

SWIFT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

February 18, 2014

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM with all members present as well as County Administrator Mike Pogge-Weaver, County Attorney Robin Finke, Payroll Officer/General Assistant Amanda Ness and two guests.

Chairman Fox asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No additions were requested.

02-18-14-01 Commissioner Klemm moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

02-18-14-02 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: (1) Minutes from the February 4, 2014 Meeting, (2) Minutes from the February 4, 2014 Executive Session, and (3) Consider approving an agreement with Countryside Public health to complete nursing services at the Swift County Jail. Motion carried unanimously.

02-18-14-03 Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to approve the Commissioner warrants as follows: Revenue: \$104,169.76; Road and Bridge: \$412,160.26; Solid Waste: \$22,497.07; Welfare & Family Services: \$319.21; and County Ditches: \$74.01 which includes the following bills over \$2,000: Ascherman Oil, \$2,012.40; Benson Bowler, \$2,060.50; Center Point Energy Minnegasco, \$4,308.00; Chippewa River Watershed Project, \$4,000.00; Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc, \$5,128.00; Rich Cook, \$2,540.00; Digital Ally Inc, \$8,645.00; E&M Electric LLP, \$3,754.01; JAAK LLC, \$12,366.00; Johnson Feed Inc, \$6,154.10; Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Dept, \$7,225.83; Kris Engineering, \$3,225.83; Pflipsen Trucking LLC, \$8,755.92; Prairie Five Rides, \$3,651.00; Pugh Brothers Excavating Inc, \$3,750.00; Soil Conservation Office, \$12,500.00; Treasurer, Appleton Township, \$18,601.94; Treasurer, Benson Township, \$23,953.57; Treasurer, Camp Lake Township, \$16,591.56; Treasurer, Cashel Township, \$18,399.09; Treasurer, Clontarf Township, \$8,745.61; Treasurer, Dublin Township, \$18,523.31; Treasurer, Edison Township, \$15,221.09; Treasurer, Fairfield Township, \$17,393.39; Treasurer, Hayes Township, \$21,466.42; Treasurer, Hegbert Township, \$14,009.70; Treasurer, Kerkhoven Township, \$22,002.94; Treasurer, Kildare Township, \$16,584.09; Treasurer, Marysland Township, \$14,353.69; Treasurer, Moyer Township, \$15,508.80; Treasurer, Pillsbury Township, \$22,807.30; Treasurer, Shible Township, \$15,038.69; Treasurer, Six Mile Grove Township, \$15,647.30; Treasurer, Swenoda Township, \$16,815.07; Treasurer, Tara Township, \$14,850.62; Treasurer, Torning Township, \$33,257.82; Treasurer, West Bank Township, \$19,748.00; Upper MN Valley RDC, \$13,584.00; Waste Management of Northern Minnesota, \$6,403.53; and WEX Bank, \$4,236.16. Motion carried unanimously.

Board and Committee Reports were given as follows: Chairman Fox reported on Southern Prairie Community Care, Revolving Loan Fund, Restorative Justice, Woodland Centers, and the Pomme de Terre Watershed. Commissioner Klemm reported on the RDA Loan Committee. Commissioner Peterson reported on 6W Corrections, and Community Action Council realignment. Commissioner Rudningen reported on Glacial Lakes Scenic Byway and also thanked the committee for planning the Employee Recognition Dinner. Commissioner Hendrickx reported on Woodland Centers, 6W Corrections, and the Personnel Committee.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver reported on scheduling the City County meeting, the MCIT training, the wellness program phone conference, and the Employee Recognition Dinner. Administrator Pogge-Weaver thanked the Employee Recognition Dinner committee members for their work on the event including Gary Jensen, Ron Vadnais, Lisa Slaughter, and Amanda Ness.

Chairman of the Montevideo Veterans Home Committee Marv Garbe along with Community Development Director Angie Steinbach, Montevideo City Manager Steve Jones, Chippewa County Veterans Service

Officer Tim Kolhei, and Swift County Veterans Service Office Dave Barrett presented the board with the Montevideo Veterans Home Proposal and Plan of Action and asked the board to consider pledging money to the proposed Veterans Home.

02-18-14-04 Motion by Commissioner Klemm and seconded by Commissioner Rudningen to approve a \$50,000 pledge to the Montevideo Veterans Home. Motion carried unanimously.

Swift County RDA Executive Director Jennifer Frost requested that the board consider approving a Swift County RLF loan in the amount of \$125,000 to Del Overholser, CEO of Nothern Geo, LLC to open a geothermal manufacturing company in Appleton.

02-18-14-05 Motion by Commissioner Hendrickx and seconded by Commissioner Klemm to approve the loan request. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Drainage Supervisor Mike Johnson presented the board with a MnDOT petition to complete minor alterations on JD #5 and to consider setting a public hearing.

02-18-14-06 Motion by Commissioner Hendrickx and seconded by Commissioner Rudningen to set a public hearing regarding JD #5 on March 27th at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Room of the Swift County Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver presented the board with a resolution appointing the following individuals to the County Health Insurance Committee: Tammy Ascheman, Ron Vadnais, Carla Roberts, Amanda Ness, Becky Brown, Mike Pogge-Weaver, Gary Hendrickx, and Eric Rudningen and the following individuals to the County Wellness Committee: Tammy Ascheman, Brenda Semler, Ron Vadnais, Terri Orr, Jennifer Warnock, Mike Pogge-Weaver, Eric Rudningen, and Joe Fox. Administrator Pogge-Weaver noted that there are still opening for members of the LELS union on the two committees.

02-18-14-07 Motion by Commissioner Hendrickx and seconded by Commissioner Rudningen to approve the proposed resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver presented the board with resolutions approving the 2014-2016 Labor Agreement between AFSCME Local No. 2538 Highway and Environmental Services Unit and Swift County and between AFSCME Local No. 2538 Courthouse Unit and Swift County. The agreements include a change to PTO for new hires and the option for existing employees, a participatory wellness program, a pro-rated withdrawal from severance pay for the VEBA and HSA employer contributions made in January for employees leaving mid-year, a one percent increase in January 2014, one percent in July 2014, two and a half percent in 2015, and one and a half percent in 2016.

02-18-14-08 Motion by Commissioner Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Klemm to approve the proposed resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

02-18-14-09 Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to recess the regular meeting and go into a closed session to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25. (§13D.03) Motion carried.

The regular meeting recessed to the closed session at 12:01 PM.

The regular meeting reconvened at 12:12 PM.

Chair Fox adjourned the meeting at 12:13 PM.

WITNESSED:

Joe Fox, Chair

ATTEST:

Michel Pogge-Weaver, County Administrator