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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Pope County Board of Commissioners
August 18, 2020

The August 18, 2020 Regular Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Gordy Wagner with the following members present: Commissioners Paul Gerde, Nan Haggerty, Larry Lindor and Cody Rogahn. Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator and Neil Nelson, County Attorney were present. The meeting was conducted telephonically by the County Coordinator from the County Board Room pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, as in-person attendance of the members or public was imprudent and/or impractical under the current Minnesota COVID-19 State of Emergency.

On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Gerde and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the agenda as presented and moving Item #4 in between Board items #12 and #13.

On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the official proceedings for August 4, 2020 as presented.

Brian Giese, County Engineer presented Class 5 Aggregate Surfacing Material. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board authorized the County Engineer to purchase 20,000 cubic yards of Class 5 aggregate surfacing material from Hancock Concrete for \$3.20 per cubic yard.

Stephanie Rust, Auditor-Treasurer presented July 2020 Trial Balance and Fund Balance Analysis; Auditor Bills – July 15, 2020 – August 11, 2020 (informational) and Pay Bills and Supplemental Bills. On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Rogahn and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the 2020 Trial Balance and Fund Balance Analysis. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the payment of bills of \$38,461.44 plus supplemental bills \$93.98 totaling \$38,555.42.

Duane Krautbauer, Fiscal Officer presented Human Services Bills and Reports. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$136,714.

David Green, Land and Resource Director and Ralph Hanson, Land Use Specialist presented Starry Stonewort: AIS Fund Grant Request from City of Starbuck. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved grant request in the amount of \$6,475 to the City of Starbuck to help defray expenses related to a project to control the spread of Starry Stonewort.

Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator presented Consider Authorizing Distribution of CARES Act Funding to Horizon Public Health for 2020; Periodic Review of Pope County Phased Reopening Plans and Standards and Certification of Amended COVID-19 Preparedness Plan; Support for Hanson Telecommunications and Runestone Telecom Association for the 2020 DEED Border-to-Border Broadband Grant and Closed Session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)(3) to Discuss Data Related to the Sale or Purchase of Real or Personal Property. On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Gerde and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board authorized the distribution of Pope County local CARES Act funds to Horizon Public Health in the amount of \$41,450 for qualified public health expenses as presented. No changes were made to the Pope County COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board authorized letters of support with additional language on COVID-19 response on behalf of Hanson Telecommunications and Runestone Telecom Association and their DEED Broadband grant applications and authorized Pope County to distribute monetary support of \$5,000 each to Hanson Telecommunications and Runestone Telecom Association from the CARES Act funding. The support was stated to be given due to the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore is to be paid out of CARES Act funding, and would be otherwise taken out of reserve spending, as it was not a budgeted expense for 2020.