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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Pope County Board of Commissioners
December 1, 2020

The December 1, 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 Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the agenda as presented adding two additional items: #12a Pope-Grant Human Services Merger Frequently Asked Questions and #17a Consider Moving December Committee of the Whole Meeting to December 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

On motion by Lindor, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the official proceedings for November 17, 2020 as presented.

On motion by Gerde, seconded by Rogahn and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board opened the Public Hearing for the Annual Drainage Hearing at 9:04 a.m. Dave Orłowski, County Drainage Inspector, reviewed the drainage reports for each of the ditches in Pope County. Commissioners thanked Dave for his exceptional and outstanding job.

On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Gerde and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:41 a.m.

Chair Wagner reconvened the Board meeting at 9:41 a.m.

On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the lien recommendations for Pope County ditch systems in 2021 as recommended.

Blair Mace, Realty Specialist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service presented two easements: 1) Randy and Karen Mitteness, husband and wife, of Benson, MN and 2) Kenneth Grundseth, a single person, of Brooten, MN. On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Gerde and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the easement certification for Randy and Karen Mitteness, husband and wife, of Benson, MN. The easement is located in Sections 32 of Langhei Township. This is a habitat easement protecting approximately 20 acres allowing for haying after July 15th of each year and grazing throughout the year. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Lindor and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the easement certification for Kenneth Grundseth, a single person, of Brooten, MN. This easement is located in Sections 20 and 29 of Lake Johanna Township. This is a habitat easement protecting approximately 283 acres allowing for haying after July 15th of each year and grazing throughout the year.

David Green, Land and Resources Director presented AIS Action Plan; Conditional Use Permit: Non-Farm Residence: Applicant: Arlen Hayhurst and Conditional Use Permit: Metal Clad Structure Greater than 1,100 Square Feet: Applicant: Chad and Kimberly Spanier. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Rogahn and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the AIS Action Plan. Pope County is scheduled to receive \$85,847 in 2021 from the State of Minnesota to address issues related to Aquatic Invasive Species. On motion by Lindor, seconded by Rogahn and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to locate a non-farm residence in a non-intensive agriculture (A-1) zoning district for Arlen Hayhurst located at North ten acres of the NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 18, Township 123, Range 37, Gilchrist Township. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the CUP to construct a pole type structure greater than 1,100 square feet in a shoreland-natural (S-NE) zoning district for Chad and Kimberly Spanier located at Lot 9, Block 1, Plat of North Forty Park, Section 21, Township 125, Range 38, Minnewaska Township.

Stacy Hennen, Human Services Director presented Presbyterian Family Foundation Contract; Adult Protection and Child Support Performance Measures (informational); Father's Resource Memorandum of Understanding; Lakeland Mental Health Center Contracts; Lutheran Social Services Contract and Pope-Grant Human Services Merger Frequently Asked Questions (informational). A motion was made by Rogahn, seconded by Gerde to approve the Presbyterian Family Foundation Contract. Upon questions and a request from Haggerty for further review of the contract, Rogahn withdrew his main motion and Gerde withdrew his second to approve, with direction to bring this contract back to the December 15 Board Meeting for further action. On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Rogahn and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the Father's Resource Memorandum of Understanding with Otter Tail County for the provision of services through Mahube Ottwa for child support and custody assistance to people who live in Pope County. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Lindor and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the 2021 Lakeland Mental Health Center Contracts. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the Lutheran Social Services Contract for 2021.

Stephanie Rust, Auditor-Treasurer presented Pay Bills and Supplemental Bills. On motion by Lindor, seconded by Gerde and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved payment of bills of \$252,149.98 plus supplemental bills of \$1,005.49 totaling \$253,155.47.

Brian Giese, County Engineer presented the Highway Monthly Update (informational).

On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Rogahn and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved entry of the per diem expense reports into the record.

Jackie Stevens, Human Resources Director presented 2021 Contract with Midwest Health Benefits. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Rogahn and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the contract with Midwest Health Benefits for 2021.

Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator presented Periodic Review of Pope County COVID-19 Phased Reopening and Preparedness Plan; Consider Moving December Committee of the Whole Meeting to December 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., and Closed Session: Confidential Briefing and Communication on Labor Negotiations Strategy Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board amended the Pope County COVID-19 Preparedness Plan as presented. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board amended its 2020 meeting schedule to move the Board's December Committee of the Whole Meeting (COW) meeting from Friday, December 11, 2020 to Tuesday, December 8, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m.

On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board convened in closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03, for briefing and communication on labor negotiations. The Board recessed at 11:47 a.m. for a break, and reconvened in closed session at 12:10 p.m.

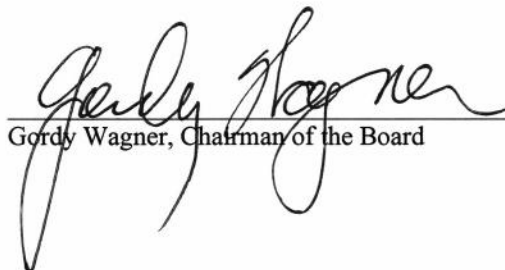
Board Chair Wagner reconvened the Board meeting at 1:00 p.m., with all members present.

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

Board Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.



Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator



Gordy Wagner, Chairman of the Board