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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Pope County Board of Commissioners  
April 2, 2019

The April 2, 2019 Regular Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Cody Rogahn with the following members present: Commissioners Larry Lindor, Gordy Wagner and Paul Gerde. Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator and Neil Nelson, County Attorney were present.

On motion by Gerde, seconded by Wagner and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as presented with the addition of 15: Approval of Per Diem Reports.

Discussion was had on the official proceedings for March 19, 2019, after which the item was laid on the table for later action after completion of certain revisions.

Tim Riley, Sheriff presented Emergency Services Board Appointments. On motion by Lindor, seconded by Wagner and unanimously carried, the Board approved Bryan Gates, IT Director to become the Delegate for the Next Gen 911 Committee for Pope County and Nathan Brecht, Chief Deputy to become the Alternate for the CM Regional Advisory Committee (RAC).

Stacy Hennen, Human Services Director presented SNAP Processing Timelines; Safe Families Request and Case Counts and Out of Home Placement List. Human Services is required both by Statute and through performance measures, to meet a standard of 90% for processing the SNAP applications and the SNAP expedited applications. Human Services has met this standard for the last two quarters of 2018 achieving a 96% higher timeliness rate and recognized by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board approved for the County to contribute \$5,000 for the first year, with the possibility of continuing the first three years, to the Safe Families Program. This is an organization that started as faith based but has also reached out and engages with community resources and works with DHS to create a system that assists families at all stages of need and develops a connection or attachment to community for those that need assistance.

Brian Giese, County Engineer presented Highway Monthly Update; Award Contract – SAP 061-610-009 and Goals for CSAH 17 (South Lakeshore Drive) Improvements, Resolution 201914. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board awarded a contract to Riley Brothers Construction of Morris, MN for the construction of SAP 061-610-009 in the amount of \$971,457.20, based on proposed unit prices and quantities. On motion by Lindor, seconded by Wagner and unanimously carried the Board approved Resolution 201914 to establish long-term goals for South Lakeshore Drive (CSAH 17).

Stephanie Rust, Auditor-Treasurer presented Pay Bills and Supplemental Bills. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board approved the payment of bills of \$95,274.24 plus supplemental bills of \$69,266.76 totaling \$164,541.00.

Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator presented Request to Advertise Sauk River Watershed District Board Member Manager Position; Consider Resolution 201913 Approving Accepting of Withholding Request by Pope County HRA-EDA for Tax-Forfeited Property (Fremad); Consider Selecting a Date, Time and Site for a Pope County Intergovernmental Meeting with City, School, Township and Other Officials and Notification of Fee Title Acquisition of Lands by Nature Conservancy, Parcel 05-0163, 002, Nora Township. On motion by Lindor, seconded by Gerde and unanimously carried, the Board directed the County Coordinator to advertise for a Sauk River Watershed District Manager. Letters of interest from qualified persons will be accepted through May 1, 2019, with the Board to consider appointment thereafter. On motion by Wagner, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution 201913 Approving Accepting of Withholding Request by Pope County HRA-EDA for the Tax-Forfeited Fremad Property pursuant to Minnesota Statute 282.01. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board set the date, time and site for an Intergovernmental meeting with Pope County government officials as follows:


Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Community Room and authorized the Coordinator to send meeting invitations to Pope County government officials.


On motion by Wagner, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board entered the per diem expense reports into the record.

Taking up the item on official proceedings from earlier in the meeting, motion by Lindor, seconded by Gerde and unanimously carried, the Board approved the official proceedings for March 19, 2019 with the amended verbiage to the 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph, to read, "After solicitation and receiving of public comment, on motion by Lindor, seconded by Gerde and carried by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Lindor, Rogahn; Nays: Wagner, the Board approved the CUP: Star Garden Solar – Applicant: Nokomis Energy LLC located at Part of Government Lot 7, Section 11, Township 125 (White Bear Lake), Range 39 as recommended by the Planning Commission with the conditions as proposed in the staff report."

Informational updates on various meetings and events were given by the County Commissioners.

Chair Rogahn adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

  
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Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator

  
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Cody Rogahn, Chairman of the Board