

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in Special Session held at the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Board Chair Roger Falk. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Roger Falk, John Horner, Jack Swanson, Russell Walker, and Daryl Wicklund. Others present were Jeff Pelowski, Joleen Kezar, Kristy Kjos, Rich Gross, and Steve Gust. Others connected through WebEx were Brian Ketring, Martie Monsrud, Chris Stauffer, Sue Grafstrom, Liz Lund, Pam Grand, Jeff Olsen, Cindy Tangen, Diane Gregerson, Karla Langaas, Martin Howes, and Mike Trinka.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney Kjos requested the addition of a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota to the Consent Agenda. Coordinator Pelowski requested the addition of a Resolution of Support for the Roseau County Trailblazers Grant-in-Aid Proposal to the Consent Agenda. A motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Commissioner Horner, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coordinator Pelowski reviewed the draft Agenda for the April 7th Operations Committee/ Board Work Session. It was decided that the Board will meet in person, while the Department Heads will be attending via WebEx. Coordinator Pelowski presented the draft Agenda for the April 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting for discussion. Given the social distancing requirements currently in place, the logistics for this meeting will be challenging as there are two delegations scheduled, along with a Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the March 19, 2020 Emergency Meeting Board Proceedings; approved the March 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Proceedings; approved the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Roseau County Attorney and Sheriff, (see Resolution 2020-03-03 below); and, approved a Resolution of Support for the Roseau County Trailblazer, Inc. Grant-in-Aid Proposal (see Resolution 2020-03-04 below).

2020-03-03

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ROSEAU ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the County of Roseau on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to use systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications network for which the County is eligible. The Joint Powers Agreements further provide the County with the ability to add, modify and delete connectivity, systems and tools over the five-year life of the agreement and obligates the County to pay the costs for the network connection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Roseau, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Roseau on behalf of its County Attorney and Sheriff are hereby approved.
2. That the Sheriff, Steve Gust or his successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the Sheriff. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.
3. That the County Attorney, Kristy Kjos or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative for the County Attorney. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.
4. That Roger Falk, the Chair of the County of Roseau, and Jeff Pelowski, the County Board Coordinator, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement.

2020-03-04

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – ROSEAU COUNTY TRAILBLAZERS GRANT APPLICATION

BE IT RESOLVED that Roseau County supports the Roseau County Trailblazers, Inc. Grant-in-Aid Proposal and agrees to act as legal sponsor for funding received from the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance and grooming of the Pelan Trail System and the Beltrami Island State Forest Section 1 Trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the State, Roseau County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota and will comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations and conditions as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Roseau County hereby agrees to serve as the fiscal agent for the Roseau County Trailblazers, Inc. and authorizes the Board Chair to sign all related documents on behalf of Roseau County.

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

COVID-19 Pandemic – County's Response

Coordinator Pelowski was asked to provide an update. To summarize, all 132 County employees have been given the option to work from home (if possible), be on-call, or take voluntary time off (VTO). To date, 59 employees are currently working on-site. Also, the Department Heads have identified who would be in charge of their office should they be unable to perform their duties. Finally, discussion continues in the State Legislature concerning property taxes, as the first half taxes are due May 15th. Possible tax relief measures are being considered.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the Special meeting at 9:25 a.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Roger Falk, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota