

SWIFT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

March 17, 2020

Chairman Hendrickx called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with all members present with the exception of Commissioner Rudningen. Also present: County Administrator Kelsey Baker, County Attorney Danielle Olson, Terri Orr, George Eilertson, from Northland Securities, other county employees and members of the public.

Chairman Hendrickx asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Chairman Hendrickx added the discussion on strategic planning and staffing of the county buildings under Other Business. There were no other changes.

03-17-20-01 Commissioner E. Pederson moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

03-17-20-02 Commissioner P. Peterson moved and Commissioner E. Pederson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items: (1) Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2020 Special Meeting, (2) Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting, (3) Approval of a Joint Powers Agreement Resolution 20-03-19, National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) State of MN, (4) Approval for an Independent Contract Agreement for the Environmental Educator with Environmental Services. Motion carried unanimously.

03-17-20-03 Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner E. Pederson seconded to approve the Commissioner warrants as follows: Revenue: \$114,104.31; Solid Waste: \$20,332.47; County Road & Bridge: \$13,893.42; County Ditches Fund: \$29,843.21; which includes the following bills over \$2,000: American Solutions For Business, \$2,112.65; Chippewa County Auditor-Treasurer, \$28,220.71; Counties Providing Technology, \$6,574.00; Election Systems & Software Inc., \$3,170.84; Hawleys Inc., \$2,540.18; Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department, \$6,926.81; Morris Electronics, \$5,979.60; Pflipsen Trucking LLC, \$9,978.98; Pioneerland Library System, \$34,915.25; Rinke Noonan, \$2,324.50; Swift County Human Services, \$6,965.20; Waste Management Of WI-MN, \$8,319.10; Western MN Prairie Waters, \$17,949.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Board and Committee Reports were given as follows: Commissioner P. Peterson reported on Policy Committee and Countryside Public Health. Commissioner E. Pederson reported on Township Board meeting, Safety Committee and Soil and Water Conservation District. Chairman Hendrickx reported on Prairie Waters, 6W Corrections, PrimeWest, Township meeting, RDC, Revolving Loan Fund, Woodland Centers Marketing Committee and Woodland Centers. Commissioner Fox reported on PrimeWest, Revolving Loan Fund, Well-being Committee, Restorative Practice, Woodland Centers, Pomme de Terre Watershed and Private Industry Council.

Administrator Baker reported on Hospital Refinance, Strategic Planning, Sheriff Holtz building meeting and Catie Lee on renovation for Human Services.

Chairman Hendrickx asked for citizen's comments. Mark Hughes had concerns regarding the Hospital Project, open meeting laws, Swift County Employee benefits, public schools, and building options.

RDA Director Jennifer Frost updated the board on the Prairie Five move to the Grow building. Decision was made to keep moving the process forward and work on a lease.

Director Catie Lee updated the board on the Financial Summary and Human Services update.

Director Lee further requested approval on Policy 202 -Utilization of Paid Leave during a Public Health Emergency.

03-17-20-04 Commissioner P. Peterson moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to approve Policy 202 Utilization of Paid Leave during a Public Health Emergency. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Lee further requested approval on support for Human Services allowing variances for daycares to go above licensed capacity.

03-17-20-05 Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner P. Peterson seconded to approve the support for Human Services allowing variances for daycares to go above licensed capacity. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rudningen joined the board meeting at 9:52 AM.

Director Lee further requested approval to consider waiving the item in the telecommuting agreement that requires they do not have dependents at home during the Covid-19 school shutdown.

03-17-20-06 Commissioner P. Peterson moved and Commissioner Fox seconded to approve waiving the item in the telecommuting agreement that requires they do not have dependents at home during the Covid-19 school shut down. A brief discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

The board recessed at 9:57 AM.

The board reconvened at 10:04 AM.

Swift County Board discussed and reviewed the hospital refinance, restructure and debt restructure options for the Swift County – Benson Hospital and ROI, Inc.

Request approval for a joint meeting between Swift County Benson Hospital, City of Benson and Swift County on Monday, March 30, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

03-17-20-07 Commissioner Fox moved and Commissioner P. Peterson seconded to approve a joint meeting between Swift County Benson Hospital, City of Benson and Swift County on Monday, March 30, 2020, at 5:30p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board set the road tour for May 19th 2020 to take place after the regular Board Meeting.

Insurance Committee requested approval to amend all health plans with PreferredOne to waive the cost of COVID-19 testing.

03-17-20-08 Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner E. Pederson seconded to approve PreferredOne health plan amendments concerning Covid-19 testing. A brief discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed holding the Strategic Planning meeting for Thursday March 19th in the afternoon and Friday March 20th in the morning. The Board's decision was to go forward with the meetings as planned.

Administrator Kelsey Baker updated all staff on steps to take regarding the Covid-19. Sending out news release to abide by the CDC preventions to stop the spread of germs and take unnecessary risks by coming into the County Buildings.

Emergency Management Bill McGeary updated the board on the Covid-19 plan.

03-17-20-09 Commissioner P. Peterson moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.

WITNESSED:

Gary Hendrickx, Chair

ATTEST:

Kelsey Baker, County Administrator