

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015
@ 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 Steve Flohrs.

Commissioners present were Tom Mahoney, Elliot Belgard, Dan Schmidtke, and Steve Flohrs. Commissioner District Three is vacant. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Jeff Markquart, Martin County Sheriff, Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, Kevin Peyman, Martin County Engineer, Rod Halvorsen, KSUM-KFMC Radio, Desiree Diaz, Fairmont Sentinel Reporter, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda for the November 17, 2015, regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following: Add 8.17 Consider Resignation of Transport Officer with the Martin County Sheriff's Office; and Delete 4.4 Letter of Commendation – Martin County Sheriff's Office. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015, regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Pam Flitter, Martin County Zoning Official, introduced Denise Jorgenson, Administrative Assistant for the Martin County Planning & Zoning Office. Jorgenson noted she began her duties on November 9, 2015.

Chairman Flohrs introduced and recognized Bill Barry, driver with the Martin County Transit Public Transportation System. Barry received the Minnesota Transit Operator of the Year Award at the 2015 Minnesota/Wisconsin Public Transportation Conference held October 19-21 in Duluth, Minnesota. Flohrs noted Barry has been a transit driver for nearly 35 years; and that Barry was nominated for this award for his hard work, compassion and commitment to public transit and is the epitome of what is great about transit drivers.

Jeremy Monahan, Faribault-Martin County Transit Director, was present to request additional funds from each county to keep the Faribault-Martin County Transit System's cash flow going. Monahan noted because of the nature of the Transit for our Future Grant from MnDOT, we are required to spend our own cash before we get our 85% reimbursed back. Monahan requests an additional \$50,000 (\$25,000 each from Martin and Faribault Counties). Monahan also noted these funds will be paid back to the counties when the grant reimbursements are complete or a portion may be held by the JPB as a reserve account once operation of the new system begins.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the allocation of \$25,000 to the

Faribault-Martin County Transit Board (JPB) to be used for cash flow needs until such expenses have been reimbursed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation – Office of Transit. Carried unanimously.

Sonja Fortune, Executive Director of Red Rock Center for the Arts, was present to thank the County Board for their continued support of the Red Rock Center and the Martin County Preservation Association; and asked for additional support from Martin County to help defray costs for completion of a parking lot directly west of the Center. Fortune noted the parking lot project is estimated at \$40,000 and the Center has raised \$26,000 thus far. The Schellpeper family has offered to match up to \$5,000 of any new funds that are coming in right now for this project. Fortune also noted that 30% of the Center's operating income comes from rental income. Fortune went on to note this year we are happy to celebrate our ten year anniversary and reviewed the performing arts schedule for upcoming events at the Center.

The Commissioners thanked Fortune for her report.

Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, was present to address the issue of Fairmont Area Kinship taking over the Martin County Mentoring Network Program and how doing so may affect certain grant monies received for Martin County's Program. Viesselman noted in general we (the County) cannot give money to Kinship unless statutorily authorized which in this case, is not. Viesselman went on to note if Kinship were to take over the Martin County Mentoring Network Program, he will draw up a contract specific to the merging of the two programs.

John Schneider, Ducks Unlimited Conservation Program Manager for the State of Minnesota, was present to update the Board on a 280-acre land acquisition and restoration project on which Ducks Unlimited is working cooperatively with the Fox Lake Conservation League, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Tenhassen Farms, Inc. (Fred W. Kraemer) in Fox Lake Township. Once acquired, Ducks Unlimited will restore wetlands and cultivated uplands back to native prairie, and donate the land to the Minnesota DNR. Schneider noted the land is comprised of approximately 194 acres of cropland, 45 acres of lake (Round Lake), and 41 acres of trees, wetlands, grass buffers, and other non-cropped land. In partnership with the Fox Lake Conservation League, Ducks Unlimited is purchasing and restoring this land to buffer Round Lake, and to add habitat for nesting of waterfowl and other prairie wildlife. Upon donation to the Minnesota DNR, the land will become part of the Rooney Run State Wildlife Management Area and open to the public for outdoor recreation. Schneider went on to note during our brief ownership, Ducks Unlimited and our land holding affiliate organization "Wetlands American Trust" will pay all taxes in full. After transfer to Minnesota DNR, "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" (PILT) to Martin County will be made by DNR. 2015 taxes are \$7,066, whereas future PILT payments are estimated by DNR to be \$14,280. Schneider also noted this land acquisition was funded through a state Outdoor Heritage Fund (Legacy Amendment) appropriation to Ducks Unlimited in 2015 for "Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program – Phase IV" as recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. These state "dedicated conservation funds" resulted from passage of the Clean Water, Land, & Legacy Amendment to Minnesota's Constitution by Minnesota voters in November 2008.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, noted as the Board is aware we are looking toward the possible merger of the Martin County Mentoring Network Program with the Fairmont Area Kinship Program. Higgins introduced Anna Garbers, Kinship director, who along with Kinship board members including Greg Broolsma, Joe Schaffer, and Char Kahler, reviewed the Kinship-Martin County Mentoring Merge Tentative Plan including:

- Kinship will have access to all Martin County Mentoring match files and information.
- Kinship will take on the existing matches from Martin County Mentoring and Garbers will meet face-to-face with all current mentors – all matches will be treated fairly and equally regardless of location or program of origin.
- The newly merged program will operate equally throughout Martin County.
- Kinship will take on the existing waiting list from Martin County Mentoring – priority will be given to children who have not previously had mentors.
- Kinship will continue to manage the program according to Fairmont Area Kinship and Kinship, Inc. bylaws.
- At least one of the Martin County commissioners will sit on the Kinship board.
- An additional staff person will be hired – duties are not yet determined but would likely include some office work, activity planning, and fundraising duties.
- All current funds used by Martin County Mentoring will be directed to Kinship.
- Funds will be dispersed during this calendar year for any expenses regarding the merge (i.e. time spent reviewing files, meeting with mentors and mentees, etc.)

Garbers noted we were waiting to hear from the commissioners as far as what the next steps were to be and in moving forward, our biggest concern is that the number of kids in the Martin County Mentoring Program is down quite a bit and we want to make sure everything we do is in the best interest of the kids. Garbers inquired if both Martin County and Kinship are in favor of a merging of the programs, how long it will take to draft a contract.

Viesselman noted it should not take long to draw up a draft contract that specifically outlines the services we are contracting for including funding, the right by either party to terminate, insurance requirements, and indemnification clauses.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Martin County Attorney to move forward with drafting of an agreement for the merging of the Martin County Mentoring Network and Fairmont Area Kinship Programs. Martin County will not be hiring a replacement for the Martin County Mentoring Network Coordinator position. Carried unanimously.

Pam Flitter, Martin County Zoning Official, presented a list of Martin County Septic Loans for the year 2015 for certifications and assessments to property taxes for those listed in the amount of \$128,333.17. Flitter noted there will be an additional five loans that will be processed by the end of the year. After Board consideration and review,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, being presented the listing of the 2015 Martin County Septic Loans in the amount of \$128,333.17, plus an additional five loans that will be processed by the end of the year, to be certified and assessed to the respective properties, effective for 2016 as follows:

Loans granted during 2015 through the Martin County ISTS Loan Program. Apply the principal and interest to tax statements as a special assessment.

	Name	Parcel Number	Loan %	Years for Loan	Loan Type	Loan Amount
1	Armbrust, Gary	09.006.0500	4 %	10	<u>MC</u>	\$ 8,033.00
2	Cardona, Juan & Martinez, Veronica	19.024.0200	2 %	10	<u>MC</u>	\$ 8,034.35
3	Nordhausen, Kathleen	06.050.0350	4 %	10	<u>MC</u>	\$ 14,284.50
4	Flohrs, Craig	08.002.0650	2 %	10	<u>MC</u>	\$ 11,225.00
5	Thate, Joshua	14.006.0100	2%	10	<u>MC</u>	\$ 12,356.00
6	Dreke, David	18.001.0550	4%	10	<u>MC</u>	\$ 13,870.94
7	Betts, John	16.400.0100	2 %	9	<u>MC</u>	\$ 4,297.50
8	Truesdell, Cole	12.032.0550	2 %	10	<u>MC</u>	\$ 6,525.00
9	Gilbertson, Nila	17.550.0010	4%	10	<u>MC</u>	\$14,625.00
10	Hartmann, Jon	16.011.0600	4%	10	<u>MC</u>	\$12,043.33
11	Sorbo, Bryan	12.013.0150	4%	10	<u>MC</u>	\$9768.50
12	Owens, Peter	19.019.0150	2%	10	<u>MC</u>	\$8525.00
13	Musser, Bradley	16.019.0400	2%	10	<u>MC</u>	\$4745.05
GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOAN DOLLARS						\$128,333.17

Carried unanimously.

Flitter noted that annually the County Board sets the interest rate for the Martin County Septic Loan Program and that current interest rates are 2% and 4% dependent upon the applicant's household income. Flitter recommends no change in interest rates for 2016. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, having the authority to adjust the interest rates charged for the Martin County Septic Loan Program, after review and consideration, hereby approve the rate of 2% and 4% (no change from 2015) annual interest to be charged accordingly per the income level of the applicant's as described by the Martin County ISTS Loan Program for CY2016 effective January 1, 2016. Carried unanimously.

Kevin Peyman, County Engineer, noted the Highway Department has received the retirement resignation of Kevin Gorackowski, Highway Technician, effective December 11, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept the retirement resignation of Kevin Gorackowski, Highway Technician, from employment with Martin County after 30 plus years of service to the County and its citizens, effective December 11, 2015. Carried unanimously.

Peyman requested approval to recruit to fill the Highway Technician position.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize recruitment to fill the Highway Technician position. Carried unanimously.

Peyman presented a Highway Department update noting a speed limit change to Lake Aires Road is still moving forward and the district traffic engineer is on board with what we're trying to do with lowering the speed limit. Peyman noted it's very difficult because normally we have to do a speed study so they're trying to go about lowering the speed limit without the speed study because the stop sign pretty much makes the speed study impossible. He agrees looking at the layout it probably is justified; but we are waiting on the central office response and hope to have an answer for you by the next commissioners meeting. Peyman went on to note in what we call the Minnesota Manual on Traffic Control Devices, under stop signs, one of the first things it says are yield or stop signs should not be used for speed control and the big concern, and it is hard to argue, is that we're not trying to use the stop sign for speed control and so his concern is the same thing...that we're using the stop sign for its non-intended purpose. In advocating for the 30 mph speed limit with the MnDOT Central Office, the one condition will be that the stop signs have to come out of there.

Discussion ensued regarding the County's ability to immediately remove the stop signs upon notification from MnDOT authorizing a 30 mph speed limit.

After further discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve rescinding Highway Resolution No. 3-2015 Designating the Intersection of Lake Aires Road (CSAH 20) and East Amber Lake Drive as a 3-way stop intersection; contingent upon recommendation and notice received from the Minnesota Department of Transportation Central Office to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph on a certain section of Lake Aires Road. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Mahoney, Schmidtke, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. All Ayes.

Peyman concluded noting the Highway Department is business as usual for this time of year.

Corey Klanderud, Chief Deputy Martin County Sheriff's Office, was present and recommends the replacement hire of Danniell Myers as part time corrections officer effective November 29,

2015. The hire of Myers will bring the Martin County Sheriff's Office up to three part time correctional officers and is not an addition of hours; but divides hours.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the hire of Danniell Myers as part time Corrections Officer for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective November 29, 2015, at \$18.57/hour, not eligible for benefits; and is contingent upon successful background check. Carried unanimously.

Klanderud noted the Martin County Sheriff's Office has accepted the resignation of Jon Ellis, part time Deputy Sheriff, effective November 16, 2015, and asks the Board to do the same.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept the resignation of Jon Ellis as part time Deputy for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective November 16, 2015. Carried unanimously.

Jeff Markquart, Martin County Sheriff, was present and noted the Martin County Sheriff's Office has submitted the Snowmobile Enforcement Grant application and was awarded \$6,138 for FY2016. Markquart went on to note the effective date of the Grant is October 15, 2015, and expires June 30, 2017. Markquart also noted the grant will cover costs related to labor and equipment dedicated to snowmobile safety enforcement and its maintenance.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke,

R-#43/'15

RESOLUTION
SNOWMOBILE ENFORCEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that Martin County enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the program entitled Snowmobile Enforcement Grant for FY2016 in the amount of \$3,069 annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Martin County Sheriff's designated representative and Board of Commissioners Board Chair is hereby authorized to execute and sign such grant agreement on behalf of Martin County.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, and seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Flohrs, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Schmidtke, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2015.

Markquart noted the Martin County Sheriff's Office has accepted the resignation of Chuck Dobson, Transport Officer, effective October 1, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept the resignation of Chuck Dobson as Transport Officer for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective October 1, 2015. Carried unanimously.

Markquart presented a brief Martin County Jail Population update including twenty-five (25) in-house and eighteen (18) in Faribault County.

Klanderud noted Martin County's current jail food service contract with Hy-Vee (Fairmont) will end December 31, 2015; and recommends soliciting proposals for jail food service for a two year term.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, noted bid proposals will be received until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, and opened and reviewed during the regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

Higgins opened discussion recommending the addition in the food services specifications of a negotiation clause for an additional two years.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize advertisement for bids for the Martin County Jail Food Service Contract for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2017. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented a resolution for approval of a newly hired Sheriff's Deputy to be included on the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Belgard,

R-#45/'15

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police or sheriff departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, of County of Martin hereby declares that the position of Deputy Sheriff, currently held by Employee #112, meets all of the following Police and Fire Plan membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. Said position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the named employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire Plan salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

State of Minnesota
County of Martin

I, Scott Higgins, clerk of County of Martin, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of the resolution that was adopted at a meeting held on the 17th day of November, 2015; the original of which is on file in this office. I further certify that 4 members voted in favor of this resolution and that 4 members were present and voting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Belgard, Schmidtke, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2015.

Higgins presented a blanket resolution approving future newly hired part time deputies as members of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke,

R-#46/'15

BLANKET RESOLUTION FOR
FUTURE QUALIFYING PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 353.64, Subdivision 2, permits the governing body of a governmental subdivision to declare that a position is that of a police officer and that the person

who holds said position on a part-time basis is to be covered by the Police and Fire retirement plan if the following employment duties and qualification requirements are met.

1. The position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board and the employee is so licensed;
2. The primary (over 50%) duty of the position is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. The position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. The position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. The position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Martin County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that the position of Deputy Sheriff in the Martin County Sheriff's Department satisfies all of the requirements listed above and declares its desire to provide all future employees holding said part-time law enforcement position with coverage under the Police and Fire Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governmental unit will provide a copy of this resolution to PERA each time it provides Police and Fire Membership to a person who is hired to said part-time position and will indicate the name of the employee eligible for such coverage.

State of Minnesota
County of Martin

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Schmidtke, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2015.

James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, recommended a second year-end bill payment cycle in December, 2015. Forshee noted the cut-off date is noon on December 23, 2015, for vouchers with checks mailed out on December 28, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve a second year-end bill payment cycle; and authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to approve such bill payments for December 28, 2015. Carried unanimously.

Higgins noted the statewide formula for County Program Aid (CPA) funding has been a big issue of concern by counties throughout Minnesota. The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) commissioned a work group to come up with a CPA formula or legislative action that

would be sustaining for all counties. Higgins reviewed a resolution confirming Martin County's endorsement of the revised County Program Aid noting the following revisions to the Minnesota County Program Aid Formula:

- A funding increase of \$40 million;
- The creation of a funding floor that guarantees each county \$350,000 in tax base equalization aid ("TBEA");
- Adjustments to the TBEA formula factors to slow down counties' loss of TBEA funding, including: an increase of the per capita factor to \$190 and a decrease of the county adjusted net tax capacity (ANTC) factor to 9 percent;
- The elimination of special funds and transition aid; and
- The creation of a 5% cap on annual CPA losses; ensuring no county will lose more than 5% of its funding each year.

After review and discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke,

R-#44/'15

RESOLUTION
AFFIRMING MARTIN COUNTY'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE REVISED
COUNTY PROGRAM AID FORMULA DEVELOPED BY
THE ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES'
COUNTY PROGRAM AID WORK GROUP

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties are mandated by the state to provide essential services in many program areas including human services, public safety, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, counties depend on County Program Aid ("CPA") for the financial sustainability of these state-mandated, county-administered services; and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the CPA formula, pursuant MS Chapter 447A.0124, creates considerable volatility in the fund's distribution, interfering with the counties' abilities to accurately budget for essential services; and

WHEREAS, the current formula's inadequacies have also resulted in the dramatic reduction of funding for one-third of counties, that have lost at least 50 percent of their funding since 2005; and

WHEREAS, despite fluctuations over the past ten years, the state appropriation to the 2015 CPA is equal to the 2005 appropriation making it greatly depressed in terms of inflation; and

WHEREAS, the revised CPA formula in conjunction with additional funding will enable counties to continue to provide quality services that may also translate into reductions in county levies, decreasing the tax burden of Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS, in October 2014, the Association of Minnesota Counties assembled the CPA Work Group including leadership from twenty counties and representatives from the Metropolitan Inter-County Association and the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus to analyze and develop a CPA formula that reflects the pressing needs of Minnesota's counties; and

WHEREAS, the CPA Work Group unanimously approved a revised CPA formula that benefits all Minnesota Counties by reducing volatility and ensuring a fair distribution of CPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Counties that represents the diverse interests of Minnesota's 87 counties, voted to support the proposed CPA formula revisions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Martin County endorses the following revisions to the Minnesota County Program Aid Formula:

- A funding increase of \$40 million;
- The creation of a funding floor that guarantees each county \$350,000 in tax base equalization aid ("TBEA");
- Adjustments to the TBEA formula factors to slow down counties' loss of TBEA funding, including: an increase of the per capita factor to \$190 and a decrease of the county adjusted net tax capacity (ANTC) factor to 9 percent;
- The elimination of special funds and transition aid; and
- The creation of a 5% cap on annual CPA losses; ensuring no county will lose more than 5% of its funding each year.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, and unanimously carried, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Flohrs, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Mahoney, Schmidtke, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2015.

Higgins noted that annually the Commissioners review Citizen Advisory Boards/Commissions for (re)appointments for those terms expiring December 31, 2015. Higgins went on to note Brent Schultze and Larry Baarts are both eligible and interested in serving an additional term serving on the EDA Commission; and that Gary Schaub and Rodney Erickson are both eligible and interested in serving an additional term serving on the Planning and Zoning/Board of Adjustment.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the (re)appointments of the following Martin County citizens to the following Citizen Advisory Boards/Commissions: the reappointment of Brent Schultze and Larry Baarts to serve on the Martin County Economic Development Authority Commission for an additional three-year term beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2018; and the reappointment of Gary Schaub and Rodney Erickson to serve on the Planning and Zoning/Board of Adjustment for an additional three-year term beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2018. Carried unanimously.

Higgins presented the Advertising contract with the Fairmont Sentinel for the year 2016, stating that the new display advertising contract for 750 inches is at the rate of \$12.35 per column inch; and that the Classified Advertising contract for 100 inches is at the rate of \$8.80 per column inch. Higgins noted the rates have increased 2.3% and 2.5% over last year respectively and recommends the new rates.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Advertising Contract with the Fairmont Sentinel at the following rates: for Display Advertising Contract for 750 inches at a rate of \$12.35 per column inch; and the Classified Advertising contract for 100 inches is at a rate of \$8.80 per column inch for the year 2016. Carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed warrants to be paid November 17, 2015.

Forshee noted Human Services came over for the monthly draw last week and requested an additional draw in the amount of \$100,000; and said that the joint board would be meeting next Wednesday and they wanted the draw right away. Forshee noted they could get the monthly draw but the special draw would be presented at today's Martin County and Faribault County Commissioners meetings for consideration.

After review and discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve additional draw request from Human Services of Faribault and Martin Counties. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve bills to be paid on November 17, 2015, as presented; and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

Warrants received and paid November 17, 2015, are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue Fund – Warrants Approved November 17, 2015	\$284,169.21
Recreation and Safety Fund	\$ 200.00

Martin Co. Economic Development Authority	\$ 848.32
Solid Waste Management Fund	\$ 35,620.23
Law Library Fund	\$ 1,839.56
Martin County Transit Fund	\$ 77,492.25
Recorder's Technology	\$ 2,000.00
Ind. Sewage Treatment Sys. Loans	\$ 32,861.91
Bank Building Fund	<u>\$ 743.50</u>
Total	\$435,774.98

Road and Bridge Funds Totaled	\$170,201.52
Martin County Ditch Funds Totaled	\$209,995.11

The Board reviewed information and reports including: Monthly Financial Report (October 2015); Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) 2014 Annual Report; MCIT 2015 Building Appraisal Report; and Martin County Transit Quarterly Report (3rd Quarter).

Commissioners presented their individual board member reports.

Commissioner Schmidtke noted he attended the Public Hearing for Final Viewers Report for the Redetermination of Benefits for CD #6, CD #8, CD #13, CD #26, JD #13 and JD #29 at 2:00 p.m. on November 3, 2015; Martin County EDA meeting on November 9, 2015; Prairieland meeting on November 13, 2015; and Extension Committee meeting on November 17, 2015.

Commissioner Mahoney noted in addition to what has already been mentioned he attended AMC District Policy meeting in Blue Earth, MN, and Bureau 14 meeting on November 4, 2015; Park Board meeting on November 12, 2015; Faribault-Martin Joint Transit Executive Board meeting on November 11, 2015; and Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Minnesota Valley Action Council meetings on November 16, 2015.

Commissioner Belgard noted he had nothing new to add to what has already been mentioned.

Commissioner Flohrs noted he attended a Martin County Growers breakfast, and Library Board meeting on November 10, 2015; Soil and Water meeting on November 12, 2015; delivered Thanksgiving meals for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon on November 14, 2015; attended the 4-H Recognition Banquet on November 15, 2015; Rural Minnesota Energy Board meeting in Slayton, MN, and Minnesota Valley Action Council meeting on November 16, 2015; and Extension Committee meeting on November 17, 2015.

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of upcoming meetings and activities: November 17, 2015 – Continuation Hearings on JD #367 and CD #29 at 2:00 p.m.; November 18, 2015 – Surface Water Conference in Wells, MN, and Department Director meeting at 8:30 a.m.; November 19, 2015 – South Central EMS meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Regional Radio Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Mankato, MN, Faribault-Martin County Joint Transit public meeting in Blue Earth, MN; November 19 & 20, 2015 – State to State Broadband meeting in Minneapolis, MN; November 20, 2015 – Faribault-Martin County Joint Transit Full Board meeting in the Sisseton Conference Room – Martin County Courthouse, and 26th Annual Glows Parade at 6:00

p.m.; November 23, 2015 – Rural Minnesota Energy Board meeting in Slayton, MN; November 24, 2015 – Martin County Tax Forfeited Land Sale at 10:00 a.m. – Commissioners Meeting Room; November 25, 2015 – Human Services Full Board meeting in Fairmont (Commissioner Flohrs will be absent); November 26-27, 2015 – Thanksgiving Holiday (Courthouse Closed); November 30, 2015 – Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting; December 1, 2015 – Joint Meeting with Martin Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors at 7:00 a.m. at The Ranch Restaurant, regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m., and Labor Management meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Sisseton Conference Room.

Higgins opened discussion and reviewed dividends received from Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust; Stages of the ITC Project starting this month and moving forward; and Department Director Performance Evaluations with Personnel Committee the first week of December, 2015 (11:00 a.m. on December 2nd and 1:00 p.m. on December 3rd).

Forshee briefly reviewed the CY2016 Proposed Budget increase of 7.64% for presentation at the Truth in Taxation meeting on December 3, 2015.

With no further business to wit, Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator