

APPROVED 7-01-14

WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2014

The Wright County Board met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Husom, Sawatzke, Daleiden, Potter and Borrell present.

Daleiden moved to approve the 6-17-14 County Board Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Borrell and carried unanimously.

Items were petitioned onto the Agenda as follows: Timed Item B, Aud./Treas., Item 4, "Tax Forfeit Committee Update" (Hiivala); Timed Item B, Aud./Treas., Item 5, "Resolution Establishing An Absentee Ballot Board" (Hiivala); Item For Consid, Item 1, "Authorize Attendance At Broadband Meeting On 6-25-14" (Potter). Daleiden moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Potter, carried 5-0.

On a motion by Daleiden, second by Potter, all voted to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. ADMINISTRATION
Claim - Madden, Galanter & Hansen, LLP, May Services, \$3,284.28.
- B. ADMINISTRATION
Appoint Tony Rasmuson, Interim County Assessor, Effective July 1, 2014. Approve Work Out Of Class Pay, Class B, Step 1, \$81,343 Annual Salary.
- C. ADMINISTRATION
Appoint Cheri Nelson, Interim IT Director, Effective July 1, 2014. Approve Work Out Of Class Pay, Class A-2, Step 1, \$85,527 Annual Salary.
- D. ASSESSOR
Approve Abatement, PID # 114-252-001040, Daniel & Catherine Leuer (City of St. Michael).
- E. ASSESSOR
Approve Abatement, PID# 114-298-002080, PRCM Acquisitions XIV LLC (City of St. Michael).
- F. AUDITOR/TREASURER
Approve Renewal Of Annual On Sale Liquor License For "Norm's Wayside" (Rockford Township).
- G. HUMAN SERVICES
Position Replacement:
 - 1. Social Worker, Children's Services Unit.
- H. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Refer Discussion of Hiring And Retaining Quality IT Personnel To 7-09-14 Personnel Committee.
- I. PLANNING & ZONING
Planning Commission Recommendation To Approve Rezoning To A Rural Planned Unit Development District.
- J. SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Position Replacement:
 - 1. Sheriff's Deputy.

Potter requested approval to attend the AMC Broadband Subcommittee meeting on 6-25-14 from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in St. Cloud at the Stearns County Administration Center. Borrell moved to authorize Potter to attend, seconded by Daleiden, carried 5-0.

The Board recognized four long-term employees who are retiring in June. Lee Kelly, County Coordinator, said the service amongst the four employees totals 135 years. Having four long-term employees leave at the same time is unprecedented. The four employees include Allen Buskey, Building Maintenance Supervisor (34 years); Randy DesMarais, Deputy Assessor (33 years); Bill Swing, Information Technology Director (31 years); and Genell Reese,

Veteran Services/Civil Defense Director (37 years). Each employee was recognized for their contributions and personal attributes and thanked for the outstanding service they provided.

Bob Hiivala, Auditor/Treasurer, requested approval of a resolution recommending the MN Commissioner of Revenue convey PID #114-246-003200 to Forest Glen Townhome Association by quit claim deed. Borrell moved to adopt Resolution #14-43, seconded by Daleiden, carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Daleiden moved to lay over the May Revenue/Expenditure Budget Reports until the next Board Meeting, seconded by Potter, carried unanimously.

Hiivala said the Tax Forfeit Committee met this morning and recessed the meeting to 7-15-14 at 10:30 A.M. This was provided as an informational item.

Daleiden moved to adopt Resolution #14-44 establishing an Absentee Ballot Board effective 6-25-14, and that the Board will consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 or deputy county auditors trained in the processing and county of absentee ballots. The motion was seconded by Potter and carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

On a motion by Daleiden, second by Borrell, all voted to approve the claims as listed in the abstract, subject to audit, for a total of \$2,789,957.07, with 172 vendors and 330 transactions.

Tony Rasmuson, Deputy Assessor, requested approval to hire an Appraiser at Step 5 of the Salary Schedule. The candidate has over 10 years of experience in residential assessing for a suburban city and is licensed as an Accredited Minnesota Assessor. Rasmuson said the candidate should be able to work in the field and perform required office duties with minimal training. The impact of the candidate's experience is expected to be of immediate benefit to the Assessor's Office. Potter moved to approve the new Appraiser at Step 5 as requested, seconded by Sawatzke, carried 5-0.

Tamara Bigelow, Human Resources Director, requested the Board schedule interview dates for the IT Director. There are seven candidates, all with public sector experience. Potter moved to schedule the interviews for 7-18-14 starting at 8:00 A.M. The motion was seconded by Daleiden and carried 5-0.

Virgil Hawkins, Highway Engineer, requested the Board schedule a Transportation Committee Of The Whole (TCOTW) Meeting with the following Agenda items: 1) Discuss next steps in regard to PW Building Master Plan Study (Hwy./Parks/Surveyor Depts.); 2) Rhoades Avenue update (Parks/Stockholm Township); 3) Discuss Transportation Funding Options for 2015 Budget (Hwy. Dept.); 4) TH 25/CSAH 75 (Hwy. Dept./City of Monticello); and 5) Clearwater 75 Erosion (Parks/Hwy.). On a motion by Potter, second by Daleiden, all voted to schedule a TCOTW Meeting for 7-15-14 at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Public Works Building.

Hawkins distributed the 2013 Annual Report which will be placed on the next County Board Agenda for approval.

Lee Kelly, County Coordinator, said notice was received that the DNR is allowing local units of government to enact emergency water surface use ordinances. Daleiden said he requested that this item be placed on the Agenda because of recent rainfalls. He asked whether Board members were open to a temporary restriction for the entire County to protect shoreline. Discussion followed on the County's current water surface use ordinance which provides a 300' buffer from the shoreline on some lakes. That provides boats the opportunity to utilize the middle of lakes for their activities. Greg Kryzer, Assistant County Attorney, said the ordinance was adopted by the County a couple of years ago and is in place for various County lakes. It becomes effective when lake levels reach or exceed an established elevation and restricts motorboats to a slow-no wake speed within 300' from all shoreline unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water. A draft resolution was presented for Lake Charlotte which would enact a 300' slow no-wake zone for a period of 30 days or until the water elevation reaches an elevation of 955.3 feet for period of three consecutive days.

Tom Larson, Lake Charlotte Lake Improvement District (LID) Board, said the Surveyor's Department measured the Lake level at 956'+ and the pump level is 953.9'. Lake Martha drains into Lake Charlotte. He said the Lake Association and LID support a total no wake restriction but are asking for a minimum of 300'. The Lake is half in St. Michael and half in Rockford Township. Larson spoke with the City who referred him to the County; Rockford Township indicated they have never addressed the issue. Larson said there is concern that if other lakes have a no wake restriction, Charlotte will see an increase in boat traffic. There are residents who are sandbagging, and the Lake's pump runs slow. For the future, Larson will seek to have Lake Charlotte included in the County's Ordinance addressing the 300' setback from the shoreline.

The County Board asked the press to convey to residents the need for people to utilize common sense on lakes with high water levels. Sawatzke prefers the overall Ordinance to taking action for specific lakes. However, he would not be opposed to taking action on this request because of the lake levels and sandbagging that is occurring. He suggested if that occurs, the Lake Charlotte LID should look to possibly be included in the overall Ordinance for the 300' setback. He said there will be residents on Lake Charlotte who will be opposed to this action. They should be afforded the opportunity to speak to this as well, but because it is an emergency situation there is not time for that. Sawatzke said he would support approving something on a short-term basis but it is not the process he would like moving forward. Larson agreed and stated that both the LID and the Lake Association support a no wake to a certain elevation. Kryzer said if the Board adopts the draft resolution, it would be on an emergency basis for 30 days or until the lake elevation reaches 955.3'. He said that is the authority the County Board has right now. Sawatzke said this situation involves a Lake that has a pumping system but is not allowed to pump at this time, and they are also sandbagging.

Borrell moved to adopt Resolution #14-45, seconded by Potter, carried 5-0 on a roll call vote:

RESOLUTION FOR ENACTING A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY NO-WAKE ZONE ON LAKE CHARLOTTE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has approved that local units of government may enact a 30-day temporary emergency water surface use slow wake restriction on lakes;

WHEREAS, the water level on Lake Charlotte in Rockford Township and the City of St. Michael is in excess of the Ordinary High Water elevation of 955.4 feet; and

WHEREAS, this increased water elevation is causing harm to the natural resources on and surrounding Lake Charlotte; and,

WHEREAS, a 300 foot slow no-wake area from the shore of Lake Charlotte will assist in protecting the natural resources on and surrounding Lake Charlotte;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wright County Board of Commissioners hereby enacts a 300 slow no-wake zone on Lake Charlotte for a period of 30 days or until the water elevation on Lake Charlotte reaches an elevation of 955.3 feet or lower for a period of three consecutive days;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wright County Sheriff is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing the slow no-wake restrictions on Lake Charlotte and that all law enforcement personnel acting in the official pursuit of their duties shall be exempt from the controls enacted in this resolution;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a violation of this resolution is a misdemeanor offense as provided under Chapter 6110 of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Rule and Regulations.

(End of Resolution 14-45)

Advisory Committee/Advisory Board Updates:

1. River Rider. Borrell said River Rider met last week and has a meeting planned for tomorrow. River Rider has concern with the way transit is being handled by Trailblazer. When Tri Cap took over transit for Sherburne County, their Director oversaw hiring drivers and coordinating for drivers to ride along to learn routes. This is not being done with Trailblazer. Borrell had uncertainty whether cities will have service by 7-01-14. Daleiden did not feel they would and said Wright County did what they could with transit. Borrell said as a member of the River Rider Board, he wanted the public to know they are seeing a dichotomy of things happening.
2. Washington Fly In. Potter attended the Fly In last week as a member of the Transportation Alliance. He said meetings were held on transportation and the issues facing the federal gas tax trust fund. He also met with representatives and senior staff members. He spoke of the importance of attending so that issues are heard. He said there was quite a bit of leadership from AMC at the Fly In as well as participation from various contractors.

(End of Advisory Committee/Advisory Board Updates)

Sawatzke extended appreciation to Brian Jans (Highway), Kerry Saxton (SWCD), and Dan Nadeau (SWCD) for their assistance in addressing a water issue at a residence last week.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 A.M.