

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD
JULY 5, 2022
9:00 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 5, 2022 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, Dillon Melheim, Jim Pettersen and Bob Rinne. Absent: Bill Miller. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Brian Stading of the Rural Center for Entrepreneurial Facilitation (RCEF) was present. Funding from the State ended in December. RCEF had been in talks with Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA), which services primarily counties and cities in the southeast. They have reached an agreement to merge the two agencies. CEDA will staff in-house from one day every other week to five days per week, or hourly as needed. The Board discussed that a more in-depth review of the County's needs would take place during budget meetings.

Pettersen moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the June 21 regular meeting.

Public Works Director Teal Spellman was present to review various items for consideration.

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

RESOLUTION
2023 OPERATING GRANT AGREEMENT

RESOLVED that the Watonwan County enters into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide a public transportation service.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Watonwan County agrees to provide a local share of up to 15 percent of the total operating cost and up to 20 percent of the total capital costs.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Watonwan County agrees to provide 100 percent of the local share necessary for expenses that exceed funds available from the State.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Watonwan County authorizes the Transit Director and/or County Auditor/Treasurer to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto.

Spellman reviewed a joint project with Jackson and Cottonwood Counties for gravel road stabilization projects using Base One. The Base One projects include one application of dust control. It was noted that the road leading out to the tree dump is part of the project. The following bids were received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Allstates Pavement	\$130,475.66
Midstate	\$130,600.00

Pettersen moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the bid of Allstates Pavement Recycling and Stabilization, with Watonwan County's share estimated at up to \$56,446.99 for the Base One stabilization project with Jackson and Cottonwood Counties.

Spellman reviewed the Public Works Fee Schedule. She recommended changing the permit fee for underground gas lines within right-of-ways to \$12.00 per linear foot up to a maximum fee of \$5,000.00 per road designation. She also recommended reducing the boring fee to \$50.00.

Pettersen moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the revised Public Works Fee Schedule as reviewed.

Branstad moved, Pettersen 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—\$12,207.45; Solid Waste Fund—\$320.00; Building/Equipment Fund—\$6,700.00; Ditch Fund—\$30,716.43; Forfeited Land Fund—\$473.14; and the Road and Bridge Fund—\$81,136.60.

Pettersen moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Sheriff's and County Board Clerk's signing of the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota for funding in the amount of \$640.00.

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve annual pay step increases for Meggie Munsterman, Bob Moll, Matt Svalland and Logan Sizer.

Branstad moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the promotion of Greg Hruby to the position of Heavy Equipment Operator, with a 30-day trial period.

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the Nationwide Indexed Principal Protection option for 457b deferred compensation participants.

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn at 10:10.

Bob Rinne, Chairman
Watonwan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk
Watonwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling
Watonwan County Auditor/Treasurer