

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD
MAY 3, 2022
9:00 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 3, 2022 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 Bob Rinne. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Melheim moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the April 19 regular meeting.

Public Works Director Teal Spellman was present and reviewed the following bids received for annual pavement markings:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Traffic Marking Service	\$116,189.05
Sir Lines-A-Lot	\$123,456.78

Branstad moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the bid of Traffic Marking Services in the amount of \$116,189.05 for annual pavement re-stripping of approximately 114 miles.

Spellman reviewed an agreement with MnDOT for collaboration between their two departments if the need arises.

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MASTER CONTRACT
WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation wishes to cooperate closely with local units of government to coordinate the delivery of transportation services and maximize the efficient delivery of such services at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT and local governments are authorized by Minnesota Statutes sections 471.59, 174.02, and 161.20, to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance and operation of state and local roads; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to such opportunities for collaboration, and have determined that having the ability to write "work orders" against a master contract would provide the greatest speed and flexibility in responding to identified needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the County of Watonwan enter into a Master Partnership Contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, a copy of which was before the Board.
2. That the proper County officers are authorized to execute such contract and any amendments thereto.
3. That the County Engineer is authorized to negotiate work order contracts pursuant to the Master Contract, which work order contracts may provide for payment to or from MnDOT, and that the County Engineer may execute such work order contracts on behalf of the County without further approval by this Board.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve a new Drainage Tile/County Road Crossing Agreement with Urban Neisen, for boring under County Road 104 and allowing placement of a 12” tile in Section 14 of Long Lake Township.

Miller moved, Pettersen 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—\$90,139.95; Solid Waste Fund—\$41.51; Soil & Water Conservation—\$61.90; Ditch Fund—\$3,142.00; and the Road and Bridge Fund—\$36,228.42.

Branstad moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Melheim abstaining as a relative, to approve the appointments of Ashley Tetzloff and Sandy Melheim to the Library Board.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the training request submitted by Karla Doll.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the appointment of Claire McGinty Barley as Assistant Library Director.

Pettersen moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the appointment of Dale Runge as a Transit Bus Driver.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve advertising for and hiring of a temporary office worker for the TMT Transit Bus System.

Commissioner Branstad reported on a Region 9 meeting regarding Climate Smart communities.

Pettersen moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve holding a Public Hearing on June 7 at 10:00 A.M. to update the County Fee Schedule.

Melheim moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve advertising for the sale of an excess freezer from Human Services.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve designating the ARPA funds as lost revenue allocated to Public Safety salaries.

Pettersen moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn at 9:40.

Bob Rinne, Chairman
Watonwan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk
Watonwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling
Watonwan County Auditor/Treasurer