
The Meeker County Board of Commissioners met on November 5, 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 Executive Secretary Cori Heacock.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to approve the November 5, 2019 agenda as amended to add Sheriff Cruze with a personnel issue.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Larson to approve County Board minutes for October 15, 2019 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Tacheny to approve the promotion of Deputy Josh Case to Detective, Level Ds Step 6, \$32.72 per hour plus an additional \$200 per month on-call pay, effective November 1, 2019.
Motion carried unanimously.

Friends of Meeker Trails Board Chair Mark Vaillancourt provided a trails update to the Board.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Tacheny to approve a Conditional Use Permit, as recommended by the Planning Commission, for Verizon Wireless/Philip Rokala, Parcel #13-0392000, to construct a commercial wireless telecommunications tower with a total height of 259' in the A-1 Agricultural Preservation District, with stated conditions.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to approve a Conditional Use Permit, as recommended by the Planning Commission, for Cletus Huhn Jr., Parcel #07-0446041, to establish one additional building eligibility as per Section 11.01.D.4 of the Meeker County Zoning Ordinance, with stated conditions.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve a Conditional Use Permit, as recommended by the Planning Commission, for Mark Determan, Parcel #03-0538000, to move more than ten (10) cubic yards in the shore impact zone and more than fifty (50) cubic yards of material in the Shoreland District, with stated conditions.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Oberg to approve a Rezoning Application for Kenneth Swanson, Parcel #03-0394000, as recommended by the Planning Commission, from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to R-2 Rural Residential District to allow to be sold as a building lot.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve a Preliminary Plat Application for Kenneth Swanson, Swanson's Lake Jennie View, Parcel #03-0394000, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Larson to approve the Final Plat Application for Ranta Shores, Parcel #13-0176000, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tacheny, second by Larson to approve hire of Accounting Assistant Danielle Uecker, Level A13 Step 1, \$17.25 per hour, effective November 18, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Human Services Fund	\$90,940.15
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Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to set a public hearing for the Highway Department 5-Year Construction Plan for December 3, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to approve reinstatement of On-Call Part-Time Snow Plow Operator Brad Thomas, Step C, \$25.63 per hour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve Final Acceptance and payment on 2019 County-Wide Seal Coat Contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Oberg to approve the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency General Obligation Note at 1.5% interest for the SSTS Restoration Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Larson to adopt a resolution relating to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Clean Water Partnership; authorizing the County to borrow money from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and to lend money to eligible participants and eligible lenders to fund projects for the control and abatement of water pollution (full resolution on file with the County Administrator Office).

Commissioners Larson, Schmitt, Housman, Tacheny and Oberg voting "yes". Resolution declared adopted. #2019-20.

Motion by Larson, second by Oberg to approve a tax abatement request from Boghos Gaura, Parcel #07-0789000, for 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Schmitt to approve County and hospital accounts payable as follows:

General Revenue Fund	\$ 91,793.53
Road & Bridge Fund	134,387.42
County Parks Fund	1,511.59
Solid Waste Fund	37,660.13
Regional Library Fund	60,271.00
County Nurse Fund	2,209.03
Family Services Bldg. Fund	3,185.94
Tax Forfeit Property Fund	2,606.62

Ditch Fund	4,772.96
County Hospital Fund	348,791.07
Credit Cards:	
General Revenue Fund	9,063.02

Motion carried unanimously.

It being 9:29 a.m., Chair Housman recessed the County Board meeting and convened the County Ditch Authority.

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The County Board convened as the County Ditch Authority.

Present: County Auditor Barb Loch, Public Works Director Phil Schmalz, Commissioners Oberg, Tacheny, Housman, Schmitt, and Larson, County Attorney Brandi Schiefelbein, County Administrator Paul Virnig, and Executive Secretary Cori Heacock.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Larson to acknowledge the Petition for Abandonment of County Ditch #1 Drainage System.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Tacheny to set a public hearing for the abandonment of County Ditch #1 Drainage System for December 3, 2019 at 9 a.m., in the Meeker County Courthouse Board Room.

Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Board Chair Housman adjourned the County Ditch Authority at 9:33 a.m. and reconvened as County Board.

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Board Chair Housman reconvened the County Board meeting.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to set a public hearing for the Proposed 2020 Fee Schedule on December 17, 2019 at 9 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Larson, second by Oberg to approve the 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule as amended to change the County Board/Township Board meeting to February 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oberg, second by Schmitt to approve the 2020 Non-Contract Employee Holiday Schedule as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Schmitt, second by Oberg, Board Chair Housman called for adjournment at 10:08 a.m. The next meeting of the County Board of Commissioners will be on November 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., in the County Board of Meeting Room, Meeker County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted: Cori Heacock, Administrative Coordinator

Chair of County Board

Attest: _____
Clerk of County Board