

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

November 10, 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 #3	Robyn West
	District #4	Mandy Meisner
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Absent:	District #2	Julie Braastad
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Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Tony Palumbo, County Attorney; and staff

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Commissioner Look 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.

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Commissioner Look made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending October 23, 2020, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending October 23, 2020. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the minutes from the October 27, 2020, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Chair Schulte congratulated Commissioners Look, Braastad, West, and Reinert on their re-elections.

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Commissioner West presented the Management Committee report from the meeting of October 27, 2020. All items were of an informational nature and required no board action. (Report is on file in the County Administration Office.)

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee Report from the meeting of November 2, 2020.

Highway

1. Commissioner Look made motion approving entering into Contract #C0007855, Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Anoka for Project SAP 002-716-020, improvements at the intersection of TH 47 and CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) in the cities of Anoka and Ramsey; and authorizing

the county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Transportation Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

- Commissioner Look made motion approving entering into Contract #C0007856, Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Ramsey for Project SAP 002-716-020, improvements at the intersection of TH 47 and CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) in the cities of Anoka and Ramsey; and authorizing the county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Transportation Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee Chair report.

Highway

- Commissioner Schulte made motion authorizing the county engineer to place an order for three (3) tandem axle plow trucks, as provided in the draft 2021 Highway Department budget. Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

- Commissioner Gamache made motion approving amending Contract #C0007177B with Chase Studio in the amount of \$110,000 to complete Phase II of the Design/Build contract for interpretive exhibits and displays at Wargo Nature Center, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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

Safety Net Category:

- Commissioner Meisner made motion approving providing \$99,456 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
Haven for Heroes, Inc.	\$ 9,456	Expand food service opportunities and cleaning and disinfection services for Veterans and their families.
Anoka County Community Action Program (ACCAP)	\$ 60,000	COVID-19 Rental Assistance Project
Salvation Army	\$ 30,000	COVID-19 Rental Assistance Project

Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Look, Schulte, Meisner, Gamache, and Reinert voted “yes.” Commissioner West abstained. Motion carried.

- Commissioner West made motion approving expanding the existing Transportation Assistance Program with an additional \$15,000 to assist with car repairs and insurance for county residents experiencing job loss/unemployment due to COVID-19 and needing reliable transportation. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:06 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.