

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD  
APRIL 18, 2023  
9:00 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 18, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Courthouse, City of St. James. The following Board members were present: Jim Branstad, Dillon Melheim, Bill Miller, Jim Pettersen and Scott Westman. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the April 4 regular meeting.

Solid Waste Officer/Assistant Zoning Administrator Kyla Schломann was present with Jason Kuester of St. James Golf Course/Rivers Edge Grill regarding his Conditional Use Permit Application to operate a campground with RV sites and camper cabins. Six members of the public were at their public hearing with no opposition. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the condition that all state and local permits be obtained and maintained.

Melheim moved, Westman seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve issuing a Conditional Use Permit to St. James Golf Course/Rivers Edge Grill (Jason Kuester) to operate a campground at the site described as 15.8 AC, Pt of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, 1.14 AC in Section 13 of Rosendale Township, with the conditions as recommended.

Schlomann reviewed an extension to the contract with Hometown Sanitation to provide curbside recycling, and pick-up at the recycling sheds. Discussion was held regarding the misuse of the recycling sheds by people leaving garbage.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed 4 to 1 with Westman opposed, to approve the "Third Amendment to Contract – Extension of Term" for the recycling agreement with Hometown Sanitation Services LLC to extend through December 31, 2025 at a 2% annual increase.

Melheim moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Hauler's License for Affordable Landscape.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve payment of bills as audited and filed in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows by fund: General Fund—\$151,294.23; Solid Waste Fund—\$49.84; Ditch Fund—\$39,735.00; Agency Fund—\$305.00; and the Road and Bridge Fund—\$38,102.09; to pay the following credit cards: General Fund—\$6,883.98; Solid Waste Fund—\$457.99; Road and Bridge Fund—\$189.99; Library Fund—\$686.46; and Soil & Water Conservation—\$325.45; and to approve the March Disbursements Listing as presented.

Highway Maintenance Supervisor Rick Bak reviewed the following quotes for a new Bobcat Track Loader:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GDF Enterprises, Inc.	\$78,041.70
Bobcat of Mankato	\$80,906.14

Miller moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed 4 to 1 with Melheim opposed, to approve accepting the quote of GDF Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$78,041.70 for the purchase of a Bobcat Compact Track Loader and accessories.

Interim County Engineer Darrell Pettis was present and reviewed the only bid received for Seal Coat Aggregate, FA-2 Granite from Southern Minnesota Construction in the amount of \$20.00/ton.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the bid of Southern Minnesota Construction in the amount of \$20.00/ton for the purchase of 3,600 tons of FA-2 Quartzite for a total of \$72,000.00.

The following bids were received for bituminous material for sealing and fog sealing:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
	<u>CRS-2P</u>	<u>CSS-1H</u>
MEIGS Paving		
Asphalts & Emulsions	\$642.00	\$378.00
Jebro, Inc.	\$695.73	\$390.73
Flint Hills Resources	\$594.00	\$306.00

Melheim moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the bid of Flint Hills Resources in the amount of \$594.00/ton for the purchase of 510 tons of CRS-2P for a total of \$302,940.00, and \$306.00/ton for the purchase of 170 tons of CSS-1H for a total of \$52,020.00.

County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Kelly Pauling reported that the estimate for repairs to the Sertoma Food Stand was \$3,616.00. She suggested reimbursing Sertoma for the work.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve reimbursing Sertoma up to \$4,000.00 for repairs to the Sertoma Food Stand at the Fairgrounds.

No action was taken regarding a model resolution from Brown County regarding Nursing Facilities.

Miller moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the training requests submitted by Heidi Engel and Karla Doll.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the annual pay step increase for Library Director Shirley Coleman.

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the appointment of Tiffany Devens as a Dispatcher, dependent on successful background check.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the reappointment of Jesse Gunderson as a Detention Officer.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to acknowledge the dismissal of a probationary Detention Officer.

County A/T/C Pauling reviewed a request regarding Watonwan and Brown JD #18. A meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 21 at 9:30.

Darrell Pettis was interviewed for the position of Public Works Director.

Melheim moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to recess the meeting at 11:00 A.M. until 9:15 Friday, April 21.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:15 A.M. on Friday, April 21 with all members present.

Branstad moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the appointment of Darrell Pettis as Public Works Director/County Engineer for one year.

Melheim moved, Westman seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn at 9:25 A.M.

Jim Pettersen, Chairman  
Watonwan County Board

Kelly Pauling, Clerk  
Watonwan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk  
Watonwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling  
Watonwan County Auditor/Treasurer