

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**December 21, 2021 - 9:00 A.M.**  
**Marshall County Boardroom**  
**Warren, Minnesota**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

The Board met with Loren Zutz during open forum with questions regarding taxation on ditches by the MST Watershed. Levy information on the ditches in question will be shared with Mr. Zutz by the Auditor's Office.

Assessor's Office Employees Russ Steer and Ryan Larson met with the Board during open forum to present the Assessor's Office Clerical Errors Report.

The Board approved the December 21, 2021 meeting agenda. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (4,0)**

The minutes from the December 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and December 2, 2021 Truth in Taxation Meeting were approved. **M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (4,0)**

**RESOLUTION 12-21-01**

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.

<b>Auditor Warrants</b>	
12/2/21	\$45,955.96
12/9/21	\$110,634.78
<b>Commissioner Warrants</b>	<b>\$257,099.97</b>
<b>M/S/C – (4,0)</b>	

**RESOLUTION 12-21-02**

PER DIEMS	
Sharon Bring	\$490.00
Jim Duckstad	\$770.00
Gary Kiesow	\$280.00
Domita Mack	\$70.00
Larry Nybladh	\$350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,960.00</b>

**M/S/C – Duckstad, Bring (4,0)**

County Highway Engineer Lon Aune addressed the Board on the following:

1. The 2020 and 2021 Cattail Spraying map was shared.
2. Today will be the last day Mr. Aune will be going to Kittson County and that the current sharing agreement with Kittson County will end at year's end.
3. All highway projects are currently suspended due to weather. They hope to set Bridge Beams in February on CR 22.

4. Discussion was held on possible County comments and timelines for the same regarding the MST Nelson Slough Project. The Board approved to request to the MST Watershed an extension for comment period on the Nelson Slough Project until January 24, 2022, allowing time for the Joint Ditch Board to review the proposed Operation and Management Plan for comments from that entity. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (4,0)**

Social Services Director Chris Kujava met with the Board.

**General Business**

- A. State Audit Review
- B. Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Report

**Personnel**

- A. Adult Protection-Child Protection coverage additional compensation for Stacy Laudal, Ruth Finseth, Krissy McMahon and Katie Benson was approved at \$.50 per hour, effective 12/19/21. **M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (4,0)**

**Licensing and Contracts**

- A. The Mahube-Ottwa Child Care Assistance Plan (CCAP) Contract was approved. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Kiesow (4,0)**
- B. The 2022 Alluma Contract was approved. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Bring (4,0)**
- C. The Minnesota Department of Human Services County Grant Contract was approved. **M/S/C – Bring, Kiesow (4,0)**

**Authorizations**

Payment of Bills in the amount of \$109,955.60 received Board approval. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Duckstad (4,0)**

North Star Manor Representatives Shannon Mortenson, Mike Dubore, Darrell Rindy, Kalie Crayton, Amanda Liebersbach, Brenda Stortroen in person and Phil Thompson via zoom met with the Board to provide information regarding Covid Impacts on the nursing home. Resident numbers are down, primarily due to Covid. They are licensed for 45 residents and currently have 30. Fixed costs are not able to be covered with these low numbers, despite shortages in the labor force. All funding sources have now been exhausted. This is a Statewide problem across Minnesota. A Regional meeting to identify the needs and shortfalls of nursing homes in relation to Covid will be pursued. The Board approved an allocation of \$100,000 from County American Rescue Plan Funds to the North Star Manor due to negative financial impacts due primarily to the Covid Pandemic. **M/S/C – Bring, Kiesow (3,0)** Commissioner Duckstad abstained from this vote. Auditor/Treasurer Deputy Sue Peterson was available for this presentation.

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Miller	Truth in Taxation, Mar-Kit, MST Watershed, Law Library
Nybladh	Truth in Taxation, AMC State Conference, Lincoln Township Board Meeting
Bring	Friends of the Old Mill, Living at Home Program, Northwest Community Action, Counties Providing Technology, Mar-Kit, AMC Department of Human Services, Truth in Taxation, AMC State Conference, Minnesota Rural Counties
Kiesow	Truth in Taxation, Northwest Regional Development Commission Annual Meeting, AMC State Conference, Minnesota Rural Counties, Mar-Kit, Northwest Community Action, Mud River Restoration Project Work Team, AMC Environment and Natural Resources, Lincoln Township Board Meeting, Joint Powers of the Red Basin Executive Board
Duckstad	MST Watershed, Tri-Valley, Truth in Taxation, AMC State Conference, Telecommunication Workgroup, Northwest

Emergency Communication Board, AMC  
Workforce Committee, AMC Transportation Committee

The Board approved the following 2022 Final Levy & Budget Resolution.

**RESOLUTION 12-21-03**

**WHEREAS**, Department Administrators within the County Government of Marshall County have presented proposed budgets to the County Board for 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, said proposed budgets have been reviewed by the County Board and amended to a final budget amount for the following funds:

Revenue	\$8,669,155
Road & Bridge	\$7,937,877
Social Services	\$3,940,200
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$20,547,232</u>

This provides for a Tax Levy for taxes to be collected in 2022 in the amount of \$7,120,702.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the budget for 2022 is hereby approved for the tax levy amounts as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$5,375,315
Road & Bridge Fund	\$1,100,000
Social Services Fund	\$1,200,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$7,675,315</u>
Less State Paid Aids	\$554,613
<u>NET LEVY</u>	<u>\$7,120,702</u>

**M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring (4,0)**

Auditor-Treasurer Peters provided the following for his report:

1. American Rescue Plan Update
2. The following Opioid Settlement Resolution was approved with further authorization to allow Auditor/Treasurer Peters to enter into any agreements for the same as needed. **M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (4,0)**
3. Con Con Fund Discussion
4. Stephen Ambulance and Middle River Veterans Outdoors Correspondence was shared.
5. The Board approved a sick time donation request for an employee in the Sheriff's Department as needed. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Bring (4,0)**
6. 457 Plan Match Reporting was discussed
7. MCIT Annual Meeting Report
8. The Connecting Point contract for 2022 was discussed.

**RESOLUTION 12-21-04**

**Authorizing county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure County participation in the multistate settlements relating to opioid distributors and manufacturers, and in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, and declaring support for an amendment to Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d).**

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids related to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to multistate settlement agreements with several pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, as well as opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson, but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of January 2, 2022, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the above-referenced multistate settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Minnesota’s local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (the “State-Subdivision Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, during negotiations of the State-Subdivision Agreement, representatives of Minnesota’s counties prioritized flexibility in how local governments may use settlement funds for opioids abatement and remediation and advocated for counties to receive settlement allocations directly rather than using the distribution mechanism detailed in Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d); and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the goals of flexibility and direct allocation, Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d), must be amended to remove a provision which would otherwise appropriate approximately 50 percent of the state’s settlement allocation to county social service agencies for statutorily-prescribed use(s); and

WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Marshall County supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Marshall County supports and opts in to the multistate settlements with McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, and with Johnson & Johnson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Marshall County authorizes county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure County participation in the multistate settlements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and in the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Marshall County, supports the amending of Minn. Stat. § 256.043, subd. 3(d), to remove a provision which would appropriate approximately 50 percent of the state’s settlement allocation to county social service agencies via the existing Opiate Epidemic Response Fund distribution mechanism for statutorily prescribed use(s). **M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (4,0)**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Miller.

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CHAIRPERSON,  
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER