PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION August 25, 2020

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF STEELE)

The Steele County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session at 2:00 p.m. on August 25, 2020, with Commissioners Krueger, Glynn, Brady, Gnemi and Abbe present. Also present were County Attorney Dan McIntosh, County Treasurer Cathy Piepho, County Engineer Greg Ilkka, Human Resources Director Julie Johnson, IT Director Dave Purscell, County Administrator Scott Golberg and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Scott Golberg gave an overview regarding the Detention Center Security System project explaining that this is a preliminary assessment/cost and that replacement of the current system has been identified as a priority.

Bob Prell from ICS and Bruce Omtvedt from Dewberry were present to go over their initial security assessment and costs and take questions from the Commissioners.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Capital Improvement Plan for 2021 thru 2025. Jess from Northland Securities was present and talked about Comprehensive Financial Planning Services that they could provide.

The Board then reviewed the 2021 Preliminary Budget. Scott & Cathy met with all department heads to review their budgets. The increase in the budget for 2021 is currently at 11.6%. Discussed the possibility of having a feasibility study done for the jail, options for decreasing the levy, and the uncertainty and unknowns with the 2021 budget.

Scott gave a CRF update to the board. He talked about a Business Support program and that there would be guidelines and an application process. There are different expenditure categories that have been identified to utilize the CRF: County/County Affiliates, Business Relief, Community Relief and Reserve. An initial search identified 127 rural businesses.

Motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to adjourn at 4:18 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:_____
AUDITOR