

CARVER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR SESSION – March 19, 2024

A Regular Session of the Carver County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on March 19, 2024. Chair Gayle Degler convened the session at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Gayle Degler, Chair, John P. Fahey, Vice Chair, Tim Lynch, Matt Udermann and Tom Workman.

Workman moved, Udermann seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Fahey seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Udermann moved, Fahey seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items:

Approved out of state travel and attendance for two HHS supervisors at the 988 and Behavioral Health Crisis System Transformation Grantee National Conference.

Accepted nine AEDS from the AED Reuse and Recycle Program through the University of Minnesota's Center for Resuscitation Medicine and authorized the Assistant County Administrator to sign the program's AED's Transfer Agreement.

Approved out of state travel for the 2024 NADCP Conference.

Professional Services Agreement with Castrejon, Inc., pending completion of the contract review process.

Approved eliminating a vacant 1.0 FTE custodian position and adding a 1.0 FTE Administrative position in Facilities and related budget amendment.

Resolution #21-24

Support for City of Victoria's Pursuit of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Local Trail Connections Program Funding for the Bavaria Road Trail Improvements Project

WHEREAS, the City of Victoria intends to submit a grant application for the Bavaria Road Trail Improvements Project to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Local Trail Connections Program to construct a new paved trail along the east side of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 13 from Trunk Highway (TH) 5 to CSAH 18 within the City of Victoria; and

WHEREAS, Carver County partnered with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), the City of Victoria, the City of Chaska, and the City of Chanhassen to identify transportation system improvements in the area of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum including TH 5, TH 41, CSAH 13 and CSAH 18 as part of the Arboretum Area Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Arboretum Area Transportation Plan includes an implementation framework with estimated improvement costs, project sequencing, and timeframes to guide capital improvement planning for Carver County, MnDOT, the City of Victoria, the City of Chaska, the City of Chanhassen along TH 5, TH 41, CSAH 13 and CSAH 18; and

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WHEREAS, the Bavaria Road Trail Improvements Project is community desired element as part of the Highway 5 Project – Arboretum Area to provide a safe and continuous multi-use trail system that connects to key community assets such as the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail, Highway 5 Regional Trail, Lake Minnewashta Regional Park and Lake Minnewashta.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Carver County would incorporate the Bavaria Road Improvements Project into the Highway 5 Project – Arboretum Area if the City of Victoria is awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Local Trail Connection Program.

Reviewed March 19, 2024, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$296,085.75.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Kamerud requested the Board adopt Proclamations to recognize the work done by the Sheriff's teams. Sheriff highlighted the work performed by Dispatchers, Administrative Professionals, Jail Nurses, Correctional Officers and Deputies. He pointed out the number of assaults on officers in 2023 and dedication of officers that continue to work and provide services to residents. He also noted the recent school resource officer policy changes approved by the legislature and indicated they would continue to provide services to schools requesting it.

The Board recognized the importance of public safety and expressed their appreciation for the work that is done by these professionals.

Udermann moved, Workman seconded, to approve National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, National Administrative Professionals Day, National Nurses Day, National Correctional Officers Week and National Police Week 2024 and National Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamations. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Hemze, Administrator, requested the Board approve an amendment to the County's 2024 legislative priorities and introduced Tony Albright, the County's lobbyist, for a legislative update.

Albright explained the legislature was moving to policy initiatives as opposed to budget initiatives at the Capital. He noted the recent release of the Governor's supplemental budget and monies appropriated with the most notable being the bifurcation of Health and Human Services into two divisions. He pointed out the upcoming deadlines for policy initiatives. He indicated he would continue to promote the County's priorities through the legislative season.

He explained the housing initiatives moving forward and summarized key provisions. He indicated this would undermine the abilities of City officials and residents to make their own decision on zoning and land use. He stated, in his estimation, this was one of the most pervasive intrusions on local control that he has seen.

Albright noted the process is ongoing and he would be monitoring hearings closely. He indicated the legislation was in direct conflict with the Met Council and their directives for planning. He pointed out this was initially statewide but now only applies to the seven metro counties. Albright believed the bill, in some form, will be passed and it is up to the seven counties and elected officials to represent the citizens based upon their concerns in the bill. He encouraged the Board and residents to contact their legislators and believed there would be far reaching ramifications

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considering the responsibilities that counties would be burdened with.

The Board concurred this legislation would infringe on local control. They acknowledged certain cities were also not in support and recognized the need to oppose this bill.

Udermann moved, Fahey seconded, to adopt amendment to Carver County's Legislative Priorities to add the legislative priority on housing and land use planning local control as outlined. Motion carried unanimously.

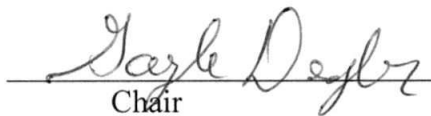
At the request of Administrator Hemze, the Board reviewed their 2024 meeting schedule and agreed to cancel the July 2nd Board meeting and hold a special meeting on July 9, 2024.

Lynch moved, Workman seconded, to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:58 a.m. and go into a work session with Health & Human Services. Motion carried unanimously.

David Hemze
County Administrator

ATTEST:


County Administrator


Chair