

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Board Meeting
April 7, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.
Marshall County Boardroom

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioner Borowicz called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. with Commissioners Kenneth Borowicz and Jim Duckstad and Auditor-Treasurer Scott Peters present and also present via facetime and audio per MN Statute 13D.021 due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic were Commissioners Sharon Bring, Gary Kiesow and Rolland Miller.

The Board unanimously approved the April 7, 2020 meeting agenda with additions. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Miller (5,0) – Roll Call Vote taken – Aye – Kiesow, Miller, Duckstad, Bring, Borowicz. Nay – 0.**

The minutes from the March 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved as written. **M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (5,0) – Roll Call Vote taken – Aye – Kiesow, Miller, Duckstad, Bring, Borowicz. Nay – 0.**

RESOLUTION 04-07-01

BE IT RESOLVED, that after review of the following bills, authorization for payment of the same in the following total amounts, are hereby approved, with a detailed listing kept on file at the Auditor's office.

Auditor Warrants

03/23/2020

\$2,031.55

Commissioner Warrants

\$247,962.04

M/S/C – Miller, Kiesow (5,0) – Roll Call Vote taken – Aye – Kiesow, Miller, Duckstad, Bring, Borowicz. Nay – 0.

Public Health Director Fran Tougas (via phone) and Environmental Services Administrator/Emergency Manager Josh Johnston provided a COVID-19 update. Minnesota is under a Governors Stay at Home Order until Friday April 10th at this time. This may be extended and will know more this week. There are currently 986 cases in Minnesota and 30 deaths. Confirmed cases are limited at this time in Northwest Minnesota, none in Marshall County, but there are confirmed cases in some neighboring Counties. Ms. Tougas recommends to continue following Center for Disease Control and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines and to adhere to the Governors Stay at Home order. She will share all new information through the Emergency Management Facebook site, and as needed directly to Commissioners and Emergency Manager Josh Johnston. Mr. Johnston reported that all Personal Protection masks that we have are being utilized by the Sheriff's Department and that he has requested, but is not guaranteed, 1000 additional masks.

The Board approved the following guidance for County Employees relating the COVID-19 Pandemic in following with the Governor's Stay at Home Order.

1. Safety First – Stay at Home if possible.
2. All workers who can work from home **must** do so. Limit all personal exposure in the office as much as possible and follow all CDC and MDH guidelines. Limit to one person in an office at a time as much as possible.
3. Employees that take time off relating to this pandemic will be allowed to report this time as Emergency Sick Time Off. **M/S/C – Miller, Duckstad (5,0) – Roll Call Vote taken – Aye – Kiesow, Miller, Duckstad, Bring, Borowicz. Nay – 0.**

The Board approved that any hours taken as Emergency Sick Time Off during this pandemic will be allowed to be utilized as hours worked for work calculation purposes. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Duckstad (5,0) – Roll Call Vote taken – Aye – Kiesow, Miller, Duckstad, Bring, Borowicz. Nay – 0.**

Mr. Johnston provided a flood update, indicating that the in-county rivers have crested but will see a new crest with the additional snow melt. The Red River is at 37.83 feet and falling, but will have a new crest around April 13th. There has been some sandbagging done but not extensively at this time. Josh will monitor disaster thresholds and report back on how this transpires.

The Board passed the following Resolution to adopt and implement the Thief River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

RESOLUTION 04-07-02

Whereas, Marshall County has been notified by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources that the Thief River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.801 and Board Resolution #16-17:

Now; Therefore, Be it Resolved, the county hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the approved Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan.

Be it Further Resolved after the adoption of the Plan, the county shall amend existing water and related land resources plans and official controls as necessary to conform them to the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Be it Further Resolved after the adoption of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan or amendments to the plan, Marshall County shall notify local units of government within Marshall County or the Red Lake Watershed District. The local units of government are required to submit existing water and related land resources plans and official controls within 90 days to the county for review as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.321. 103B.325 referenced in RLR Adoption Resolution – 2019 Amendment

Be it Further Resolved that within 180 days, the county shall review the submitted plans and official controls and identify any inconsistencies between the local plans and official controls and the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Marshall County shall specify applicable and necessary measures to bring the local plans and official controls into conformance with the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Be it Further Resolved if a local unit of government disagrees with any changes to its plan, the local unit has 60 days after receiving the county’s recommendations to appeal the recommendations to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Be it Further Resolved after receiving the recommendations of the county or a resolution of an appeal, a local unit of government has 180 days to initiate revisions to its plan or official controls. The new or revised plans and official controls must be submitted to the county for review and recommendations. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Miller (5,0) – Roll Call Vote taken – Aye – Kiesow, Miller, Duckstad, Bring, Borowicz. Nay – 0.**

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Bring	Rural Transit Committee, Minnesota Rural Counties
Kiesow	Red River Basin Executive Committee
Miller	Middle Snake Tamarac Watershed
Duckstad	Northwest Mental Health, Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging

Auditor-Treasurer Peters provided the following for his report:

1. Ditch Report through March
2. Investment and Financial Report/Strategy
3. E-FMLA – County Operations
4. Air Ambulance Discussion - currently the County is served by 3 vendors
5. Property Tax Update

6. Election Update
7. Disinfectant Fogging Device has been ordered

The Board accepted a resignation letter from Social Services Lead Eligibility Worker Tammy Johnson, thanking Ms. Johnson for her many years of dedicated service to the County. The Board further authorized for replacement of this position. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Bring (5,0) – Roll Call Vote taken – Aye – Kiesow, Miller, Duckstad, Bring, Borowicz. Nay – 0.**

Chairperson Borowicz adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER