

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 1, 2019

The Benton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 1, 2019 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Commissioners Jake Bauerly, Ed Popp, Warren Peschl, Steve Heinen and Spencer Buerkle present. Call to order by Chair Bauerly was at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Peschl/Heinen unanimous to approve the agenda as written.

No one was present to speak under Open Forum.

Popp/Buerkle unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2019 as written; 2) accept and file Management Team Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2019 as written; 3) accept and file Committee of the Whole Minutes of September 9, 2019 as written; 4) approve up to six weeks of additional unpaid leave for part-time Human Services employee; 5) accept Radiological Emergency Preparedness Grant and authorize the Chair to sign; and 6) accept 2020 and 2021 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement and Payment/approve amended Benton SWCD Agreement to administer the SSTS Low-Income Fix Up Grant Program on behalf of Benton County, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Roxanne Achman, Department of Development Director, presented the minor final plat entitled "*Hall Estates*" located in Watab Township, submitted by property owner, Dorn Fischer. She explained that the applicant's request is to split 24.75 acres into two single family lots; both lots will be approximately 11.82 acres in size and will share an access onto CR 33. Achman noted that Watab Township has signed the preliminary plat. Peschl/Popp to approve the minor final plat entitled "*Hall Estates*" in Watab Township, as recommended by the Planning Commission, and authorize the Chair to sign the final plat. Motion carried with Bauerly, Popp, Peschl and Buerkle voting aye and Heinen abstaining from the vote.

Achman provided an update on the Boundary Line Commission (Commission initially formed to resolve boundary line issues of a number of parcels along and west of Sucker Creek Road in Watab Township), noting that the County Surveyor has met with all but six of the landowners; so far, all the landowners are in agreement where the property lines are. She pointed out that Watab Township has agreed to work with the County Surveyor in surveying the right-of-way for Sharon Place Road. Achman added "...they did not find the north quarter corner of section 11 in the lake...there was a judicial monument set 78 feet to the south...that was also swept away..." She stated that county staff members, along with the county surveyor, assistant county attorney and outside counsel will be meeting next Tuesday to discuss "the next steps" in this process; ultimately, the County Surveyor will create the plat, which will go to the Boundary Line Commission and then to the County Board. Achman clarified that the fee schedule will be determined by the Boundary Line Commission.

Johanna Mattson, Human Resources Director, explained that, as a result of the recommendation from Benton County's broker, *Marsh and McLennan Agency (MMA)*, the funding levels for Benton County's self-insured health plan need to be increased 2%. She presented the proposed 2020 health insurance contributions and plans for non-union employees, as recommended by the Benefits Advisory Committee, which reflects a 50/50 split of stated increase between employer and employees.

Buerkle/Heinen unanimous to approve the 2020 health insurance rates and plans for non-union employees as presented and recommended by the Benefits Advisory Committee.

Chris Byrd, County Engineer, reported that the plat of *St. George Corners South* was recently approved with access control across the road frontage of CSAH 25. He stated that, since being approved, the owner has applied for entrance permits; when reviewing the entrance permits, it was discovered that the locations shown on the plat create unsafe conditions for the roadway, i.e. creates a hidden driveway. Byrd noted that, to address this, a resolution would need to be adopted to vacate the access control on the plat; then driveway entrance permits could be approved at safe locations to best serve the parcels created by the plat. Following brief discussion, Heinen/Buerkle unanimous to adopt Resolution 2019-#34, vacating a portion of the controlled access adjacent to CSAH 25, and authorize the Chair to sign.

The Regular County Board meeting was recessed at 9:31 AM to conduct a Human Services Board meeting.

The Regular County Board meeting was reconvened at 9:37 AM.

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

Buerkle/Popp unanimous to set Committees of the Whole: October 21, AMC District 5 Meeting; October 22, Discussion on County Road Right-of-Way Ordinance/Discussion of Economic Development Issues; and October 24, Benton Economic Partnership Quarterly Membership Meeting.

Chair Bauerly adjourned the meeting at 9:57 AM.

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A. Jake Bauerly, Chair  
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Montgomery Headley  
Benton County Administrator