

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2020

The Benton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 7, 2020 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Commissioners Steve Heinen, Ed Popp, Spencer Buerkle, Jake Bauerly and Warren Peschl present. Call to order by Administrator Monty Headley was at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Peschl nominated Buerkle for 2020 Chair of the Board. Second by Bauerly. Nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast for Buerkle for Board Chair for 2020. Chair Buerkle called for nominations for 2020 Board Vice-Chair. Popp nominated Peschl for 2020 Vice-Chair of the Board. Second by Heinen. Nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Peschl for Board Vice-Chair for 2020.

Peschl/Popp unanimous to approve the amended agenda (add item: update on proposed Veterans Memorial).

No one was present to speak under Open Forum.

Bauerly/Heinen unanimous to set 2020 County Board meeting dates and times as presented (“first and third” Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM with the exception of the first Board meeting in December—the listing reflects a change of time from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM to combine with the Truth in Taxation meeting.)

Heinen/Bauerly unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2019 as written; 2) accept and file Management Team Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2019 as written; 3) set the 2020 per diem rate for Boards and Commissions at \$60 per meeting; 4) approve Engagement Letter with *CliftonLarsonAllen* to complete required 1094-C and 1095-C forms for 2019, and authorize the Chair to sign; 5) adopt Resolution 2020-#1, authorizing use of alternative method to disseminate bids and requests for proposals, and authorize the Chair to sign; 6) approve 2020 tobacco license application—*Speedway #4453/Northern Tier Retail LLC*; 7) approve appointments of Chad Erdmann and Jason Tangen to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022; 8) abolish full-time Detention Officer position created in April of 2019; 9) approve maintenance agreement with *Motorola* and authorize the Chair to sign; 10) approve Purchase Money Security Agreement for S.C.O.R.E. Grant—*City of Foley*—for the purchase of eight, by-the-yard recycled chaise lounges with wheels, and authorize the Chair to sign; 11) approve Purchase Money Security Agreement for S.C.O.R.E. Grant—*City of St. Cloud*—to purchase an enclosed trailer to store and haul mattresses collected within Benton County to a mattress recycler, and authorize the Chair to sign; and 12) approve Hold Harmless Agreement with *St. Cloud State University*, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Nadean Inman, Auditor-Treasurer, reported on the two newspaper bids that were received (Benton County News and Sauk Rapids Herald) for publication of the official proceedings of the County Board and other publications as required by law. She noted the rates included in the bids, along with a combined rate for publishing in both papers; the 2020 rates will mirror the 2019 rates. Peschl/Bauerly unanimous to designate the Benton County News and Sauk Rapids Herald as the official newspapers for Benton County.

Popp/Heinen unanimous to re-designate the Auditor-Treasurer the authority to designate depository banks and to adopt Resolution 2020-#2, designating depository banks for Benton County, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Monty Headley, County Administrator, reported on his most recent conversation with Duane Walter, representing the Foley American Legion, regarding the Veterans Memorial proposed on county property near the Courts Facility. He stated that the Legion's success in securing donations for the memorial has led to their request to expand the footprint of the memorial by approximately ten feet (from 30'x30' to 40'x40' in order to recognize all branches of service). Headley noted that he requested a site plan of the proposed site when available, stressing the importance of moving the site as close to the road as possible for potential future county expansions. Bauerly stated his agreement with the proposed size, but suggested that the location be determined by the engineer so no drainage issues are created. No other concerns were noted by Board members.

The Regular County Board meeting was recessed at 9:16 AM to conduct a Human Services Board meeting.

The Regular County Board meeting was reconvened at 9:22 AM.

Bauerly/Heinen unanimous to adopt the 2020 slate of Boards and Commissions appointments as discussed and indicated.

Board members reported on recent meetings they attended on behalf of the county.

Under Commissioner Concerns, Peschl noted that the February 19th Committee of the Whole will include discussion on possible bonding using local option sales tax. Bauerly stated "...part of that sales tax passing was to pave some gravel roads too...we need to get them on the list..." Peschl noted that bridges also need to be a priority.

Popp/Peschl unanimous to set Committees of the Whole: January 30, Benton Economic Partnership Annual Meeting; February 13, Township Officers Association Meeting; February 24, County Board Annual "Goal Setting"; and February 26 & 27, Association of MN Counties Legislative Conference.

Popp/Peschl unanimous to adjourn at 9:54 AM.

Spencer C. Buerkle, Chair
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator

