

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014  
@ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Dan Schmidtke.

Commissioners present were Steve Flohrs, Elliot Belgard, Steve Pierce, Steve Donnelly, and Dan Schmidtke. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel Newspaper, Rod Halvorsen, KSUM/KFMC Radio, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda for the May 6, 2014 regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following additions: 8.11 Consider Declaration of Public Service Recognition Week; 8.12 Consider Resignation and Authorize Recruitment for Maintenance Worker I Position – Highway Department; 8.13 Consider Out of State Travel for County Coordinator; and 8.14 Consider Iowa Lakes Regional Water Termination Agreement. Carried unanimously.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, presented the Board Chair with a proclamation designating May 4-10, 2014 as Public Service Recognition Week.

Chairman Schmidtke read aloud the proclamation designating May 4-10, 2014 as Public Service Recognition Month.

**DECLARATION OF**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK**  
**MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*In honor of all public employees at the federal, state, county, and city levels:*

*Whereas:* Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels. These unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation working;

*Whereas:* Public employees take not only jobs, but oaths;

*Whereas:* Many public servants, including military personnel, police officers/deputies, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy employees, health care professionals and others, risk their lives each day in service to the people of the United States and around the world;

*Whereas:* Public servants include highway workers, librarians, public transit workers, teachers, corrections officers, dispatchers, attorneys, human services professionals, parks and recreation staff, safety inspectors, environmental workers, laborers, general support staff, computer technicians, court staff, social workers, and countless other occupations. Day in and day out they

provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and integrity; and

*Whereas:* Without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials;

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved:* The Martin County Board of Commissioners of the County of Martin, MN do hereby announce and proclaim to all citizens, that May 4-10, 2014, is Public Service Recognition Week. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels — federal, state, county and city.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, said proclamation was duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Proclamation designating May 4-10, 2014 as Public Service Recognition Month. Carried unanimously.

Bryan Stading, Senior Business Facilitator for Martin County, presented the 2013 Annual Report for the Martin County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA), and noted that the MCEDA partners with the Regional Center for Entrepreneurial Facilitation (RCEF) to provide free and confidential business consulting, training, and mentorship to individuals, start-ups, and established businesses across many industries in Martin County through a business facilitation program called IGNITE.

Stading continued with the 2013 Activity and Client results:

- Entrepreneurs consulted (start-up perspective) 32
- Consulting Hours 552
- New Businesses Created 4
- Businesses Stabilized 4
- Businesses Expanded 1
- Jobs Created and/or Retained 36

2013 Projects started and still in progress:

- County Branding Project – including mobile friendly website and red information packets in every city office.

- Business Retention/Expansion Study.
- Vocational training needs for area businesses.

2013 Success Stories:

- Cup 'n Saucer Café in Sherburn, MN
- Serenades Restaurant in Fairmont, MN
- White Orchid Boutique in Fairmont, MN

Stading introduced Chris Pierce, MCEDA President.

Pierce thanked Bryan Stading for the fine job he does; and also thanked the Martin County Board of Commissioners for their continued support.

Pierce next presented Commissioner Dan Schmidtke with a Certificate of Distinguished Service in recognition of his years of service, dedication and achievements in serving as an inaugural member on the Martin County Economic Development Authority Commission from July, 2007 through December, 2013.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby receive and file the CY2013 Martin County Economic Development Authority Annual Report. Carried unanimously.

Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, stated he has reviewed the Iowa Lakes Regional Water (ILRW) Termination Agreement and recommends approval. Viesselman went on to state JPA language noted that if the agreement is terminated Martin County and Jackson County are liable for out of pocket expenses incurred by ILRW. Viesselman noted Martin County's share of the out of pocket expense is approximately \$22,000 and recommended reimbursement to ILRW.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Iowa Lakes Regional Water Termination Agreement; and to reimburse out of pocket expenses incurred to Iowa Lakes Regional Water per the Agreement. Carried unanimously.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, stated the City of Trimont has been working with community leaders on a development project that will bring additional retail services to the community of Trimont, MN. Higgins went on to state Trimont City Officials and project developers are requesting 20 years of property tax abatement assistance through the City of Trimont and the County for the project. The abated property taxes would go towards the debt service on the bonds that would be issued to finance the public infrastructure for the project. Higgins noted in order to consider the tax abatement request, the County Board is being asked to set a public hearing on May 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room. Higgins noted additionally in order to proceed with the tax abatement for the project (and other development projects in the future) the County will need to establish a Business Subsidy Policy, which will be included as part of the proposed public hearing for Board consideration.

Higgins introduced Michael Bubany with David Drown Associates Inc., Public Finance Advisors for local units of government, to address the public hearing to consider a tax abatement for the purpose of financing certain development costs for the proposed Trimont Town Center Project.

Bubany stated the requested action is very simple today; we're just calling for a public hearing. Martin County has received a request from the City of Trimont for tax abatement assistance to finance a portion of the costs of construction of public infrastructure that will serve the proposed Trimont Town Center Project. Bubany went on to state if the building is built and the value is greater than it is today, taxes generated will be captured and Martin County will then issue a check to the City of Trimont every year for repayment of bonds issued by the City of Trimont for the construction of the Trimont Town Center. Bubany stated in order for Martin County to consider this tax abatement request the Board will need to hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of business subsidy criteria (Business Subsidy Plan); and the proposed tax abatement.

Dan Whitman, Martin County Assessor, stated we have not used this financing avenue in the past and will need to have a plan in place.

Commissioners discussed tax abatement versus Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts.

After further discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs,

R-#26/'14

RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A  
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A TAX ABATEMENT  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT  
COSTS FOR THE PROPOSED TRIMONT TOWN CENTER PROJECT

WHEREAS:

1. Martin County has received a request from the City of Trimont (the "City") for the provision of tax abatement assistance to finance a portion of the costs of construction of public infrastructure that will serve the proposed Trimont Town Center Project (the "Infrastructure Costs"); and
2. The County Board is authorized to grant tax abatement to finance a portion of the Infrastructure Costs pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 to 469.1815 (the "Abatement Act"); and
3. Because the requested tax abatement for the Infrastructure Costs exceeds \$25,000, it would be required to conform to the County's business subsidy policy and criteria, which the County Board must adopt after public hearing under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 116J.993-116J.994 (the "Business Subsidy Act"); and

4. The County Board has determined to hold the required public hearing and consider (i) the adoption of business subsidy criteria and (ii) the terms of the proposed tax abatement requested by the City.

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

1. Public Hearing. The County Board shall hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Martin County Courthouse, to consider (i) the adoption of business subsidy criteria; and (ii) the proposed tax abatement to finance a portion of the Infrastructure Costs.

2. Staff authorized. County staff is directed to publish notice of this hearing in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A, as required by the Business Subsidy Act and the Abatement Act. The notice must be published in the official newspaper of the County, at least 11 days but no more than 30 days prior to the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor:

Commissioners Donnelly, Belgard, Flohrs, Pierce, Schmidtke.

and the following voted against the same: None.

Whereupon said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Donnelly, Belgard, Flohrs, Pierce, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

Sterling Adamson, Trimont resident, was present and stated we're excited (about the project) and the City of Trimont has kicked in \$150,000 (towards the Trimont Town Center project).

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Engineer, stated over the past few years there have been requests for seasonal camping spots in certain Martin County Parks and that currently camping spots at Cedar-Hanson Park (Trimont, MN) and Perch Lake Park (Truman, MN) cost visitors \$20 per night for spots with utility hookups and \$10 per night for spots without utility hookups; and that campers have a seven night camping limit. Peyman went on to state since we are adding camping spots to Cedar-Hanson we thought this would be a good time to try a few seasonal spots. Peyman noted the Park Board is recommending four seasonal spots at Cedar-Hanson Park

and two seasonal spots at Perch Lake Park, at \$600.00 per month; and the seasonal spots will be available on a first come, first served basis; and the seasonal spots will be on a trial basis this camping season. Peyman went on to note the seasonal rate of \$600.00 per month is comparable to other for-profit campgrounds in the area; however, county parks do not have sewer hookups

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, hereby approve and set the 2014 County Park Monthly Camping Site Fee at \$600.00 per month for 6 (six) water and electrical camping sites at Cedar-Hanson Park near Trimont, MN, and 2 (two) water and electrical camping sites at Perch Lake Park near Truman, MN. Carried unanimously.

Sheriff Jeff Markquart stated the Martin County Sheriff's Office is recommending advertising to accept applications for the position(s) of corrections officer(s) to fill vacancies as they occur and to place eligible candidates upon the eligibility roster for up to one year. Markquart noted the Sheriff's Office has had an increased use of part-time correctional officers due to a couple of full-time staff members being out for a period of time.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize advertising for recruitment of candidates to fill corrections officer vacancies as they occur in the Martin County Sheriff's Office; and to place eligible candidates upon the eligibility roster for up to one year or until the County determines the list is exhausted of eligible candidates. Carried unanimously.

Markquart stated the Personnel Committee has met with the Sheriff's Office and discussed the need to increase the part-time patrol deputy wages. Markquart went on to state it has been approximately 7 years (2007) since any wage adjustments have been made. Markquart noted the current wage for the listed position is \$17.50/hour and the Personnel Committee is recommending a \$2.50 per hour increase. Markquart went on to note wage increases for correctional, communications, and transport officers will be requested during the 2015 budget workshops.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, as the governing board and having authority to determine wage for part-time positions in the Martin County Sheriff's Office, that includes Deputies (part-time and full-time licensed), hereby approve a wage increase for all part-time patrol deputies in the amount of \$20.00 per hour effective July 13, 2014.; and will follow non-union yearly wage adjustment schedule effective January 1, 2015. Carried unanimously.

Markquart stated the Sheriff's Office has accepted the resignation of full-time corrections officer, Amanda Keith, effective May 8, 2014 and asks the Board to do the same; and requests recruitment to fill the full-time corrections officer position.

Commissioner Pierce stated the recruitment warrants further discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept the resignation of Amanda Keith as full-time Corrections Officer for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective May 8, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce stated we've added some corrections officer positions in the past...do we really need them? Are we down and need them or are we satisfying the state?

Markquart stated we're down 2 (two full time corrections officer positions) right now from where we were.

After further discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the recruitment to fill a full-time corrections officer position with the Martin County Sheriff's Office. Carried unanimously.

Markquart stated the Sheriff's Office submitted the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant application and was awarded \$4,583.00 for FY2014. The grant will cover expenses incurred for patrol, enforcement, search and rescue, watercraft inspection, waterway marking and accident investigation.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard,

R-#25/'14

## RESOLUTION

### AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ANNUAL COUNTY BOAT AND WATER SAFETY AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Martin County enters into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the program entitled County Boat and Water Safety in the grant amount of \$4,583.00 to cover expenses incurred for patrol, enforcement, search and rescue, watercraft inspection, waterway marking and accident investigation effective January 1, 2014 and expires June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Martin County Sheriff, Chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, and Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, are hereby authorized to execute and sign such grant agreement on behalf of Martin County.

Motion made by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, and duly adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Flohrs, Donnelly, Belgard, Pierce, and Schmidtke. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

Markquart noted information for transporting inmates during the month of April, 2014:

- 6,741 miles driven
- 18 days (148 plus hours)
- 90 people were transported

Markquart continued with the current Martin County Jail population: twenty (20) in-house; four (4) out of county; and five (5) on EHM.

The Martin County Drainage Authority participated in a joint conference call with Watonwan County to set a public hearing date and time to hear the Final Engineer's Report and the Viewer's Report for JD #2 M & W.

Those present for the joint ditch conference call were: Martin County – Commissioners Flohrs, Belgard, and Schmidtke; and from Watonwan County – Commissioners Gustafson, Rentz, and Don Kuhlman, Watonwan County Auditor.

Martin County Commissioner Steve Flohrs will Chair the joint conference call with Watonwan County to set a public hearing date and time to hear the Final Engineer's Report and the Viewer's Report for JD #2 M & W.

After discussion,

Motion by Martin County Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Watonwan County Commissioner Rentz, to set the date of June 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Ormsby, MN, to hear the Final Engineer's Report and Viewer's Report on JD #2 M & W; and that the Martin County Drainage Administration Office will prepare the meeting notice and forward the notice to Watonwan County for publishing in the St. James paper. Motion carries.

Motion by Martin County Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Watonwan County Commissioner Rentz, to adjourn the joint ditch meeting with Watonwan County.

Don Reffer, B & W Control Specialists of Algona, IA, presented an update of maximum costs for continued brush maintenance of various county drainage ditch systems in 2014. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, hereby approve the B & W Control Specialists, Inc. quote for brush control along the listed open drainage ditches in Martin County for 2014; the quotes being a total maximum as follows:

<u>Ditch No.</u>	<u>Maximum Cost</u>
CD #72	\$ 1,000.00
JD #60	\$ 5,500.00 (No Spray Section 27 Waverly)
CD #3	\$ 2,000.00
CD #30	\$ 1,500.00 (Big Trees Section 18 Rutland Need Cut)
CD #72	\$ 4,000.00
CD #52	\$ 2,000.00
CD #63	\$ 1,500.00
CD #71	\$ 2,000.00
CD #2	\$ 5,500.00
JD #367	\$ 3,500.00
CD #47	\$ 750.00
CD #28	\$ 1,500.00
JD #2 M & F	\$ 5,000.00 (Split-Foliar App.)
<b>TOTAL MAXIMUM</b>	<b>\$35,750.00</b>

Carried unanimously.

Forshee noted on March 25, 2014 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jointly released a proposed rule to define the scope of streams and wetlands the agencies claim jurisdiction for protection under the Clean Water Act. In the fall of 2013 the EPA Office of Research and Development issued a report entitled *Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence* which summarized current, scientific understandings about water connections, the factors that influence them, and the mechanisms by which connected waters singly or in aggregate affect the function of waters downstream. The report was drafted to bolster the agencies' evidence that ephemeral-flowing streams and wetlands have a significant nexus to downstream, navigable waters. Forshee went on to note that Rinke Noonan represents many drainage authorities (including Martin County) across Minnesota that will be directly affected by the EPA and Army Corps proposed rule. Rinke Noonan is suggesting that each county in the watershed districts receiving this notification consider contributing \$500 toward a joint submission of comments. If enough counties and watershed districts join in submitting joint comments, the total cost of preparing and submitting the comments will be divided equally among all clients and any funds not used will be returned equally to each client.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, hereby approve contributing \$500 to Rinke Noonan toward a joint submission of comments drafted by Rinke Noonan discussing the county's concerns that the EPA and Army Corps' report

did not provide a clear understanding of the science behind establishing a significant nexus for making jurisdictional determinations over streams and wetlands. Carried unanimously.

Peyman stated the Martin County Highway Department has accepted the resignation of Chad Winchester, Maintenance Worker II out of the Trimont Shop, effective May 9, 2014 and asks the Board to do the same.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept the resignation of Chad Winchester, Maintenance Worker II, effective May 9, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Peyman stated due to the 512 miles of road that we maintain in summer and winter seasons, and that the Highway Department is running about as lean as it should be, Peyman recommends filling this position.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize recruitment to fill a Maintenance Worker I Position with the Martin County Highway Department. Carried unanimously.

Peyman presented a Highway Department update including road restriction posting going off this Friday – May 9, 2014; and recent fire at the Dunnell Highway Shop.

Higgins stated Kay Wrucke, Martin County Recorder, is requesting approval for hotel expenses for 2 nights lodging and meals for two days of travel to attend the annual Fidler Technology Educational Symposium conference in Rock Island, Illinois on May 19-21, 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Donnelly, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the out of state travel request for Kay Wrucke to attend the Fidler Technologies annual Educational Symposium to be held May 19-21, 2014 in Rock Island, Illinois, with all transportation cost, supplies, and food to be provided by Fidler Technologies, with the exception of hotel cost and travel meals which is to be expended from the Recorder's Office budget. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated as part of the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) compliance requirements for transit facilities that receive federal funding, it is required that the county have a policy on the maintenance of the facility. Higgins presented and reviewed a revised facility maintenance plan for the Martin County Transit Facility.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the revised Martin County Transit Facility Maintenance Plan effective May 6, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Higgins stated Commissioner Belgard requests that as a result of the public hearings held on April 22, 2014 pertaining to the proposed route for the ITC Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Transmission Project in Martin County; and that there are still some concerns about the proposed

transmission project (i.e. proposed routes); that it would be helpful if the County Board could send a letter to the appropriate officials/boards (i.e. Minnesota Public Utilities Commission) regarding these concerns.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed transmission line routes.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the Board Chair to draft a letter to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and other appropriate officials/boards stating concerns of the proposed ITC Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Transmission Project in Martin County. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented and reviewed a list of items from the county to be sold at the City of Fairmont auction which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2014 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the City of Fairmont Street/Park facility.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the disposal of county surplus property including items that were earlier approved to dispose of through the online auction; and to include new items as presented, to be sold by public auction on May 7, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Higgins requested approval to attend the Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference in Monterey, California on October 26-29, 2014. Higgins stated final approval for Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) scholarship is pending in the amount of approximately \$2,350.00 for expenses.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the out of state travel request for Scott Higgins to attend the Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference in Monterey, California on October 26-29, 2014 at an estimated cost of \$2,350.00; pending approval of scholarship from the Rural Transit Assistance Program for expenses. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize moving forward with securing booth space to display county office/department information at this year's Martin County Fair. Carried unanimously.

Commissioners presented their individual board member reports.

Commissioner Flohrs stated he attended a Labor Management Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m., and Martin County Association of Townships Annual meeting in Welcome, MN, on April 15, 2014; Human Services full board meeting on April 16, 2014; Park Board meeting at Cedar-Hanson Park on April 23, 2014; Personnel Committee meeting on April 24, 2014; met with Joel

Rabbe on the Trimont City Center Project on April 25, 2014; met with Human Services, James Forshee, and Scott Higgins on April 28, 2014; and attended the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting on May 5, 2014.

Commissioner Belgard stated in addition to those mentioned he attended the ITC Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV Transmission Project public hearings on April 22, 2014; and regular EDA meeting on May 5, 2014.

Commissioner Pierce stated in addition to those mentioned he attended an Insurance Committee meeting with Hanratty & Associates on April 18, 2014; and regular EDA meeting on May 5, 2014.

Commissioner Donnelly stated he had nothing new to add.

Commissioner Schmidtke stated he had nothing new to add.

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of upcoming meetings and activities: May 6, 2014 – Employee Appreciation Cook Out at 11:30 a.m., and Drug Court Plaque Presentation at 12:30 p.m.; May 7, 2014 – City Auction at 5:00 p.m.; May 8, 2014 – Soil and Water Conservation District meeting at 9:00 a.m., and Faribault and Martin County Transit Consolidation meeting at 10:00 a.m.; May 9, 2014 – GBERBA meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Mankato, MN; May 13, 2014 – Library Board meeting in the afternoon, and Family Dependency Drug Court Graduation at 2:00 p.m.; May 14, 2014 – Department Directors meeting at 8:30 a.m., and Human Services Exec. Board meeting; May 16, 2014 – Prairieland meeting; May 19, 2014 – MVAC and Workforce Council meetings in Mankato, MN (Commissioner Pierce will not be available to attend); and May 20, 2014 – regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

Commissioner Pierce inquired about the county’s delinquent taxes; and upcoming election training.

With no further business to wit, Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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Dan Schmidtke, Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator