

SWIFT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

January 17, 2017

Chairman Rudningen called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM with all present. Also in attendance were County Attorney Danielle Olson, Amanda Ness, and several others.

Chairman Rudningen requested adding consideration for an HRA special property assessment to the Consent Agenda, moving the public hearing from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM as advertised, and adding an administrator position discussion to Other Business.

Chairman Rudningen asked if there were any additional changes to the agenda.

Commissioner Hendrickx requested moving the Citizen Comments to 11:25 AM.

01-17-17-01 Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner E. Pederson seconded to approve the agenda with the noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

01-17-17-02 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner E. Pederson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: (1) Minutes from the December 30, 2016 Regular Meeting, (2) Minutes from the December 30, 2016 Executive Session, (3) Minutes from the January 3, 2017 Regular Meeting, (4) Approval of 2017-2019 Agreement between AFSCME Local 2538 Courthouse Unit and Swift County, (5) Approval 2017-2019 wages and benefits for confidential employees, and (6) Approval of consent for the Swift County HRA to apply a special assessment to the property at 49 East Sorenson, Appleton. Motion carried unanimously.

01-17-17-03 Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner P. Peterson seconded to approve the Commissioner warrants as follows: Revenue: \$321,415.15; Solid Waste: \$41,094.97; Road and Bridge: \$96,204.70; Debt Service: \$2,110.65; County Ditches: \$998.99; Upper Minnesota Watershed: \$528.71; Region 6 West Agency: \$767.07; Current/School District Agency: \$49,689.80; Townships & Cities Agency: \$76,218.97; Rural Development Agency Fund: \$967.11; and State Fund Agency: \$10.50 which includes the following bills over \$2,000: 2853 School District Treasurer, \$12,584.12; 775 School District Treasurer, \$13,018.69; 777 School District Treasurer, \$22,906.76; Association of Minnesota Counties, \$7,589.00; CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, \$14,800.00; Comm of MMB, Treas Div, \$2,880.50; Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc., \$5,655.32; Countryside Public Health, \$50,976.25; Emergency Communications Network, LLC, \$9,858.80; Federated Telephone Coop, \$2,110.65; Fransen HR Consulting, \$10,352.00; Geyer Recycling, \$5,862.50; Grossman & Trump, Inc., \$2,240.00; Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department, \$2,315.00; Kris Engineering, \$8,075.70; Law Enforcement Technology Group LLC, \$33,313.09; MN Counties Computer Cooperative, \$6,913.66; MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust, \$171,111.24; MN County Attorney's Association, \$2,248.00; NetMotion Wireless Inc., \$3,000.00; Nolan Baker Ford Sales, \$4,611.32; Pflipsen Trucking LLC, \$9,779.12; The Schneider Corporation, \$9,440.63; Swift County Parks and Drainage, \$12,118.00; Dru & Julie Tosel, \$3,032.00; Treasurer, City of Appleton, \$15,783.25; Treasurer, City of Benson, \$32,752.01; Treasurer, City of Kerkhoven, \$4,221.11; Treasurer, City of Murdock, \$2,267.19; Treasurer, Hayes Township, \$2,164.48; Treasurer, West Bank Township, \$2,670.99; Upper MN Valley RDC, \$14,351.07, \$3,983.00; Waste Management of Northern Minnesota, \$8,203.79; and Wold Architects & Engineers, \$10,183.28. Motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Loose, Wold Architects and Engineers, updated the board on the recommendation for changes to the plans by an Enhancing the Organization sub-committee.

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

01-17-17-04 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to recommend moving forward with the plans as presented for the courthouse and Countryside Public Health building and amended the motion to include improving the preparation of specifications and bid documents. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner E. Pederson opposing.

The board recessed at 12:19 PM and reconvened at 12:24 PM.

Swift County Benson Hospital CFO Dan Enderson updated the board on the hospital project.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority Director Vicki Syverson requested approval of a resolution approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Swift on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff to allow criminal background checks to be done on tenants in HRA housing.

01-17-17-05 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner P. Peterson seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

County Auditor Kim Saterbak requested the board's guidance for addressing the snow removal issue at specific county buildings. After a discussion, the board directed staff to follow up with suggestions offered at the meeting.

01-17-17-06 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to approve 2017-2019 wages and benefits for the non-Union group. Motion carried unanimously.

01-17-17-07 Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner E. Pederson seconded to approve a 1.5% cost of living increase for the County Engineer effective January 1, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

01-17-17-08 Commissioner P. Peterson moved and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve granting additional compensation of 5% for those who are assuming the increased responsibilities in the absence of a County Administrator from January 6, 2017 until 60 days past the start date of the new hire. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner E. Pederson opposing.

01-17-17-09 Commissioner P. Peterson moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to open the public hearing to consider redetermination and to increase pipes as per hydraulic study to CD #52. Motion carried unanimously.

Rinke Noonan Attorney John Kolb explained the purpose of the hearing.

County Parks, Wetland, and Drainage Supervisor Mike Johnson presented the notice of requirements met prior to the hearing.

Bolton and Menk Engineer Brent Johnson presented his report and recommendation.

Chairman Rudningen opened the floor for public comment.

Comments were heard from Jim Hilleren of Benson, Burl Tjaden of Montevideo, Brad Rode of Benson, Paul Ahrndt of Benson, Ray Thule of Lucan, Jerry Swenson of DeGraff, Ron Evenson of Benson, Stan Claussen of Montevideo, and Larry Payne of Benson.

01-17-17-10 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to recess the public hearing until 10:00 AM on February 7, 2017 and directed the engineer to analyze two culverts on CD #52 into Lateral A on ditch #18. Motion carried unanimously.

The board had a short discussion regarding board reports and decided to postpone them until the next meeting.

01-17-17-11 Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to make an offer of employment to Larry Timmerman for the position of County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

01-17-17-12 Commissioner P. Peterson moved and Commissioner E. Pederson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

WITNESSED:

Peter Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:

Amanda Ness, Clerk of the Board