

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 19, 2019 9:00 A.M.
Marshall County Boardroom

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairperson Kiesow called the meeting to order with the following present: Commissioners Gary Kiesow, Kenneth Borowicz, Jim Duckstad, Rolland Miller, Sharon Bring, and Auditor-Treasurer Scott Peters.

The Board met with Environmental Services Administrator Josh Johnston. Mr. Johnston gave an update on possible flooding concerns. Some sandbags will be pre-piled, townships have been notified on process, pumps and sandbagging machine are ready and the Highway and Sheriff Departments are on board with any possible help that is needed. The Board approved overtime for all staff as needed and for exempt employees providing federal reimbursement is realized. **M/S/C – Bring, Miller (5,0)**

Assessor Russ Steer met with the Board discussing an upcoming regional meeting with Enbridge to discuss scenarios of possible payback of monies owed upon final conclusion of the tax case. This may occur on May 15 in Erskine. Local Equalization meetings will begin soon.

The Board approved the March 19, 2019 agenda with additions. **M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (5,0)**

The Board met with Attorney Fritz Knaak and residents Dave Thompson and Nathan Bukowski to discuss the process of the petitions to detach land from the Greenbush Middle River School District and annex to the Marshall County Central School District. This group has about 390 signed petitions currently, with more pending. This group did approach the Greenbush Middle River School Board last night with no final agreement reached on this issue. Mr. Knaak asks that the County continue with the Public Hearing process on April 9th. An additional 70 petitions were delivered to the Auditor at this time. A map of the petition area was shared. Marshall County Central School Superintendent Jeff Lund was available for this presentation.

MnDOT representatives Lou Tasa and Holly Kostrzewski provided a toward Zero Deaths presentation to the Board. County Engineer Lon Aune was also present. Since the inception of this program there has been a 45% decrease in fatalities statewide. This program emphasizes the application of the 4 E's – Education, Enforcement, Engineering, and Emergency Medical and Trauma Services. Statistics on fatality costs were shared indicating that 300,000 fewer injuries and crashes from 2003 – 2017 saved over \$5.8 billion and 3081 fewer fatalities over the same time period saved over \$4.2 billion. Having attentive driving is one of the most important factors to keep in mind while driving. If any group would like to hear this presentation, Ms. Kostrzewski would be available for this service at no cost.

County Highway Engineer Lon Aune addressed the Board.

RESOLUTION 03-19-01

BE IT RESOLVED, that Marshall County does accept all bids for equipment rental as listed:

Anderson Services	Art Laudal & Son, Inc.
Beito Repair	Blawat Const Inc.
Blue Sky Blading	Conn Trucking, LLC
Davidson Construction, Inc.	Danni Jarshaw
Gowan Construction, Inc.	Higher Ground
Holter Repair & Trucking	Holthuson Construction, Inc
Jeff Olson Construction	KB Enterprises Inc.

K & K Trucking Inc.
Lunke's, Inc.
Olson Construction
Simmons Contracting, LLC
Triple D Construction & Leasing
Wright Construction TRF

Kraulik Excavating, Inc.
Nelson Excavating, LLC
R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc.
Thygeson Construction, Inc.
Weleski Excavating LLC

M/S/C – Borowicz, Miller (5,0)

RESOLUTION 03-19-02

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

SAP 045-653-006 – Subgrade Preparation and Aggregate Base

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor be authorized to set the time and date for receiving bids to comply with existing publication laws.

M/S/C – Duckstad, Bring (5,0)

The Five Year Road and Bridge Plan meeting will be held at the Newfolden Community Center at 5:30 pm on April 2, 2019. The Board authorized Commissioner Attendance for this meeting. **M/S/C – Bring, Borowicz**

The Highway Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy was shared.

Mr. Aune indicated that load limits have gone into place as of today.

Snow removal progress was discussed. It's been a never ending continued challenge this year. All highway staff were commended for their efforts with this year's snow season.

County Attorney Don Aandal met with the Board to discuss how to proceed with the petition process regarding the detachment and annexation of lands from the Greenbush Middle School District to the Marshall County Central School District. The County will be holding a Public Hearing on this matter on April 9, 2019 at 6 pm in the old courtroom on the 2nd floor of the courthouse.

County Living at Home Block Nurse Program Representatives Darcy Hestekind, Leola Engelsrud, Pennie Korynta, Cindy Kilen, Susan Askeland and Marilee Marty met with Board to provide an update on this county wide program. The services provided with this program have expanded over the years and been an invaluable assist for the communities they serve, keeping people in their homes longer versus some type of assisted care. The group thanked the County for their continued support of the program. The Board thanked all that are involved for their work with this program, including the many volunteers that make this program work so well.

Social Services Director Chris Kujava addressed the Board and received acceptance and approval on the following:

General Business

- A. Lead Social Worker Katie Benson provided an Elderly Services Report
- B. Mr. Kujava presented the 2018 Marshall County Social Services Year End Report

Authorizations

Case Activity, Bills of \$81,213.49 and Director Actions received Board approval.

M/S/C – Miller, Duckstad (5,0)

A Border to Border Scenic Byway Adventure Route Presentation was given by Tim Williamson and Jack Pellinen of the DNR and Project Coordinator Ron Potter from the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) Management Solutions. The goal of the project is to get people off the main roads and to direct drivers to the state's most

significant natural, cultural and historic attractions, encouraging tourism and economic development in the communities located along the way. One County concern is the stress this will place on the local roads, with the extra costs of road maintenance and gravel needed along this route with no funding mechanism to support these costs. How signage will be addressed for this route was also discussed. The County recommends that each township that this proposed route be approached for approval and to hear their concerns as well. Highway Engineer Aune was available for this presentation.

Engineer Aune introduced the following resolutions for consideration.

RESOLUTION 03-19-03

WHEREAS Minnesota Counties maintain 30,742 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) roads and 14,141 miles of county roads, totaling over 30% the state’s roadways; and

WHEREAS the total annual need is \$1.084 billion over the next 25 years just to maintain the current CSAH and county road system not including expansion; and

WHEREAS the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive and sustainable transportation solution should include robust funding for roads, bridges, and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state; and

WHEREAS increased funding for Minnesota’s Highway User Tax Distribution Fund would provide additional, stable funds for MnDOT, all 87 counties, all cities with a population of 5,000 or more, and townships across the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Marshall County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota’s statewide transportation system.

M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (5,0)

RESOLUTION 03-19-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to advertisement for bids for C.P. 19-005, C.P. 19-012, and C.P. 19-036. Bituminous Rout and Seal, the following bids were received:

Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance	\$101,200.00
ASTECH Corp	\$125,840.00
Lot Pros, Inc.	\$126,720.00
KAMCO Inc.	\$161,040.00
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	\$199,760.00
Allied Blacktop Co.	\$227,920.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance in the amount of \$101,200.00 be accepted.

M/S/C – Borowicz, Miller (5,0)

RESOLUTION 03-19-05

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to advertisement for bids for furnishing and applying calcium chloride, the following bids were received:

Envirotech Services	\$1.21/gallon
Knife River	\$1.219/gallon

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Envirotech Services in the amount of \$1.21/Gallon.

M/S/C – Miller, Duckstad (5,0)

Connie Troska from the Stephen Volunteer Ambulance Service addressed the Board. Retirements, lessened membership and volunteers, and increased costs and state and federal requirements bring challenges and concerns as how to move forward in the future with this ambulance service. Options for the future were discussed. Ms. Troska will review possible taxing options to consider at a future meeting for finding a resolve to adequately fund this service.

The Board approved the March 5, 2019 meeting minutes as written. **M/S/C – Miller, Bring (5,0)**

RESOLUTION 03-19-06 Payment of Bills

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:	
3/13/19	\$22,844.26
3/13/19	\$10,276.69

Commissioner Warrants: \$288,753.29
M/S/C – Miller, Duckstad (5,0)

RESOLUTION 03-19-07 Per Diems

Sharon Bring	\$300.00
James Duckstad	\$360.00
Gary Kiesow	\$120.00
Domita Mack	\$60.00
Rolland Miller	\$360.00
Samantha Winger	\$120.00
Totals	\$1,320.00

M/S/C – Bring, Duckstad (5,0)

Ag Services Director Bill Craig met with the Board, providing the 2018 Annual Feedlot Report. The Board approved and signed the 2018 Annual Feedlot Report. **M/S/C – Bring, Borowicz (5,0)** Mr. Craig shared information on a gravel pit certification program that he will participate in. Mr. Craig commented on budget concerns with the farm program.

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Bring	Mar-Kit, West Valley Annual Township Meeting, Transportation Advisory Meeting, Minnesota Rural Counties
Kiesow	NWRDC, Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, One Watershed One Plan, Annual Township Meetings for Moylan, Eckvoll, East Valley, and Espelie Townships, Inter Agency meeting with the DNR, Agassiz Wildlife, and Red Lake Watershed
Duckstad	Dancing Sky AAA (Area Agency on Aging), Warren Volunteer Fire Department Annual Meeting, Tri-Valley Opportunity, Northwest Regional Communications Board, Land of the Dancing Sky Board Meeting
Miller	MST Watershed, Warren Volunteer Fire Department Annual Meeting, Mar-Kit, Warrenton Township Annual Meeting

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

1. 2019 Tax Update
2. Legislative Update
3. Annual Township Meeting Notice for March 23, 2019
4. 5 Year Financial Report
5. Property Cleanup Update
6. Forfeited Tax/Delinquent Tax Update

7. Enbridge Line 3/Tax Court Update
8. Department of Human Services reporting commendation letter

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m. by Chairperson Kiesow.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER