

*The Anoka County Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled board meeting in Room #705 of the Anoka County Government Center. All members of the board were present. However, due to the applicable Governor's Emergency Executive Orders, and a determination by the board chair that public attendance was not feasible due to the health pandemic, there were no members of the public in the board room where this meeting was held. Notice of this meeting included that monitoring of this meeting by the public could be done through streaming over the internet or by telephone. Public monitoring in this manner was done pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021.*

## **ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

Government Center  
Anoka, Minnesota

June 9, 2020

Chair Schulte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| Present: | District #1 | Matt Look      |
|          | District #2 | Julie Braastad |
|          | District #3 | Robyn West     |
|          | District #4 | Mandy Meisner  |
|          | District #5 | Mike Gamache   |
|          | District #6 | Jeff Reinert   |
|          | District #7 | Scott Schulte  |

Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Tony Palumbo, County Attorney; and staff

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Commissioner Braastad made motion granting reductions of valuation and/or abatements of taxes, special assessments, costs, penalties and/or interest as requested and approved by the county assessor, county auditor and/or county treasurer. (A full text of persons receiving tax abatements is on file and available for public inspection in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Look made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending May 22, 2020, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending May 22, 2020. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner West made motion approving the minutes from the May 26, 2020, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion.

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Commissioner Meisner stated she would like her vote recorded as "no" on the call of the question relating to Resolution #2020-68, Advise And Encourage Support For Reopening Of Businesses And Churches Who Will Follow Requirements On Social Distancing, Safety and Follow State, Local And CDC Guidance at the May 26, 2020, Anoka County Board Meeting. Commissioner Meisner did not voice vote and, pursuant to Resolution 2020-1, her vote was recorded as "yes."

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Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Meisner, Anoka County's liaison to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, presented information relating to the committee and efforts to recognize and celebrate the county's multicultural population.

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Sheriff James Stuart presented information on the role of law enforcement in promoting and protecting diversity in our communities.

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Commissioners Schulte, Look, Braastad, West, Meisner, Gamache, and Reinert offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2020-70**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, RESPECTING AND SUPPORTING  
THE DIVERSITY OF ALL PERSONS IN ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, the nation watched in disbelief the videos of the horrific death of George Floyd while in police custody; and,

WHEREAS, following this tragic loss of life, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and all who loved him; and,

WHEREAS, our state and our nation are experiencing heartbreaking grief and deep anger; and,

WHEREAS, it is important that we as a caring community stand alongside one another and reaffirm our values of caring, mutual respect, and unity; and,

WHEREAS, as a community we are committed to creating an environment where everyone is valued and has a sense of belonging and hope for a bright future; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners supports law enforcement as it works to provide for safety and security of the public while it safeguards the right to free speech and assembly guaranteed in the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County is committed to having a workforce that is respectful of diversity and does not discriminate on any basis; and,

WHEREAS, people from various cultures and backgrounds have shaped our communities with their knowledge, history, art, and character:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners stands against discrimination and asks that we all work together to stand up against division in our society.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Chair Schulte stated that Anoka County will be sharing a joint press release today with Minnesota Consortium of Community Developers, Greater MSP; and Carver, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington Counties on a public-private business assistance program called Business 4 Business MSP. The metro-wide team will be creating additional short and long-term solutions to help small businesses.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee report from the meeting of June 1, 2020.

**Highway**

1. Commissioner Reinert made motion entering into Contract #C0007977, Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Lino Lakes for Project SAP 002-634-003, the reconstruction of CSAH 34 from Hokah Drive to 550 feet east of West Shadow Lake Drive; and authorizing the county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Transit**

2. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving Contract #C0004282, Amendment No. 2 to Agreement between Anoka County and First Transit Inc., for Operation of Anoka County Traveler Transit Link Dial-a-Ride Service, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. This amendment will extend the contract through April 30, 2021 and will be retroactive to February 1, 2020. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Look requested that the county considers the use of various types of vehicles to improve efficiency and decrease the cost of transit services.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Intergovernmental & Community Relations Committee report from the meeting of June 4, 2020.

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the following contracts for medical examiner services, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality (Contracts are on file in the Medical Examiner's Office):
  - A. Contract #C0007667A with Beltrami County, renewing contract from January 1, 2021, through January 1, 2024, with an anticipated annual revenue of \$40,000.
  - B. Contract #C0007671A with Morrison County, renewing contract from January 1, 2021, through January 1, 2024, with an anticipated annual revenue of \$20,000.
  - C. Contract #C0007320A with Hennepin Healthcare System, renewing contract from July 2020, through July 2026, with an anticipated annual revenue of \$24,000.

Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting of June 2, 2020.

1. Commissioner Gamache made motion awarding Contract #C0007747 to National Contractors, Inc., of Excelsior, MN, for the Coon Rapids Dam Visitor Center Windows Replacement project for a base bid amount of \$133,176.40, with Alternate 1 at \$31,354.95 (upper level, west windows) and Alternate 2 at \$14,383.82 (upper level east windows) included, for a total contract amount of \$178,915.17 funded through a Met Council Regional Parks Capital Improvement Bonding Grant Program, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Meisner made motion awarding Contract# C0007751 to Construction Results of Plymouth, MN, for the Manomin Restroom Renovation Project for a base bid amount of \$135,870, including Alternate 1 (siding) and Alternate 2 (roof), for a total contract amount of \$179,970 funded through a Met Council Regional Parks Capital Improvement Bonding Grant Program, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Gamache offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2020-71**

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE  
COON CREEK REGIONAL TRAIL MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the public interest for the County of Anoka to provide open space recreational facilities within the county; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka has through studies and evaluations developed a park and trail development program which has been approved by the Metropolitan Council; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka and the Metropolitan Council have designated a regional trail corridor through the City of Coon Rapids; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council requires an accurate master plan for this regional trail corridor; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka has worked with the City of Coon Rapids in a cooperative effort to locate and develop a pedestrian bridge along the regional trail corridor route through the city; and,

WHEREAS, the local city representatives have reviewed and commented on the master plan amendment and provided their own resolution of support:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Coon Creek Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Anoka County administrator, and authorizes its submission to the Metropolitan Council for its approval so that the trail facilities will be eligible for future Metropolitan Council grant funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Metropolitan Council, Anoka County Parks Department, and the local jurisdiction.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Schulte offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2020-72**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFTS**

WHEREAS, Anoka County was contacted asking if they had a need for cloth masks; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County residents Mary Kukowski, Cathy Wetmore, Marilyn Wahlgren, Mary Hannah, Luana Campbell, and Sharon Schrader were willing to voluntarily provide approximately 250 cloth masks to Anoka County at no cost to the county; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County utilized the washable cloth masks to provide staff members masks to wear when in common spaces where social distancing was not possible:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 465.03, does hereby formally accept the donation of washable cloth masks in the aforementioned manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to Anoka County residents Mary Kukowski, Cathy Wetmore, Marilyn Wahlgren, Mary Hannah, Luana Campbell, and Sharon Schrader for their caring and generosity.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Committee appointments:

1. Commissioner West made motion reappointing Patricia Preiner to the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers for a term ending January 17, 2023. Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion.

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Commissioner Reinert made motion to postpone board action on the reappointment. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Gamache, Reinert, and Look voted “yes.” Commissioners West, Schulte, Meisner, and Braastad voted “no.” Motion failed.

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Commissioner West made motion to call the question. Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Schulte, Meisner, Braastad, and West voted “yes.” Commissioners Gamache, Reinert, and Look voted “no.” The motion failed because it did not receive a two-thirds majority vote in the affirmative.

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After continued discussion by board members, Chair Schulte then asked for a vote on the previously pending motion to reappoint Patricia Preiner to the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers for a term ending January 17, 2023. Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Meisner, Gamache, Braastad, West, and Schulte voted “yes.” Commissioners Reinert and Look voted “no.” Motion carried.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Sivarajah  
County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Schulte, its Chair

*Motion carried means all commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively unless otherwise noted.*