

**CHISAGO COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

The Chisago County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the Chisago County Government Center with the following Commissioners present: DuBose, Greene, McMahon, Montzka, Robinson. Also present: County Attorney Janet Reiter, and County Administrator Chase Burnham, and *Interim* Clerk of the Board Christina Vollrath.

The Chair called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner DuBose offered a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Greene. The motion **passed** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahon, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

The Chair opened the Road and Bridge Committee of the Whole at 6:32 p.m.

The Board was given updates on the following current projects of the Public Works Department from County Engineer Joe Triplett: Public Ditch System Update; CSAH 17 Extension Update; Delegated and Advance Construction Agreement for the TH 8/CSAH 26 Roundabout Project; MN County Engineer Association Executive Committee; TH 8 Reconstruction Open House; Proposed Transportation Improvement Plan. *No action was taken.*

On motion by DuBose, seconded by McMahon, the Board moved items 1-4 to the consent agenda. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahon, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

At 6:45 p.m., on motion by DuBose, seconded by Greene, the Board moved to close the Road and Bridge Committee of the Whole. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahon, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

Amy Chavez, Judge Bridgid Dowdal, and Janet Reiter presented on Veterans Treatment Court.

On motion by Greene, seconded by DuBose, the Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahon, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

- 1.) R&B Committee Recommendation – County Engineer’s Report

2.) R&B Committee Recommendation – Agmt w/ Mndot for TH 8/CSAH 26 Roundabout

**Chisago County  
Board of Commissioners**

**THE TH 8 & CSAH 26 RAB AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20/0219-1  
APPROVING THE TH 8 & CSAH 26 RAB AGREEMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Chisago County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Chairman and the Auditor are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in “Minnesota Department of Transportation MnDOT Contract No. 1036348“, a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

- 3.) R&B Committee Recommendation – FINAL 2020 Transportation Improvement Plan
- 4.) R&B Committee Recommendation – 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Plan
- 5.) Minutes from the February 5, 2020 Regular Meeting
- 6.) Payment of County’s Warrants and Miscellaneous Bills

**Payment of County’s Warrants & Miscellaneous Bills**

Bills Paid 2/11/2020 \$786,778.60

**Authorize Payment of County’s Warrants for HHS:**

<u>Prepared Check Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Mail Date</u>	<u>Type of Payment</u>
2/7/2020	\$113,396.94		Commissioner’s Warrants
2/7/2020	\$53,016.63	2/19/2020	Auditor’s Warrants
2/10/2020	\$2,921.65		Commissioner’s Warrants
2/10/2020	\$1,611.85	2/19/2020	Auditor’s Warrants

Lake Area Bank; Derek Anklan; Sheriff; supplies; \$196.08

Lake Area Bank; Amy Chavez; Probation; car glass repair; \$39.95

Lake Area Bank; Ami Helmbrecht; HHS; travel, training; \$1,781.64  
Lake Area Bank; John Keefe; Assessor; training, dues; \$505.00  
Lake Area Bank; Bridgitte Konrad; Auditor/Treasurer; conference registration; \$160.00  
Lake Area Bank; Tracy Krona; HHS; supplies, interpreter, travel, training; \$1,298.81  
Lake Area Bank; Andrew Mahowald; Sheriff; snowmobile equipment; \$140.94  
Lake Area Bank; Lori Olson; Sheriff/Jail; supplies; \$172.55  
Lake Area Bank; Kyle Puelston; Sheriff; training; \$181.53  
Lake Area Bank; Janet Reiter; Attorney; association dues; \$255.00  
Lake Area Bank; Kurt Schneider; ESD; training; \$90.00  
Lake Area Bank; Scott Sellman; Sheriff; conference; \$350.00  
Lake Area Bank; Joseph Triplett; Public Works; DOT stickers, travel; \$113.90  
Lake Area Bank; Polly Zais; Sheriff/Jail; supplies; \$109.53

7.) Acceptance of Chisago County Donation – Wellness Committee

## **Chisago County Board of Commissioners**

### **Acceptance of Donation**

**RESOLUTION NO: 20/0219-2**

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION BY CHISAGO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Chisago County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 060419-3 on April 19, 2006 which established a policy regarding the acceptance of gifts by Chisago County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has received a donation from a business or private individual in Chisago County and is requesting formal acceptance by the County Board of Commissioners;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners hereby accept the following donation received by Chisago County:

- Snap Fitness: \$25.00 for the Chisago County Wellness Committee

8.) Credit Card Requests – CCSO and Wellness Committee

At 6:59 p.m., the Chair opened Citizen Forum. 7 Citizens spoke; the Chair closed Citizen Forum at 7:12 p.m.

Environmental Services Director Kurt Schneider presented the Board with the following action items: Board of Adjustment meeting; Planning Commission meeting; Department Updates. *No action was taken.*

On motion by Greene, seconded by DuBose, the Board moved to approve the Director's Report. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahan Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by DuBose, the Board moved to approve the Kevin and Melisa Denker "Sunrise Hill" final plat in Section 2, T.36, R. 21; PID 09.00485.40. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahan, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Robinson, seconded by Greene, the Board moved to approve the Chisago County Park Board recommendation to adopt and implement the following parks policies and user fees as presented and/or as amended at tonight's meeting:

1. Chisago County Parks Department Park Reservation Policy
2. Tournament / Large Event Application & Assumption of Responsibility and Waiver of Liability Agreement
3. Field Operations and Standards Policy : Ki-Chi-Saga Park
4. Field Maintenance Agreement with Lakes Area Recreation Association."

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Greene, McMahan, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** DuBose.

On motion by DuBose, seconded by McMahan, the Board moved to approve a contract with Kantner Consulting LLC for Reflective Practice Supervision.

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahan, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by DuBose, seconded by McMahan, the Board moved to approve the Transportation Agreements with ISD 138 and 139.

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Greene, McMahan, Montzka, Robinson, DuBose. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by DuBose, seconded by McMahan, the Board moved to approve the Out-of-State Travel Request to Georgia for Veterans Accreditation Training for the Chisago County Veterans Service Officer and Veterans Service Officer Assistant.

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahan, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by DuBose, seconded by McMahan, the Board moved to approve the equipment purchase of 2 tablets and a laptop for HHS – Adult Protection unit.

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahan, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by DuBose, seconded by Greene, the Board moved to accept the 2019 Probation Department Annual Report.

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahan, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by McMahon, the Board moved to review the transition of the Chisago County community supervision model from the CPO model to the CCA model effective July 1, 2021 to the April 15 board meeting agenda. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahon, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by DuBose, seconded by Greene, the Board moved to approve the request from the North Branch Monarch Group to create land around the North Branch Library into pollinator plantings.

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahon, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by McMahon, seconded by DuBose, the Board moved to approve the resolution of supporting the removal of a tax exemption on solar energy generating systems in Chisago County.

The motion carried as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahon, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

## **Chisago County Board of Commissioners**

### **SUPPORTING THE REMOVAL OF A TAX EXEMPTION ON SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 20/0219-3 SUPPORTING THE REMOVAL OF A TAX EXEMPTION ON SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, solar energy generating systems are a valued abundant, renewable, and a non-polluting energy resource in Chisago County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of Chisago County Board of Commissioners to adopt a strategy for community-wide solar development for the purpose of achieving the multiple economic, health, environmental, and educational benefits of solar energy; and

**WHEREAS**, Chisago County recognizes the development of many of these solar energy facilities and that the pursuit of these strategies can greatly reduce the cost and consumption of energy, while lowering carbon emissions and reducing fossil fuel consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, Chisago County also recognizes maintaining Chisago County's unique community character, design standards, and livability; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of Chisago County to consistently examine its current policies, plans, programs, strategies, and regulations to determine whether they facilitate and further the deployment and development of appropriate solar energy generating systems in Chisago County; and

**WHEREAS**, Chisago County also recognizes the differences between the size, production and tax implications of how solar energy generating systems are able to be taxed according to the systems size and energy production under Minnesota law; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** encourage the Minnesota Legislature to review and remove the exemption of solar energy generating systems that produce less than or equal to 1 MW of solar energy per hour due to the impact the exempted systems have on the unique landscape and livability standards in rural Minnesota and Chisago County.

Consensus for 100 year old veteran recognition.

County Administrator Burnham updated the Board on dates of upcoming meetings; Board of Appeal and Equalization is June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., *No action was taken.*

Several Commissioners offered reports of their respective committee assignments. *No action was taken.*

On motion by DuBose, seconded by Greene, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Greene, McMahon, Montzka, Robinson **OPPOSED:** None.

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Ben Montzka, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christina Vollrath  
Interim Clerk of the Board