

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD
OCTOBER 19, 2021
9:00 A.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 19, 2021 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, Bill Miller, Jim Pettersen and Bob Rinne. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Melheim moved, Rinne seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the October 5 regular meeting and to approve the Agenda as amended.

Pettersen 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—\$75,071.66; Solid Waste Fund—\$200.00; Building/Equipment Fund—\$777.08; Ditch Fund—\$19,203.65; Agency Fund—\$755.00; Forfeited Land Fund—\$345.00; and the Road and Bridge Fund—\$62,865.49.

Miller moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the September Disbursements listing.

Public Works Director Teal Spellman was present to update the Board on department activities. She reported that they were successful in bidding on the purchase of the 2011 Serco Trailer Jetter from Jackson County in the amount of \$15,100.00.

The September financial reports were reviewed.

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

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF
MIKE CARLSON AND JAY MICKELSON
TO THE RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Mike Carlson's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Red Rock Rural Water System ("RRRWS") Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jay Mickelson's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2021 the RRRWS Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a Motion which recommends that Mike Carlson and Jay Mickelson each be re-appointed to another 4-year term on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners believe that Mike Carlson and Jay Mickelson are qualified to act as Commissioners on the RRRWS Board of Commissioners and are both worthy of re-appointment.

NOW BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Watonwan County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Mike Carlson and Jay Mickelson be appointed to the Red Rock Rural Water

System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes §116A et seq. for a 4-year term which shall commence on January 1, 2022 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2025.

Library Director Matthew Pannkuk was present and reviewed quotes received for new furniture for the Butterfield Branch Library. Commissioner Branstad noted that the LFI furniture is considered higher quality furniture and was the preferred choice. The following quotes were received:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Library Furniture	
International (LFI)	\$63,221.00
Demco	\$57,956.92

Branstad moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed 3 to 2 with Melheim and Miller opposed, to approve accepting the quote of LFI in the amount of \$63,221.00. The higher quote was accepted due to prior experience and durability of the product.

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve issuing a Tobacco License to Casey's General Store in Butterfield.

Rinne moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the training requests submitted by Jared Bergeman and Lisa Schumann.

Pettersen moved, Melheim seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve annual pay step increases for Kristine Jaycox, Virgil Goltz, Alexandra Davis, Ricky Bak and Nick Mathistad.

Pettersen moved, Branstad seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to close the meeting at 9:30 pursuant to M.S. 13D.05, Subd. 3.(c)(3) to consider offers for the purchase of Parcel No. 20-1001740 located at 708 1st Ave S, St. James.

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to approve opening the meeting at 9:45.

Discussion was held regarding a vacant property that has a garage within the County right-of-way and creates a dangerous corner. Commissioners Rinne and Melheim offered to participate on a committee to meet with St. James City officials.

Melheim moved, Pettersen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, to adjourn at 10:00.

Bill Miller, Chairman
Watonwan County Board

Lisa Schumann, Deputy Clerk
Watonwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling
Watonwan County Auditor/Treasurer