of County Board Minutes

Motion to approve the Waseca County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of July 5, 2023 by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Christopherson. Motion carried 4-0.

a. Waseca County Board of Commissioner Work Session Minutes July 5, 2023

5. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Krause. Motion carried 4-0.

a. Approval of Bills

The following bills were audited and allowed:

A.H. HERMEL COMPANY	46.83
ALVIN GRAMS	187.51
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	227.56
ANCOM COMMUNICATIONS INC	260.00
APG MEDIA OF SOUTHERN MN LLC	4.25
ASPEN MILLS	171.31
BLOOMING PRAIRIE FARM RADIO, INC	500.00
BOARMAN KROOS VOGEL GROUP INC	26,643.56

BOCKS SERVICE INC	934.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	73.09
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	121.99
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	155.06
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	478.60
BRITTON PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	153.34
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY	14,601.75
COLE PAPERS INC	348.14
COMMUNITY COMPLIANCE MONITORING	438.00
D & M CONSTRUCTION	2,153.17
DAVID R BORCHARDT	4,110.00
DENNIS-STEFFEL-OMTVEDT FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICE	1,240.00
EINHAUS, MATTISON, CARVER & HABERMAN, PA	150.00
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, INC	655.25
EUGENE C FISHER	200.00
HYVEE FOOD STORES	146.11
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	566.60
JANESVILLE TILE SUPPLY	2,161.59
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	2,551.95
L & L STREET ROD & SPORTS TRUCK	4,846.50
MCA (MN CORRECTIONS ASSOC)	325.00
MESSICK LAW PLLC	150.00
MID-NET SOLUTIONS	108.00
MIDWEST MONITORING & SURVEILLANCE	13,559.67
MJB HANSEN FAMILY LP	1,616.78
MN BCA CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG & EDUCATION	750.00
MN COMM OF TRANSPORTATION	6,658.98
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	236.00
MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS STS	19,406.87
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	300.00
M-R SIGN COMPANY INC	463.43
NAPA AUTO PARTS MPEC	12.98
NCH CORPORATION	197.95
OFFICE OF MNIT SERVICES	2,104.01
OVERHEAD DOOR CO OF MANKATO INC	1,101.60
PATRICK DUNN	561.24
PATTON HOVERSTEN & BERG PA	10,959.00
PEMBERTON LAW PLLP	1,875.00
RECOVERY TREK LLC	202.50
RINKE-NOONAN ATTORNEYS AT LAW	1,748.00
RIVER BEND BUSINESS PRODUCTS	1,019.01
RS EDEN	105.15
RUSSELL HARDEMAN	330.83
RWV SIGNS INC	720.00

SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS INC.	339.92
SHERRY ROOT	573.22
SMITH TOLLEFSON RAHRICK & CASS	300.00
SOFTWARE.HARDWARE.INTEGRATION	258.83
SOUTHSIDE MARINE INC	174.67
STREAMLINE COMMUNICATIONS LLC	970.00
TECTA AMERICA CORPORATION	1,260.00
TESCH SERVICE CENTER INC	686.68
THIRTY YEAR VENTURES LLC	340.74
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	52,367.31
WASECA CO PROPERTY & ELECTION SERVICES	746.05
WASECA CO ROAD & BRIDGE	4,458.69
WASECA CO SOIL & WATER	7,711.53
WASECA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	550.00
WASECA COUNTY NEWS (SUBSCRIPTION)	78.55
WESLEY L WEBB	1,770.04
ZIEGLER INC	9,421.08

b. June Transfers

Date	From Account	To Account	Amount	Description
06/22/23	Keen Bank	MinnWest	\$1,000,000.00	Cash to Cash
06/29/23	Keen Bank	Multi Bank	\$239,791.73	Investment

c. Transfer request

Transfer of funds \$28,400.00 from 25-105-6905 (recorder compliance) to 01-061-061-5910 (IT) for GIS ESRI license.

d. Transfer of funds from fund 25 to fund 41

Transfer of funds for AIS invoice paid from fund 41 and it should be paid from fund 25.

e. Extension of Zoning Permit for Lucas Boelter

Lucas Boelter a second 12-month extension to complete the construction of the proposed fenced-in, in-ground pool.

f. Solid Waste Collection & Transportation Licenses

Approval of Solid Waste Collection and Transportation Licenses including: Waste Management-Clarks Grove, Waste Management-Mankato, Thompson Sanitation, Inc., LJP Enterprises, Inc., Stewart Sanitation, BinPro, Veit Disposal System, Skjeveland Enterprise, West Central Sanitation, Inc., Rollpro, and Dulas Disposal. The licenses are valid for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

6. Action Items

a. Courthouse Park Bathroom and Septic System

Motion to upgrade the septic system at Courthouse Park by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Krause. Motion carried 4-0. Chris Howard also discussed details of the sewer septic system and dump station.

Motion to approve the bid by CJ Masonary in the amount of \$265,386.00, using ARPA dollars, by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Christopherson. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Public Hearing to consider Residential Tax Abatement for Gary L. and Linda A. Seifert

Chair Harguth opened the public hearing at 10:06 a.m. and asked for public comment 3 times.

There was no public comment.

Motion to close the public hearing by Commissioner Christopherson, seconded by Commissioner Krause.

This abatement agreement and resolution abates only the County's share of property taxes for the above mentioned property owners for three (3) years, commencing with taxes payable in 2025. The abatement shall not exceed half of the County's portion of taxes in the amount of \$2,594.29 per year or \$7,782.87 in total for the duration of the abatement. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-25 and the tax abatement for Gary L and Linda A. Seifert by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Christopherson. Motion carried 4-0.

c. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Steele-Waseca Treatment Court Agreement**

Jonathan Schiro, Court Services Director, noted the Steele-Waseca Treatment Court operates with funding from the State of Minnesota-Third Judicial District. The attached cooperative agreement is an adjustment to the previous agreement, updating the agreement periods and amount. The cooperative agreement is between Waseca County Court Services and the State of Minnesota-Third Judicial District for reimbursement to Waseca County for expenses incurred by the Steele-Waseca Treatment Court; including, but not limited to: printing, communications, instate travel, supplies, equipment and personnel.

Motion to approve the cooperative agreement for the fiscal year 2024 Steele-Waseca Treatment Court Agreement (retroactive from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) with the total cost of reimbursement to Waseca County not to exceed \$153,275.00, by Commissioner Krause, seconded by Commissioner Malterer. Motion carried 4-0. The cooperative agreement reimbursement amount is included in the court services budget.

d. **Riparian Fund Recommendations**

Chris Howard, Land and Water Resources Manager, presented three separate cover crop cost share projects within Waseca County. Two individual contracts have been designed and presented for approval from SWCD staff. The third is for cover crops planted in the vacated field at Courthouse Park. All projects fall within the 1/2 mile vicinity of a public water course.

Motion to cover both of the contracts for Bruce Johnson by Commissioner Krause, seconded by Commissioner Malterer. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to pay SWCD from the Riparian fund in full to pay for the drill rental by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Christopherson. A roll call was taken and the motion passed 3-1 by the following: Commissioner Christopherson - aye; Commissioner Harguth - aye; Commissioner Krause - nay; Malterer - aye.

e. **Resolution 2023-26 Youth Mental Health Navigator Program**

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-26 Youth Mental Health Navigator Program, , investing \$10,000 per year for 5 years (\$50,000 total) of opioid settlement funds. by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Krause. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2023-26

Youth Mental Health Navigator Program

***WHEREAS**, the State of Minnesota, Minnesota counties and cities, and their people have been harmed by misconduct committed by certain entities that engage in or have engaged in the manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution, or dispensing of an opioid analgesic; and*

***WHEREAS**, certain Minnesota counties and cities, through their counsel, and the State, through its Attorney General, separately engaged in investigations, litigation, and settlement discussions seeking to hold opioid manufacturers and distributors accountable for the damage caused by their misconduct; and*

***WHEREAS**, all 87 Minnesota Counties participated in a joint settlement agreement against multiple providers to ensure Minnesota will receive a maximum amount of settlement funds; and*

***WHEREAS**, the State and Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of the misconduct described above throughout Minnesota; and*

***WHEREAS**, while the State and Local Governments recognize the sums which may be available from the aforementioned litigation will likely be insufficient to fully abate the public health crisis caused by the opioid epidemic, they share a common interest in dedicating the most resources possible to the abatement effort; and*

***WHEREAS**, representatives of Minnesota's local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (the "State-Subdivision Agreement"); and*

***WHEREAS**, Waseca County signed an Amended Memorandum of Agreement on April 4, 2023, agreeing to use settlement funds for "approved uses" as listed in Exhibit A of the MOA; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Youth Mental Health Navigator Program provides critical care and resources to youth that can be instrumental in preventing future treatment of "Opioid Use Disorder" ("OUD"); and*

***WHEREAS**, the Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD") and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health ("SUD/MH") conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies is a primary strategy for use of opioid*

settlement funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Waseca County Board of Commissioners authorizes expenditure of opioid settlement funds in the amount of \$10,000 per year for a total of five years (\$50,000 total) to Greater Mankato Area United Way to support the establishment of Youth Mental Health Navigators in Waseca County schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, payments will commence in January of 2024 and each subsequent January per annum.

7. Administration

a. Administration Update

Michael Johnson, County Administrator, provided administrative updates to the Waseca County Board of Commissioners.

b. Human Resources Announcements

Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Director, provided a recruiting update for the Board.

8. Commissioner Reports

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners in attendance at today's meeting shared commissioner reports.

9. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations Strategy, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03

Chair Harguth moved into closed session at 11:19 a.m. Johnson noted those in attendance included Chair Brian Harguth, Commissioner Brad Krause, Commissioner De Malterer, Commissioner Doug Christopherson, Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Director, Beth Weimert, Clerk to the Board, and Michael Johnson, County Administrator. Motion to move into closed session pursuant to § 13D.03.

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners moved out of closed session at 11:58 a.m. Commissioner Krause moved and Commissioner Malterer seconded to follow the strategy as discussed in the closed session. Motion carried 4-0.

Brian Harguth, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Beth Weimert, Clerk
Waseca County Administration