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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Pope County Board of Commissioners
December 4, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Pope County Board of Commissioners duly noticed for December 4, 2020 at the Grant County Social Services Building in Elbow Lake, Minnesota, was called to order at 1:04 p.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 was present, as was Pope County Human Services Director Stacy Hennen and other staff members. The meeting was also conducted telephonically by the County Coordinator from the County Board Room pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, as in-person attendance of some members or the public was imprudent and/or impractical under the current Minnesota COVID-19 State of Emergency. The meeting was held jointly with the Grant County Board of Commissioners for the sole purpose of discussion and consideration of potential action relating to the provision of Human Services in and for Pope County.

Stacy Hennen, Pope County Human Services Director and Grant County Social Services Director, presented the Director's Reports to the Board. Project Management Reports, including information from various joint County committees on the topic of Human Services, was presented to the Board as well.

On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Rogahn, and by the following vote carried: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board authorized Director Hennen to send correspondence to the Minnesota Department of Human Services providing statutory notice of Pope County's intent to leave the State's Merit System used to recruit Human Services employees.

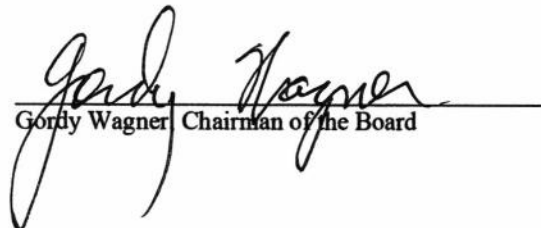
On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty, and by the following vote carried: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board authorized preparation of a draft temporary joint powers agreement by County staff for presentation to the Board in January of 2021. This draft temporary joint powers agreement would address various Human Services and supporting services and grant authority to the Grant and Pope County Boards sitting jointly to permit certain joint activities and sharing of resources in anticipation of consideration of a more formal, permanent agreement in later 2021.

The Board also discussed future meetings and agreed with the Grant County Board to plan on monthly meetings in 2021, tentatively expected to be held as special meetings on the fourth Friday of most months

There being no other business before the Board, Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.



Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator



Gordy Wagner, Chairman of the Board