

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION

November 24, 2020

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF STEELE)

The Steele County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Session at 5:00 pm on November 24, 2020 with Commissioners Abbe, Krueger, Gnemi, Glynn and Brady present. Also present were IT Director Dave Purscell, County Engineer Greg Ilkka, County Treasurer Cathy Piepho, Human Resources Director Julie Johnson and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Gnemi, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the Agenda. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Brady, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the following Consent Agenda items with the removal of item #12 being moved to the general part of the Agenda. Ayes all.

- A. Approve the minutes of November 10, 2020.
- B. Approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Work Session.
- C. Approve Bills and Journal Entries
- D. Approve Personnel Report.

New Hires/Promotions/Demotions/Transfers. (Positions previously approved by Board):

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position/Dept.</i>	<i>Rating/Step</i>	<i>Start Date</i>
Christy Hormann	Chief Deputy Attorney	from D62 to D63	01/01/2021

- E. Approve the following Ditch Levies for 2021: JD1-2%; JD 2-2.5%; JD 5-12%; JD 6-.50%; JD 10-18%; JD 11-3%; JD 12-5%; JD 23-5%; JD 24-7%; CD 1-1%; CD1, Ch Br-20%; CD2-3%; CD 4-.50%; CD 5-.90%; CD19-3%; CD 20-4%; CD 21-.25%; CD 23-5%; CD 24-8%; CD 25-10%; CD27-.25%; PTD 7-.30%; PTD 8-20%; PTD 9-18%; PTD 10-5%; PTD 11-13%; PTD 17-13%; PTD 18-5%.
- F. Resolution approving Final Payment for Contract No.191238: SAP 074-612-038 to Mathiowetz Construction Company in the amount of \$42,639.71. Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
- G. Approve Technical and Engineering Assistance Agreement with Blooming Prairie Township for the replacement of an existing steel pipe culver and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.
- H. Adopt Resolution entering into Mn Dot Agreement No. 1045247 and authorize Chair and Administrator to Execute Agreement.
- I. Approve backfilling the Public Health Nurse position in the Adult Health Division.
- J. Approve 2021 COLA (2%), Health Insurance and HSA/VEBA contribution amounts for non-union employees.
- K. Adopt Resolution approving the 2021 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan.

STEELE COUNTY RESOLUTION

2021 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION AID PLAN

WHEREAS, 2014 Session Law Chapter 308 enacted by the Legislature provides Minnesota counties a County Program Aid grant for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention. The amount designated to each county is based on the number of watercraft trailer launches as well as the number of watercraft trailer parking spaces within each county. Steele County is allocated to receive \$17,192 in FY 2021, and;

WHEREAS, the legislation requires that Steele County must establish, by resolution or through adoption of a plan, guidelines for the use of the proceeds which are to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within the county, and;

WHEREAS, the county may appropriate the proceeds directly, or may use any portion of the proceeds to provide funding for a joint powers board or cooperative agreement with another political subdivision, a soil and water conservation district in the county, a watershed district in the county, or a lake association located in the county. Any money appropriated by the county to a different entity or political subdivision must be used as required under this section, and;

WHEREAS, the county must submit a copy of its guidelines for use of the proceeds to the Department of Natural Resources by December 31 of the year the payments are received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Steele County, Minnesota, adopts the Steele County 2021 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan.

Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to publicize who the CARES Grant money was distributed to, subject to County Attorney approval. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to approve the annual performance review for Scott Golberg and approve a step increase retroactive to October 31, 2020. Ayes all.

Commissioner Glynn offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Brady

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A VARIANCE FROM STANDARDS FOR STATE AID OPERATIONS FOR PROJECT NO. S.A.P. 074-634-029

WHEREAS, Steele County is preparing plans for construction of a roundabout at CSAH 34 with its intersection of CSAH 45; and

WHEREAS, a Union Pacific Railroad crossing of CSAH 34 is located approximately 475 feet east of the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad revised their crossing of CSAH 34, increasing the super elevation of their tracks and creating a sub-standard condition, and

WHEREAS, Steele County desires to improve the crossing in conjunction with the roundabout project, and

WHEREAS, a river crossing bridge (Bridge No. 74521) is approximately 100 feet east of the railroad crossing, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules for State Aid Operations 8820.9936 requires a 45-mph design speed vertical curve; and

WHEREAS, reconstructing this segment of highway to the minimum 45 mph design standard is not feasible unless the river bridge is reconstructed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Steele County Board of Commissioners does hereby request a variance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid Operations Rules Chapter 8820.9936 MINIMUM DESIGN STANDARDS, URBAN; NEW OR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS to allow a minimum 25 mph design speed in lieu of a 45-mph design speed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Steele County Board of Commissioners hereby indemnifies, saves and hold harmless the State of Minnesota and its agents and employees of and from claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or by reason of the 25 mph vertical curve in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.9936 and further agrees to defend at their sole cost and expense any action or proceeding commenced for the purpose of asserting any claim arising as a result of the granting this variance.

Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Motion by Commissioner Gnemi, seconded by Commissioner Brady to approve the purchase of a tractor and boom mower in the amount of \$122,579.25 for the Highway Department, to be paid in 2021, contingent on approval of the 2021 budget. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to approve the amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement for ISG, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for construction inspection services for the CSAH 19 (Rose St) & CSAH 45 (Oak Ave) improvements, SAP 074-619-021 and SAP 074-645-037. Ayes all.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Glynn reported on his attendance at a Public Works policy meeting and the Canvassing Board.

Commissioner Krueger reported on his attendance at a Public Works policy meeting and a Space Study meeting.

Commissioner Gnemi reported on this attendance at an Emergency Medical Board meeting, Workforce meeting, South Central Human Relations Center meeting, Historical Society meeting, Drug Court meeting and a Land-Use policy meeting.

Commissioner Brady reported on his attendance at the Canvassing Board, MNPrairie meeting, Internal Central Services and South-Central Human Relations Center meeting.

Commissioner Abbe reported on his attendance at the Internal Central Services meeting and a Space Study meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Brady, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS
11/27/2020

Alcohol Monitoring System Inc	2,457.36
Bolton & Menk Inc	31,011.00
City of Medford	54,909.37
Counties Providing Technology	4,075.00
CRK Properties LLC	6,433.09
Hillyard-Hutchinson	2,081.39
Honeywell Inc	6,214.66
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	3,200.00
Mn Pollution Control Agency	55,880.92
Moore Md/Kellyanna J	3,433.33
Motorola Solutions Inc	3,707.30
SRF Consulting Group Inc	3,079.53
Steele County Highway Dept	6,399.23
Steele County Treasurer	6,053.10
Summit Food Services LLC	3,616.80
80 Payments Less than \$2,000	23,989.32
TOTAL:	\$ 216,541.40

Motion by Commissioner Brady, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 5:37 p.m. Ayes all.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR