

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 5, 2021 - 9:00 A.M.
Marshall County Courthouse – Meeting Room One

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

The October 5, 2021 agenda was approved with additions. **M/S/C – Nybladh, Bring (5,0)**

The Board approved the September 21, 2021 County Board Meeting Minutes with corrections. **M/S/C – Bring, Kiesow (5,0)**

RESOLUTION 10-05-01

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.

Commissioner Warrants \$262,415.21

M/S/C – Kiesow, Nybladh (5,0)

The Board met with Employee Benefits Committee Members Katie Benson, Pam Hesse, Kiley Hamrick and Mark Ellerbusch to request consideration for adjustments for 2022 Insurance amounts. The Board approved to adjust the Insurance Base amount by \$20 per month and the Family amount by \$125 per month. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Nybladh (5,0)**

Public Health Director Fran Tougas provided a Bi Monthly Public Health Update.

1. Funding – 2 Year Workforce Grant is now in effect. Additional Covid Funding available through 2023.
2. Feeling' Fit N Fine – Fall Edition is continuing, emphasizing healthy behaviors for our youth.
3. Flu Shot Clinics are now being offered throughout the County.
4. Covid – There has been an increase in Covid numbers recently. There were 78 new cases in the County reported in August, 208 in September and 28 thus far in October. 65 are currently active with 4 hospitalized. 78 vaccinated persons have tested positive in the County out of 4100 with a breakthrough rate of 1.9%. Priorities are to get unvaccinated persons vaccinated and go forward with boosters as they are made available. Pfizer Covid Booster Shots are now approved by age groups after six months from last vaccination.

Highway Engineer Lon Aune provided the following report to the Board.

1. Resolutions/Agreements
 - a. Approve final payment for SAP 045-620-006 – **M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (5,0)**

b. Approve the purchase of Right of Way SP 045-622-004 – **M/S/C – Nybladh, Bring (5,0)**

2. Highway Department Updates

a. Projects

- i. Bridge on CSAH 22 – Driving piling for the piers and abutments.
- ii. Moose River Bridge – Bridge and dam are removed, culverts are being set.
- iii. JD 23 Ditch Work north of Thief River Falls under One Watershed One Plan

3. General Discussion

a. Staffing

- i. Assistant Engineer – Offer for position was reviewed. The Board authorized to offering the top candidate at D-62-5 beginning in November, to allow 40 hours vacation bank and to be allowed 5 hours per pay period of vacation accrual. **M/S/C – Bring, Nybladh (4,1) Aye – Bring, Miller, Nybladh, Kiesow. Nay - Duckstad**
- ii. Surveyor – On Hold
- iii. Engineering Tech – On Hold

b. Reseeding of buffer strips that have not grown.

RESOLUTION 10-05-02

WHEREAS, the Engineer in charge has filed his final certificate setting forth that the Contractor on SAP 045-620-006 has completed the contract in accordance with plans and specifications and the total cost of said job was \$1,260,926.11 and the balance due the Contractor is \$66,966.01.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said certificate be and the same is hereby approved and the County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue a warrant on the Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$66,966.01 to R.J. Zavoral & Sons Inc. **M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (5,0)**

RESOLUTION 10-05-03

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Auditor be authorized to issue warrants for the following right of way easements along CSAH 22, located between CSAH 5 and the north line of Marshall County, from a point 2,263.73 feet south of the Northwest Corner of Section Twenty-three (23), T158N, R49W, to a point 3,063.73 feet south of the Northwest Corner of Section Twenty-three (23), T158N, R49W, for the purpose of replacing existing Bridge No. 45509 with new Bridge No. 45579 (State Project 045-622-004).

<u>PARCEL NO.</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>
1	Scott Field 38755 US Hwy. 75 NW Stephen, MN 56757	\$577.50

3	Mavis Benson 42412 US Hwy. 75 NW Stephen, MN 56757	\$907.50
4	Thomas & Sheila Peterson 38837 430 th Ave. NW Stephen, MN 56757	\$577.50

M/S/C – Nybladh, Bring (5,0)

Environmental Services Administrator Josh Johnston met with the Board and received approval to utilize funding from other areas in his budget up to a total of \$4,000 toward cost share for private well sealing. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Duckstad (5,0)** Septic System cost share funding for 2022 will be increased by \$25,000 from all sources.

Building Maintenance Engineer Rodger Haugtvedt provided a County Park Water/Electric Enhancement Project update. Project is going well. All campers have moved. General dirt work has been completed. Contractors have begun trenching and wires being placed. Have done most of old area and will be moving into new area next. The Board authorized Park Manager Jim Stafford to work as needed in October and November to facilitate the County Park Water and Electric Project. **M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (5,0)**

Auditor-Treasurer Peters provided the following for his report.

1. 5 Year Financial and Ditch Reports through September were shared.
2. The Board moved to set Commissioners 2022 Salaries at the same rate as 2021 with no change. **M/S/C – Bring, Kiesow (5,0)**
3. Property Cleanup/Forfeited Tax Report – 3 trailers in Stephen, 1 house in Warren actively being worked on.
4. American Rescue Plan Update – 100% of Cities and Townships have applied for funds. The County will continue to work with all on reporting. The County Board approved ARP Projects Report was shared. The Board authorized an allocation of \$15,000 each toward requests for funds for an Ambulance from the Stephen Ambulance Service and Life Pak Equipment for the Tri County Ambulance from American Rescue Funds if allowable or General Funds if not allowable. **M/S/C – Nybladh, Bring (5,0)** The Board approved to allow the County Sonic Firewall to provide protection for remote working in the amount of \$4,717. **M/S/C – Nybladh, Bring (5,0)**
5. Opioids Litigation and Settlement – The Board authorized to allow the County Auditor/Treasurer to add Marshall County to the list of Counties on this matter. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Nybladh (5,0)**
6. Actual Expenditures versus Budget Report for 75% of Year was shared.
7. 2022 Tax Reports
8. Nursing Home Support
9. Investment Report

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Bring	Northwest Regional Transit Committee
Kiesow	Joint Counties Natural Resource Board, Agassiz

Nybladh	Wildlife Meeting
Duckstad	Agassiz Wildlife Meeting
	MST Watershed Meeting, 3 State Radio Board Meetings, 2 Alluma Meetings
Miller	Counties Providing Technology, Marshall County Affordable Housing, Employee Benefits Committee

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. by Chairperson Miller.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER