

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 1, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.
Marshall County Courthouse Meeting Room One

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairperson Borowicz called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sharon Bring, Gary Kiesow, Kenneth Borowicz and Auditor-Treasurer Scott Peters present. Commissioner Rolland Miller joined the meeting via Zoom at Meeting I.D. 837 9398 2237 and Passcode 605882.

Maintenance Engineer Rodger Haugtvedt met with the Board during open forum to discuss cleaning of the courthouse ventilation system, utilizing CARES funds to cover this expense. The Board approved a quote of \$4,225 from Merles Air Duct and Furnace Cleaning for this purpose. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (4,0) Roll Call Vote: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0**

Social Services Director Chris Kujava and GIS Coordinator Liz Dustin met with the Board during open forum and received approval to accept a quote from Wikstrom Telephone for \$29,120.45, plus incidental costs, to update the county phone system to allow for better remote access as needed for all employees, utilizing CARES funds. **M/S/C – Bring, Miller (4,0) Roll Call Vote Called: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0**

The Board approved the September 1, 2020 meeting agenda with changes. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (4,0) Roll Call Vote: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0**

The minutes from the August 18, 2020 Board Meeting were approved. **M/S/C – Bring, Kiesow (4,0) Roll Call Vote: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0**

RESOLUTION 09-01-01

Auditor Warrants	
8/28/2020	\$81,192.36
Commissioner Warrants	\$164,762.94

M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (4,0) Roll Call Vote: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0

Public Health Director Fran Tougas and Emergency Manager Josh Johnston provided a Covid-19 and Emergency Services Update.

1. 37 Covid cases in Marshall County now with 7 active and 1 person hospitalized.
2. Grand Forks has a large increase in Covid numbers, due to UND starting.
3. Statewide Covid numbers are up as well, due to gatherings of persons. Positivity rate statewide is currently over 5%.
4. The State is implementing new saliva testing by October to have another method to obtain accurate tests.
5. Bars and Restaurants compliance complaints have increased Statewide. Compliance checks by the State are scheduled to increase due to this.
6. Schools are starting next week and have guidelines established as a baseline to determine what type of learning will be allowed. At this time all schools in the County will begin with in person classes. Regional support teams through the Northwest Service Co-op have been established for the schools. Public Health will be available for schools for any help as well.
7. CDC guidelines on testing has changed regarding testing needs for asymptomatic testing. The State has not changed this guideline.
8. Federal Guidelines are now in place to have all Nursing Home staff required to be tested at least monthly or more depending on positivity rate of the County.

9. Mr. Johnston indicated his office has adequate Personal Protection (PPEO Supplies on hand.
10. Other Emergency Management areas Josh is looking into include wind damage from storms.

The 2021 County Levy and Budget was reviewed in depth. A proposed County Levy and Budget for 2021 will be considered at the next Board meeting.

Highway Engineer Lon Aune met with the Board on the Highway Department and Ditch Authority Business.

1. Summer Highway Projects are mostly all completed for 2020.
2. Motor Grader pricing for 2020 versus 2021 for ordering was discussed. Mr. Aune will order graders now and understand that they will be paid for out of the 2021 budget to realize the best price.

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting and opened the Ditch Authority Meeting.

M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (4,0) Roll Call Vote: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0

A Ditch Cleaning request on a ½ mile stretch of Branch 3 of State Ditch 83 on the south side of section 7 in Whiteford Township was approved. **M/S/C – Bring, Kiesow (4,0) Roll Call Vote Called: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0**

Chairperson Borowicz closed the Ditch Authority Meeting and reopened the Regular Meeting.

A CARES Fund Report was given by Auditor Peters, GIS Coordinator Liz Dustin and Motor Vehicle Assistant Jessie Clark. The Board approved 36 Small Business Grant applications. **M/S/C – Bring, Kiesow (4,0) Roll Call Vote: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0**

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Kiesow	JD 11 and 21 Ditch Meetings, Northwest Community Action
Borowicz	JD 11 and 21 Ditch Meetings, Household Hazardous Waste
Bring	Northwest Community Action, JD 11 and 21 Ditch Meetings

Auditor-Treasurer Peters provided the following report:

1. Ditch Report through August
2. The Board set the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (4,0) Roll Call Vote: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0
3. Forfeited Tax and Mobile Home/Personal Property Tax Update
4. Election Update
5. Data Practice
6. Enbridge Amicus Brief – The Marshall County Board of Commissioners unanimously approve to make a statement of continued support for the Replacement of Enbridge Line 3, to support the current decisions made by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approving Line 3 replacement and route and to go on record to support the Amicus Brief on this issue that is currently being proposed in the Minnesota Court System. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (4,0) Roll Call Vote: Aye – Bring, Borowicz, Kiesow, Miller. Nay - 0**
7. Office Plan

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by Commissioner Borowicz.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER