

# SWIFT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

April 7, 2015

Chairman Peter Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with all present. Also in attendance were County Administrator Mike Pogge-Weaver, County Auditor Kim Saterbak, County Attorney Danielle Olson, Amanda Ness, and two guests.

Chairman Peter Peterson asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Administrator Pogge-Weaver noted that Conditional Use Permit #4779 would be removed due to the Planning and Zoning Commission tabling it during their meeting.

**04-07-15-01** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the agenda with the noted change. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fox requested that the consideration for purchase of a garden tractor with attachments be removed from the consent agenda and moved to the agenda for the April 21, 2015 meeting so bids could be requested from other Swift County businesses.

**04-07-15-02** Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: (1) Minutes from the March 17, 2015 Meeting (2) Approval of the revised Swift County Technology Committee Operating Guidelines and (3) Approval of improvements to the County Attorney building. Motion carried unanimously.

**04-07-15-03** Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to approve the Commissioner warrants as follows: Revenue: \$68,100.17; Solid Waste: \$27,603.66; Road and Bridge: \$11,697.01; County Ditches: \$2,080.41; Welfare & Family Services, \$2,805.53 which includes the following bills over \$2,000: Albany Recycling Center, \$2,710.40; American Communications Inc, \$5,522.23; American Door Works, \$2,055.54; Chippewa County Auditor-Treasurer, \$2,080.41; Chippewa County Jail, \$2,280.00; City of St Cloud Minnesota, \$4,101.73; Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc, \$5,069.24; Geyer Recycling, \$5,525.00; Hewlett-Packard Company, \$2,248.89; Johnson Controls, \$7,357.50; Johnson Feed Inc, \$2,285.65; MN Dept of Transportation, \$5,993.09; Pflipsen Trucking LLC, \$8,238.36; Swift County Treasurer, \$12,683.20; Upper MN Valley RDC, \$3,396.00; Waste Management Of Northern Minnesota, \$6,684.53; and Yellow Medicine County Jail, \$3,331.78. Motion carried unanimously.

Board and Committee Reports were given as follows: Commissioner Rudningen reported on Prairie Lakes Youth, CEEVI Drug Taskforce, Central MN Emergency Services Radio Board, Technology Committee, and Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Hendrickx reported on the Housing Meeting, RDC, SPCC, Ditch #18, and NACO. Chairman Peter Peterson reported on the Safety Meeting, a letter from the Dept of Ag regarding GMO seed usage in the County, HRA, 6W Corrections, and Prairie Five. Commissioner Fox reported on Chippewa River Watershed, SPCC, SCBH, Ditch #18, Safety Meeting, and the Housing Meeting. Commissioner Edward Pederson reported on DAC, Historical Society, and Ditch #18.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver updated the board on the AMC CPA Taskforce and the March health insurance balance.

Chairman Peter Peterson opened the floor up for Citizen's Comments and Byron Giese presented the board with 36.4 acres of property owned by Orville and Mary Tatge's heirs that they would like to first make available for purchase by the County.

County Engineer Andy Sander asked the board to consider awarding the 2015 gravel crushing contract to

Commerford Gravel for \$117,600.

**04-07-15-04** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to award the 2015 Gravel Crushing Contract to Commerford Gravel. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Sander further requested approval of the bid for the mill and bituminous overlay project, SAP 076-620-022, on CSAH 20 between Benson and TH 59 by Central Specialties for \$1,308,572.69.

**04-07-15-05** Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner Edward Pederson seconded to approve the bid. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was also had on township road damage in West Bank and Swenoda Townships related to the CSAH 17 construction project. No action was taken by the board.

Countryside Public Health SHIP Coordinator and American Lung Association Program Manager Erin Simmons presented the board with information regarding the e-cigarettes.

Swift County Benson Hospital's new CEO Kurt Waldbillig was introduced to the board.

Environmental Services Director Scott Collins requested approval of Conditional Use Permit Amendment #4778 requested by T-Mobile/SMJ International for tower upgrades on property owned by Gerald Ostebauer located 400 feet west of 50<sup>th</sup> Ave SE on the north side of 10<sup>th</sup> St SE.

**04-07-15-06** Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve CUP Amendment #4778. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Collins further requested approval of Conditional Use Permit #4881 requested by Edit Storage, LLC for a self-storage building and possible expansion of more store buildings in the future located 500 feet north of W Logan Ave (US 59/State 7) on the west side of State Highway 119.

**04-07-15-07** Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve CUP #4881. Motion carried unanimously.

County Auditor Kim Saterbak requested approval of a solid waste abatement for parcel 08-0162-000, they are currently paying for three and request the abatement of one.

**04-07-15-08** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve abatement of one solid waste fee on parcel 08-0162-000. Motion carried unanimously.

The board recessed at 10:57 AM and reconvened at 11:07 AM.

Auditor Saterbak further requested approval of a solid waste abatement for parcel 03-0208-000 as the building was claimed to be uninhabitable.

**04-07-15-09** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to deny the abatement on parcel 03-0208-000 until the uninhabitable building is removed from the property. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver updated the board on the use and operation of all-terrain vehicles, mini-trucks, utility task vehicles, or motorized golf carts on designated Swift County highways and roadways under its jurisdiction. A public hearing will be held on April 21, 2015 at which time the ordinance could be approved.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver requested the approval of a Swift Planning Grant for the City of Appleton in the amount of \$10,000 for comprehensive planning work.

**04-07-15-10** Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to approve the \$10,000 Planning Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver further updated the board on the hiring of Chelsey Swenson in Human Services and Matthew Novak in the County Attorney's Office.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver further updated the board on the Strategic Plan groups' progress including the Diversity Group's work with the University of Minnesota Morris, the Communications Group's Public Information Team, the Enhancing the Organization Group's Redesign and Succession Planning Team, and the Launching Group's schedule for meeting with city councils and school districts.

**04-07-15-11** Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Edward Pederson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

WITNESSED:

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Peter Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:

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Michel Pogge-Weaver, Clerk of the Board