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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Pope County Board of Commissioners
February 7, 2020

The Pope County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting held in conjunction with the Grant County Board of Commissioners at the Grant County Office Building, 15 Central Avenue North, Elbow Lake, and duly noticed for February 7, 2020 was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Gordy Wagner with the following members present: Commissioners Paul Gerde, Nan Haggerty, and Cody Rogahn. Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator was also present. Commissioner Larry Lindor was absent.

Reports were received and discussion followed on the sole topic noticed for the Special Meeting: discussion and consideration of potential action relating to the provision of Human Services in and for Pope County in conjunction with Grant County. The Boards received reports and held discussion on the following items: Report from the Joint Director Stacy Hennen; presentation from Pope County and Grant County Fiscal Officers on proposed fiscal formulas for a joint venture; consideration of the retention of a project manager for the purposes of transition coordination; information on the governance options for a joint agency, including full or partial Board participation from each county; discussion of timelines for joint venture preparation activities; and potential content of a contract to formally establish a joint venture. After extensive discussion from the members of the Boards, consensus was reached that a decision on commitment to the joint venture, either in favor or against, was needed from the Pope County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Pope County in order to determine whether additional preparatory activities should take place. Grant County Board members expressed a desire for such direction from the Pope County Board in the coming weeks, upon which that decision should be conveyed to the members in order to plan future activities, if any.

Chair Wagner on behalf of the Pope County Board adjourned the meeting thereafter at 11:50 a.m.


Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator


Gordy Wagner, Chairman of the Board