

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD
AUGUST 4, 2020
9:00 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 4, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Community Room of the Human Services Building, 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.

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

Branstad moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the July 21 regular meeting.

Library Director Matthew Pannkuk was present regarding programming. Other libraries have been offering a drive-in movie. They proposed using the Fairgrounds as an ideal location to hold such an event, which would be limited to 200 participants at no cost. A large screen and projector would be rented from Elegant Affairs of Mankato. By general consensus, the Board agreed to the use of the Fairgrounds for the drive-in movie.

Miller moved, Branstad 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—\$8,192.79; Solid Waste Fund—\$1,000.00; Ditch Fund—\$56,813.96; and the Road and Bridge Fund—\$105,810.08; and to pay the General Fund credit card at \$61.62.

County Auditor/Treasurer Kelly Pauling reported that a committee was working to get wireless internet out to remote areas for distance learning through Christensen Communications. They may be asking for use of County property once more plans are in place.

Public Works Director Teal Spellman was present and gave an update on projects. Most are completed with striping and rumble strips left to do.

Spellman reviewed the costs to install a protective wall in front of the grandstand at the Fairgrounds, estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Commissioner Miller inquired about splitting out the costs of JD 18 W&B. It was recommended that he contact Engineer Chuck Brandel at ISG with questions.

Miller moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve a pay step increase for Nery Garcia for the satisfactory completion of his probationary period.

Branstad moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the satisfactory completion of probationary period by Erik Noren.

Branstad moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve annual pay step increases for Nate Ellis, Brandon Sprenger, Caleb Hoffman, Juan DeLaCruz, and Teal Spellman.

Gustafson moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the appointment of Luis Martinez as a Detention Officer.

Branstad moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting a quote from Mid-States Organized Crime Info Center in the amount of \$3,100.00 for the purchase of a wireless pole camera for the Sheriff's Department.

Gustafson moved, Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting a quote from Alpha Wireless Communications Company and Motorola in the amount of \$2,909.73 for the purchase of a portable radio and programming.

The following quotes were received for replacement of 8 windows in the Law Enforcement Center:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Vets Glass	\$ 9,980.00
L&B Contractors	\$ 9,580.61
Warren Stevens Construction	\$13,700.61

Miller moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve accepting the quote of L&B Contractors in the amount of \$9,580.61 for the purchase and installation of 8 Marvin casement windows for the Law Enforcement Center.

Branstad moved, Svalland seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn at 9:50.

Raymond Gustafson, Chairman
Watsonwan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk
Watsonwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling
Watsonwan County Auditor/Treasurer