

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019
@ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Steve Flohrs. Commissioners present were Steve Flohrs, Richard Koons, and Elliot Belgard. Commissioners Kathy Smith and Tom Mahoney were absent. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda for the December 17, 2019, regular Board of Commissioners meeting with the following addition: 5.3 Thank You to Board for CY2020 Consideration from the Martin County Humane Society – Lawrence Lau. Carried unanimously.

There were no minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 3, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019, Truth in Taxation meeting. Carried unanimously.

Lawrence Lau, on behalf of the Martin County Humane Society, was present to thank the Board for CY2020 Budget Allotment in the amount of \$10,000 to aid in the Society's tiling and fencing projects.

Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, was present to note that Walmart has filed another tax appeal petition for 2019. Viesselman noted Walmart has been filing petitions the previous couple of years and they've also filed a couple of law suits which basically raise the tax issue question also. Law suits are filed in District Court and Mr. Marc Manderscheid with Briggs and Morgan has been representing us on those matters and has been doing a very good job. Viesselman recommends retaining Mr. Marc Manderscheid with Briggs and Morgan to handle this new tax petition.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize retainer of Briggs and Morgan for legal services pertaining to the new 2019 Walmart Inc. Tax Petition. Carried unanimously.

Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, presented and reviewed an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License application for Ghost Town Tavern, LLC.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Ghost Town Tavern, LLC located at 1203 260th Avenue in Granada, Minnesota; and is contingent upon receiving proper documentation and required signatures. Carried unanimously.

Higgins noted that Bryan Gregor, Amber Seibert, and Jeff Varboncoeur are eligible and have agreed to serve an additional term on the Water Plan Advisory Committee. Higgins recommends the reappointments and also noted that we are still waiting to hear back from two people with member terms ending December 31, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, 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: Water Plan Advisory Committee – Bryan Gregor, Amber Seibert, and Jeff Varboncoeur, effective for a three year term beginning January 1, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Doug Hartke, Grant Coordinator/Board Member with the Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc., was present to review and provide information and notification of intent to purchase 46 acres from Gary and Janet Miller within Section 28 of Fox Lake Township. Hartke noted based on our appraisal the estimated PILT payment to the County on those 46 acres would be \$1,815.00 and is based on an estimated value of \$242,000. Hartke went on to note the purchase agreement should go in January 17, 2020. Hartke also noted this is part of the Conservation Partner Legacy Grant Program so we need a formal resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons,

R-#60/'19

RESOLUTION
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REVIEW OF PROPOSED STATE LAND ACQUISITION

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 97A.145, Subd. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on December 17, 2019, provided the Martin County Board of Commissioners, Martin County, Minnesota, with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for water, forestry, wildlife, and natural plan community conservation purposes.

Lands to be acquired are described as follows:

The north 46 acres of the Southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 103 North, Range 32 West, Fox Lake Township, Martin County, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners approve the State's proposed acquisition of the above described property.

Upon this motion made by Commissioner Belgard, and seconded by Commissioner Koons, resolution was duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Flohrs, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented and adopted by the Martin County Board of Commissioners at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 17th day of December, 2019, as shown by the minutes in my possession.

Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. Commissioners Smith and Mahoney were absent. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

Kevin Peyman, County Engineer, was present to provide a Highway Department update including: The Highway Department's Shop Mechanic had an injury at his home and will not be able to work for an estimated three months. This absence may result in outsourcing during the time the shop is shorthanded. Barricades are down on the county line road and the road is opened back up. The bridge is basically done now, but there will be a fair amount of cleanup work to do in the spring before being able to pave; and how county line road maintenance miles are defined at the state level.

Higgins presented the 2020 Inmate Nursing Services Contract for consideration. Higgins noted the renewal contract is set at \$40.50/hour (\$40.00/hour in 2019) for regular nursing services with time rounded up to the nearest ¼ hour with a maximum of one hour charge and on-call services and emergency call back fees remain at \$100/month. Higgins went on to note the County Attorney has reviewed the Nursing Services Contract and approves as to form and content.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the Board Vice Chair to sign the Nursing Services Contract between Joy Poush, RN, BSN and the Martin County Sheriff's Office (Martin County) to provide regular and on-call services at an hourly rate of

\$40.50 per hour and on-call services of \$100.00 per month, effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Higgins noted the Martin County Sheriff's Office is proposing revisions to the fees charged for the service of civil process. The specific activities that we can charge fees for are outlined in Minnesota Statute 357.09 and allows that "The County Board shall set the Sheriff's Fees with the advice and consultation of the Sheriff." The specific rates we charge are largely left to the discretion of each jurisdiction. The current rates have been in place for several years (2008) with only some periodic adjustments to the mileage rate. Higgins went on to note the Sheriff's Office recommends Resolution #54/'19 be adopted by the Martin County Board of Commissioners. No public hearing is required for revisions to the Martin County Sheriff's Office Civil Fees.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard,

R-#54/'19

RESOLUTION
MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVIL FEES

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners may charge fees for services provided by county offices, official, department, court, or employee; and

WHEREAS, per Minnesota Statutes Section 357.09, Subdivision 8, provides that the County Board shall set the Sheriff's Fees with the advice and consultation of the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, there is a reasonable relation between the fees contained in the schedule (as listed in this resolution) and the cost of providing the service as follows:

Deputy Time (per hour, 1 hour minimum)	\$ 65.00
Paper Service Fee (includes 3 attempts, prepayment not required)	\$ 50.00
Additional papers @ same address or additional named person	\$ 25.00
Additional Attempts (each, after 3)	\$ 10.00
Certificate not Found/Returned, Posting or Vacancy	\$ 50.00
Posting three Notices of Sale	\$ 50.00
Collecting on Writ of Executions (Deposit/Service)	\$ 50.00
Plus commission on money collected	-- 6% --
Executions Returned/Not Satisfied	\$ 50.00
Mortgage Foreclosure Sales (each)	\$ 75.00
Cancellation of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale on Day of Sale	\$ 75.00
Redemption of Foreclosed Property	\$150.00
Notice of Intention to Redeem (each lien)	\$100.00
Certificate of Sale of Real Estate	\$ 75.00
Sheriff's Sale of Personal Property	\$ 75.00
Securing & Safely Keeping Property in Replevin, Attachment or Execution	
Deposit Required. Fees may vary depending on property (minimum)	\$ 75.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County, MN hereby approves and adopts the Sheriff's Civil Fees, as listed above, effective immediately upon the passage of this resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Flohrs, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. Commissioners Smith and Mahoney were absent. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

Higgins noted the Martin County Sheriff's Office has accepted the resignation of Chad Schlichte, full time Patrol Deputy for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective December 19, 2019, and asks the Board to do the same. Higgins went on to note the Martin County Sheriff's Office recommends advertising for recruitment to fill the full time Patrol Deputy vacancy.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept the resignation of Chad Schlichte as full time Patrol Deputy for the Martin County Sheriff's Office, effective December 19, 2019. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize recruitment to fill the full time Patrol Deputy vacancy. Carried unanimously.

Higgins noted a tentative agreement has been reached with the LELS #136 Deputies and Sergeants. The proposed tentative agreement is as follows:

- Agreed to a three year contract (2020, 2021 and 2022).
- Union agrees to place employees into new pay structure with 2.5% General Wage Adjustment to salaries on an annual basis (2020 through 2022), unless a higher rate is approved by the Board.
- Wage step increases will be effective as of January 1st of each year (no longer on Service Anniversary date).
- Step increases are based on the recommendation of the supervisor and approved by the County Board.
- SRO is an assigned position.

- Assignment of Investigator position agreed to be paid at the same grade level as Sergeant (Salary Grade 16).
- Increase in Shift Differential from \$0.50 per hour to \$1.00 per hour for overnight shift.
- Employees who work on Christmas Eve Day or Easter Sunday will receive pay at two times their regular hourly rate for actual hours worked on the holiday.
- For calendar years 2020 to 2022, the union has agreed to continue same health insurance plans and contributions as the non-union county employees.
- Revisions added to usage for Sick Leave hours to include caring for step-children and foster children.
- Revisions added to usage for Funeral Leave hours to include step-children, foster children, step-siblings, half-siblings, grandparents and step-grandparents.
- Martin County will establish a post-employment Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) account through the MN State Retirement System (MSRS) for each employee in the bargaining unit. Each employee will contribute 2.5% of their gross wages (pre-tax) to the account each pay period.

Higgins also noted there was discussion on the County's Meal Reimbursement Policy and that the Board will review the current policy.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the Law Enforcement Labor Services #136 Deputies and Sergeants Union Contract effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022; and authorize Board Vice Chair to sign the respective Union Contract for the Law Enforcement Labor Services #136 Deputies and Sergeants Union; and is contingent upon final review and mutual agreement of language revisions by the County Coordinator. Carried unanimously.

Jenny Trushenski, Martin County Library Director, was present to note that the Library Board met last week and approved the retirement resignation of Nancy Warner, Reference/Acquisitions Librarian with the Martin County Library, effective January 31, 2020. Trushenski went on to recommend recruitment to fill the Reference/Acquisitions Librarian vacancy and that Warner has been a 28 hours per week employee with full benefits and that the Library Board's plan has been to increase that to a 35 hours per week position and retain those full benefits.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept the retirement resignation of Nancy Warner, Reference/Acquisitions Librarian with the Martin County Library, effective January 31, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize recruitment to fill the Reference/Acquisitions Librarian vacancy in the Martin County Library; and that the new position will be increased to 35 hours per week with benefits. Carried unanimously.

Pam Flitter, Martin County Zoning Official, along with Ben Huntley, Planning and Zoning Technician, were present to review the 2020/2021 MPCA Feedlot Work Plan/Delegation Agreement. Flitter noted the Delegation Agreement is done every year with the MPCA and every two years we are required by the MPCA to sign a delegation agreement that says we will continue to administer the County Feedlot Program under the MPCA. The delegation agreement is saying that we are going to continue to administer the program, meeting all the minimum program requirements. Flitter recommended approval of the Delegation Agreement and the County Work Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and accept the 2020/2021 MPCA County Feedlot Program and Delegation Agreement Work Plan; and authorize Board Vice Chair to sign the Agreement. Carried unanimously.

Leigha Hauglid, Human Resources Manager, was present to note that results from Martin County's Compensation Study for employees by David Drown and Associates (DDA) indicated that the Planning and Zoning Director job description move from non-exempt status to exempt status. Hauglid went on to note the Planning and Zoning Director job description passed the Fair Labor Standards Act Position Exemption Test and that along with the recommendation of DDA, recommends the position of Planning and Zoning Director be classified as an Exempt position effective January 1, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize moving the Planning and Zoning Director job description from a Non-exempt position status to an Exempt position status effective January 1, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Higgins noted each year the Board is required to establish its annual compensation and per diem and other reimbursable expenses for members when conducting their official duties prior to January 1st. Higgins went on to note the Board may increase or decrease the annual compensation and in the past, the Board has adjusted by either percentages or dollar amounts. Higgins also noted a 2.5% increase has been included in the CY2020 Budget which equates to \$25,819.75 (\$25,190.00 in 2019). Higgins presented and reviewed a draft resolution with the proposed 2020 salary plus an additional \$1,000 per year for the Chairman; and \$500 per year for Vice Chair and Commissioners appointed to the Personnel Committee (with the exception of the Board Chair) and per diem of \$75.00 each day performing official duties. Higgins noted also listed on the draft resolution are the established various committees the Commissioners serve on in order to receive per diems and expenses.

After review and discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs,

R-#55/'19

RESOLUTION

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMPENSATION, PER DIEM & EXPENSES

WHEREAS, Chapter 301 of the Session Laws 1975 provides a method for determining County Commissioners' compensation, per diem pay, and expense allowances, and

WHEREAS, resolution of the County Board establishing the salary, schedule of per diem payments, and expense allowance must be made before January first of each year so as to become effective January first of the next year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County after due deliberation and discussion, have determined the annual salary, schedule of per diem payments, and expense allowances that will be effective January 1, 2019, and thereafter, until changed by resolution of the Board in a manner provided by law.

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

1. That the annual salary of each County Commissioner of Martin County shall be the sum of \$25,819.75 plus an additional \$1,000 per year for the Chairman; and \$500 per year for Vice Chair and/or Commissioners appointed to the Personnel Committee with the exception of the Board Chair, payable bi-weekly, less such deductions as are authorized or required by law, and shall be paid to such Commissioner during such interval as he or she is qualified by law to hold such office.
2. That each individual County Commissioner shall be paid one per diem of \$75.00 each day spent in performing the official duties connected with the office. The per diem pay may be paid to any individual County Commissioner making application therefore, who, by proper designation or authorization, has served or is an alternate on any board, committee, or commission of County government, including committees of the Board or for the performance of service for any of the following work, service or activity.

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| Region Nine Delegate | South Central Workforce Council |
| F/M Human Services Board | County Water Plan Committee |
| Prairieland Joint Powers Board | GBERBA Board |
| Delegate to M.V.A.C. | AMC Delegate |
| Building Committee | County Park/Trails Board |
| Personnel Committee | Community Corrections |
| MN Extension Service Committee | Law Library Board |
| Region Nine E.M.S. | Safety Committee |
| County Highway Liaison | State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) |
| South Central HRA Board | Economic Development Board |
| County Insurance Committee | County GASB Committee |
| Transit Advisory Comm. (TAC) | Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Liaison |

Jail/Justice Center Committee	Library Board
Planning and Zoning Commission Liaison	Public Relations Campaign Comm.
Investment in Current/Future Emp.	County Solid Waste Committee
MCIT Delegate	Highway 15 Coalition
Labor Management Committee	Drainage/ Joint Drainage Authority
GIS Committee	County Strategic Planning Committees
Library Board Alternate	Broadband Steering Committee
Drug Court Representative	Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB)
Bureau 14 (Chamber of Commerce)	South Central Minnesota/Regional Radio Board
Community Center Feasibility Committee	Fairmont Convention & Visitors Bureau
MC Substance Abuse Prevention	Faribault-Martin Transit Board JPB
Aquatic Invasive Species Committee (AIS)	Kinship Board
Traverse de Sioux Library Board	SBDC Partnership Board
Compensation Advisory Committee (CAC)	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Activities relating to Ditches under the Jurisdiction of the County Board, or under Jurisdiction of a Joint County Ditch Authority.

For such committee, board, or commissioner work or meetings which may be required by law or which is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, providing that such work, service or activity is authorized by Board action prior to the performance of such work, service or activity.

3. No Commissioner may receive an amount greater than one full per diem payment on any one day. A Commissioner may accept or claim less than the full per diem. If a per diem is paid by another entity or authority for work, service, or activity permitted by this resolution, Martin County shall not pay a per diem for the same work, service or activity.

4. That in addition to the salary and per diems set forth herein, each individual County Commissioner may be paid his or her actual and necessary expenses and the County mileage allowance, according to County Policy when traveling on official business authorized by Board action.

Motion was made by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, and unanimously carried, for the adoption of said resolution.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Flohrs, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Flohrs, and Belgard. Commissioners Smith and Mahoney were absent. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

Doug Borchardt, Building Maintenance Supervisor, was present to review quotes received for installation of a Service Window Countertop for the Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Borchardt noted we did get quotes on laminate, Cambria, and granite: Laminate was \$9,676.76; Cambria was \$21,808.80; and granite \$15,517.76 and the quotes are for replacing everything. There is a chance that we might keep a couple of pieces of old granite which would knock that cost down.

Higgins noted there is some historic original granite in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office that we would like to use and not take out. Higgins went on to note the original granite would look okay with the new granite top, because you will have the window dividing the two granites so it doesn't look mismatched. However, it's up to you as a Board whether to keep that existing granite in place because it is historic to the courthouse.

Korte noted she has talked with Greg Bonstetter (Fairmont Marble and Granite) and one of the samples is similar to what is outside in the columns and on the steps (of the courthouse) and does match the old granite in the Recorder's Office.

Commissioner Belgard noted I don't have any problem having the Board approve the countertop material but I don't think the Board needs to approve the colors. I think the colors need to be approved by staff.

Borchardt next reviewed the quote received from Fairmont Glass and Sign for installation of bullet-proof glass in the Auditor/Treasurer's and Ditch Administration service windows and doors is \$48,725.

Higgins noted there is approximately \$60,000 budgeted for the Auditor/Treasurer's Office service counter. The Recorder's Office is the only remaining major offices that do not yet have bullet-proof glass.

After review and discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and award bid for installation of bullet-proof glass in service windows and doors for the Auditor/Treasurer's Office (including Drainage Administration Office) to Fairmont Glass and Sign in the amount of \$48,725; and approve and award bid for installation of granite service window countertops (leaving old granite and adding new section) for the Auditor/Treasurer's Office (including Drainage Administration Office) to Fairmont Marble and Granite in the amount of \$11,600; and that the Auditor/Treasurer's Office staff will choose the color of the granite. Carried unanimously.

Borchardt next reviewed bids received for design of a service counter in the Recorder's Office noting three bids were received from Widseth Smith Nolting, Wold Architects and Engineers, and ISG.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
Widseth Smith Nolting	\$13,800 (Architectural Design Services)	Construction: 4-6 Weeks
Wold	\$ 1,500 (Architectural Design Services based on projected budget of \$20,000 x 7.5%) \$ 500 (Max Reimbursables) \$ 2,000	Est. Substantial Completion: 08/2020
ISG	\$11,950 (Architectural Design Services)	Schedule not provided

After review and discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and award bid for engineering design specifications for a service counter in the Recorder's Office to Wold Architects and Engineers in the amount of \$2,000. Carried unanimously.

Borchardt next reviewed bids received for boiler replacement at the Human Resource Building (three of the five hot water boilers are failing). Three bids were received from Widseth Smith Nolting, Wold Architects and Engineers, and ISG.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
Widseth Smith Nolting	\$12,500 (Replacement of five boilers)	Construction: 12 Weeks
Wold	\$ 7,125 (Replacement of five boilers – based on a project budget of \$95,000 x 7.5%) \$ 2,500 \$ 9,625	Est. Substantial Completion: 08/2020
ISG	\$27,125 (Replacement of five boilers)	Schedule not given

After review and discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and award bid for engineering design specifications for the Boiler Replacement Project at the Human Resource Building to Wold Architects and Engineers in the amount of \$9,625. Carried unanimously.

Higgins noted that Senator Julie Rosen is requesting to meet with the Martin County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. as Rosen is unable to attend on the regularly scheduled meeting dates in January. Higgins went on to note that if the Board does set January 14th for a special meeting, it may be possible the Governor could come tour the jail facility, as part of the Governor's Bonding Tour, since the county has requested state bonding money for a new proposed justice center.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby sets a special meeting date and time of January 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to meet with Senator Julie Rosen in the Commissioners Meeting Room – Martin County Courthouse. Carried unanimously.

Korte presented and reviewed the resolution Establishing the Tax Levy for 2019 collectible in 2020 in the amount of \$17,112,879 (4.92 percent increase).

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard,

R-#58/19

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY FOR YEAR 2019 COLLECTIBLE IN 2020:

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners duly considered budgets to determine the tax levy to be collected in 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners do hereby order and determine that taxes to be levied in the year 2019 and collectible in the year 2020 be as follows to-wit:

	<u>Net Levy</u>
Revenue Fund	\$ 8,927,618
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 2,394,953
Parks and Rec.	\$ 65,000
Solid Waste Management Fund	\$ -0-
Library Fund	\$ 808,622
Human Service Fund	\$ 3,621,246
Building CIP Fund	\$ 957,000
Debt Service Fund/Hwy Debt Service	\$ 258,275
Economic Development	\$ 75,165
Forfeited Land	\$ 5,000
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$17,112,879

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be filed with the Martin County Auditor/Treasurer; and

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, and unanimously carried, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Flohrs, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Belgard, Koons, and Flohrs. Commissioners Smith and Mahoney were absent. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

Vice Chair Flohrs presented and reviewed the resolution establishing the CY2020 Fund Expenditures and Revenues noting fund expenditures for 2020 are estimated at \$33,598,999 and fund revenues are estimated at \$34,262,040.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons,

R-#59/'19

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE FUND EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners duly considered fund Expenditures and Revenues for the year 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners do hereby order and determine that fund expenditures and revenues for the year 2019, is as follows:

	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenues</u>
Revenue Fund	\$ 11,786,770	\$ 3,201,454
Forfeited Lands	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000
Parks & Recreation	\$ 142,680	\$ 77,680
Road & Bridge	\$ 14,715,791	\$12,320,838
E-911 Fund	\$ 50,270	\$ 98,600
Sheriff Contingency Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Solid Waste	\$ 752,910	\$ 752,910
Library	\$ 821,622	\$ 13,000
Law Library	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000
Human Services	\$ 3,621,246	\$ -0-
Recorders Technology Fund	\$ 28,000	\$ 40,000
Recorders Compliance Fund	\$ 68,000	\$ 44,000
Building CIP Fund	\$ 800,000	\$ 260,000
Human Services Building	\$ 289,270	\$ 200,679
Hwy Debt Service	\$ 258,275	\$ -0-
New Constr Debt Service	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
ISTS Loan	\$ 150,000	\$ 99,000
MC Area Redevelopment Agency	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Economic Development	\$ 75,165	\$ -0-
General Tax Levy	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$17,112,879</u>
TOTAL	\$33,598,999	\$34,262,040

Upon motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Koons, and carried, said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Flohrs, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. Commissioners Smith and Mahoney were absent. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

Vice Chair Flohrs noted the Board is being asked to give final approval of all classified job descriptions as a result of the recent completion of the Classification and Compensation Study.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, as the result of the recent completion of the Compensation and Classification Study and implementation of the new Pay Plan, hereby approve all classified County job descriptions; and that all classified job descriptions reflect the effective date of January 1, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Leigha Hauglid, Human Resources Manager, was present to note that due to the recent Compensation and Classification Study and implementation of the new Pay Plan, there will be some employees who receive a “lump sum” as part of the implementation of the new plan that would have benefited by continuation of the old pay plan. Hauglid reviewed a spreadsheet of those employees affected and recommends that the lump sum payments be paid on a quarterly basis over the next year.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, as the result of the recent completion of the Compensation and Classification Study and implementation of the new Pay Plan, and in consideration of various employees and their placement on the CY2020 Pay Plan, and not to lose merit increases that they would have received on the CY2019 Pay Plan, due to the transition to the new pay scale, hereby approve the lump sum payments (as listed) to be paid on a quarterly basis, as long as the employee is employed with the County, in equal payments at the end of each quarter over the four quarters in CY2020. Carried unanimously.

Korte presented the annual resolution for Ditch Levies and Assessments payable for CY2020.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons,

RESOLUTION

ORDER FIXING DITCH REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE LEVIES AND ASSESSMENTS ON COUNTY, JOINT COUNTY, AND JUDICIAL DITCHES OF MARTIN COUNTY, MN:

WHEREAS, ditch repair and maintenance expenditures having been made, or to be made, on various County, Joint County, and Judicial Ditches located wholly or partly within Martin County, MN and it appearing that there are not sufficient funds to the credit of the ditches to finance said repairs and maintenance expenditures; therefore the Martin County Board of Commissioners do hereby, by resolution; levy and assess the following ditch fund accounts to pay for current expenditures for repairs and maintenance or to reimburse other funds where monies have been or will be loaned to the ditch fund, or for the designated purpose of payments on future repair and maintenance expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the various drainage system levy and assessments hereby made by the County Board of Commissioners shall be apportioned and assessed pro rata upon all lands, corporations, and municipalities which have participated in the total benefits theretofore determined; and such levy and assessments for repairs and maintenance of any one ditch system be limited in any one calendar year based upon pro rata percentage of the original calendar year based upon pro rata percentage of the original benefits of that particular drainage system thereof in Martin County, MN under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Annotated 103-E.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Martin County Board of Commissioners of Martin County, MN that the following County, Joint County, and Judicial ditches hereby levied and assessed in the amounts so indicated as sufficient to take care of their obligations for repairs and maintenance heretofore made, or to be made, and equal installments be spread and made payable where necessary, with and made payable where necessary, with and as apart of the Real Estate Taxes in the indicated as follows, to-wit:

DITCHES LEVIED FOR ONE YEAR PAYABLE 2020:

<u>Ditch #</u>	<u>Name of Ditch</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1008	County Ditch #9	\$ 5,000.00
1011	County Ditch #13	\$ 5,000.00
1013	County Ditch #14	\$ 500.00
1014	County Ditch #15	\$ 5,000.00
1016	County Ditch #20	\$ 2,000.00
1022	County Ditch #26	\$ 10,000.00
1023	County Ditch #27	\$ 1,000.00
1024	County Ditch #28	\$ 15,000.00
1032	County Ditch #33	\$ 2,000.00
1035	County Ditch #36	\$ 5,000.00
1037	County Ditch #38	\$ 5,000.00
1042	County Ditch #44	\$ 7,500.00

1043	County Ditch #46	\$	5,000.00
1044	County Ditch #47	\$	5,000.00
1047	County Ditch #52	\$	3,000.00
1049	County Ditch #54	\$	5,000.00
1054	County Ditch #58	\$	6,000.00
1058	County Ditch #62	\$	2,500.00
1061	County Ditch #65	\$	5,000.00
1066	County Ditch #71	\$	1,000.00
9001	Judicial Ditch #1	\$	7,000.00
9002	Judicial Ditch #2 M&F	\$	7,000.00
9008	Judicial Ditch #6	\$	1,000.00
9018	Judicial Ditch #11 M & J	\$	1,000.00
9037	Judicial Ditch #25 M, BE & W	\$	500.00
9042	Judicial Ditch #27 F & M	\$	1,000.00
9046	Judicial Ditch #30	\$	5,000.00
9048	Judicial Ditch #31 M & W	\$	500.00
9050	Judicial Ditch #33	\$	500.00
9072	Judicial Ditch #48 J & M	\$	3,000.00
9090	Judicial Ditch #72	\$	5,000.00
9175	Judicial Ditch #75 M & J	\$	500.00
9095	Judicial Ditch #77	\$	5,000.00
9099	Judicial Ditch #81	\$	35,000.00
9110	Judicial Ditch #93	\$	5,000.00
9115	Judicial Ditch #99	\$	5,000.00
9116	Judicial Ditch #100	\$	5,000.00
9119	Judicial Ditch #103	\$	6,000.00
9120	Judicial Ditch #104	\$	10,000.00

DITCHES LEVIED FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR

<u>Ditch #</u>	<u>Name of Ditch</u>	<u>Year Starting</u>	<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1003	County Ditch #2	2020 (10 years)	2029	\$ 300,000.00
1009	County Ditch #11	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$ 30,000.00
1019	County Ditch #24	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$ 15,000.00
1030	County Ditch #31	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$ 15,000.00
1048	County Ditch #53	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$ 40,000.00
1057	County Ditch #61	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$ 8,500.00
1064	County Ditch #69	2020 (5 years)	2024	\$ 40,000.00
9854	Joint County Ditch #350 M,J,W&C	2020 (17 years)	2036	\$ 816,000.00
9005	Judicial Ditch #3	2020 (4 years)	2023	\$ 35,000.00

9012	Judicial Ditch #8	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	25,000.00
9138	Judicial Ditch #9	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	15,000.00
9015	Judicial Ditch #10	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	10,000.00
9027	Judicial Ditch #17	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	15,000.00
9028	Judicial Ditch #18	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	25,000.00
9029IMP & 9029SEP	Judicial Ditch #20	2020 (20 years)	2039	\$	3,000,000.00
9031	Judicial Ditch #21	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	10,000.00
9032	Judicial Ditch #22	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	30,000.00
9036	Judicial Ditch #25	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	20,000.00
9041	Judicial Ditch #27	2020 (5 years)	2024	\$	25,000.00
9047	Judicial Ditch #31	2020 (5 years)	2024	\$	30,000.00
9143	Judicial Ditch #34	2020 (5 years)	2024	\$	60,000.00
9052	Judicial Ditch #35	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	10,000.00
9055	Judicial Ditch #37	2020 (5 years)	2024	\$	60,000.00
9057	Judicial Ditch #38	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	20,000.00
9063	Judicial Ditch #41	2020 (5 years)	2024	\$	50,000.00
9069 & 9070	Judicial Ditch #47	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	50,000.00
9076	Judicial Ditch #52	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	25,000.00
9077	Judicial Ditch #56	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	6,500.00
9080	Judicial Ditch #60	2020 (5 years)	2024	\$	63,000.00
9082	Judicial Ditch #64	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	15,000.00
9084	Judicial Ditch#66	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	22,650.00
9088	Judicial Ditch#70	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	10,000.00
9089	Judicial Ditch #71	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	10,000.00
9091	Judicial Ditch #73	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	30,000.00
9092	Judicial Ditch #74	2020 (5 years)	2024	\$	30,000.00
9100	Judicial Ditch #82 M&BE	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	20,000.00
9103	Judicial Ditch #85 M&BE	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	35,000.00
9111	Judicial Ditch #95	2020 (5 years)	2024	\$	60,000.00
9113	Judicial Ditch #97	2020 (3 years)	2022	\$	12,000.00
9114	Judicial Ditch #98	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	25,000.00
9122	Judicial Ditch #108	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	6,000.00
9128	Judicial Ditch #116 M, BE&F	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	20,000.00
9150	Judicial Ditch #214 M&F	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	30,000.00
9155	Judicial Ditch #390	2020 (2 years)	2021	\$	10,000.00

Upon motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, and carried, said amended resolution was duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Steve Flohrs, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____

Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. Commissioners Smith and Mahoney were absent. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

Korte noted the Board is asked to set a public hearing date to consider proposed alterations to JD #97. Korte went on to note dates that ditch counsel is available are January 20th, 22nd, 23rd, or 24th.

After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, hereby sets a public hearing date of January 23, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. to consider proposed alterations to JD #97. Carried unanimously.

Korte presented and reviewed a resolution declaring the official intent of Martin County to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the County for the following Drainage Ditch Projects including: Judicial Ditch #9 M&W; Judicial Ditch #91 M&J; and Judicial Ditch #99.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons,

MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. R-#57'19

DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF
MARTIN COUNTY TO REIMBURSE
CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS
OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") providing that proceeds of tax-exempt bonds used to reimburse prior expenditures will not be deemed spent unless certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the County expects to incur certain expenditures that may be financed temporarily from sources other than bonds, and reimbursed from the proceeds of a tax-exempt bond;

WHEREAS, the County has determined to make this declaration of official intent ("Declaration") to reimburse certain costs from proceeds of bonds in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County proposes to undertake various drainage ditch projects (the “Project”),

Drainage Ditch Projects - Judicial Ditch #9 M&W; Judicial Ditch #91 M&J;
Judicial Ditch #99

2. The County reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the Project from the proceeds of bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$7,500,000. All reimbursed expenditures will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the bonds, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d) (3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.

3. This Declaration has been made not later than 60 days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of bonds, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of bonds; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of \$100,000 or 5 percent of the proceeds of an issue; or (c) “preliminary expenditures” up to an amount not in excess of 20 percent of the aggregate issue price of the issue or issues that finance or are reasonably expected by the County to finance the project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred. The term “preliminary expenditures” includes architectural, engineering, surveying, bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of a project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

4. This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the County based on the facts and circumstances known to the County as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Project and the principal amount of the bonds described in paragraph 2 are consistent with the County’s budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of bonds to be issued by the County are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the County’s budget or financial policies to pay such Project expenditures.

5. This Declaration is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent for purposes of the Reimbursement Regulations.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Steve Flohrs, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____

Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Belgard, and Flohrs. Commissioners Smith and Mahoney were absent. NAYS: None. Resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of December, 2019.

The Board reviewed Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid December 17, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on December 17, 2019, and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

Warrants received and paid December 17, 2019, are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue Fund – Warrants Approved December 17, 2019	\$242,071.43
Solid Waste Management Fund	\$ 44,318.99
Law Library Fund	\$ 765.01
County Attorney's Forfeiture Fund	\$ 558.00
Building – CIP – Fund	\$ 559.98
Human Service Building Fund	\$ 7,019.46
Taxes and Penalties Odd Years	\$ 614.00
Forfeited Tax Fund	<u>\$ 621.50</u>
Total	\$296,528.37
Road and Bridge Funds Totaled	\$ 32,746.86
Martin County Ditch Funds Totaled	\$ 38,782.73

The Board reviewed Reports and Announcements including review of Board Committee Assignments for 2019; and Monthly Financial Statement for November 2019.

The Board discussed tabling the Martin County Coordinator's performance evaluation due to the absence of two commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve tabling the Martin County Coordinator's Performance Evaluation until the first commissioner meeting in January 2020. Carried unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed their calendars of previous and upcoming meetings and activities: December 4, 2019 – Human Services Executive Board meeting and Martin County Veterans Memorial Committee meeting; December 5, 2019 – LELS #136 Deputies and Sergeants Union Negotiations; December 6, 2019 – F-M Joint Transit Executive Board meeting and supervisor evaluations; December 9-11, 2019 – Association of Minnesota Counties 2019 Annual

Conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota; December 11, 2019 – joint AgriBusiness/Bureau 14 meeting; December 12, 2019 – Soil and Water meeting and supervisor evaluations; December 13, 2019 – Prairieland meeting; December 17, 2019 – Annual Employee Potluck, 2018 Audit Exit conference call at 1:30 p.m., and Library Union Negotiations at 6:15 p.m.; December 18, 2019 – Human Services meeting, F-M Joint Transit Board meeting and 2018 Transit Audit Exit meeting, One Watershed One Plan meeting in St. James, Minnesota, RCEF meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Mankato, Minnesota; December 19, 2019 – Ditch hearings at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room – Martin County Courthouse; December 24, 2019 – Courthouse closed half day (p.m.) in observance of the Christmas Eve holiday; December 25, 2019 – Courthouse Closed in observance of the Christmas Day holiday; January 1, 2020 – Courthouse Closed in observance of the New Year’s Day holiday; January 6, 2020 – Martin County EDA meeting at 5:15 p.m.; January 7, 2020 – regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. – Commissioners Meeting Room – Martin County Courthouse.

Rachele King, State Refugee Coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, was present to provide an overview on Local Government Consent for Refugee Settlement. King noted that on September 26, 2019, President Trump issued an executive order requiring state and local governments to provide written consent to the federal government before refugees can be resettled in their jurisdictions.

King went on to note people who enter with refugee status, which is a Humanitarian Protection Program, is designed to resettle refugees of special humanitarian concern in the United States. The federal government annually determines how many refugees will be admitted and identifies priority populations. People selected to resettle through the U.S. Department of State have legal, permanent status in the United States, authorization to work immediately upon arrival, and a pathway to citizenship after five years.

King also noted there are three distinct phases of the resettlement process including overseeing the processing – who’s going to come and how many people are going to be coming, and that process is overseen by the U.S. Department of State. The second process is reception and placement which is coordination between the Department of State and non-governmental organizations. The third phase is helping people build well-being for longer term integration and that’s where my office comes into play. Every state that accepts refugees is required in federal statute to have a coordinating entity. Federal dollars that come to the federal government to help after that second piece, those thirty to ninety days, come to state government and then we partner with local entities around the state to provide that longer term support meaning help with finding jobs, local integration, and things like that.

King noted this executive order says that state government and local government, and they define the state government as being the Governor’s Office and local government being executive at the county or county equivalent, both must consent before any person who is approved to be placed in any of those communities before that can happen. So that’s what this is about. The executive order goes into effect on June 1, 2020. After that date, refugees will not be placed in jurisdictions that have not offered consent. So counties and state governments can provide and consent on a rolling basis until that time. But some other deadlines have been floating around is that those non-governmental organizations that are doing that reception and

placement have to support those letters with their application to do resettlement which is due on January 21, 2020. But, consent can still be submitted after that.

King went on to note not submitting something is an opt-in. Refugees may not be placed in jurisdictions that have not offered consent. In Minnesota why that's important is that about 95% of the people within the last probably 15 or 20 years who have been placed here have been coming to join family members who are already here. And what we see in Minnesota is that people are moving around a lot. They're following economic opportunities and so this would allow in most cases people not to be rejoined with their family members in a community if the person who is already here is in a county that had not provided consent would be placed somewhere else and then would have the opportunity simply to move where they want once they get here. What that would mean is that the services and support that are tied to that person would not follow them to that community. After January 21st between January 21st and June 1st is when the federal government will be making decisions about placement so they'll take into account information that they have as of January 21st (when they're kind of making decisions about placements). Martin County had had no one through this program over the last five years. But like I said we sent this information out to all counties because what we're seeing is that there's a lot of mobility in these populations and because people are typically coming to join family members it could happen that next month or next year there's a family member here who would not be able to be reunited with a husband, a wife, a mom, a dad, because there's not consent on record in the county.

King also noted the resettlement agencies can only resettle somebody that doesn't have that kind of family connection within a 100 mile radius of their office so really at this point there's no offices that are in a 100 mile radius of Martin County and so the only people who would potentially be coming here would be people who have family members already living in this community. One day after they arrive they can move to wherever they want but those services that are attached to them would not follow them to where they moved. Governor Walz offered his consent to refugee resettlement on Friday. Services that are attached to the second phase are not allowed to go into counties that haven't provided consent essentially is what the federal government has said. This is a per person amount \$2,125 for each individual for those thirty to ninety days of services. Most of that (approx. \$1,200) has to be spent in the community. If anyone is placed here (in Martin County) it will have to go through one of five local resettlement affiliates including Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, Arrive Ministries, Minnesota Council of Churches, or International Institute of Minnesota. And because this Martin County is more than 100 miles away there also would have to be a family member or a connection who is already living in this Martin County for them to be placed here. And likely it would be Catholic Charities out of Rochester if that were to happen just because that's the closest right now.

Commissioner Belgard noted it appears there are counties already backing this and there doesn't seem to be a lot of resistance with it. Nor should there be.

King noted so far Kandiyohi and Olmsted are the two counties who have had a formal process and that have submitted the consent letters. I know that there are many other counties that are in the process of having meetings like this to discuss. Resettlement is always the last option

explored for anybody overseas. Only on the very rarest of occasions are people invited to third country resettlement. People who are invited to resettle with refugee status go through the most thorough security process of any.

Higgins noted Consent for Refugee Settlement will be included on the agenda for the next regular commissioners meeting in January 2020.

The Board briefly reviewed CY2018 and CY2019 disbursements to newspapers in Martin County including the Fairmont Photo Press, Sentinel Newspaper, Martin County Star, and Truman Tribune.

With no further business to wit, Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Steve Flohrs, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator