

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD
OCTOBER 4, 2022
9:00 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 4, 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.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the September 20 regular meeting.

County Sheriff Jared Bergeman was present to report that Squad # 18 needed a new engine. Rod's Repair was able to locate one for \$4,500.00 plus labor.

Miller moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to ratify repairs to Squad #18 at a cost of \$4,500.00 plus labor by Rod's Repair.

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

Sheriff Bergeman reviewed quotes for nine new handguns for the officers to be paid for from proceeds from sale of forfeited vehicles. The following quotes were received:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
The Modern Sportsman	\$3,906.00
Tactical Advantage	\$3,906.00

Pettersen moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the quote of The Modern Sportsman in the amount of \$3,906.00 for the purchase of nine Glock 17 Gen 5 MOS handguns for the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Bergeman also requested to use the forfeited vehicle funds to purchase a FLIR Scion Thermal Imaging Monocular. It was available online from OpticsPlanet.com and Shoptics.com for \$3,995.00.

Melheim moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the purchase of a FLIR Scion Thermal Monocular in the amount of \$3,995.00 from OpticsPlanet.com.

Branstad 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—\$60,979.50; Solid Waste Fund—\$65.94; Ditch Fund—\$10.56; and the Road and Bridge Fund—\$34,249.86; and to pay the following credit card: Road and Bridge Fund—\$904.56.

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

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF
SHELLEY SWEETMAN AND GARY SCHIMBENO
TO THE RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

WHEREAS, Shelley Sweetman's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Red Rock Rural Water System ("RRRWS") Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Gary Schimbeno's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the RRR WS Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2022 the RRRWS Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a Motion which recommends that Shelley Sweetman and Gary Schimbeno each be re-appointed to another 4-year term on the RRR WS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners believe that Shelley Sweetman and Gary Schimbeno are qualified to act as Commissioners on the RRR WS Board of Commissioners and are both worthy of re-appointment.

NOW BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Watonwan County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Shelley Sweetman and Gary Schimbeno be appointed to the Red Rock Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes §116A et seq. for a 4-year term which shall commence on January 1, 2023 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2026.

Pettersen moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Tyler Technologies quote for their Cashiering Service software in the amount of \$29,440.00, plus annual service fee of \$10,500.

Melheim moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve using ARPA funds for the Tyler purchase.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The County Board of Commissioners of Watonwan County, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land described as follows, that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes as described as follows:

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the Watonwan County Auditor and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

Parcel #1
14.100.0030
LOT 1; N 45' OF LOT 2
BLOCK 2 - ORIGINAL PLAT
CITY OF DARFUR
(Property Address:
308 SECOND ST N DARFUR MN)

Parcel #2
17.027.0810
27-107-30
PT OF OLD HWY 60 R/W S OF
HAYNES PLAT LOT D
CITY OF MADELIA
(Property Address: NIA MADELIA MN)

Parcel #3
20.151.1380
LOT 1; N 1/2 OF LOT 2
BLOCK 15
ARMSTRONG'S PARK ADDITION
CITY OF ST JAMES
(Property Address:
923 FIFTH ST N ST JAMES MN)

Parcel #4
20.176.0750
LOT 1; BLOCK 8
BASS ADDITION
CITY OF ST. JAMES
(Property Address:
720 EIGHTH AVE N ST JAMES MN)

Parcel #5
20.179.0040
LOTS 1 & 2; EXCL E 691' & EXCL
W 446.5' BERTHOLET SUBD/
GOVT LOT 12-13
CITY OF ST JAMES
(Property Address:
1112 FIRST AVE S ST JAMES MN)

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Miller moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Notice of Funds Available 2023 - #3 for Employment and Training to receive additional funds of \$64.00 for SNAP Support, and \$558.00 for SNAP E&T Services.

Rinne moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the training request submitted by Heidi Engel.

Pettersen moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve ending the RCEF services effective October 31, 2022.

Chairman Rinne and Commissioner Pettersen reported on the HRA meeting they attended.

Chairman Rinne reported on the Rural Minnesota Energy Board meeting. He noted that the Big Bend Wind Energy project was approved for late 2023.

Public Works Director Teal Spellman was present and reported that she would be resigning effective October 28, 2022. Board members expressed appreciation for her accomplishments.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the resignation of Public Works Director Teal Spellman in good standing.

Pettersen moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the resignation of Light Equipment Operator Tracy Samuelson in good standing.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the resignation of Assistant Library Director Clair McGinty in good standing.

Miller moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the leave of absence of Dispatcher James Hodge for up to five years under USERRA and to proceed with filling the vacancy.

Pettersen moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the resignation of RN/WIC Coordinator Monica Cuellar in good standing.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve entering an agreement with Teresa Cooling to provide WIC certifications at a rate of \$37.00/hour through March 31, 2023, unless terminated at an earlier date.

Human Resources Director Lisa Schumann reported that she spoke with the South Central Service Cooperative regarding their Executive Search Program. The estimate for a search firm for the Public Works Director position was minimum of \$10,000.

Melheim moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve advertising for the position of Public Works Director and to obtain quotes for a search firm.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve advertising for the position of Assistant Library Director.

Land Management Director David Haler and Assistant Zoning Administrator Kyla Schlomann were present to review proposed updates to four sections of the County Zoning Ordinance.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve authorizing Land Management to proceed with the process of making the Ordinance changes.

Interviews were held with finalists for the position of Emergency Management/Safety Director.

Pettersen moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the appointment of Ryan Visher as Emergency Management/Safety Director.

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn at 11:30.

Bob Rinne, Chairman
Watowan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk
Watowan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling
Watowan County Auditor/Treasurer