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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Pope County Board of Commissioners
September 7, 2021

The September 7, 2021 Regular Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Paul Gerde with the following members present: Commissioners Larry Lindor and Gordy Wagner. Commissioners Nan Haggerty and Cody Rogahn joined the meeting later as noted below. Kersten Kappmeyer, County Administrator and Neil Nelson, County Attorney were present.

Board Chair Gerde paused for a moment of silence to remember those victims of September 11.

On motion by Wagner, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

On motion by Lindor, seconded by Wagner and unanimously carried, the Board approved the official proceedings for August 17, 2021 as presented.

Commissioner Nan Haggerty joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Terry Jaworski, Probation Director presented new employee Jessica Senkyr, Case Aide in the Probation Department as of June 14, 2021.

Commissioner Cody Rogahn joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Kersten Kappmeyer, County Administrator presented Consider Resolution 202129 Supporting the Family Homeless Assistance and Prevention Program Pope Application submitted by WCMCA. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution 202129, supporting the Family Homeless Assistance and Prevention Program Pope Application submitted by West Central Minnesota Communities Action as presented.

David Green, Land and Resources Director presented Conditional Use Permit (CUP): Shoreland Alteration; CUP: Non-Farm Residence; Interim Use Permit (IUP): Vacation Rental Property and IUP: Recreational Vehicles. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Lindor and unanimously carried, the Board approved the CUP for Pope SWCD on behalf of Donna Hahn for a project that involves the construction of drainage and sediment control structures in an effort to abate gully erosion on the property located at Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼), Section 6, Township 125 (Minnewaska), Range 38 as presented. On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Wagner and unanimously carried, the Board approved the CUP for Debra Lesmeister to construct/locate a non-farm residence in a Non-Intensive Agriculture (A-1) zoning district per Pope County Land Use Controls Ordinance section 6.3 (G) located at Part of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼), Section 19, Township 125 (New Prairie), Range 40 as presented. On motion by Lindor, seconded by Rogahn and unanimously carried, the Board approved the IUP for Joshua and Maren Ettesvold to continue offering their Lake Amelia property for short term rental (such as Airbnb or VRBO) as presented. It is currently approved as a vacation rental limited to ten-person occupancy located at Lots 2 and 3 of Reents Highview Addition, Section 2, Township 125 (Glenwood), Range 37. On motion by Lindor, seconded by Rogahn and unanimously carried, the Board approved the IUP for Cindy and Lee Komula to be able to have three (3) Recreational Vehicles (RVs) onsite on their Grove Lake riparian lot located at Lot 6, Block 1, North Beach First Addition, Section 27, Township 125 (Grove Lake), Range 36 as presented.

Stacy Hennen, Human Services Director presented Vikingland Community Support Program Contract for Remainder of 2021; 2021 Human Services Performance Management Report (informational) and Human Services Case Counts (informational). On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Rogahn and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Vikingland Community Support Program Contract for the remainder of 2021.

Stephanie Rust, Auditor-Treasurer presented Pay Bills. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and unanimously carried, the Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$131,723.66.

Jackie Stevens, Human Resources Director presented Resolution 202130 Deputy Sheriff Declaration for Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). On motion by Haggerty, seconded by Rogahn and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution 202130 declaring that Erin Guenther, part-time, Deputy Sheriff, meets all the requirements for coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan under the Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) as per Minnesota Statute 353.63.

On motion by Lindor, seconded by Wagner and unanimously carried, the Board entered the August Per Diem Expense Reports into the record.

Kersten Kappmeyer, County Administrator presented Consider Resolution 202128 Approving the 2022 Pope County HRA Budget and Levy Amount; Discussion on Pope County's Ongoing Response to COVID-19 Pandemic and Closed Session – Confidential briefing and communication on labor negotiation strategy pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.03. On motion by Rogahn, seconded by Haggerty and by the following vote: Ayes: Gerde, Haggerty, Lindor, Rogahn; Abstain: Wagner, the Board approved Resolution 202128, approving the 2022 Pope County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Budget and corresponding levy amount of \$350,000 as presented. Revisions were made to the Pope County COVID-19 Preparedness Plan removing historical references and updating screening information. On motion by Wagner, seconded by Rogahn, an unanimously carried, the Board approved an update to the Preparedness Plan on Social Distancing and Protection Equipment requiring face coverings while indoors in County facilities when unable to socially distance or be separated by barriers, regardless of vaccination status, effective September 13, 2021. After discussion of vaccination policy options including potentially (1) strongly encouraging vaccination, (2) incentivizing vaccination, or (3) mandate vaccination among County employees, on motion by Wagner, seconded by Rogahn and by the following vote: Ayes: Lindor, Rogahn, Wagner; Nays: Gerde, Haggerty, the Board approved an additional policy requiring County employees to obtain COVID-19 vaccination or to obtain weekly COVID-19 testing at County expense, effective November 1, 2021.

On motion by Lindor, seconded by Haggerty and unanimously carried, the Board went into a closed session at 11:18 a.m. to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 for a briefing and discussion on labor negotiations with the various union bargaining units set to negotiate new contracts or terms of existing contracts beginning January 1, 2022.

On motion by Wagner, seconded by Haggerty and unanimously carried, the Board reconvened in open session at 11:52 a.m.

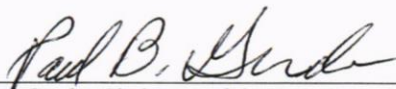
Informational updates on various meetings and events were given by the County Commissioners.

The Board thereafter proceeded to hear the Department Budget reports for 2022.

Board Chair Gerde adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.



Kersten Kappmeyer, County Administrator



Paul Gerde, Chairman of the Board