



WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 2024 - 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 meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in the Commissioners' Room, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota. Members present were Chair Brian Harguth, DeAnne Malterer, Doug Christopherson, Brad Milbrath and Brad Krause.

Other members present were Michael Johnson, County Administrator; Beth Weimert, Administrative Coordinator; Denise Wright, Emergency Management Director; Brian Zabel, Ag and Ditch Coordinator; Jim Kollar, County Engineer/Public Works Director; Tammy Spooner, Property and Election Services Director; Chris Hinton, Veteran Services Officer; Sheriff Jay Dulas, Jared Krassin, Highway Supervisor

Others present were Tom Sexton; Tina Willson, City of Waseca; Deb Bentley, Waseca County Pioneer; Lucas Dittmer, Waseca County News; Steve Kraus, Bill Eckles, BevComm

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

Tom Sexton presented today announcing his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the Minnesota House of Representative District 19B seat that is currently being held by John Petersburg.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Waseca County Board of Commissioners agenda by Commissioner Milbrath, seconded by Commissioner Krause. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Approval of County Board Minutes

Motion to approve the Waseca County Board of Commissioners Work Session minutes of March 19, 2024 and Regular meeting minutes of March 19, 2024 by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Milbrath. Motion carried 5-0.

a. Waseca County Board of Commissioners Work Session March 19, 2024

b. Waseca County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes March 19, 2024

4. Presentations

a. Broadband Grant Application - Bill Eckles

Bill Eckles, BevComm CEO, discussed grant details, important dates and updates on the current project. Eckles also noted BevComm would be hosting a broadband bash on April 4, 2024, at the Waldorf Community Center.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Commissioner Milbrath, seconded by Commissioner Christopherson. Motion carried 5-0.

a. Approval of Bills

The following bills were audited and allowed:

A.H. HERMEL COMPANY	222.52
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1,806.82
AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING	171.85
ANCOM COMMUNICATIONS INC	1,044.47
AT SCENE, LLC	5,015.00
BOCKS SERVICE INC	1,058.08

BOMGAARS SUPPLY	679.76
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	26.98
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	515.04
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	1,545.94
BOSS SUPPLY OF JANESVILLE INC	599.40
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	4,714.41
CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION INC	33.00
CHARLES BENSON	80.94
CHRISTOPHER LLOYD OSTERLOH	91.39
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	248.00
COLE PAPERS INC	172.14
COLE'S ELECTRIC INC	562.50
COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS INC	2,860.00
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATION	931.40
CORE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, P.A.	1,050.00
DAHLE ENTERPRISES OF MORRISTOWN LLC	19,345.21
DAVID R BORCHARDT	2,620.00
DWIGHT E THOMPSON	190.00
EJL PUBLICATIONS	57.00
EXPRESS CARE INC	46.91
FAUL PSYCHOLOGICAL	665.00
FREMAREK INC	335.65
GUTTENBERG	193.28
ICON ENTERPRISES, INC.	819.90
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	453.10
JAY DULAS	20.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	20.99
JULIE MALAKOWSKY	200.00
KEZIA SMITH	600.00
KWIK TRIP INC	19.57
L&D AG SERVICE, INC	826.12
LENZ LAWN CARE INC	4,640.59
LOUISE LUND	668.73
LOWER 48 TRANSPORT SERVICE INC	966.38
MANKATO LEGAL GROUP	51.00
MANKATO MOTORSPORTS LLC	756.75
MATTEA DANN	5.37
MCA (MN CORRECTIONS ASSOC)	75.00
MID-NET SOLUTIONS	108.00
MIKE PETERSON	507.13
MJB HANSEN FAMILY LP	1,826.01
MN COMM OF TRANSPORTATION	2,865.68
MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS STS	19,406.87
MN DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY-ST PAUL	30.00
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	19,028.15

MN VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVTS	189.00
NACCHO	1,800.00
NORTHLAND COMM & TECH COLLEGE	921.07
NOW MICRO	1,230.00
OFFICE OF MNIT SERVICES	1,338.65
OLMSTED COUNTY	29.19
OLYMPIC FIRE PROTECTION	553.80
PATTI SCHUCH	102.51
PICTURE THIS ON GRANITE	532.00
PRO CAL CORPORATION	1,002.00
PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT LLC	659.00
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	785.40
RENE PERRANCE	200.00
RIVER BEND BUSINESS PRODUCTS	492.67
SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY	540.96
SCOTT CO TREASURER	4,192.03
SNAP ON INCORPORATED	1,251.09
SOUTHERN MINNESOTA INSPECTION CO LLC	1,888.85
STREICHERS	5,840.00
SURE SHOT TACTICAL LLC	850.00
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORP	24,060.85
TECTA AMERICA CORPORATION	2,635.00
THOMSON REUTERS	641.85
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	1,920.00
WASECA ABSTRACT COMPANY	895.00
WASECA CO PIONEER	164.00
WASECA CO SOIL & WATER	40.00
WASECA HARDWARE LLC	18.99
WIESE USA INC	3,567.60
ZIEGLER INC	916.30
ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS INC	1,499.00

b. 2024 Noxious Weed List

2024 Noxious Weed list information for Commissioner acknowledgment

c. Notice of Expiration of Agricultural Preserve; Mitchell Wayne Kruger

Staff has a Notice of Expiration of an Agricultural Preserve that has been submitted for review by the County Board. The request is: *Notice of Expiration of Agricultural Preserve:*

Owner - Mitchell Wayne Kruger PID 08.019.0510 Acres Removed (from Ag Covenant) 12.55

6. Action Items

a. Veteran Services Update

Chris Hinton, Veteran Services Officer, provided an update to the Board of Commissioners including current objectives, total federal dollars expended in Waseca County, current state legislation, memorial services, unfunded mandates and his duties at the national level.

b. Appointment of County Veteran Services Officer

Hinton asked for reappointment of the Veteran Services Officer position which is required by the state of Minnesota. Motion to approve Chris Hinton as the Veteran Services Officer by Commissioner Milbrath, seconded by Commissioner Malterer. Motion carried 5-0.

c. **Resolution 2024-13 CERT Donation 2024 VFW**

Denise Wright, Emergency Management Director, requested the board to pass a resolution accepting a \$480.00 donation from Sweet-Sommers VFW Post 1642. Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-13 accepting \$480.00 from Sweet-Sommers VFW Post 1642 by Commissioner Krause, seconded by Commissioner Christopherson. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2024-13

Accepting Donations

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. Sect. 465.03 allows counties to accept grants and donations of real or personal property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with terms prescribed by the donor; and

WHEREAS, said donations must be accepted via resolution of the County Board of Commissioners by a two-thirds majority of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waseca County Board of Commissioners accepts, with sincere appreciation, the following listed donations on behalf of its citizens:

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>Donation Purpose</u>
Sweet-Sommers VFW Post 1642	\$480	Equipment for CERT training

d. **Resolution 2024-11: 2024 Public Land Survey System Grant Application**

The Public Land Survey System (PLSS) is the original Geographic Information System of the United States and is the foundation for land ownership, original natural resource inventories, and generating and tracking revenue. As such, preserving the PLSS will link historical knowledge to present day needs, helping make data-driven decisions for all people who inhabit and utilize land in Minnesota. Benefits for county residents and partners include, but isn't limited to: farming and precision agriculture, land development, precise land descriptions providing for an accurate framework for parcel creation, land transactions, fewer boundary disputes and title discrepancies, reduced costs of property surveys, and the proper taxation of parcels.

Waseca County has 1,332 PLSS corners, originally established in the 1850's. Today, only 167 corners are certified with known geodetic coordinates and 423 corners are certified, but without known geodetic coordinates. The remaining corners have little to no documentation. While Waseca County is responsible for maintaining the PLSS in Waseca County, it has been neglected for many, many years. The responsibility of locating section corners has transitioned to landowners looking to sell, subdivide or split parcels, which has a cost component for these landowners. Public Works (Highway) also has been working to protect and perpetuate corners where road construction projects may impact them, in the past few years. This effort targets only a handful of corners.

The Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) is soliciting proposals from counties for funding the perpetuation of monuments established by the United States in the public lands survey. Approximately \$9.1 million is available with individual requests considered between \$50,000 and \$300,000. The solicitation is competitive and applications for the grant will be reviewed by a committee of subject-matter experts and regional representatives. Applications are due April 5th and selected grantees are expected to be announced in April.

Public Works submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI), a prerequisite to the full application, and Waseca County has been approved for submission of a grant application. Staff selected Wilton Township for this grant solicitation. Wilton Township has 133 PLSS corners that will be restored, maintained, or updated with Certificates of Location, including geodetic coordinates, should the County be selected. Wilton Township was selected because it has a low number of certified corners, has an extensive road network on section lines which makes excavation, if necessary, more feasible, and is centrally located within the County. Staff intend to request the maximum grant award of \$300,000 for this multi-year effort.

RESOLUTION # 2024-11

2024 PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM (PLSS) MONUMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, In 2023 the Minnesota Legislature, through MN Statute §381.125, directed the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (Mn Geo) to develop a grant program for the perpetuation of Public Land Survey System (PLSS) monuments; and

WHEREAS, Waseca County is responsible for maintaining the PLSS in Waseca County; and

WHEREAS, Waseca County has 1,332 PLSS corners of which only 167 are certified with known geodetic coordinates; and

WHEREAS, Waseca County has identified the re-monumentation of 133 corners within Wilton Township as the project area for this solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the total cost and request will be \$300,000 for expenses related to research, field work, excavation, setting

monuments, collection of coordinates, and preparation of Certificates of Location.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waseca County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to submit a proposal to MnGeo for the Minnesota PLSS Monument Grant Program and if awarded, authorize the appropriate county officials to accept the grant and enter into the necessary agreements beginning in February 2024 and running through March 31, 2026.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11 Public Land Survey System (PLSS) Monument Grant by Commissioner Krause, seconded by Commissioner Malterer. Discussion was held. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Administration

a. Administration Update

Michael Johnson, County Administrator, provided administrative updates to the board.

b. Human Resources Announcements

Michael Johnson, County Administrator, provided updates to the board regarding recent Human Resource announcements.

8. Commissioner Reports

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

9. Adjourn

Having no further county board business, Commissioner Milbrath moved and Commissioner Christopherson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Brian Harguth, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Beth Weimert, Clerk
Waseca County Administration