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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Pope County Board of Commissioners  
March 17, 2020

The March 17, 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 was present and Neil Nelson, County Attorney was not present at the start of the meeting, but joined thereafter.

On motion by Gerde, seconded by Rogahn and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as presented with the following additions: 9a Consider Addendum to County Childcare Licensing Policy Allowing Certain Variances; 15 Consider Resolution 202007 on the Conduct of County Business by Members of the Public During an Emergency and Authority for Restriction of Access to Public Areas; 16 Consider Adoption of Policies on Advanced Sick Leave, Employee Travel and Remote Work.

On motion by Lindor, seconded by Rogahn and unanimously carried, the Board approved the official proceedings for March 3, 2020.

Gordy Wagner, Board Chair read Pope County Resolution 202005 recognizing the retirement of long-term employee, Gary Leedahl, Highway Maintenance Worker, Highway Department. On motion by Lindor, seconded by Gerde and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution 202005 recognizing the retirement of Gary Leedahl and thanking him for his 25 years of service to Pope County in the Highway Department.

Vicki Clayton, representative from the United States Census Bureau presented the local census activities update. The decennial census takes place every 10 years by Constitutional mandate, and has significant legal consequences in helping determine the level and particulars of local, state, and federal government representation and funding.

David Green, Land and Resource Director presented Joint Solid Waste Designation Plan; Conditional Use Permit: Bast Solar and Conditional Use Permit: Tempstra Solar. The approval of the Joint Solid Waste Designation Plan is the first step toward achieving the goal of ensuring that all mixed municipal solid waste (MMSW) generated in Pope and Douglas Counties is processed at the Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management (PDSWM) waste to energy (WTE) facility in Alexandria. The goal of designation is to assure a reliable stream of MMSW products upon which to base future budgeting and operational expenses. Pope County will need to consider a Designation Ordinance as part of the Designation Plan. The Ordinance adoption is tentatively scheduled to be undertaken later this year. Steve Vrchota, Executive Director of PDSWM was present for any questions. On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Rogahn and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Conditional Use Permit: Bast Solar: Applicant: Sam Falk with Novel Energy on behalf of Robert and Valerie Bast located at Part of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼), Section 2, Township 125 (Lake Johanna), Range 36 with the set conditions as presented. On motion by Gerde, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Conditional Use Permit: Tempstra Solar: Applicant: Sam Falk with Novel Energy on behalf of David and Kathleen Tempstra located at Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼), Section 2, Township 123 (Lake Johanna), Range 36 with the set conditions as presented.

Kersten Kappmeyer, County Coordinator presented Consider Resolution 202006 Authorization for Tent Worm Caterpillar Spraying. On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Rogahn to deny the Resolution and by the following vote: Ayes: Haggerty, Rogahn; Nays: Gerde, Lindor, Wagner which failed. Commissioner Lindor then made the motion to table this item until further information is provided by the applicant on licensure, consent of landowners, and necessity of County Board action, which was seconded by Rogahn and unanimously passed.

Duane Krautbauer, Fiscal Officer presented Human Services Bills and Reports. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Human Services bills in the amount of \$95,857.