

The Meeker County Board of Commissioners met on January 8, 2019, at the Meeker County Courthouse in the City of Litchfield, Minnesota. Call to order was at 8:30 a.m. by Vice-Chair Mike Housman.

Present: Commissioners – Beth Oberg, Joe Tacheny, Mike Housman, Steve Schmitt and Bryan Larson, County Attorney Brandi Schiefelbein, County Administrator Paul Virnig and Executive Secretary Cori Heacock.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to appoint Mike Housman 2019 County Board Chair.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to approve the January 8, 2019 agenda as amended to move approval of Full-time Deputy from Miscellaneous Items to an agenda item under Sheriff Cruze.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Oberg to approve County Board minutes for December 18, 2018 as printed.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to appoint Bryan Larson 2019 County Board Vice-Chair.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Oberg to appoint Joe Tacheny 2019 County Board Reading Clerk.
Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Brandi Schiefelbein shared an invitation with the Board to a Drug Court graduation event on January 9, 2019 at the Meeker County Courthouse.

Motion by Larson, second by Tacheny to approve depositories for 2019 as follows:

Bremer Bank	Minneapolis, MN
Center National Bank	Litchfield, MN
Edward Jones	Litchfield, MN
Farmer's & Merchants	Eden Valley, MN
Farmers State Bank of Watkins	Watkins, MN
First State Bank of Grove City	Grove City, MN
Harvest Bank	Atwater, MN
Harvest Bank	Kimball, MN
Home State Bank	Litchfield, MN
MidCountry Bank	Litchfield, MN
Perennial Bank	Darwin, MN
PFM Asset Management LLC	Minneapolis, MN
US Bancorp Asset Management (MAGIC Fund)	Minneapolis, MN
Wells Fargo Advisors	Minneapolis, MN
Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, NA	Litchfield, MN
Wells Fargo Securities	Minneapolis, MN

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to approve the 2019 Electronic Funds Transfer Policy as

presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Schmitt to approve the 2019 Aquatic Invasive Species Grant allocations to 17 different area projects, totaling \$113,811.07.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Oberg to reappoint Leo Bauer to the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee for a three-year term, with said term expiring December 31, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Larson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Meeker County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal supplied by local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are a critical component of the local road systems; and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the Townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority deficient bridges; and

WHEREAS, Meeker County has determined that the following deficient bridge on the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) and Township systems are a high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years.

Old Bridge Number	Road Number or Owner	Estimated Project Cost	Township or State Bridge Funds	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Construction Year
L8370	Pleasure Dr-Litchfield TWP	\$130,000	\$120,000	\$10,000	2020
92618	590 th Ave-Cedar Mills TWP	\$450,000	\$440,000	\$10,000	2020
92554	CSAH 21	\$250,000	\$120,000	\$130,000	2021
7230	CSAH 34	\$750,000	\$350,000	\$400,000	2021
90979	CSAH 14	\$140,000	\$60,000	\$80,000	2023
90959	120 th St-Cosmos TWP	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$10,000	2023
L5814	240 th St-Dassel TWP	\$120,000	\$110,000	\$10,000	2023
L5980	250 th St-Dassel TWP	\$120,000	\$110,000	\$10,000	2023
90996	340 th St-Swede Grove TWP	\$120,000	\$110,000	\$10,000	2023
90936	CSAH 16	\$140,000	\$60,000	\$80,000	2023
90998	CSAH 6	\$140,000	\$60,000	\$80,000	2023

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Meeker County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Meeker County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

Commissioners Oberg, Tacheny, Housman, Schmitt and Larson voting "Yes".

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted. #2019-1.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority contained in Minn. Stat. 331A.12 the Meeker County Board of Commissioners may designate the Meeker County Web Site as the official publication of transportation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Meeker County, MN web site is designated the official publication for transportation projects.

Commissioners Larson, Schmitt, Housman, Tacheny and Oberg voting “Yes”.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted. #2019-2.

Motion by Larson, second by Oberg to approve Final Acceptance and Payment for SAP 047-600-10 and SAP 047-633-03 mill and overlay projects on CSAH 33 and 215th Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to accept the 2019 Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Screening Grant Award from MN Department of Human Services in the amount of \$1,878.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to approve the Social Services accounts payable as follows:

Human Services Fund	\$49,951.15
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Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve filling a budget-approved, additional Full-time Deputy Sheriff position.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Larson to reappoint Matthew Welling and appoint Eric Gabrielson to the Extension Committee for three-year terms, with said terms expiring December 31, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Schmitt to accept a bid from the Litchfield Independent Review and designate same as legal newspaper for the County of Meeker for year 2019. The Litchfield Independent Review is designated by the Board of Commissioners as the newspaper in which notice and list of real estate taxes remaining delinquent in the county on the 2nd day of January shall be published and bond from the Litchfield Independent Review in the amount of \$2,000 as surety be accepted. Litchfield Independent Review 2019 rates are \$6.84 per column inch for first insertion and \$4.00 per column inch for repeat insertions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Larson to approve county and hospital accounts payable as follows:

General Revenue Fund	\$ 86,806.65
Road & Bridge Fund	149,299.18
Human Services Fund	119.36
Solid Waste Fund	4,021.68
County Nurse Fund	1,755.44
Family Services Bldg. Fund	1,272.85
Capital Projects Fund	9,117.92
Ditch Fund	1,748.27
State Collections Fund	2,994.22
County Hospital	263,358.24

Credit Cards:

General Revenue Fund	10,127.37
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Motion carried unanimously.

Board Chair Housman called for a recess of the County Board Meeting at 9:15 a.m. to convene as the County Ditch Authority.

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The County Board convened as the County Ditch Authority.

Present: Commissioners – Beth Oberg, Joe Tacheny, Mike Housman, Steve Schmitt and Bryan Larson, County Attorney Brandi Schiefelbein, County Administrator Paul Virnig, County Auditor Barb Loch and Executive Secretary Cori Heacock.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve ditch authority minutes for December 18, 2018 County Ditch #15 meeting as amended to change title for Ron Ringquist, John Cunningham and Vernon Ruschmeyer from “Ditch Inspectors” to “Ditch Viewers”.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Findings of Fact and Order Regarding Redetermination of Benefits of Meeker County Ditch #15 is tabled to address discrepancy in legal description.

With no further business, Board Chair Housman called to adjourn as County Ditch Authority at 9:20 a.m. and reconvene as County Board.

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Board Chair Housman reconvened the County Board meeting.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to approve 2019 Association of Minnesota Counties Policy Committee appointments as follows:

- Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee: Commissioner Bryan Larson
- General Government Policy Committee: Commissioner Mike Housman
- Health & Human Services Policy Committee: Commissioner Beth Oberg
- Public Safety Policy Committee: Commissioner Steve Schmitt
- Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee: Commissioner Joe Tacheny

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Schmitt to approve the 2019 Association of Minnesota Counties Voting Delegate appointments as follows: Commissioners Oberg, Tacheny, Housman, Schmitt, and Larson, County Administrator Paul Virnig, Social Services Director Paul Bukovich, and County Treasurer Sharon Euerle.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Larson to approve payment for first one-half of 2019 Appropriations as amended to withhold payment to Economic Development Association pending further discussion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to approve transfers from Revenue Fund to Parks \$100,883 and Public Health \$331,601.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Tacheny to approve Meeker Cooperative Utility Easements on the following Meeker County properties:

- Parcel ID 15-0061001, a strip of land 20 feet in width, parallel and adjacent to the Northerly road right of way of the existing road designated as CSAH 36 and the Westerly road right of way of the existing road designated as 587th Ave. AND, a strip of land 20 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 5; Thence North 1 degree 15 minutes 00 seconds West, 377.9 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds West, 185.97 feet, the point of beginning being the Easterly property line; Thence North 03 degrees 29 minutes 05 seconds West, 34.87 feet; there terminating.
- Parcel ID 07-0411000, a strip of land 20 feet in width, parallel and adjacent to the Southerly road right of way of the existing road designated as 240th Street.
- Parcel ID 13-0247000, a strip of land 20 feet in width, parallel and adjacent to the Northerly road right of way of the existing road designated as CSAH 27.
- Parcel ID 04-0105000, a strip of land 20 feet in width, parallel and adjacent to the Westerly road right of way of the existing road designated as 525th Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Larson to reappoint Joe Tacheny and appoint Steve Schmitt to the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee for 3-year terms, with said term expiring December 31, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to reappoint Beth Oberg and Bryan Larson to the Hospital Board for 2-year terms, with said terms expiring December 31, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Larson to reappoint Joe Tacheny to the Public Health Advisory Board for a 2-year term, with said term expiring December 31, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Larson to appoint Steve Schmitt to the County Investment Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Schmitt was appointed as an alternate on the County Personnel Committee.

Motion by Oberg, second by Larson to appoint Steve Schmitt to the County Waste Management Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Larson to reappoint Beth Oberg to the Central Community Transit Board for a 3-year term, with said term expiring December 31, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to appoint Steve Schmitt to the Central MN Jobs and Training Board for a 2-year term, with said term expiring December 31, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Larson to reappoint Beth Oberg and Mike Housman to the Meeker/McLeod/Sibley Community Health Services Board and reappoint Joe Tacheny as an alternate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Larson to appoint Steve Schmitt to the Emergency Services Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to appoint Steve Schmitt to the Grove City Care Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Oberg to appoint Steve Schmitt to the Mid-MN Development Commission as Mike Housman's replacement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Schmitt to reappoint Beth Oberg to the Nurse Family Partnership Governing Board for a 3-year term, with said term expiring December 31, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Oberg to appoint Steve Schmitt to the PACT 4 Families Executive Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to appoint Mike Housman to the PrimeWest Board and reappoint Beth Oberg as an alternate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Oberg to reappoint Bryan Larson to the ProWorks Board for a 3-year term, with said term expiring December 31, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to appoint Joe Tacheny to the Regional Library Board as Mike Housman's replacement, to complete an existing 3-year term, with said term expiring December 31, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Oberg to reappoint Bryan Larson to the State Department and County Transportation Building Management Committee and reappoint Joe Tacheny as an alternate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to appoint Bryan Larson to the Woodland Mental Health Center Board for a 4-year term, with said term expiring December 31, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt, Board Chair Housman called for adjournment at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the county board is January 15, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room, Meeker County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted: Cori Heacock, Executive Secretary

Chair of County Board

Attest: _____
Clerk of County Board