

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 15, 2017 9:00 A.M.
Marshall County Boardroom

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order with Commissioners Sharon Bring, Gary Kiesow, Kenneth Borowicz, Rolland Miller, LeRoy Vonasek, and Auditor-Treasurer Scott Peters.

No persons came forth for open forum.

The Board entertained public comment regarding appointment of the Marshall County Recorder. Recorder Bev Lydeen, Chief Deputy Recorder Linda Hamrick and resident Rob Hestekind were present for this public comment. Ms. Lydeen stated that the Recorder's office is in favor of this appointment as it is the best avenue to ensure duty securities of this office. Mr. Hestekind does not support appointment as it is a voter's right to choose this position that should not be taken away. Ms. Lydeen indicated that other offices, including Assessor, and Court Administrator have gone from being voted upon to appointed. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Hestekind for his respective comments.

The Board approved the August 15th, 2017 meeting agenda. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow (5,0)**

The minutes from the August 1st, 2017 meeting were approved with corrections. **M/S/C – Bring, Vonasek (5,0)**

RESOLUTIONS 08-15-01

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 \$9,957.19
Commissioner Warrants \$376,941.50
M/S/C – Borowicz, Bring (5,0)

RESOLUTION 08-15-02

PER DIEMS	
Kenneth Borowicz	\$120.00
Gary Kiesow	\$300.00
LeRoy Vonasek	\$120.00
Total	\$540.00

M/S/C – Bring, Kiesow (5,0)

Social Services Director Chris Kujava met with the Board.

General Business

Social Worker Stacey Pagnac provided a Child Protection Services report.

Mr. Kujava provided Marshall County Social Services Work Group Statistics and Intake Demographics to the Board.

Director's Administrative Report

Mr. Kujava provided a positive Blues Audit and thanked all his staff for their work with this process.

Authorizations

Case Activity, Bills \$104,890.88, and Director Actions received Board approval. **M/S/C – Bring, Borowicz (5,0)**

County Recorder Bev Lydeen addressed the Board to review the 2018 Recorder’s Budget. Ms. Lydeen provided a Compliance Fund and Equipment Fund Report.

Northwest Regional Library Director Kristi Hanson addressed the Board to review the 2018 Library Budget. Ms. Hanson is requesting a 2% increase from entities for 2018. Marshall County currently provides \$86,000 annually for Library Services.

Highway Engineer Lon Aune addressed the Board.

Mr. Aune and Assistant Highway Engineer Rodney Teigen opened the following bids for an Espelie Township Bridge Replacement; project SAP 045-599-155;

Spruce Valley Corp.	\$201,883.00
Taggart Contracting	\$174,664.00
Davidson Construction	\$154,295.00
Triple D Construction	\$161,770.00
Earthworks Technology Inc.	\$182,259.25
Gladden Construction	\$162,539.50
R.J. Zavoral and Sons	\$172,865.00
Olson Construction TRF Inc.	\$168,987.00

Mr. Aune discussed the following items:

1. An employee leave of absence request for 10 hours requested by Chris Rux was approved by the Board. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow (5,0)**
2. Joint Ditch Agreement criteria was reviewed
3. Kurt Deter Response on ditch abandonment – this is not recommended
4. AMC Fall Policy Meeting

The Board recessed the regular meeting and opened the Ditch Authority Meeting. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Borowicz (5,0)**

Mr. Aune discussed the following items:

Branch M of JD 19 – cleaning request for north side of section 31 and 32 in East Park Township – Received Board approval pending JD19 Ditch Authority approval. **M/S/C – Borowicz, Bring (5,0)**

County Ditch 45 – Intercept – from the Marshall County Park by Florian north on the Wright/Wanger Township line – spot cleaning request for 2 miles received approval. **M/S/C – Borowicz, Bring (5,0)**

Eagle Point Township crossing replacement request on County Ditch 43 in Section 23 received Board approval. **M/S/C – Borowicz, Kiesow (5,0)**

The Board closed the Ditch Authority Meeting and reopened the regular meeting. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow (5,0)**

Veterans Service Officer Brett Brandon addressed the Board to review the 2018 Veterans Service Budget and future staffing needs. The Board approved to move Domita Mack to half time Veterans Service Administrative Assistant and hiring of a halftime position in the motor vehicle office. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Bring (5,0)**

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Lee Meier, Tammy Johnson, and John Wynne of the Northwest Minnesota Housing and Redevelopment Authority provided the Board with the annual HRA update. The Board approved to have Auditor/Treasurer Peters send a letter of support from the County on behalf

of the HRA to extend existing levy authority. **M/S/C – Bring, Vonasek (5,0)**

Marshall County Ag Association members Jeff Kroll, Cindy Anderson, Mike St. Germain, Bill Craig, and Jim Myrfield met with the Board requesting consideration for a Memorandum of Agreement proposal. The Board approved a modified memorandum of agreement with the Marshall County Agricultural Association. **M/S/C – Borowicz, Bring (4,0)** Commissioner Vonasek abstained from the vote due to a possible conflict of interest.

Van Swanson and Bill Craig addressed the Board to provide a 4H/Ag Services Update. Van indicated that the fair went exceptionally well this year with a number of kids making a state fair trip shortly. The food stand had increased numbers, livestock and regular exhibits were good, and the weather was very cooperative. Mr. Swanson has tendered his retirement notice at the end of this year and thanked the Board for their many years of support with the 4H program. On behalf of the Board Chairperson Miller thanked Mr. Swanson for his many years of dedicated service to our County 4H program.

Mr. Craig indicated that there are some noxious weed issues this year in CRP. The soybean and corn plots are doing well, but need some rain. Barley crops are coming off above average with good quality.

Engineer Aune rejoined the meeting and received approval on the following resolution.
RESOLUTION 08-15-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to advertisement for bids for SAP 045-599-155, bridge replacement with 2 lines 12' X10' box culverts, between Sec. 28 T. 155 N., R. 39 W., and Sec. 29, T. 155N., R. 39 W., the following bids were received:

Davidson Construction	\$154,295.00
Triple D Construction	\$161,770.00
Gladen Construction Inc.	\$162,539.50
Olson Construction of TRF Inc.	\$168,987.00
R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc.	\$172,865.00
Taggart Excavating & Septic Services	\$174,664.00
Earthworks Technology	\$182,259.25
The Spruce Valley Corporation	\$201,883.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Davidson Construction in the amount of \$154,295.00 be accepted. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow**

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Meeting/Report</u>
Borowicz	Mar-Kit
Bring	Mar-Kit
Kiesow	Red River Basin Commission, Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, JD 19 Project Work Team
Miller	MST Watershed
Vonasek	Mar-Kit, Tri Valley, MST Watershed

Auditor-Treasurer Peters provided the following for his report:

1. 5 Year Financial Report
2. Buffer Aid Consideration – The Board approved to allow Buffer Aid funds to be allocated to the Highway Department to utilize as needed for this program. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Bring**
3. Minnesota Department of Agriculture Draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule Comment Consideration – The Board authorized Chairman Miller and Auditor/Treasurer Peters to construct a letter indicating County concerns with this rule and opposing its implementation. **M/S/C – Borowicz, Bring**
4. Office Update
5. MST Watershed 2016 Annual Report

The Board, Engineer Aune, and Auditor/Treasurer Peters discussed the 2018 Budget/Levy.

The Board approved to contract with the University of Minnesota in 2018 for a fulltime 4H Coordinator position. **M/S/C – Bring, Borowicz (3,2) Aye – Borowicz, Bring, Vonasek. Nay – Kiesow, Miller**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. by Chairman Miller.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER