

SWIFT COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

December 3, 2013

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM with all members present as well as County Administrator Mike Pogge-Weaver, County Attorney Robin Finke, County Auditor Kim Saterbak, Payroll Officer/General Assistant Amanda Ness, and one guest.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver noted an addition to the consent agenda for an appointment to the HRA board, and an addition to other business for consideration to approve another fund.

12-3-13-01 Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried unanimously.

12-3-13-02 Commissioner Peterson moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the Regular Session and Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2013, approval of a resolution to transfer excess municipal account apportionments into the regular construction account, approval of a grant request with the Department of Revenue (PRISM), and appointment of Karla Schmidt to the HRA board. Motion carried unanimously.

12-3-13-03 Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve the Commissioner warrants as follows: Revenue: \$40,769.60; Solid Waste: \$8,715.39; Road and Bridge: \$171,999.89; Welfare and Human Services: \$83.58; and County Ditches: \$11,145.50 which includes the following bills over \$2,000: Barry Bouwman, \$8,600.00; Commerford Construction Inc, \$10,545.50; Henry's Waterworks Inc, \$2,578.89; Koehl Excavating LLC, \$160,683.16; Maximus Inc, \$3,350.00; MN Dept of Transportation, \$3,093.82; Reliance Telephone, \$5,852.48; Royal Tire Inc, \$3,451.89; SW/WC Service Cooperatives, \$2,056.50; Waste Management of Northern Minnesota, \$7,759.13; and Yellow Medicine County Jail, \$19,072.59. Motion carried unanimously.

Board and Committee Reports were given as follows: Chairman Fox reported on the hospital finance board, the hospital board, and a special meeting of the Pomme de Terre Rivershed. Commissioner Klemm reported on Prairie Lakes Youth and the DAC. Commissioner Peterson reported on the Prairie Five Community Action Council and HRA. Commissioner Rudningen reported on the Extension committee, Glacial Lakes Scenic Byway, labor negotiations, and he and Kerkhoven Mayor Brian Thompson thanked the board for approving the funds to help pay for a new ambulance for Kerkhoven. Commissioner Hendrickx reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission, the labor negotiations, Southern Prairie, and the RDC.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver updated the board on the tentative agreement with LELS in the labor negotiations noting that they had ratified their contract and it will be brought to the next board meeting. He also mentioned that the new custodian had started and asked the board for gift ideas for the AMC conference.

Environmental Services Director Scott Collins asked the board to consider approving Conditional Use Permit #4405 for Rural Cellular Corporation/Verizon Wireless for adding additional antennas to an existing tower. Director Collins said there was no opposition from the Planning and Zoning Commission and also none from the township.

12-3-13-04 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to approve CUP #4405 to add additional antennas to an existing tower. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Collins also pointed out that they were still short one person for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Commissioner Fox stated that has someone who is currently considering the position.

12-3-13-05 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Peterson seconded to appoint Commissioner Rudningen as an alternate to the Minnesota Public Sector Collaborative. Motion carried unanimously.

12-3-13-06 Commissioner Peterson moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the revised County Credit Card Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver asked the board to consider approving a new fund 65, which would be the County Self Insurance Fund in order to have a more transparent fund.

12-3-13-07 Commissioner Klemm moved and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve the creation of Fund 65. Motion carried unanimously.

12-3-13-08 Commissioner Rudningen moved and Commissioner Klemm seconded to adjourn to a closed meeting to engage in confidential attorney-client communications related to a pending litigation matter pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), related to: Alliance Pipeline LP vs. The Commissioner of Revenue in and for The State of Minnesota, and the County of Swift and 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 4:47 PM.

The regular meeting reconvened to regular session at 5:36 PM.

The board recessed until 6:00 PM.

Chairman Fox called the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing to order at 6:01 p.m.

Administrator Pogge-Weaver gave a presentation to the board on the proposed levies, budget, revenues, and expenditures. No members of the public were present at the hearing.

12-03-13-09 Commissioner Hendrickx moved and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to close the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM

WITNESSED:

Joe Fox, Chair

ATTEST:

Michel Pogge-Weaver, County Administrator