

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 audio 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

October 27, 2020

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

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 West 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 October 9, 2020, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending October 9, 2020. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the minutes from the October 13, 2020, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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County commissioners recognized the following individuals, who were unable to be present today, for their years of service to Anoka County:

Anita Kaldi	30 years
Todd Benjamin	30 years
Christine Plombon	30 years
Patricia Miesen	30 years
Lori Benson	30 years
Terri Vaughan	30 years
Lisa McHugo	30 years
Sally Gauthier	35 years
Sharon Rasmussen	35 years
Vivian Fish	35 years
Jane Rose	35 years
Denal Wahlberg	35 years
Colleen Przewdziecki	40 years

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County commissioners recognized the following individuals present today for their years of service to Anoka County:

Joanna Bendiske	30 years
David Casale	30 years
Theresa Lindberg	30 years
Karla Risvold	30 years
Bruce Luikart	30 years
Mary Banister	30 years
Rhonda Sivarajah	30 years
Helen Schwagel	35 years
Linda Evavold	35 years
Donelle Lawrence	40 years

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Commissioner West presented the Management Committee report from the meeting of October 13, 2020.

1. Commissioner Reinert made motion approving the following personnel transaction:

A. **New**/Restructure - Administration/Facilities Management and Construction - effective November 2, 2020.

FROM: .7 FTE Office Support Assistant - Grade 007, range \$14.96 to \$23.03 per hour. PC#2017003192 (Incumbent is Janis Christensen.)

and

.3 FTE **New** Office Support Assistant - Grade 007, range \$14.96 to \$23.03 per hour. PC#2020003348

TO: 1.0 FTE Office Support Assistant - Grade 007, range \$14.96 to \$23.03 per hour. PC#2017003192

Note: PC#2020003348 will be eliminated.

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

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The following item came forward on an additional agenda:

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the following personnel transaction, as recommended by the Management Committee:

A. **New** Position - Human Services/Community Social Services and Behavioral Health - contingent on funding from a Minnesota Department of Human Services, Office of Economic Opportunity-Emergency Solutions Grant - effective November 2, 2020. PC#2020003368

1.0 FTE Social Worker - Grade C012, range \$23.28 to \$34.90 per hour.

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

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee Report from the meeting of October 19, 2020.

Highway

1. Commissioner Gamache made motion entering into Contract #C0007773, Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Coon Rapids for Project SP 002-611-036, the reconstruction of CSAH 11 (Foley Boulevard) between CSAH 1 (East River Road) and CR 3 (Coon Rapids Boulevard) in the City of Coon Rapids, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

2. Chair Schulte stated, for informational purposes, that the 2021 salt, sand, and brine fees provided by the Highway Department to cities and townships will be considered at a future board meeting.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Human Services Committee report from the meeting of October 20, 2020, which also acts as the Local Social Services Agency and Health Board.

CONSENT

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the following, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality:

A. Social Services

- (1) Applying for year-two renewal (April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022) of Contract #C0007464, the three-year federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

B. Public Health and Environmental Services

- (1) Entering into Contract #C0004488, amendment with the Minnesota Department of Health extending the SHIP grant through June 30, 2021, and Contract #C0008213 accepting SHIP grant funding from November 1, 2020, through October 31, 2025.
- (2) Entering into the following contract amendments with the Minnesota Department of Health:
 - (a) Contract #C0004432, Extending Women, Infants and Children (WIC) funding through December 31, 2021
 - (b) Contract #C0004431, Extending Peer Breastfeeding Support Program funding through December 31, 2021
- (3) Accepting Peer Breastfeeding Support Program funding from the Minnesota Department of Health relating to Contract #C0004431 in the amount of \$115,686 from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021.
- (4) Entering into the following contracts for 2021 Municipal Residential Recycling Program funding from SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) and LRDG (Local Recycling Development Grant):
 - (a) Contract #C0008080 with the City of Andover in an amount of \$115,400
 - (b) Contract #C0008083 with the City of Blaine in an amount of \$190,321
 - (c) Contract #C0008086 with the City of Columbia Heights in an amount of \$107,937
 - (d) Contract #C0008088 with the City of Coon Rapids in an amount of \$219,132
 - (e) Contract #C0008090 with the City of Fridley in an amount of \$129,931

C. Community Corrections

- (1) Entering into Contract #C0008275 (renewal) with General Security Services Corporation (GSSC) for officer-of-the-day services in a maximum amount of \$226,014 (0%) from December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2021.

(Contracts are on file in the Human Services Department.)

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

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SOCIAL SERVICES

2. Commissioner Braastad made motion entering into (lead county) Contract #C0008133 with Nexus Mille Lacs Family Healing's Steps of Success Children's Residential Facility for children's residential services at a per diem of \$248 from December 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- 3. Commissioner West made motion issuing a written statement of support to the Minnesota Department of Human Services for new substance use disorder treatment program licensure (245G) to be operated by Nystrom and Associates, Ltd., Blaine. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 4. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-127

APPROVING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACTIONS AND PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby approve and ratify the following client actions of the Anoka County Economic Assistance Department for September 2020: Medical Assistance and General Assistance medical payments in the amount of \$275,286.08 set forth in the Monthly Economic Assistance Actions and Payments Authorization document on file in Human Services Administration.

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

- 5. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-128

ACCEPTING GIFTS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Anoka County Social Services has received \$1,700 in cash donations from seven organizations for our Camperships program:

Teknapack, Inc.	\$200
Anoka American Legion Auxiliary Edward B. Cutter Post # 102	\$150
Coon Rapids Super Senior Club, Inc.....	\$350
Midwest Best Water Sales, Inc.....	\$250
First National Bank of Elk River.....	\$250
Graphic Finishing Services, Inc.	\$250
Brandt Criminal Defense, PLLP.....	\$250

; and,

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, no fund requests were received, so Anoka County Social Services will carry-over the funds for distribution in 2021:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 465.03, does hereby formally accept the cash donation of \$1,700 from seven organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to these donors for their generous donations.

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

- 6. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-129

ACCEPTING GIFTS FOR HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, Anoka County Human Services has been contacted by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation and Barbara Hughes, Grant Representative for the Friends of Fridley Seniors, about donating \$300 to the Anoka County Job Training Center; and,

WHEREAS, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation and Barbara Hughes, Grant Representative for the Friends of Fridley Seniors are willing to voluntarily donate these funds to the Job Training Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Job Training Center will utilize these funds to purchase personal protection equipment and/or products to use in common spaces where social distancing is not possible:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 465.03, does hereby formally accept the donation of \$300 in the aforementioned manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation and Barbara Hughes, Grant Representative for the Friends of Fridley Seniors.

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

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Information Technology Committee report from the meeting of October 19, 2020.

1. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving purchasing replacement wireless controllers and wireless access points in the amount of \$305,409.64 from CDW-G, 230 North Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061. Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving an amendment to Contract #C0004283A, agreement with TDS Metrocom, LLC, 30925 2nd Street, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472, for the continued use of analog and Primary Rate Interface (PRI) telephone lines in an amount up to \$129,840.00, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Information Technology Department.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Public Safety Committee Chair report.

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving and executing Contract #C0008285, the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) between the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, and Anoka County Emergency Management in the amount of \$135,327 with a term of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Administration Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Schulte made motion approving and executing Contract #C0008289, Memorandum of Understanding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2020 Local Solicitation between the City of Coon Rapids and Anoka County in the amount of \$10,373, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Administration Department.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Committee appointments:

1. Chair Schulte presented, for informational purposes, appointments of Stacie Sayre, Cretex Companies; and Jennifer Mudge, Local 292 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, to the Anoka County Workforce Development Board with terms expiring June 30, 2022.

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Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) Items:

Local Government Category:

1. Commissioner West made motion approving purchase and installation of glass panels at all Anoka County License and Passport Center counters at a cost of \$110,079 with the total amount to be funded with CARES dollars. (On April 14, 2020, the county board approved \$109,000 for this glass panel installation with funding from Asset Preservation. The bill came in \$1,079 higher.) The total project would now be paid for with CARES dollars rather than asset preservation. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving purchasing rigid tent flooring from Bike Track in the amount of \$24,998 to improve unstable and uneven work platform safety concerns for tents used for mobile and “pop-up” COVID-19 testing and potential vaccination sites. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Reinert made motion approving the purchase and installation of Global Plasma Systems Needlepoint Bi-Polar Ionization Air Cleaning Systems from Corval Group in the amount of \$372,340, handheld particulate counters from TSI in the amount of \$11,585, and a contingency in an amount not to exceed \$38,360. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving 5 years of online training from Virtual Academy Solution in the amount of \$10,432.80 allowing dispatchers to attend essential training courses. Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving installation and programming of a digital signage board from Tierney Brothers Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the Highway Department, creating a more socially distanced work environment. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Safety Net Category:

6. Commissioner West made motion approving providing \$84,000 in relief to non-profits as designated below for service expansion to citizens of the county that have been affected by the COVID-19 Health Pandemic:

Non-Profit	Amount	Service Expansion
Youth Way Ministries - Manna Market	\$ 84,000	Food support for homebound individuals

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

The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:27 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.