

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD  
FEBRUARY 18, 2020  
9:00 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 18, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Courthouse, City of St. James. The following Board members were present: Jim Branstad, Raymond Gustafson, Bill Miller, Bob Rinne and Kathleen Svalland. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Branstad moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Svalland moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 regular meeting.

Branstad moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve payment of bills as audited and filed in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows by fund: General Fund—\$96,578.26; Ditch Fund—\$193,818.69; and the Road and Bridge Fund—\$301,461.77; and to pay the following credit cards: General Fund—\$3,536.40; Solid Waste Fund—\$19.99; Road and Bridge Fund—\$359.98; Library Fund—\$195.04; and Soil and Water Conservation—\$459.50.

The January 2020 financials were reviewed.

Svalland moved, Gustafson seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to ratify the January 2020 Disbursements listing.

Branstad moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting a \$100.00 donation from Schwartz Farms, earmarked for Sheriff's Department outreach.

County Auditor/Treasurer Kelly Pauling reviewed an application that was received from Scott and Jean Martin for repurchase of tax-forfeited lands. Under M.S. 282.241 the owner at the time of forfeiture can apply for repurchase.

Miller moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.S. 282.241, property owners who have land that has forfeited to the State have the privilege of submitting a written application to the County Board requesting to repurchase a parcel of tax-forfeited land.

WHEREAS, Scott and Jean Martin have submitted a written application requesting to repurchase tax-forfeited Parcel #06.012.0400 in Madelia Township.

WHEREAS, Scott and Jean Martin have agreed to pay all delinquent taxes and fees in full on the aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Watonwan County Board of Commissioners has determined that undue hardship will be corrected by the repurchase agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the repurchase will best serve the public interest, and is hereby approved.

Branstad moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the training requests submitted by Kelly Pauling and Lisa Schumann.

Miller moved, Gustafson seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve annual pay step increases for Shirley Coleman and Melissa Cornelius.

Gustafson moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to accept the resignation in good standing of Jonas Molitor from his position as Property Appraiser Trainee for the County Assessor's Office.

Branstad moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve advertising for a Property Appraiser II or Appraiser Trainee.

County Auditor/Treasurer Kelly Pauling reviewed a bill from Seachange for the purchase of two OmniBallot tablets.

Rinne moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve payment to Seachange for the purchase of two OmniBallot tablets in the amount of \$8,669.90.

Assistant County Engineer Bill Coleman was present to review operations.

Branstad moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve advertising for Road/Maintenance Summer Workers and a Civil Engineering Intern.

Miller moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve advertising for 2020 seasonal supplies.

Miller moved, Branstad, seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve setting the Board of Appeal and Equalization for June 22, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

Rinne moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn at 9:35.

Raymond Gustafson, Chairman  
Watonwan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk  
Watonwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling  
Watonwan County Auditor/Treasurer