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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pope County Board of Commissioners**  
**January 8, 2021**

The Special Meeting of the Pope County Board of Commissioners duly noticed for January 8, 2021 at the Grant County Social Services Building in Elbow Lake, Minnesota, was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Board Chair Paul Gerde with the following members present: Commissioners Nan Haggerty, Larry Lindor, Cody Rogahn, and Gordy Wanger. 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, including information on the withdrawal process from the Minnesota Merit System and the implementation of new enterprise software for the agency. Duane Krautbauer, Project Manager, presented Project Management Reports, including information from various joint County committees on the topic of Human Services.

On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Rogahn, and by the following vote carried: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, the Board approved the execution of a Temporary Joint Powers Board Agreement between Pope County and Grant County, the purpose of which is to facilitate planning and implementation of activities in anticipation of the formation of a joint agency consisting of the present Grant County Social Services and Pope County Human Services agencies.

The Board also discussed the provision of additional Human Resources staff devoted to the potential combined agency, and gave informal direction to staff to prepare for the recruitment of a Human Resources Director and to bring formal action for approval when the Board formed by the Temporary Joint Powers Board Agreement was next to meet on February 5, 2021. The Board also discussed potential names for the potential combined agency, with an informal preference expressed for Western Prairie Human Services, and informal direction to bring formal action on the name at the above-referenced February meeting.

On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty, and by the following vote carried: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner, Board Chair Gerde adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.



Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator



Paul Gerde, Chairman of the Board