

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2023
8:15 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in special session on October 26, 2023 at 8:15 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. The purpose of the special session was to review updated vehicle quotes and health insurance renewal proposals.

The Human Services van quote submitted by Jensen was updated because the 2023 model quoted was no longer available. The new quote for a 2024 was \$40,083.25, and was still the low quote.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the updated quote from Jensen Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in the amount of \$40,083.25 for the purchase of a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica.

A/T/Coordinator Kelly Pauling and Human Resources Director Lisa Schumann reviewed proposals for 2024 employee health insurance. After receiving a renewal increase from the Minnesota Healthcare Consortium (MHC) of 31.55%, bids were received from four additional companies, as well as additional options from MHC. The PEIP plan was not optimal due to a two-year commitment, with no guaranteed rate for year two, so MHC and United Healthcare were the primary focus.

After analysis of the bids, they recommended offering MHC's \$3,200/\$6,400 deductible plan as the base plan, on which the County contributions would be calculated. This would have the lowest premium increase for the family and employee +spouse plans. The contributions would be standard for all plans offered, which would also include the \$2,000/\$4,000 renewal, and the Mayo-only options for each level.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve offering the MHC \$3,200/\$6,400 as the base high deductible health plan for 2024.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn at 9:00.

Jim Pettersen, Chairman
Watonwan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk
Watonwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling
Watonwan County Auditor/Treasurer