

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Board Meeting – Held Virtually through Zoom
November 5, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioner Borowicz called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. with Commissioners Sharon Bring, Kenneth Borowicz, Jim Duckstad, Rolland Miller and Gary Kiesow present via Zoom. Deputy Auditor-Treasurer Sue Peterson was present in the County Boardroom.

The Board approved the November 5, 2020 meeting agenda. **M/S/C – Bring, Miller (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.**

The minutes from the October 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Miller (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.**

RESOLUTION 11-05-01

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

10/26/2020	\$794,548.78
11/5/2020	\$5,000.00

Commissioner Warrants

\$267,523.83

M/S/C – Duckstad, Bring (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Environmental Services Administrator Josh Johnston met with Board via Zoom to discuss the following:

- 1) Ag Services Coordinator Position Consideration - This Board approved to hire Kyle Jore for this position at C-41, Step 4. **M/S/C – Bring, Miller (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.**
- 2) Shore Ordinance researching and streamlining was discussed.

Public Health Director Fran Tougas provided the following Covid Update to the Board via Zoom.

- 1) Total cases 235 since April, 157 in October, 18 in November, 111 in last 2 weeks. Cases have gone up extremely fast in the last 2 weeks. Biggest concern is hospital availability as normal hospitals are full so may have had to utilize other facilities.
- 2) Schools in the area are working online, 3 of the 4 are on 2-week distant learning.
- 3) Testing with in home saliva kits are being done in Kittson and Pennington Counties as part of the pilot program.
- 4) Commissioner Duckstad updated the Board on staff quarantines in the Sheriff’s office.

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Bring	AMC Regional Meeting, Northwest Community Action, Regional Transportation, Ag Services Position Interviews, Counties Providing Technology
Kiesow	Northwest Regional Development Commission, Northwest Community Action
Miller	Ag Services Position Interviews
Duckstad	Northwest Mental Health, MST Watershed, Enbridge Virtual Meeting

Auditor-Treasurer Peters provided the following for his report via Zoom.

1. 2021 Ditch Levy Consideration
2. Review Out-of-State Travel Policy – no changes made
3. Election Report – Good turnout of voters in the County
4. CARES Report
5. Watershed Report
6. AMC District 3 Report
7. 2021 Budget Review
8. The Election Canvass Board is set for Friday, November 13th at 10am.

Highway Engineer Lon Aune reported on the following information with the Board via Zoom.

- 1) The Board authorized to advertise for an open operator position. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.**
- 2) The Board voted to approve to sponsor the “Safe Routes to School” Grant Application in the City of Warren. **M/S/C – Bring, Miller (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.**
- 3) Project Updates – none at this time
- 4) Staffing update – Advertising for Surveyor and will be advertising for a Technician position.

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting and opened the Ditch Authority Meeting.
M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

A ditch Cleaning request in Oak Park Township in Sections 27, 28, and 29 for 2 ½ miles was approved. **M/S/C – Miller, Bring (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.**

A Ditch Cleaning request on Lateral 2 of County Ditch 44A in sections 2,3,4,5 and 6 of the Oak Park Strip was approved. **M/S/C – Miller, Borowicz (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.**

The Board closed the Ditch Authority Meeting and reopened the Regular Board Meeting. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Miller (5,0) Unanimously approved by roll call vote.**

Mr. Aune will look into tree removal on County Right of Way intersections as requested by Commissioner Duckstad.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am by Commissioner Borowicz.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER