

CARVER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR SESSION – April 16, 2024

A Regular Session of the Carver County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on April 16, 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, Lynch seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Fahey moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024, Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Resolution #24-24, Awarding of the Furnish Bituminous Material-2024 County Wide Seal Coat Project Carver County Contract 24-169 Project #2402.

Resolution #25-24, Amendment 1 to DOT Agreement 1051940 with the State of Minnesota.

Approved professional services agreement with Bolton and Menk, Inc., for the Monarch Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurance Application, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved the one day to four day temporary on sale liquor license application for Augusta Ball Club, Chaska for May 31-June 2, 2024.

Approved issuing a tobacco license to Schram Winery in Waconia, subject to receipt of all required paperwork, licensing fee paid, signed affidavit and all delinquent taxes paid.

Approved letter of support for MnDOT's I-494 E-ZPass Project USDOT grant applications and authorized the Chair to sign the letter.

Approved the Waconia Patriot as the County's legal newspaper effective May 1, 2024. Contract with Apex Engineering Group pending finalization of the contract review process and related Public Works budget amendment.

Approved conveyance by quit claim deed of non-conforming County downed land, identified by tax parcel PID 080300721, and Parcels 2A, 2B, 3A, 35 and 35A on Carver County ROW Plat No. 34, all parcels totaling 3.9 acres, to Schmidt Acres as part of the approved settlement agreement for the Highway 40 Project-Belle Plaine Area.

Resolution #26-24, Authorizing Settlement of Compensation to Owners for Acquisition of Real

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Property Interests Needed for Highway 212 Project - Benton Township.

Professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for public communications professional services for the Highway 212 Project-Benton Township.

Professional services agreement with Braun Intertec Corporation for \$56,118 for material testing for the Highway 40 project-Belle Plaine area, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Resolution #27-24, State Funded Program for IIJA Discretionary Grant Assistance Terms and Conditions SAP 010-589-003.

Reviewed April 9, 2024, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$627,262.23 and reviewed April 16, 2024, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$427,989.64.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ashley Taylor-Gouge, Sexual Violence Center Associate Director, appeared before the Board for an update on their services. She explained the services provided and indicated they have been serving Carver County since 1987. She noted the number of individuals served and identified funding sources. She pointed out April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month and requested the Board approve the Proclamation.

Udermann moved, Lynch seconded, to adopt the April 2024 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Oliphant, Arts Consortium Executive Director, explained the Carver County Arts Consortium was organized in 2009 and they were dedicated in fostering and promoting the arts throughout the community. She identified the art festivals they organize each year, the rotating galleries they hold, and classes offered. She also noted their active performance and literacy groups.

Oliphant pointed out the gift shop at the Chaska Community Center that showcases local artisans. She explained their funding sources. She noted the shifting of grant funding and increased expenses have resulted in their expenses exceeding revenue. Oliphant stated without additional funding their lease agreement for the gift shop was not sustainable and identified the steps they have taken to address the situation. She indicated she was working with the Chaska reps on the renewal.

The Board encouraged Oliphant to find a path to sustainability, to connect with local groups to bridge the gap and thanked her for sharing information.

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Randy Lehs, CarverLink Fiber Manager, requested the Board approve amendments associated with the Connect Up Carver expansion project. He stated the fiber optic network went live in 2013 and they have been expanding ever since. Lehs identified CareerLink's main and three secondary purposes. Lehs indicated today they would be focusing on the middle mile network. He pointed out agreements and collaborations in place and stated Carver would be the first County with 100% high speed broadband availability with a population over 10K and first in the metro area.

He explained the Connect Up Carver initiative, funding utilized and progress to date. He displayed maps showing the existing CarverLink and Metronet fiber and Connect Up Carver Buildout. Lehs indicated by the end of 2024 fiber would be available in all rural areas. He recognized the gaps in the eastern end of the County and explained future plans for Victoria and Chanhassen.

Lynch questioned if there was any conflict for him to vote on this as he would be contracting with the vendor. County Attorney Metz confirmed he saw no conflict for Lynch to vote on this.

Lynch moved, Workman seconded, to approve the Connect Up Carver Expansion Agreements which are amendments to the 2022 Board approve Connect UP Carver Construction and IRU contracts, for \$2,500,000.00, pending contract review. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Kamerud, Sheriff, requested the Board approve creating 1.0 FTE law enforcement co-responder crises therapist and eliminating 1.05 deputy sheriff. He recognized the value of the work done by co-responders when responding to mental health calls. He pointed out the types of calls for service and the hours and days the calls are received. He noted the need for mental health services and stressed the need for more than one co-responder based on how the work is distributed. Sheriff also pointed out the need to continue to invest in these positions as well as additional deputies going forward.

Udermann moved, Workman seconded, to approve the conversion of 1.05 Deputy Sheriff to a 1.0 FTE Law Enforcement Co-Responder Crisis Therapist. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Johnson, Court Services, requested the Board approve the Veteran's Treatment Court reorganization. He explained the Veterans Treatment Court initially started in 2015 without state funding. Subsequently funds were received from the State, but they struggled with participants. He explained the subsequent merger with Dakota County and the conversations with the Judges on the possibility of having a First Judicial District Veterans Court.

He reviewed the proposal to establish an East and West end Veterans Court, with the West end located in Scott County and East end in Dakota County. Johnson explained the management and indicated it made logistic and consistency sense to have the coordinator housed in Scott County

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and be the fiscal agent of the grant. He indicated they were seeking approval to eliminate the 0.8 position as Scott County had the personnel needed.

Mark Metz, County Attorney, stated he fully supported this and noted the goal is to make sure every veteran in the criminal justice system has the opportunity to be served within the First Judicial District.

Fahey moved, Lynch seconded, to approve elimination of a 0.8 FTE Court Coordinator-Veterans effective at close of business on April 26, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Udermann moved, Lynch seconded, to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:58 a.m. and go into a work session for an update on the CDA. Motion carried unanimously.

David Hemze
County Administrator

ATTEST:


County Administrator
Chair