

Carver County Board of Commissioners
Special Session
October 22, 2024

A Special Session of the Carver County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on October 22, 2024. Chair Gayle Degler convened the session at 08:59 AM.

Members present: Gayle Degler, John P. Fahey, Tim Lynch, Matthew Udermann, Tom Workman

Under Public Comment:

Monique Lacroix, 10615 Poppitz Ln Chaska, MN, spoke about working as an election judge and on how accurate and safe elections are in Carver County.

Jennifer Ray, 775 West 96th St, Chanhassen stated that there is a major party imbalance in the elections in Carver County.

Dee Martineau, 14840 30th Street, Waconia, serves as an election judge and encourages everyone to show up and vote. Also addressed the need for paper ballots, same day voting, voter ID and everything that ensures voting is accurate. Martineau spoke about election fraud and wants everyone to do their part where they feel that there is fraud.

Patricia Williamson, 1997 Waterford Ln, Chaska, is an election judge speaking on behalf of the Republican Party. Williamson stated the number of election judges is uneven in almost all precincts and this violates statute 204b.21. Statute says you must use volunteers until they hit 50% in each party. This installs trust in citizens when everything is done accurately and by statute.

Nichole Nejezchleba, 4150 Red Oak Ln, Excelsior spoke on party imbalance, MN statutes and following the requirements of the law. Also stated the need to instruct city and townships to follow the law or you are compliant in the violation.

Linda Paulson, 7603 Frontier Trail, Chanhassen was co-chair of Hennepin County election returns. Paulson stated she was appalled by MN voting and wants to see Voter ID with Photo ID.

Deb Parrish, 13750 County Road 32, Cologne, stated the question has been asked for 2 years, why is there not party parody and why are you not following the law.

Tom Workman moved, Matthew Udermann seconded, to Approve the agenda . Motion Carried Unanimously.

John P. Fahey moved, Tim Lynch seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024, Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously

Tim Lynch moved, Matthew Udermann seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with MNPEA Deputy Sheriffs
Regarding 2025 Health Insurance Benefits Package.

Reviewed October 14, 2024, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$404,042.70; and reviewed October 18, 2024, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$251,713.39.

Motion carried Unanimously.

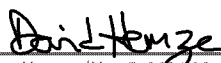
Darin Mielke, Assistant Public Works Director/Deputy Country Engineer spoke on the award of the construction contract for the Highway 18 Project - Arboretum Area. Mielke explained the Highway 18/Bavaria Road Roundabout will help reduce vehicle speed, the severity of crashes while also improving the traffic flow, and connectivity for people who walk, bike or roll. Construction will start in late fall 2024 through 2025.

Matthew Udermann moved, Tom Workman seconded, to award a construction contract for the Highway 18 Project - Arboretum Area to S.M. Hentges & Son, Inc. for \$16,136,255.26, pending finalization of the contract review process. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dave Hemze, County Administrator, reminded about open enrollment beginning yesterday and the availability of virtual meetings and recordings. Also, recognition goes out to all retiree's and years of service recipients.

Tim Lynch moved, Matthew Udermann seconded, to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:14 a.m. and go into a work session to discuss 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried unanimously.

David Hemze
County Administrator

ATTEST: 
Dave Hemze (Nov 5, 2024 09:43 CST)
County Administrator


Gayle Degler (Nov 5, 2024 10:37 CST)
Chair