

## **SWIFT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

### **March 15, 2016**

Chairman Peter Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM with all present. Also in attendance were County Administrator Mike Pogge-Weaver, County Attorney Danielle Olson, County Auditor Kim Saterbak, and Amanda Ness.

Chairman Peter Peterson asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

**03-15-16-01** Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner Edward Pederson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**03-15-16-02** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: (1) Minutes from the March 1, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver requested the addition of the first half payment for 6W Corrections of \$106,254.26 to the presented warrants.

**03-15-16-03** Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the Commissioner warrants with the noted addition as follows: Revenue: \$323,980.83; Solid Waste: \$21,283.06; Road and Bridge: \$15,984.16; County Ditches: \$11,354.12; and County Health Insurance: \$104.99 which includes the following bills over \$2,000: 6W Department of Community Corrections, \$106,254.26; Benson Bowler, \$2,713.89; Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc., \$5,489.24; Cornerstone Detention Products Inc., \$92,500.00; Goff Public, \$5,000.00; H & L Mesabi, \$4,819.23; Kandiyohi County Sheriffs Dept, \$6,080.00; Law Enforcement Technology Group LLC, \$32,031.82; Maney International of Alexandria, \$3,376.79; Meeker County Sheriff, \$2,197.50; Northern Business Products, \$5,388.10; Pflipsen Trucking LLC, \$9,233.12; Pioneerland Library System, \$31,021.75; Safe Avenues, \$3,250.00; Stevens County Auditor Treasurer, \$11,354.12; Waste Management of Northern Minnesota, \$5,892.63; and WDSI, \$3,614.39. Motion carried unanimously.

Board and Committee Reports were given as follows: Commissioner Fox reported on the Annual Township Association Meeting, Revolving Loan Fund, and Well-Being Committee. Commissioner Edward Pederson reported on the Annual Township Association Meeting and SWCD. Commissioner Rudningen reported on Labor Management Meeting, Enhancing the Organization, and Well-Being Committee. Commissioner Hendrickx reported on the Bond Committee's Prison Hearing, the Prison Tour with Speaker Daudt, 6W Corrections, and the Annual Township Association Meeting. Chairman Pete Peterson reported on HRA Demolition Applications and 6W Corrections.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver updated the board on the Well-Being Committee, Prison Updates, and Diamond Village Progress.

Chairman Peterson asked for citizen's comments. There were none.

County Highway Engineer Andy Sander requested setting the 2016 road tour date and time.

**03-15-16-04** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to set a special meeting for the road workshop for May 31, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Services Director Scott Collins reviewed the 2015 Annual County Feedlot Officer Report and Performance Credit Report.

**03-15-16-05** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks, Drainage, and Wetlands Supervisor Mike Johnson requested setting a public hearing for April 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM on a petition for Partial Abandonment of County Ditch #58.

**03-15-16-06** Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the setting of the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Johnson further presented the assessment of the trees at Swift Falls Park which indicated 23 need to be cut down and 17 to 20 need to be pruned.

County Auditor Kim Saterbak reviewed the fourth quarter 2015 Executive Departmental Budget Report.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver requested setting a public hearing for April 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM for the proposal that the County grant a business subsidy to Federated Telephone Cooperative and on the proposal that the County abate property taxes levied by the County on certain properties.

**03-15-16-07** The following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS AND  
PROPOSED GRANTING OF A BUSINESS SUBSIDY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Swift County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

Recitals as to Proposed Property Tax Abatements.

Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815, as amended, inclusive, authorize the County, upon satisfaction of certain conditions, to grant an abatement of all or a part of the taxes levied by the County on real property within its boundaries.

It is a legal requirement that the County hold a public hearing prior to adoption of a resolution granting any property tax abatements.

Recitals as to Proposed Granting of a Business Subsidy.

Minnesota Statutes, Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995 (the "Statutes"), authorizes the County, upon satisfaction of certain conditions, to grant a business subsidy; and

the County fits the definition of "grantor" in the Statutes; and

It is a legal requirement that the County hold a public hearing prior to adoption of a resolution granting a business subsidy.

Hearing. A public hearing on the consideration of the property tax abatement and the proposed granting of a business subsidy will be held at the time and place set forth in the Notice of Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Notice. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said hearing in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be given one publication in a newspaper of general

circulation in the County at least 10 days but not more than 30 days before the hearing. The newspaper must be one of general interest and readership in the County, and the notice must be published at least once.

Commissioner Rudningen moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution, and said motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Fox, and upon a vote being taken thereon after full discussion thereof, the following voted in favor thereof: Commissioners Fox, Hendrickx, E. Pederson, P. Peterson, and Rudningen

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver further presented the board with an update on the strategic plan.

**03-15-16-08** Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.

WITNESSED:

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Peter Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:

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Michel Pogge-Weaver, Clerk of the Board