

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 12, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

## CALL TO ORDER

The 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, Russell Walker, and Daryl Wicklund. Jack Swanson attended through WebEx. Staff present were Joleen Kezar and Rich Gross. Others attending through WebEx were Jeff Pelowski, Martie Monsrud, Brian Ketring, Sue Grafstrom, Pam Grand, Diane Gregerson, Kristy Kjos, Karla Langaas, Liz Lund, Chris Stauffer, Cindy Tangen, and Sandi Weiland.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously, (roll call vote).

## COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coordinator Pelowski reminded the Board that the Special Board Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020, 9:30 a.m., following the Social Services Board Meeting.

## APPROVE BILLS

A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Horner, and carried unanimously, (roll call vote) to approve the payment of the following warrants:

### Warrants Approved For Payment 5/07/2020 (Warrant #143161-143180)

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DEARBORN GROUP	3,637.97
MN DEPT OF FINANCE -TREAS	3,783.00
RIVERFRONT STATION	2,105.49
ROSEAU CITY	12,153.47
ROSEAU CO TRAILBLAZERS	6,389.97
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	2,224.57
14 Payments less than 2,000.00	7,675.30
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>37,969.77</b>

### Warrants Approved On 5/12/2020 For Payment 5/15/2020 (Warrant #143181-143230)

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
COULOMBE CONSULTING	5,040.00
DLT SOLUTIONS INC	8,561.60
DUDE SOLUTIONS INC	3,178.57
LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER	3,968.40
MTI DISTRIBUTING, INC	22,000.00
PENNINGTON CO SHERIFF	4,881.45
RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS	2,250.00
ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	4,776.58
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA	3,092.65
WATCH GUARD VIDEO	9,190.00
40 Payments less than 2,000.00	16,062.37
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>83,001.62</b>

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously, (roll call vote). The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the April 28, 2020, Regular Board Proceedings; and, approved the May 5, 2020, Special Meeting Board Proceedings.

## **COUNTY BOARD ITEMS**

### Tax Court Advisory Committee

Assessor Lund requested the Board form a Tax Court Advisory Committee consisting of two Commissioners, County Attorney Kjos, and Assessor Lund. Commissioner Falk and Commissioner Walker agreed to serve on the Committee. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously, (roll call vote), to approve the appointment of Commissioner Falk, Commissioner Walker, Attorney Kjos, and Assessor Lund to the Tax Court Advisory Committee. Assessor Lund requested that the Committee meet on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, to go over information obtained from the upcoming appraisal exchange.

### COVID-19 Situation Update

Emergency Manager Grafstrom provided an update for the Board; including Governor Walz rolling out a five-point plan for long-term care facilities last week; MDH presented a process for contact tracing, and for training as many people as possible to conduct the tracing; and, the Governor's "Stay-at-Home" order sunsets on May 18, 2020, so updated information will be forthcoming. Commissioner Walker asked about housing alternatives for positive cases, and their families if necessary, and how that housing will be managed to meets the needs of their clientele. EM Grafstrom responded that Northwest Community Action is taking the lead on the housing issue, and will manage this on a case-by-case basis. Social Services Director Langaas responded that the County would help families work through problematic situations that arise as well.

Coordinator Pelowski updated the Board regarding the County Resolution passed last week urging the Governor to re-open all County businesses. There has been no response from Governor Walz to-date; and, he noted that the Department Heads are working on a Preparedness Plan should the County facilities be allowed to be re-opened to the public.

Commissioner Swanson noted that the Association of MN Counties (AMC) Blue Ribbon Governance Task Force, of which he is a member, has asked the Governor's team to explain the rationale used to justify keeping small businesses closed, but have also not received a response to their request.

Temporary Employee Policy: A revision and/or extension is needed as the existing policy is scheduled to sunset on May 13, 2020. Coordinator Pelowski stated that no changes, other than extending the policy until June 10, 2020, are being proposed. A motion to approve the revised Temporary Employee Policy was made by Commissioner Wicklund, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously, (roll call vote).

### Commissioner Committee Reports (April 28 to May 12, 2020)

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Special County Board Meeting; Roseau River Watershed Board Meeting; Highway Department Leadership Meeting; Magnusson Land Meeting.

Commissioner Horner reported on the following committee(s): Special County Board Meeting; Warroad City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Roseau Community Meeting; Roseau Economic Development Authority Meeting; Emergency Management Stakeholders Meeting(s); Jadis Township Board Meeting; Roseau City Council Meeting(s); Special County Board

Meeting; Community Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting; AMC Blue Ribbon Governance Panel Meeting.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee(s): Special County Board Meeting; Joint Powers Natural Resources Board Meeting; One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Meeting; MRC Executive Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Wicklund reported on the following committee(s): Special County Board Meeting; Northwest Regional Development Commission Meeting; Magnusson Land Meeting; Land of the Dancing Sky Committee Meeting; Highway Department Leadership Meeting.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the Regular meeting at 9:25 a.m. The next Special meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., and the next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator  
Roseau County, Minnesota

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