

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018
@ 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 Mahoney. Commissioners present were Mahoney, Belgard, Flohrs, and Smith. Commissioner Schmidtke was absent. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Kevin Peyman, County Engineer, Jeff Markquart, Martin County Sheriff, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda for the July 3, 2018, regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following additions: 5.0 Sheriff's Office Update, and 9.5 Consider Joint Powers Agreements for recount of ballots cast in the 2018 Primary and General Elections. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018, regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Jeff Markquart, Martin County Sheriff, presented an update on the State of Emergency for Martin County for conditions resulting from the rain and flooding event on June 16, 2018, and ongoing. Markquart noted paperwork declaring the damage assessment to date in the amount of \$369,548.00 was sent into the state; with one city and one township that have not reported yet so there may be additional amounts to add to that total. Markquart went on to note I received an email this morning saying that the state is going to close this event today so anything happening after today will be on a different event if one is declared.

Markquart went on to address the No Wake Rule noting the Rule is in effect through Thursday, July 5, 2018, and will be reassessed for the upcoming weekend; and presented a current Martin County Jail Population update including thirty-two (32) in custody: twenty-three (23) in-house, nine (9) out of county, and six (6) on Electronic Home Monitoring.

Chair Mahoney noted the County is looking for citizens to serve on the Martin County EDA Commission and the Martin County Parks/Trail Committee.

No action taken on citizen appointment(s) to the Martin County EDA Commission or the Martin County Parks/Trail Committee.

Gary Hanson, Owner - Flying Goose Campground, was present to express his safety concerns and request incorporating a passing lane and a turning lane into the Campground during the course of the upcoming CSAH 26 construction. Hanson noted that as owner of the campground for the last twelve years he has observed that there is a safety and traffic hazard that he is concerned about. Hanson went on to note he never realized just how busy County Road 26 really is. You have the morning traffic to and fro to Blue Earth and again in the evening and this creates a real hazard and bottleneck on weekends from mid-May through mid-September. Hanson also noted I wanted to express to you what is going on and thought perhaps with the CSAH 26 construction that maybe something could be done.

Kevin Peyman, County Engineer, was present and noted he spoke with Gary (Hanson) a week or two ago and noted that of the two types of construction – complete reconstruction and overlay – Hanson's request falls more into a complete reconstruction project. On overlays generally we replace what is existing. Peyman went on to note I don't doubt that there is probably some isolated congestion at times and there's really no accident history that I could find. Turn lanes like this really don't help traffic coming out – it only helps traffic going in. And turn lanes that help generate private business are usually paid for by the business itself.

Peyman continued with Gary's concerns I did draw up a map with a right turn lane coming from the west heading east and then for traffic going the other way you would have a bypass lane just for traffic turning into the campground. This is a little trickier because it is 100% traffic into a private business. Peyman noted the cost for the design, using bid costs for what the project bid currently are, would be just under \$30,000. Peyman went on to note I'm not opposed to a rebuild but since there is no accident history to support it and the backup of traffic is isolated I worry the can of worms that could open. Peyman requested guidance from the Board and noted he would be willing to look at this request if there was some type of cost participation requirement from the private business as this could really change the scope of overlays if we start doing things like this for private business.

Much discussion ensued regarding the Hanson's request to incorporate turning and passing lanes by Flying Goose Campground during the CSAH 26 construction project.

After further discussion,

Consensus of the Board is for Kevin Peyman, Gary Hanson, Commissioner Belgard, and Commissioner Flohrs to meet out at the Flying Goose Campground this week to further discuss the turning and bypass lane on CSAH 26 for consideration at the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

Peyman noted the Board had authorized the recruitment and replacement of a Maintenance Worker Position (out of the Fairmont shop) and that there were eight (8) applicants. Peyman went on to note that interviews were held and Peyman recommends the hire of Matthew Morris pending satisfactory reference checks and pre-employment drug tests.

Motion by Commissioner Flohrs, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of County Highway Engineer, hereby approve the hire of Matthew Morris, Maintenance Worker out of Fairmont, MN, at Grade 11 Step 1 at \$18.87/hour for the Martin County Highway Department effective on or about July 30, 2018; contingent upon satisfactory reference and required pre-employment drug test; and is eligible for benefits per the County Personnel Policies as it applies to this position. Carried unanimously.

Peyman presented a Highway Department Update on the CR 26 Construction Project including an estimated start date the end of July or first part of August.

Chairman Mahoney read aloud a proclamation designating Friday, August 24, 2018, as American Legion Day.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs,

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Veterans have been sacrificing their time, their skills, their service and their lives defending liberty and country since the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, the state's largest veterans' organization, is nearing a century of service to our veterans, our youth and our communities; and

WHEREAS, over those 100 years, the Legion has developed such programs as Boys State, Girls State, Legion Baseball, Legionville Safety Patrol Camp and three ongoing Research Chairs at the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the first national convention of The American Legion was held in Minneapolis in November 1919; and

WHEREAS, the 100th national convention of The American Legion will be held in Minneapolis in August 2018; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, and its members have put millions of volunteers, plus their talent and treasure into projects that have made this state, county and city a better place to live.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commissioners of County of Martin, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 24, 2018, as

AMERICAN LEGION DAY

and congratulate The American Legion and The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, and Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post #36 on its proud record of service, and its commitment to another 100 years of helping veterans, guiding our youth and lifting up our communities.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, said proclamation was duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of July, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Tom Mahoney, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Smith, Flohrs, Belgard, and Mahoney. NAYS: None. Absent: Commissioner Schmidtke. Proclamation duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of July, 2018.

The Board reviewed CY2019 Budget Allocation Requests received from the Small Business Development Center and Martin SWCD; and reviewed the CY2019 Levy Assessment received from Region Nine Development Center.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby receive and file the CY2019 Budget Allocation Requests from: Small Business Development Center in the amount of \$1,000.00, and Martin SWCD in the amount of \$98,000.00; and Levy Assessment request from Region Nine Development Commission in the amount of \$70,968.00. Carried unanimously.

James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, presented and reviewed Joint Powers Agreements for reimbursement by the State for assisting in the recount of ballots cast in the 2018 Primary and General Elections. Forshee noted the County will be paid four cents for each ballot handled in the course of any recount covered by these Agreements.

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 the Joint Powers Agreements for reimbursement by the State in the amount of four cents for each ballot handled, with a minimum of \$100, for assisting in the recount of ballots cast in the 2018 Primary Election Recount and General Election Recount. Carried unanimously.

Michael Forstner, Martin County Drainage Administrator, noted Dennis Larson is requesting damage payment for 14.4 acres that he didn't plant in the construction corridor on the CD #29 Improvement Project. Forstner recommends payment at \$250 an acre which is the same value set by Viewers for temporary damages for a total of \$3,600.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of Martin County Drainage Administrator, hereby approve and authorize damage payment in the amount of \$3,600.00 (14.4 unplanted acres at \$250/acre) to Dennis Larson on the CD #29 Improvement Project. Carried unanimously.

Forstner presented an update on JD #74 (by Interlaken Road) including that there were tree roots in that tile and Beemer Companies was hired to knock the roots out with their jetter machine; the water has gone down and trees have been removed on the north and south side of the road and a couple more that will probably have to come out. Mr. Neusch was in yesterday and they haven't had a chance to televise that because the pipe is still too full of water to see how good a condition the pipe is in. But he put a word in that when it gets to that point he thinks that tile should be replaced. I was already able to see some spots that weren't in the best of shape but there are a lot of utilities in there. It goes under the City Street and garage...and fiber, telephone, and gas lines. We'll have to see what we can do. To bore that whole length would be 300 feet...that's pretty well a directional bore. A lot of the landowners wouldn't want to pay for that directional bore because their tile was there first and that's a valid argument. Forstner noted once the water goes down and we can run the camera up we'll have a better idea of the condition of the pipe.

The Board reviewed warrants to be paid July 3, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve bills to be paid on July 3, 2018, and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

Warrants received and paid July 3, 2018, are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue Fund – Warrants Approved July 3, 2018	\$ 818,095.64
Martin County Economic Development Fund	\$ 6,019.90
Solid Waste Management Fund	\$ 7,200.47
Human Services Fund	\$ 298,193.67
County Attorney's Forfeiture Fund	\$ 180.00
Recorder's Compliance Fund	\$ 2,325.00
Bank Building Fund	<u>\$ 585.25</u>
Total	\$1,132,599.93
Road and Bridge Funds Totaled	\$ 115,985.17
Martin County Ditch Funds Totaled	\$ 11,902.38

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of previous and upcoming meetings and activities: June 19, 2018 – regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 4:30 p.m. and Board of Equalization at 6:30 p.m.; June 20, 2018 – Region Nine Annual Meeting in North Mankato, Human Services full board meeting and F-M Joint Transit full board meeting; June 21, 2018 – Traverse des Sioux Library meeting; June 25, 2018 – Kinship meeting and JCD #350 meeting in Trimont, Minnesota; June 26, 2018 – CY2019 departmental budget meetings, and Conservation and Lyons picnic at Sherburn, Minnesota; June 27, 2018 – Special Emergency Declaration meeting at 4:00 p.m., CVB meeting, CY2019 departmental budget meetings, and Transit meeting with the City of Fairmont; June 28, 2018 – Water Plan meeting, Building Committee meeting, and meeting with the City of Fairmont regarding the sewer issue at 117 No. Main; June 29, 2018 – JD #91 meeting; July 3, 2018 – regular Board of Commissioners meeting and Substance Abuse graduation ceremony at 12:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom – Martin County Courthouse; July 5, 2018 – meeting at Flying Goose Campground with County Engineer and Gary Hanson; July 9, 2018 – Martin County EDA Special Meeting at 5:15 p.m., Pork Masters Golf Tournament meeting, and Personnel Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m.; July 10, 2018 – F-M Joint Transit Executive Committee meeting, and Justice Center Planning Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.; July 11, 2018 – Department Director meeting at 8:30 a.m., Human Services Executive Committee meeting, Safety Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m., and Park Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Bright Lake Park; July 12, 2018 – Soil and Water meeting, HVAC bids due for Human Resource Building, and Community Center Rec meeting at 10:00 a.m.; July 13, 2018 – Prairieland meeting, GBERBA meeting, and deputy sheriff interviews in the afternoon; July 14, 2018 – Trimont Fun Fest parade; July 16, 2018 – MVAC Annual Meeting; July 17, 2018 – next regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. – Commissioners Meeting Room – Martin County Courthouse.

With no further business to wit, Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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Tom Mahoney, Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator