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The Meeker County Board of Commissioners met on June 18, 2019, at the Meeker County Courthouse in the City of Litchfield, Minnesota. Call to order was at 8:30 a.m. by 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 Administrative Coordinator Cori Heacock.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair Housman called for public comments and there were none.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Schmitt to approve the June 18, 2019 agenda as printed.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Larson to approve County Board minutes for June 4, 2019 as printed.  
Motion carried unanimously.

The following employees were recognized for their years of service:

- Robin Johnson, Appraiser Specialist, 5 years
- Brian Cruze, Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff, 25 years
- Ilene Nelsen, Public Health Nurse, 40 years

Meeker Memorial Hospital Chief Executive Officer Kurt Waldbillig presented hospital matters to the Board.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to approve a Rezoning Application, as recommended by the Planning Commission, for Dooley's Petroleum, Inc., from A-1 to C-1 to perform necessary improvements to the property.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to approve renewal of an existing Conditional Use Permit Application, as recommended by the Planning Commission, for Stan VonBank, Parcel #07-0870000, to move more than fifty (50) cubic yards of material in the Shoreland District and in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation District, with stated conditions.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Tacheny to approve an Interim Use Permit Application, as recommended by the Planning Commission, for Brad Bipes, Parcel #05-0110000, to mine and process aggregate material in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation District, with stated conditions.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Schmitt to approve the final plat of Tiemann Estates.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Tacheny to approve the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention DNR Inspection of Water-Related Equipment Agreement, expiring on December 31, 2019.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve hire of Social Services Administrative Clerk Brenda Oster, Level A12 Step 1, \$16.05 per hour, effective June 24, 2019.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to approve hire of Accounting Assistants Tawny Press and Kailee Lenz, Level A13 Step 1, \$17.25 per hour, effective date(s) to be determined.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve Social Services accounts payable as follows:

Human Services Fund	\$152,455.12
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Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2019 appropriations as amended to clarify the payment to Economic Development.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to approve status change of Full-time Land Use Director Kristin Cote to Temporary Part-time Land Use Director at a rate of \$48.50 per hour, effective June 24, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve the 2019 budgeted purchase of three 2020 SUV Police Interceptors for \$35,941.20 each, and one 2020 SUV Police Interceptor with auxiliary air for \$36,484.20, and the replacement of a squad unexpectedly lost in an accident with a 2020 SUV Police Interceptor for \$35,941.20, all from Atwater Ford.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to approve the printing of 6000 new County Highway maps at a cost of \$3,386.84 from Crow River Press.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve the renewal of a 3.2 Malt Liquor "On" Premises Application for the Forest City Threshers at 64917 309<sup>th</sup> Street, Litchfield, for August 16-18, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Oberg to approve the renewal of an "On Sale/Sunday" Liquor License for Kicker's Bar & Grill and Millner Vineyard, LLC.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

General Revenue Fund	\$ 99,109.85
Road & Bridge Fund	169,400.89
County Parks Fund	4,525.76
Solid Waste Fund	3,751.24
County Nurse Fund	3,693.41
Family Services Bldg. Fund	13,299.72
Capital Projects Fund	14,910.00
Debt Service Fund	500.00
Ditch Fund	6,604.52
County Hospital	434,562.82

Credit Cards:

General Revenue Fund	12,057.36
County Nurse Fund	2,100.01
Family Services Bldg. Fund	47.52

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

It being 9:30 a.m., Board Chair Housman recessed the County Board meeting and reconvened the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

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It being 10:02 a.m., Chair Housman recessed the County Board of Appeal and Equalization and reconvened the County Board meeting.

Board Chair Housman recessed the County Board meeting and convened as the County Ditch Authority.

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The County Board convened as the Ditch Authority.

Present: County Auditor Barb Loch, Assistant Highway Superintendent Ed Hoekstra, Public Works Director Phil Schmalz, Attorney Kurt Deter from Rinke Noonan Law Firm, Commissioners Oberg, Tacheny, Housman, Schmitt, and Larson, County Attorney Brandi Schiefelbein, County Administrator Paul Virnig, and Administrative Coordinator Cori Heacock.

Chairman Housman opened the public hearing concerning the petition for abandonment of Meeker County Ditch #42.

Purpose of the public hearing was stated by Attorney Kurt Deter. Notice requirements were verified by Auditor Barbara Loch, Petitioner Glen Gruenhagen presented his reasoning for the petition of abandonment, public comments and questions were heard from landowners David Kuechle and Christopher Schultz, and written objections were presented by landowners Christine Ransom and David Kuechle.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Larson to continue the abandonment process for County Ditch #42 due to the submission of written objections, pursuant to MN Statutes 103E.811, Subd. 5(b), and appoint primary viewers Ron Ringquist, John Cunningham, Vern Ruschmeyer, and appoint Rich Kvolts as alternate, unless the petition for abandonment is withdrawn by landowners and written notice is provided to the County Auditor prior to July 4, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Oberg to close the public hearing for the abandonment of County Ditch #42.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Tacheny to award ditch cleaning and tree removal work on County Ditch #12 to Gerald Whitcomb for \$31,990.

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Board Chair Housman adjourned the County Ditch Authority meeting at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened the County Board meeting.

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Board Chair Housman reconvened the County Board meeting.

Representative Dean Urdahl gave the Board a legislative update.

Commissioner Tacheny left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

It being 10:50, Board Chair Housman recessed the County Board meeting and reconvened as the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

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It being 11:00 a.m., Board Chair Housman adjourned the County Board of Appeal and Equalization and reconvened the County Board Meeting.

On motion by Schmitt, second by Oberg, Board Chair Housman called for adjournment at 11:12 a.m. The next meeting of the County Board of Commissioners will be on July 2, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., in the County Board of Meeting Room, Meeker County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted: Cori Heacock, Administrative Coordinator

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Chair of County Board

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of County Board