

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 19, 2017 9:00 A.M.
Marshall County Boardroom

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

The Board approved the September 19th, 2017 meeting agenda with additions. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Borowicz (4,0)**

The minutes from the September 5th, 2017 meeting were approved with corrections. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Vonasek (4,0)**

RESOLUTIONS 09-19-01

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.

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| Auditor Warrants | 9/11/2017 | \$32,100.23 |
| | 9/11/2017 | \$32,844.00 |
| Commissioner Warrants | | \$169,096.60 |

M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow (4,0)

RESOLUTION 09-19-02

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| Sharon Bring | \$120.00 |
| Gary Kiesow | \$300.00 |
| Domita Mack | \$60.00 |
| Rolland Miller | \$420.00 |
| LeRoy Vonasek | \$120.00 |
| Total | \$1,020.00 |

M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow (4,0)

The following Commissioner/Committee Reports were shared:

| <u>Commissioner</u> | <u>Meeting/Report</u> |
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| Borowicz | Mar-Kit, Extension Committee, JD 11/21 |
| Bring | Mar-Kit, Extension Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, Council on Aging, AMC Policy, Minnesota Rural Counties |
| Kiesow | JD 11/21, NWRDC, Red River Basin Executive Committee, Kiel/Fabian/Johnson Legislative Meeting |
| Vonasek | Mar-Kit, MST Watershed, Tri Valley, Area Agency on Aging |

Social Services Director Chris Kujava met with the Board.

General Business

Mr. Kujava shared the following reports with the Board.

- a. Child Support Performance Measures – The Board and Mr. Kujava commended Child Support staff with their diligent work in this area for the accomplishment of being 2nd in the State for Current Support Collections.
- b. Waiver Audit – commendations were given to all staff for their work for a very positive state report
- c. Volunteer Driver Program

Personnel

The Board approved to rehire Janelle Huerd for the open Eligibility Worker position.

M/S/C – Kiesow, Borowicz (4,0)

On September 27, 2017 Dr. Janati will be giving a presentation on communication to Social Services Staff in the morning and to all County Staff in a subsequent meeting at 1:30 pm.

Policy

A draft Sick Leave Donation Policy was reviewed. The County Policy Committee will meet to finalize, with Board consideration to follow.

The Data Practices Policy was reviewed.

Authorizations

Case Activity, Bills of \$108,579.72, and Director Actions received Board approval.

M/S/C – Borowicz, Vonasek (4,0)

Maintenance/Safety Coordinator Rodger Haugtvedt addressed the Board to provide a safety update, safety policy consideration, boiler update, elevator contract consideration, and tower roofing update. The Board approved to continue with the existing Safety Policy. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow (4,0)** A yearly full maintenance contract with Otis Elevator for \$1680/year was approved. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Borowicz (4,0)** The Board approved Mr. Haugtvedt to accept the next lowest quote from Klopp Construction for replacing the tower shingles due to the initial contract defaulting. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow (4,0)**

The Board recessed the regular meeting and opened the Ditch Authority Meeting.

M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow

A culvert replacement project on County Ditch 23 in section 30 of New Maine Township received Board approval. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Borowicz (4,0)**

The Board closed the Ditch Authority Meeting and reopened the regular meeting.

M/S/C – Borowicz, Vonasek

The Middle River Street Project is nearing completion and should be done before the Goosefest Celebration.

Houston Engineering Employee Tony Nordby provided the Board with a Swift Coulee/Marshall County Ditch 3 Project Overview and Funding options.

The Board approved the following Enbridge Energy Line 3 Support Resolution. The next Public Hearing regarding permitting requirements with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is set for September 26, 2017 from 1-4 pm and 6-9 pm at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls. The Board encourages the public to attend this meeting to voice their opinions or to provide some type of written correspondence.

RESOLUTION 09-19-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marshall County Board of Commissioners hereby enthusiastically and unanimously support the Enbridge Energy Line 3 Replacement Project for the following reasons:

Safety/Need – Safety is a concern by all when it comes to oil transportation, both individually and environmentally. Pipelines are the safest method of transportation. The existing Line 3 has aged to a point of not being safe under full pressure and is now operating at a lessened pressure. It is estimated that 4000 integrity digs will need to occur on this line over the next 15 years. Enbridge is willing to replace the entire line to address any identified safety concerns.

Reliability – Enbridge has a solid and lasting reputation for building and maintaining a transportation system that emphasizes safety, cost effectiveness, and responsiveness toward all issues that surround their business.

Economic Impacts – The most inexpensive method of oil transportation is pipelines, which is also a key factor for keeping the price at the pump the lowest it can be. Enbridge is willing to invest \$2.1 billion in this project in Minnesota alone and \$7.5 billion overall. Positive tax impacts exist with this industry and will be enhanced for all taxing entities. Oil transportation by rail is ineffective and ties up track time for rail transportation of area agricultural products. Enbridge is a leader with providing lasting employment and to be actively involved with communities across many states and two countries.

Multi-level Support – Individuals, businesses, current landowners that the pipeline crosses, townships, schools, County, 3 States – including North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and Canada have all given their support toward this project. North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Canada have approved the project. Minnesota should be a leader to support this project and not a follower of the other entities after the fact. The positive impacts are enormous on all areas listed above. There should be no hesitation or delays to provide approval of this project. If this project were to be voted on by the people of the Counties it crosses, we believe it would pass resoundingly.

Politics – It appears that this project has become political and it shouldn't be. If it is looked at for economics, safety, need, environmentally, or support, this project should have been underway a long time ago. It doesn't make sense to us that approval should not occur as soon as possible, without delay, as is being done in two other states and another country. We should be thanking Enbridge for their diligence in moving forward in a positive way to address this Line 3 issues that has been identified. The question is who wins then if this project is delayed or not allowed? Could this simply be a good old fashioned battle over profits from other less efficient and safe transportation companies? The State of Minnesota officials need to wake up and move this project forward, or we need to ask why should we be employing persons who work against the greater good of Minnesotans. The State is to be working for the people and not against the will of the majority. Who is listening to the people? Or if someone is listening are they 'hearing' what is being said? Enbridge listened, and were responsible to agree to do what is necessary to replace their existing aging Line 3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Marshall County, not only fully support this project, but find the recent comments from the Department of Commerce unacceptable and inappropriate as to their defiance of this project. We challenge Governor Dayton to direct state officials to ratify all aspects of the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement project as soon as possible. **M/S/C – Kiesow, Vonasek (4,0)**

RESOLUTION 09-19-04

WHEREAS, the departments within the County government of Marshall County have submitted proposed budgets for 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Board of Commissioners have reviewed and considered said budgets,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budgets for 2018 are hereby approved for proposed levies in the following amounts:

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| Revenue Fund | \$4,937,752 |
| Road & Bridge Fund | \$1,100,000 |
| Social Services Fund | \$900,000 |
| TOTAL | \$6,937,752 |
| Less State Paid Aids | \$486,441 |
| NET LEVY | \$6,451,311 |

M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow (3,1) Aye – Kiesow, Vonasek, Bring. Nay – Borowicz

Auditor-Treasurer Peters provided the following for his report:

1. 5 Year Financial Report
2. Distributed Farm and Home Plat Books
3. Investment Report

4. NWRDC At Large Member Request
5. Resignation consideration – The Board accepted the resignation of Darlene Bates, effective upon depletion of existing sick and vacation balances. The Board thanked Ms. Bates for her years of service to the County and wished her the best for the future. **M/S/C – Vonasek, Kiesow (4,0)**
6. PEIP Renewal information – Minimal increase for 2018. Open Enrollment is set for October 24 – 25, 2017
7. 2018 Wage Report Consideration

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Bring.

CHAIRPERSON,
MARSHALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____
MARSHALL COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER