

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Board Meeting
April 5, 2022 - 9:00 A.M.
BOARD ROOM – WARREN, MN

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioner Bring called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. with Commissioners Rolland Miller, Gary Kiesow, Sharon Bring, Larry Nybladh, Jim Duckstad and Auditor-Treasurer Scott Peters present.

The Board approved the April 5, 2022 meeting agenda with additions. **M/S/C – Miller, Duckstad (5,0)**

The minutes from the March 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were approved with corrections. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Miller (5,0).**

RESOLUTION 04-05-01

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

3/16/2022	\$200,000.00
3/22/2022	\$561,949.76
3/28/2022	\$12,149.40
4/4/2022	\$200,000.00

Commissioner Warrants

\$634,984.18

M/S/C – Miller, Kiesow (5,0)

GIS Administrator Liz Dustin, Sheriff Jason Boman, Environmental Services Administrator Josh Johnston and Environmental Services Technician Scott Jorgenson addressed the Board and received approval to move forward with a contract for data information management with the ArchiveSocial Program. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Nybladh (5,0)**

Sheriff Boman and Jail Administrator Mark Ellerbusch provided a Jail Door Project Update and future Jail Compliance Building needs report. There are challenges in acquiring replacement vehicles this year, but they are moving forward as best as possible.

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Kiesow	Joint Powers Natural Resource Board
Miller	Employee Benefits Committee, Middle Snake Tamarac Watershed One Watershed One Plan, Counties Providing Technology, Middle Snake Tamarac Watershed
Duckstad	Alluma, Middle Snake Tamarac Watershed
Nybladh	Employee Benefits Committee
Bring	Northwest Regional Transportation Committee, Minnesota Rural Counties, Mental Health Meeting in Newfolden

Public Health Director Fran Tougas provided a Bi-monthly Public Health Update.

1. The 1st week in April is National Public Health Week.
2. Public Health Infrastructure Funding has been applied for through Quin for Data and Epidemiology. This two-year grant has now been approved.
3. Community Health Assessment (CHA) Collaborative Grant – working with Quin and local hospitals to move forward with plan to meet Community Health needs. This is

- a one-year grant.
4. Family Home Visiting Program – new RFP for funding will be pursued.
 5. The Creating a Caring Community Event recently held in Newfolden surrounding suicide prevention was well attended.
 6. COVID-19 – numbers are dramatically improved with no current hospitalizations. An additional booster is now recommended for ages over 50.
 7. Flu has seen a mild season.
 8. A Vaccination program utilizing texts will be attempted to boost this program.

The Board held a Public Hearing on a proposed County Redistricting Plan. Those in attendance included county residents Mike Douglas, Arnold Weleski, Ollie Urdahl and Curtis Carlson. Various Redistricting Options were reviewed.

Auditor-Treasurer Peters provided the following for his report:

1. Five Year Financial Report
2. Ditch Report through March
3. Tax Collection Update
4. County Redistricting Plan
5. Counties Providing Technology Update
6. Budget versus Actual Quarterly Review
7. Delinquent Mobile and Personnel Property List
8. PILT Enhancement Legislative Support Resolution

RESOLUTION 04-05-02

WHEREAS, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program passed into Minnesota law in 1979 with the statutory purpose “to address the disproportionate impact of state land ownership on local units of government with a large proportion of state land;” and

WHEREAS, 95% of all PILT acreage is located in the northern-half of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, nearly all PILT payment increases have gone to southern Minnesota and metro area counties; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 when PILT payments began, the biggest disparity between the highest PILT compensated county to the lowest compensated county was 8:1 or, *8 times higher*, yet today that disparity has grown to a whopping 170:1 or, *170 times higher*; and

WHEREAS, the principal cause PILT payments are so inequitable across MN, is because in 1995, the Acquired Acres category of PILT Payments switched from a flat rate to instead, a land value basis, yet all other major PILT Payment categories remained at a flat rate; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUCB) recently completed a Comprehensive Study re: State PILT and Payments to Counties which verifies all of the above-mentioned inequities; and

WHEREAS, SF 2793 (Bakk) & HF 3073 (Ecklund) have been introduced to help rectify these huge inequities in PILT Payments by substantially increasing PILT payments to Northern MN counties, including a 19.9% increase in Marshall County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Marshall County hereby urges the 2022 Legislature to pass the respective Bakk-Ecklund PILT Bills through the necessary committees and include them in their final Omnibus Tax Bill. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Miller (5,0)**

Highway Engineer Lon Aune met with Board regarding Highway and Ditch Authority Business.

1. The following resolutions were approved.
2. Equipment Rental Rates were shared.
3. The County Road 22 Bridge project is being worked on to prepare for cement.
4. The 5 Year Road Plan Meeting is set for April 12th at 5:30 pm at the Newfolden

Community Center.

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

The Ditch Authority reviewed a Ditch cleaning reimbursement request for work previously completed on CD 45 in section 19 of Donnelly Township. No action was taken on this request.

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

RESOLUTION 04-05-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor be authorized to call for bids for:

SAP 045-604-029, on CSAH 4 between CSAH 10 and TH 75 (Mill & Overlay)

SAP 045-599-158, on T-15 between TH 1 and NW Corner Sec. 31, T. 155 N., R. 46 W. (Culvert Replacement)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Engineer be authorized to set the time and date for receiving bids to comply with existing publication laws. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Miller (5,0)**

RESOLUTION 04-05-04

WHEREAS, the City of Warren applied for federal funding for the purposes of their Pathway Project,

WHEREAS, Marshall County is acting as the fiscal agent to receive the federal funds to pay for this project,

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2022, bids were received by the City of Warren and awarded on March 15, 2022,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Marshall County, acting as fiscal agent for the City of Warren will move forward to accept the following bids for SP 045-090-006, City of Warren, MN:

Taggart Contracting Inc \$264,689.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the base bid of Taggart Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$264,689.00 be accepted. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Miller (5,0)**

District 2 MnDOT State Aide Representatives Brian Ketring and J.T. Anderson met with Board to review State Road and Bridge Projects and Highway Funding Information. Assistant County Highway Engineer Tyler Olson was also available for this presentation.

Calvin Benson, District Outreach Representative for U.S. Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach’s Office, met with the Board to discuss various federal issues. The need for any support for our nursing homes was expressed by the Commissioners.

Social Services Director Chris Kujava met with the Board. The Board accepted a letter of retirement from Eligibility Worker Judy Adolphson, effective August 12, 2022. The Board thanked Ms. Adolphson for her 21 plus years of service to the County and wished her well in retirement. The Board approved to proceed with replacement of this position. **M/S/C – Duckstad, Nybladh (5,0)**

The Board approved to move current Eligibility Worker to a Social Worker Position, effective 4/18/2022 at C51, Step 3. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Miller (5,0)**

The Board considered information from the County Commissioner Redistricting Public

Hearing and proposed plan for County Redistricting. A motion to approve a County Commissioner Redistricting Resolution was made by Commissioner Nybladh to move Huntley Township to District 3, Spruce Valley Township and Middle River City to District Five, Excel Township to District 4 and Boxville Township to District 2. This motion failed due to lack of a second.

The following Redistricting Resolution received Board approval.

RESOLUTION 04-05-05

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Section 204B.135, sub. 2 requires that County Commissioner Districts be redistricted within 80 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes the 2020 Federal Census population figures shall be used to redistrict the Marshall County Commissioner Districts by April 26, 2022, and that Commissioner Districts shall be bound by town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines; and,

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board of Commissioners has considered the possibility or potential for maximizing minority representation on the board of commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, Marshall County published a three week notice in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioner’s proceedings for the county for 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Marshall County conducted a public hearing on redistricting on April 5, 2022:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marshall County Board of Commissioners hereby redistricts the County of Marshall, following town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines as reestablished in April 2022, and reestablishes the length of terms as follows:

- District 1 - The Townships of McCrea, Comstock, including the City of Warren, 4-year term, 2022 election.
- District 2 - The Townships of Big Woods, Bloomer, Middle River, Oak Park, Vega, Warrenton, Boxville, including the cities of Oslo, and Alvarado, continuation of current term, 4-year term, 2024 election.
- District 3 - The Townships of Eagle Point, Donnelly, Sinnott, Augsburg, Nelson Park, Lincoln, East Park, Fork, Parker, Tamarac, Wanger, Wright, Alma, Foldahl, Marsh Grove, and Viking, including the cities of Strandquist, Stephen, and Viking, 4-year term, 2022 election.
- District 4 - The Townships of West Valley, New Maine, Spruce Valley, New Folden, New Solum, including the cities of Middle River, and Newfolden, 2-year term in 2022 election and then 4-year term in 2024 election.
- District 5 - The Townships of Huntley, Como, Thief Lake, Moose River, Linsell, Cedar, Whiteford, Rollis, Veldt, Holt, East Valley, Mud Lake, Eckvoll, Valley, Excel, Agder, Grand Plain, Moylan and Espelie, including the cities of Holt, and Grygla, 4-year term, 2022 election. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Duckstad (5,0)**

The Board approved to charge seasonal campers at the Marshall County Park a rate of \$.15 per kwh for the 2022 camping season. **M/S/C – Nybladh, Miller (5,0)**

Chairperson Bring adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER