

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 1, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.
Marshall County Boardroom

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order with Commissioners Gary Kiesow, Sharon Bring, Larry Nybladh, Rolland Miller, Jim Duckstad and Auditor/Treasurer Scott Peters present.

The Board approved the June 1, 2021 meeting agenda. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (5,0)**

The minutes from the May 18, 2021 meeting were approved with corrections. **M/S/C – Bring, Nybladh (5,0)**

RESOLUTION 06-01-01

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

May 26, 2021	\$5,610,343.61
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Commissioner Warrants

\$607,637.09

M/S/C – Duckstad, Bring (5,0)

Social Services Supervisor Chris Kujava met with the Board and received approval to move Child Support Officer Julie Hallie to fulltime status and hire a Support Enforcement Aide at B-22, due to an upcoming retirement in this area. **M/S/C – Bring, Nybladh (5,0)**

Garden Valley Technologies CEO Tim Brinkman provided a County Broadband Service Needs Report to the Board. Some unserved and underserved areas exist in Marshall County, with the largest area being west of Highway 75. Many factors need to be considered as service needs are being addressed.

Public Health Director Fran Tougas provided a COVID-19 and Public Health Bimonthly Update.

1. Public Health has received some Covid Federal and State Funding that will help with financial stability.
2. The Feeling Fit N Fine program will be held this summer for local youth.
3. Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) – School Crossing trial program being conducted in Warren through this fall. Grants for trikes for seniors have also been implemented in the County. Farmers Market in TRF promoting fresh produce marketing.
4. COVID – no new cases since May 19, with 9 cases total in May. No active cases currently. One person is still in hospital with complications. The current positivity rate is at 3.9%. Vaccine data indicates that 49% of sixteen and older persons have received the vaccine in the County. Statewide data indicates this number at 65%. The Pfizer Vaccine is now approved for

persons 12 years of age and older. The State has launched a Statewide Vaccine program to encourage vaccinations. 874 Covid case investigations were completed by Public Health with a 93% completion rate. Restrictions have been mostly lifted for all persons that have received the vaccine.

5. Disaster Preparedness Grant Duties will begin in July.
6. Footcare Clinics will resume normal schedule in July.

County Engineer Lon Aune addressed the Board on the following Highway and Ditch Authority Business.

1. The County Road 20 Project is moving along well.
2. Cattail Maps will be handed out at the next meeting to identify spraying needs.
3. Calcium Chloride Application should be completed by June 30.

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting and opened the Ditch Authority Meeting. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (5,0)**

A Ditch Cleaning and Brush Removal request in Section 13 Nelson Park Township for a one mile segment on Judicial Ditch 19 was approved. **M/S/C – Nybladh, Bring (5,0)**

The Board closed the Ditch Authority Meeting and reconvened the Regular Board Meeting. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Kiesow (5,0)**

Ag Services Director Dave Clark provided a monthly report to the Board.

1. Garden soil sampling assistance has been given.
2. Calls have been received on the Forrest Tent Caterpillar. If found early spray treatments can help.
3. Mr. Clark has met with State Commercial Pesticide Representative on how this will transpire in our County. Online testing seems to be the best way to handle this.
4. Dave met with the State Ag Department Seed Inspector to discuss how this is moving forward in the County. No issues to be reported with samples at this time.
5. Feedlot Records and Registrations are now being updated. Mr. Clark has established new spreadsheets to help facilitate this process. 60 applications have currently been sent out to persons in our County. Some people on the list can be updated and removed if no longer operating to more accurately reflect this information to the State.

Assessor Russ Steer met with the Board and received approval to adjust pay of Alison Grzadzieleski to C-51-8, due to enhanced duty responsibilities and title change to Chief Deputy Assessor, beginning the next pay period as is allowed by policy.

M/S/C – Duckstad, Bring (5,0) Mr. Steer asked the Board to consider hazard pay for the Assessor's Office Appraisers. No action was taken on this request at this time. Mr. Steer invited the Board to the Veteran's Memorial Dedication at 7 p.m. on June 22nd.

The Board discussed details with the County Park Enhancement Project with Maintenance Supervisor Rodger Haugtvedt, Park Manager Jim Stafford and Park Board Member Alysa Tulibaski in person and Park Board Member Jeff Kroll via phone. All details of this plan will be referred to the Park Board for recommendations, with further Board Action to be considered at the June 15, 2021 meeting. The Board approved to hire Robin Stafford at \$12/hour and Tyler Stafford at \$14/hour at the park on a part time basis. Park Employee Office Assistant Stephen Budziszewski will supervise all aspects of these positions to follow the County nepotism policy. **M/S/C – Bring, Nybladh (5,0)**

Human Resource Director/Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Krista East met with the Board to review Personnel Policy Manual Revision Suggestions. The Board approved the Personnel Policy Manual Revisions, effective 7/1/21 by resolution below.

RESOLUTION 06-01-02 – Personnel Policy Revision

Whereas, the Marshall County Board of Commissioners has authority to establish and revise county personnel policies; and

Whereas, these policy recommendations have been reviewed in consultation with the management team; and

Whereas, the County Personnel Policy Committee recommends the adoption of updated policies to promote positive, productive, safe and effective workplace culture and practices, and to support continued compliance with applicable law and regulations, and effective delivery of public services; and

Therefore, Be it Resolved, Marshall County shall adopt the revised Personnel Policy Manual to be effective 7/1/2021.

Be it Finally Resolved, that the County reserves the right to make additional changes and updates to County Personnel Policies by amendment or future Board Actions. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Duckstad (5,0)**

Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Sue Peterson provided an American Rescue Plan Update to the Board. Monies for this has now been received by the County. More research on uses will continue. The County will reach out to Townships and Cities to assist with these funds as needed.

Auditor-Treasurer Scott Peters provided the following for his report:

1. MST Watershed Manager Application Status/Consideration
2. 5 Year Financial Report
3. Ditch Report
4. 2022 Budget Discussion
5. The Board declared the Revenue Department Impala as excess property and authorized the sale of this vehicle on a bidding process. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Kiesow (5,0)**
6. Enbridge Tax Court Update – the following Resolution was approved indicating the County position on this issue.

RESOLUTION 06-01-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marshall County Board of Commissioners are requesting a State Legislative Financial Solution to all years of the final Enbridge Apportionable Market Values as ordered by Tax Court, beginning in the 2012 Assessment Year from the State Department of Revenue, with funds to be taken from the State General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marshall County Board of Commissioners identify that this error in Assessment was caused the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue and that this payment due to Enbridge should be the responsibility of the State to rectify this issue, similarly to how the County rectifies our own local abatements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marshall County does not have adequate reserves to pay this obligation and would need to need to resort to bonding and/or significantly increased taxes on all property owners in the County, subsequently causing a ripple effect in tax burden on taxpayers and affected entities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Marshall County Board of Commissioners request that the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue publicly support this legislative solution, utilizing funds from the State General Fund. **M/S/C – Nybladh, Bring (5,0)**

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Nybladh	Employee Benefits Committee, Hazardous Waste Committee
Bring	Minnesota Rural Counties
Kiesow	Red River Basin Executive Committee, Joint Counties Natural Resource Board
Miller	Middle Snake Tamarac One Watershed One Plan, Employee Benefits Committee, Counties Providing Technology
Duckstad	Northwest Mental Health, Minnesota Humanities Center

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Miller.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER