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November Dodge County Commissioners Meeting

The Dodge County Commissioners met in regular session November 14, 2023, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Peterson suggested that the Board look at the information that was included in the Board packet and how Dodge County salaries compared to other counties. Mr. Peterson noted if they decide to stay where they are at, they will not be competitive in comparison to other counties.

Ms. Kramer informed the Board that the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative has negotiated and approved the contract for support and maintenance of ACS Property Tax, our tax software, from Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC for January 1, 2024 until December 31. *(continued on page 2)*

Shooting for a Cure



On February 16, Triton school will once again be hosting "Shooting for a Cure". This organization is all about coming together as a community to raise money for cancer research, and helping to support those who are going through cancer treatment, and being there for their families. We all have been touched by someone who has or has had cancer, and it is easy to say that it's a difficult challenge to navigate. By attending Shooting for a Cure, you will be able to help those who need your support, not only financially but also emotionally, as those involved see the changes that can be affected as we come together to help each other in times of crisis. The beneficiaries of the monies raised help

in various ways.

"Our goal is to raise \$5K to help support organizations in our area, such as Brighter Tomorrows, a group of volunteers who help families to adjust to the circumstances they experience when their child is diagnosed with cancer. The Cure Starts Now is another organization whose primary aim is to eliminate all cancers. Mayo Pediatric Cancer Research at the Mayo Clinic, and the Sandra J. Schultze Hope Lodge, where people going through cancer treatments in Rochester and their caregivers stay for free are the last two we donate to." explains Keri Ginder, one of the sponsors of the event. " This is in line with what we have raised in previous years

because of our giving community and their generous donations, both monetary and with gift baskets for the raffle." As a side note, last year they raised just over \$8,000.00 in proceeds to be split between the groups listed above.

There will be 4 girls basketball games, 7th, 8th, JV and Varsity, and a 50/50 raffle at half time of each game. the 50/50 raffle means the winner gets half the proceeds, and the Shooting For a Cure organization gets the other half. The games begin at 4:30. The winners of the themed baskets donated to be raffled off will be drawn after the varsity half time.

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Announcements

• The United Methodist Church of Dodge Center at 20 First Street NE offers a dine in and carry out meal from 5:00-6:00pm the third Wednesday of each month.

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As a member County, Dodge needs to ratify the contract. The Finance Director has given the contract to Mr. Kiltinen for his review; however, the contract terms are set since it has been approved at the Joint Powers Board level. Motion by Allen seconded by Toquam to ratify the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative contract for support and maintenance of ACS Property Tax, from Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC, for January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2025 as recommended. Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

The Finance Director reported that Mr. Eichhorst recently contacted her regarding the Zumbro River Regional Water Trails (ZRRWT) 2024 budget request, and she felt it would be a great opportunity for Mr. Eichhorst to provide an update to the Board on what is happening with the ZRRWT. Ryland Eichhorst, the Mayor of Oronoco, was available to provide the Board with a Zumbro River Regional Water Trail update. Mr. Eichhorst reviewed the following with the Board: Project Overview Budget & Funding Public Engagement Remaining Scope for Designation Remaining Scope The group is seeking \$4,000 in support from Dodge County in 2024 which would fulfill the final dollars from the \$14,000 that was committed in 2021. Environmental Services paid \$5,000 in May 2021 and Commissioners paid \$5,000 January 2023. Commissioner Allen wanted to know what has been done with the water trail going west on the river. Mr. Eichhorst reported that no work has been done going west yet, they are still collecting information. Ryland Eichhorst informed the Board there is no funding to do any physical work yet, at this time they are just gathering public comment. Commissioner Toquam wanted to know if the group works with the One Watershed One Plan group. Mr. Eichhorst stated they have an individual in their group that has had contact with the One Watershed One Plan group and that they are aware of what ZRRWT is doing. Commissioner Toquam reported she thinks it would be a good idea for the two groups to collaborate. Commissioner Peterson informed Mr. Eichhorst that Dodge County doesn't have a lot of amenities. We don't have a lake, mountains or big hills for recreational opportunities so one of the big things we do have is the river and opportunities for promoting that. It was Mr. Peterson's opinion that supporting the river in Dodge County and establishing entry level points to the river within Dodge County are important. Mr. Eichhorst stated he understands river access in cities like Kasson and Mantorville are important. Commissioner Peterson commented he was not here to support more access to Lake Zumbro, and he wanted to emphasize this. Mr. Peterson informed Mr. Eichhorst that the Board will take ZRRWT's budget request under advisement when they are working on the 2024 budget. Ryland Eichhorst thanked the Board for their time.

Ms. Grondin presented for the Board's consideration the November 1, 2023 Planning Commission recommendations. IUP #23-05 - Hodgman Reviewed The Zoning Administrator discussed IUP #23-05 - Hodgman. Motion by Kenworthy seconded by Toquam to approve of the following action of the Planning and Zoning Commission as reviewed on November 1, 2023 with the reasons, recommendations and conditions as found in the individual permit: IUP #23-05 - Hodgman The first public hearing to consider an application for Interim Use Permit #23-05 for a request to establish a dwelling on less than 53 acres. The property is located in the Agricultural District on approximately 37.2 acres, Section 10, Claremont Township. The property owner and applicant are Donald and Mary Hodgman Trust. Motion Adopted [4 to 1] ZA #23-07 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ms. Grondin reviewed with the Board ZA #23-07 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). ZA #23-07 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) The second public hearing is to consider an application for Zoning Amendment #23-07 to Chapter 4, Chapter 8, Chapter 14, Chapter 16, and Chapter 19. To view the proposed language a copy will be available at the Dodge County Finance Office, the Dodge County Environmental Services Office and also on the County web site [www.co.dodge.mn.us/Departments/Environmental Services/Public Hearings](http://www.co.dodge.mn.us/Departments/Environmental%20Services/Public%20Hearings).

The following is a list of questions that Jay Highum had for the Planning Commission at the November 1, 2023 ADUs public hearing and the answers to those questions: 1. Does the applicant have to demonstrate a need for an ADU? No. Although most applicants will voice their need for an ADU, it would be against HIPAA privacy rules to require them to demonstrate their need. Is there a minimum amount of time the ADU needs to be occupied? There is no time limit, but occupancy of the ADU could not fall under short term rental (ex: Bed and Breakfast, Airbnb, VRBO, etc.). These short-term rentals would require a CUP and would have to meet the performances standards listed in Chapter 16, section 16.35. Modifications to an attached ADU would be necessary to meet said standards. Detached ADUs would not meet these standards and therefore, could not be used as short-term rentals. 2. How many detached ADUs will be allowed per ag quarter-section? The proposed Ordinance does not limit the number of ADUs per quarter sections. ADUs could only be permitted in the Ag. District if accessory to a principal dwelling unit on a property that is owner occupied and only if all performance standards can be met. An IUP would be required. Will they be allowed in a closed ag quarter-section? The proposed Ordinance would allow ADUs in closed quarter sections. Again, ADUs could only be permitted in the Ag. District if accessory to a principal dwelling unit on a property that is owner occupied and only if all performance standards can be met. An IUP would be required. 3. Currently, no additional homes can be added to a closed ag quarter-section. Would you change quarter-section home density numbers to accommodate detached ADUs? No. The proposed Ordinance would not increase the density of parcels with a dwelling site on them. The use of the parcels admissible to apply for an ADU Interim Use Permit would not change, they would already have to be buildable sites with an established

or permitted primary dwelling unit on them. Therefore, the density of buildable parcels with a quarter section would remain unchanged. 4. Will townships be able to restrict the number of detached ADUs allowed in their township? Just like with any ordinances, Township would have the right to create their own Ordinance in order to be more restrictive than the County. It would be the Township's decision. It is important to note than they can only be more restrictive than the County, not more permissive. 5. Will the landowner be able to rent out their detached ADU? Short-term rentals would require a CUP and would have to meet the performances standards listed in Chapter 16, section 16.35. Modifications to an attached ADU would be necessary to meet said standards. Detached ADUs would not meet these standards and therefore, could not be used as short-term rentals. If/when an IUP application for an ADU is received for long term rental of said ADU, the request would have to be reviewed by the Planning Commission members and, ultimately, the County Board for approval or denial. Based on the proposal, they could deny a request if it is believed that said request doesn't meet the purpose and intent of the Agricultural District. Also note that both the short-term (CUP) and long-term (IUP) rental would require the property to be owner occupied. If so, how is this handled for property taxes? This would be a question for the Assessor's office as they are responsible for property assessments. 6. Will a contractor be able to build a spec home with a detached ADU on the property? ADUs could only be permitted in the Ag. District if accessory to a principal dwelling unit on a property that is owner occupied and only if all performance standards can be met. An IUP would be required. 7. How will the addition of ADUs effect traffic flow? Below is the comment received from Guy Kohlnhofer, Dodge County Engineer, Highway Department. Said comment is part of the November 1st Agenda Packet accessible online at: <https://dodge-countymn.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=2362&Inline=True> "Applicant: Request: Comments: County Zoning Zoning Amendment Chapters 4, 8, 14, 16 and 19 The zoning ordinances changes proposed should not generally affect the county road system. No objection from the Highway Dept. There may be instances on a case-by-case basis that an ADU may adversely affect a road. These instances will be addressed at the time of application." Ms. Grondin voiced that even though the majority of the proposed Zoning Amendment pertains to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), unrelated changes were also made to Chapters 16 and 19. She proceeded to voice concerns that arose at the Planning Commission; stating that the Questions/Answers document provided to all Commissioners answered their main concerns. Commissioner Toquam discussed the potential for a property with an ADU changing hands. Ms. Toquam wanted to know what kind of steps would be put in place to ensure the new owners wouldn't continue to use an ADU on the property without doing the necessary paperwork to continue the ADU rather than just assuming it carried over to the new owner. Ms. Grondin discussed enforcement options for properties with ADUs that change ownership. Commissioner Kenworthy offered the following resolution (#2023-43), seconded by Commissioner Allen:

WHEREAS, amendments of Chapter 4 (Rules and Definitions), Chapter 8 (Agricultural District (A)), Chapter 14 (Shoreland Overlay District) and Chapter 16 (Performance Standards) are proposed to permit Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) within the Agricultural District and amendment of Chapter 19 (Enforcement) is proposed to allow for more leverage when dealing with violations; and WHEREAS, a summary of the language to be amended in Chapter 4 (Rules and Definitions), Chapter 8 (Agricultural District (A)), Chapter 14 (Shoreland Overlay District), Chapter 16 (Performance Standards) and Chapter 19 (Enforcement) has been published in the legal newspaper on October 19th, 2023 and posted upon the county website; and WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed amendments was held by the Dodge County Planning Commission on November 1st, 2023; and WHEREAS, the Dodge County Planning Commission found the draft language to be consistent with the Dodge County Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendment to Chapter 4 (Rules and Definitions), Chapter 16 (Performance Standards), Chapter 17 (General Development) and Chapter 18 (Administration) to the Dodge County Board of Commissioners; and WHEREAS, the Dodge County Board of Commissioners adopted the proposed amended Chapter 4 (Rules and Definitions), Chapter 8 (Agricultural District (A)), Chapter 14 (Shoreland Overlay District), Chapter 16 (Performance Standards) and Chapter 19 (Enforcement) at its November 14th, 2023 meeting. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Dodge County hereby adopts the amendment to Chapter 4 (Rules and Definitions), Chapter 8 (Agricultural District (A)), Chapter 14 (Shoreland Overlay District), Chapter 16 (Performance Standards) and Chapter 19 (Enforcement).

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Shooting for a Cure

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The Dodge Country Club has joined in the fun, and generously offered to donate 10% of their food and drink sales from January 27th to the cause, so grab your family and friends and head over to DCC to participate that Saturday night and help to raise the donation mark by letting them cook for you!

If anyone would like to contribute by donating a basket or item for the raffle, or to find out what kind of things can go into the baskets, they can contact Keri at kerijo77@gmail.com or Amy at afreiderich@yahoo.com. Last year there were a lot of very imaginative baskets and items to bid on! Or if you would like to make

cash donations, checks can be made payable to :

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The holidays may have passed, but the spirit of giving to those less fortunate remains. This event is a fun way to get the family out and teach our children that it takes a village to accomplish unselfish deeds, and to help others get through one of the toughest things they will ever face.

Please join us in this special evening and ask questions, volunteer, donate, or just watch the fun! Let's get out there and show them what the Cobras and their neighbors can accomplish! Hope to see you there! There will be a Cobra wandering around, taking pictures of the attendees having fun, so be sure to show up, because you may be one of the supporters who gets your picture in the Messenger for being a part of this important event!



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Resolution Adopted [4 to 1]

Ms. Cornelius informed the Board the county Transfer Station vehicles currently have CENEX fuel cards for diesel. Transfer Station employees only fill up at Casey's in Wanamingo, Casey's in Hayfield and Kwik Trip in Kasson. They used to receive a \$.03/gal rebate at the Casey's in Wanamingo when it was a CENEX station and a \$.03/gal rebate at the CHS in Kasson. Since the CENEX station in Kasson was bought by Casey's, they no longer get the rebates. In addition, there has been several times cards have not worked. Therefore, the Transfer Station has looked into WEX, which is under the state contract, and feel the following benefits are reason to switch fuel card providers. Earn 1.7% off retail transactions - credited quarterly. (Rebate dependent on payment being made within the net 45-day payment terms. This rebate excludes diesel purchases at tier 1 truck stops, such as Petro, Pilot, Flying J and Loves.) Tax exemption at the time of billing and reporting for qualified fleets to significantly reduce administrative time. Online Account access to control and manage fleet purchases. Roadside assistance to keep the County fleet covered while on the road, available 24 hours a day. Fuel Site Mapping Mobile Application - helps drivers locate the lowest price fuel station based on their current location. Motion by Allen seconded by Tjosaas to allow the county Transfer Station to submit the proposed WEX Enrollment form for fuel credit cards as requested. Motion Adopted [Unanimous] +

Contained within the 2024 equipment Highway budget is the purchase of a tandem plow truck. Purchasing of heavy equipment is most often done through the State of Minnesota bid contract. This is a process the State goes through to secure competitive pricing on everything from computers to heavy equipment. The benefit to counties and cities is that we get to avoid the bidding process and utilize the pricing obtained by the State to select equipment that best fits our needs. Below is a summary of the quotes the Highway Depart-

ment received from three vendors: . . . 2024 Freightliner 114SD - Dave Syverson FTL-STL Truck Chassis Cost Box & Plow Total Cost \$146,203.00 \$183,798.00 \$330,001.00 2024 Mack Granite 64FR (T) TA - Nuss Truck & Equipment Truck Chassis Cost Box & Plow Total Cost . \$163,058.88 \$183,798.00 \$346,856.88 2024 Volvo VHD64F300 - Dave Syverson Truck Centers Truck Chassis Cost Box & Plow Total Cost \$167,919.50 \$183,798.00 \$351,717.50 The current plow truck to be replaced is unit 208, which is a 2007 Mack CV713. The Highway Department recommends the purchase of a plow truck from Dave Syverson as budgeted and spec'd above. Motion by Toquam seconded by Allen to approve and authorize the Highway Department to purchase a 2024 Freightliner 114SD tandem truck and add-ons from Dave Syverson FTL-STL at an approximate cost of \$146,203 and the purchase of Box and Plow equipment from Towmaster for approximately \$183,798 with a final cost of the truck with box and plow at approximately \$330,001. Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

Commissioner Peterson presented his request to attend the NACo Conference February 10-13, 2024 in Washington, D.C. Registration is \$520.00 and a room will cost approximately \$275.00 per night. Airfare hasn't been determined at this time. Motion by Toquam seconded by Tjosaas to approve and authorize Commission Peterson to attend a NACo Conference in Washington, D.C. February 10-13, 2024 as requested at a cost of \$520 for registration, approximately \$275 per night for a room and the cost of airfare for the conference. Motion Adopted [4 to 1]

The Dodge County Commissioners met in regular session November 28, 2023, in the County Board Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. DeCook presented for the Board's consideration the 2024 assessment agreement summary for the 18 jurisdictions in Dodge County. The Land Records office is contracted by each of the 18 jurisdictions to provide assessment service. As in the past, there are currently no local assessors with contracts in Dodge County. The total amount proposed for the 2024 assessment fees is \$140,580. Motion by Allen seconded by Kenworthy to approve and authorize the 2024 Assessment Agreements for Land Records assessment services as recommended and authorize the Chair and County Administrator to sign the proposed agreements. Motion Adopted

[Unanimous]

Ms. Harbaugh provided the Board with an informational update on the MPCA low-income septic upgrade grants for the replacement of failing septic systems. In the spring of 2023 Environmental Services applied for a septic upgrade grant through the MPCA that utilizes funds from the Environment and Natural Recourses Trust Fund. They were awarded \$500,000 dollars. As of the date of writing this memo Environmental Services has allocated \$359,513.39 to 17 septic upgrade projects. They have completed 4 projects and the grant has paid out \$70,518.39. They have \$140,486.61 remaining for eligible projects. Due to the similarities between their septic upgrade grants, they will refer to this grant as "The Big Grant". Unlike their regular MPCA Low Income Grant the County does not receive any administration costs to administer The Big Grant in order for the full \$500,000 to go into replacing failing septic systems. They anticipate a total of 22-

25 septic systems being upgraded with these funds. Due to these funds not being able to be used for the purpose of property transfer, these upgrades are primarily comprised of voluntary upgrades. It was noted the regular MPCA Low Income Septic Upgrade Grants have been expended this year on two qualifying projects.

Mr. Kohlnhofer and Ms. Cornelius met with the Board to discuss the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on pole placements in Dodge County's right-of-way for the Dodge Wind project. Ms. Cornelius reported that she and the County Engineer were asking permission to take part in a drafted MOU with Mower County that is being drawn up by Jay Squires. Staff is asking for authorization to approve a MOU for pole placements in our right-of-way so it can be submitted to the MN PUC by December 12, 2023. Staff will have the Board Chair review the document before it is submitted.

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The Environmental Services Director reported the MOU is not us agreeing to allow them use our right-of-way, it's a safety net that is being used to clarify how and where we feel poles should be placed in our right-of-way. Mr. Kohlhofer stated the idea behind this MOU is to state that we are ok with them using the route if needed, and to get them to agree to our requirements. The MOU is also being put forward to clarify our position on how and where pole placement will be considered "accommodating" the utility. The County Engineer reported we are doing this to avoid the utility company defining their own version of "accommodating" as there is no real definition. With a MOU the two parties will be agreeing on an acceptable definition of "accommodating". Commissioner Peterson stated he doesn't like this proposal at all. Mr. Peterson also noted that approval of the MOU is not necessarily the County agreeing that the route is ok, but making sure the mandate is the least disruptive as possible within the constraints mandated. Commissioner Peterson stated he doesn't believe the MOU is in the best interest of our citizens, however he felt if they are going to have to put the poles in our right-of-way for the Dodge Wind project, then

we can specify where they can put them. Commissioner Allen stated he doesn't have a problem with Ms. Cornelius, Mr. Kohlhofer and Commissioner Peterson making the decision on the language for this MOU. Motion by Kenworthy seconded by Allen to approve and authorize the Environmental Services Director, County Engineer and Commissioner Peterson to review and make any needed changes to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding being drafted with Mower County regarding the placement of pole placements in our right-of-way's for the Dodge Wind project.

Mr. Kohlhofer reported that every so often as they complete bridge constructions or a bridge's condition changes unexpectedly, they need to update their Bridge Priority list. This is the list submitted to MnDOT of their bridges qualifying for replacement. The bridges are listed in general order of worst first with some modifications made for reconstruction timing. Any time they submit a bridge for state or federal funding it has to be on the priority list. Included in the Board packet was a proposed resolution for the 2023 Bridge Priority List accompanied with a map locating the 10 deficient bridges within the county that the Highway Department is currently working on. Commissioner Allen offered the following resolution (#2023-44), seconded by Commissioner Tjosaas: WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dodge County, find that the County of Dodge is in need of a revised bridge replacement program; and WHEREAS, affected local units of government have been contacted and given the opportunity to participate; and WHEREAS, the County of Dodge has analyzed its bridge

needs and finds that financial assistance is required from the various bridge replacement funds available through Mn/DOT; and WHEREAS, a bridge program for the construction or reconstruction is required covering County, City and Township road systems; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the priority for the construction or reconstruction of bridges covering County, City and Township road systems is as follows. FURTHERMORE, the County of Dodge does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and FURTHERMORE, the County of Dodge does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law. Resolution Adopted [Unanimous]

The County Engineer informed the Board that the turnback of CR K has been discussed with Ashland, Canisteo and Hayfield Townships. They now need to schedule public hearings in each of the respective town halls. These hearings are generally scheduled half hour before their general meetings. The townships will need at least 4 weeks from today to allow for the needed advertising. The following is a list of these three township's scheduled meeting times. The Highway Department would like to have at least three Commissioners present at each hearing to address public concerns. Ashland - 2nd Monday of the month, 8:00 p.m. Canisteo - 1st Tuesday of the month, 9:00 a.m. Hayfield - 2nd Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m. (Dec - Mar); 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Apr - Nov) The following meeting dates were set for the County Road K turnback public hearings with the three affected townships: Ashland Township - January 8, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Can-

isteo Township - February 6, 2024, 8:30 a.m. Hayfield Township - April 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Kohlhofer informed the Board that the City of Dodge Center and Wasioja Township are hoping to reconstruct part of Airport Drive North. The proposed project will reconstruct the existing road to meet a 9-ton structural design, with 12' lanes, and 2' shoulders. The improved road will have a useful life of at least 20 years. Project components include a new aggregate base, bituminous surfacing, markings, adding shoulders, and ditch grading. The city and township are requesting \$1,329,648 from the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) to complete this work. To assist in the costs of these improvements the city and township would like to apply for funding from the LRIP funded by the State of Minnesota. As Dodge Center and Wasioja are governing authorities under 5,000 the application requires sponsorship from the county. Sponsorship consists of the county being ultimately responsible for the project. Should the local funding fall through or the city and township fail to complete the project the county is responsible for funding and project completion. Several applications such as this have been sponsored in the past with the applicant having an agreement with the county to assure they will finish and pay all locally required funds. Included in the Board packet was the proposed agreement with the county, city and township and the resolution of sponsorship. The Highway Department is recommending that the Board authorize pursuing a Local Roads Improvement Fund grant for the improvement of Airport Drive North in Dodge Center.

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engaged in the chartering process to add an AFNR/FFA program for the upcoming school year.

"We invite individuals and businesses to make a start-of-the-year donation for 2024, supporting the development of students through the Minnesota FFA Foundation. Donors play an important role, in removing barriers so that the more than 40,000 Minnesota students enrolled in AFNR classes have the opportunity to prepare for careers in agriculture and develop the skills to be leaders for their local community," shares Val Aarsvold, executive director, the Minnesota FFA Foundation.

Support provided to the Minnesota FFA Foundation is directed toward four main areas, including Youth Leadership, Teacher Preparation, Scholarships, and the Minnesota FFA State Convention.

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November Dodge County Commissioners Meeting

(continued from page 5)

Commissioner Allen offered the following resolution (#2023-45), seconded by Commissioner Kenworthy: WHEREAS, the City of Dodge Center and Wasioja Township desire to reconstruct Airport Drive North from Highway Street East to a point approximately 190 ft south of 625th Street through the Local Road Improvement Program, and WHEREAS, cities and townships with populations less than 5,000 must have a County sponsor for the Local Road Improvement Program, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Dodge County supports the submittal of an application for Local Road Improvement Program funding for the improvement and reconstruction of Airport Drive in Dodge Center and Wasioja Township, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dodge County agrees to act as the sponsoring agent for the Local Road Improvement Program funding and ensuring that the project complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Resolution Adopted [Unanimous]

The County Engineer reported the City of Hayfield is hoping to reconstruct parts of Main Street and do utility improvements. A map which shows the area of reconstruction was included in the Board packet for the Board's review. To assist in the costs of these improvements they would like to apply for funding from the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funded by the State of Minnesota. As Hayfield is a city under 5,000 the application requires sponsorship from the county. Sponsorship consists of the county being ultimately responsible for the project. Should the local funding fall through or the city fail to complete the project the county is responsible for funding and completion. Several applications such as this have been sponsored in the past with the applicant having an agreement with the county to assure they will finish and pay all locally required funds. Included in the Board packet was the proposed agreement with the city, a letter of support and the resolution of sponsorship. The Highway Department is recommending that the Board authorize pursuing a Local Roads Improvement Fund grant for the improvement of parts of Main Street in Hayfield. Commissioner Allen offered the following resolution (#2023-46), seconded by Commissioner Toquam: WHEREAS, the City of Hayfield wishes to apply for funding through the MnDOT Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) for the Main Street & Center Avenue Improvements project, and WHEREAS, the Main Street & Center Avenue Improvements project includes street reconstruction and drainage improvements to the following areas: • Main Street (2nd Avenue West to 1st Avenue East) • Center Avenue (2nd Street

North/Trunk Highway 30 to Main Street) WHEREAS, the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation makes available up to \$1,500,000 to apply towards projects on local roads that are regionally significant, result in safety improvements, address transportation deficiencies, and contribute to economic development, and WHEREAS, the City of Hayfield will be responsible for engineering, right-of-way, inspection, and other non-LRIP eligible costs, as well as LRIP-eligible items in excess of the LRIP grant amount, and WHEREAS, the LRIP requires non-state aid cities to have a county sponsor and the support of the County Board, and WHEREAS, the proposed year for project construction is 2026. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dodge County Board of Commissioners, that: 1. The County supports the City of Hayfield's pursuit of LRIP funds for the Main Street & Center Avenue Improvements Project, and 2. The County agrees to sponsor the City of Hayfield's Local Road Improvement Program application to MnDOT and act as the city's sponsor and fiscal agent for this project. Resolution Adopted [Unanimous]

Ms. Kramer reviewed bills with the Board. Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Allen to approve the bills as discussed in the following amounts from the appropriate funds as determined by Finance: 01 Revenue Fund 13 Road and Bridge Fund \$ 141,210.00 \$ 64,120.35 16 Environmental Quality Fund \$ 15,261.92 80 Agency Fund \$ 1,681.28 Total Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

Mr. Elmquist informed the Board this item is for discussion only but is necessary to bring forward a resolution at the next meeting of what the Board requests. Per Minnesota State Statute, the County Board is required to work with each of the elected officials to establish their salaries for the upcoming year. Included in the Board packet are the individual requests with regional information as well. The County Administrator wanted to ensure Commissioners have all information needed before a decision is made, and noted the salaries of those second in command in each of the elected offices are as follows: Rate for Sheriff: \$55.41, Rate for Chief Deputy: \$51.53 (effective December 1). Rate for County Attorney: \$56.56, Rate for top Assistant County Attorney - \$50.14 (effective January 1). Commissioner Allen recommended a 3.5% increase for the elected official's salaries. The rest of the Board agreed with Mr. Allen's recommendation.

Mr. Elmquist stated that as the Board is aware, they levied a preliminary budget in September representing a 5.0% increase over 2023 for a total levy of \$17,334,555. The total budget represented at that meeting was \$39,410,986. This is the amount that was used to calculate the Truth in Taxation notices that was delivered by mail over Thanksgiving. The first meeting in December will include the TNT presentation and hearing at 6:00 p.m. Since the last meeting, we have had some savings in a few places including MnPrairie and cafeteria reductions. The Board had also set aside money for the Mem-

orandum of Understanding's and non-union step reconfiguration but in the end, this was covered by the cafeteria savings. Included in the Board packet were the budgets for the Board's review that include two budgets, one at the current 5% and one at a reduced 2.8% that removes any additional money from the budget that has been set aside since preliminary certification within the commissioners budget. Total variance between the two budgets is \$364,962. The County Administrator noted that one area to take into consideration is the upgrade that will have to be made to the HVAC system that has recently been talked about at Board meetings. This project cost will be better known in the next few weeks but will likely be coming from cash as a payment for those upgrades to fix the current problems. If the Board desired and were pressed into deciding how to buy that cost down, the above amount could be used to help pay for the project. The Board discussed ideas for funding the HVAC upgrade that is needed in the Government Services Building and Courthouse. Mr. Elmquist presented the Personnel Agenda for the Board's consideration. Motion by Allen seconded by Tjosaas to approve the following personnel actions: A. A.1 B. B.1 Sheriff's Office Tanya Sarkela - 911 Dispatcher Request authorization to employ at B23 step 1 \$23.87 to fill approved vacancy. Effective Date: 11/20/23 Public Health Brenda Gullickson - Business Office Manager Recommend step increase from C42 step 9 \$31.25 to C42 step 8 \$32.50. Effective Date: 11/9/23 C. C.1 C.2 D. D.1 Finance Jean Allen - Taxpayer Services Director Recommend step increase from C41 step 4 \$33.47 to C41 step 3 \$34.39. Effective Date: 9/22/23 Nikki Hader - Account Technician Recommend step increase from B23 step 7 \$24.39 to B23 step 6 \$24.85. Effective Date: 10/24/23 MOU's Memorandums of Understanding - Cost of Living Adjustments LELS - Dispatchers LELS - Deputies Teamsters - Assistant County Attorneys Teamsters - Courthouse Local 49ers - Highway Local 49ers - Trans-

fer Station Memorandum of Understanding - Wage Scale Placements LELS - Deputies Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

Conference room remodel will begin soon utilizing COVID funds to expand their Department Operation Center for use during a public health emergency.

Aspen Waste Systems Hauler License Aspen Waste Systems has requested a hauler license and Environmental Services is recommending approval. Commissioner Allen offered the following resolution (#2023-47), seconded by Commissioner Toquam: WHEREAS, the following waste hauler has applied for a license to collect and transport solid waste in Dodge County: Aspen Waste Systems WHEREAS, the Dodge County Environmental Services Department has reviewed the hauler's application and supplemental information and finds that it meets requirements set forth in Dodge County Solid Waste General Ordinance No. 1. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dodge County Board of Commissioners grants a license to collect and transport solid waste in Dodge County for a period from November 28, 2023 through February 8, 2024 to the following hauler: Aspen Waste Systems BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the enforceable conditions of each license are as follows: · · The licensee will comply with all provisions of Dodge County Ordinance and state law. The licensee will pay Transfer Station Tipping Fee and Waste-to-Energy Service Charge as determined by Dodge County. Resolution Adopted [Unanimous]

Climate Impact Corps Internship Dodge County has been selected as a potential host site for an AmeriCorps Community Climate Impact internship. This internship will come at no cost to the county and member(s) can serve up to a year. Environmental Services will be working on recruiting this member within the next several weeks. Included in the Board packet was the proposed job description. No action was needed on this item.



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What is Virtual Mentoring?

Mentoring is a program that brings people with a common background together in a formal or informal partnership where one re-

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With many professionals working remotely, virtual mentoring creates an accessible space where entrepreneurs can receive strategic support and valuable guidance from business mentors regardless of location.

Knowledge transfer is a great way to pass on valuable strategies, skills and ideas to the next generation of entrepreneurs.

A well-organized virtual program serves to benefit both mentees and mentors by empowering them with resources such as forums, mind-mapping techniques, plan templates, online courses and an accessible platform to reach out to mentors situated anywhere in the country.

For instance, you might have heard inspiring success stories of other small business owners and want to follow in their footsteps. Take Damian Sanchez, for example, who started up the D.C. Mosquito Squad as a part-time venture. He then grew the business exponentially and now has over 40 employees, serving 3,500 customers across the city. This doesn't mean you must drop everything, move to D.C., and start your mosquito-treatment home service agency. You can learn from the experiences of small business owners and entrepreneurs like Damian by signing up for a mentoring program.

Benefits of Virtual Mentoring

Setting up a business can be an isolating experience where you might feel like a lone sailor on a treacherous expedition. A business mentor can help empower you in your entrepreneurial journey. And the mentor doesn't even need to meet you in person. There are many benefits to getting guidance virtually.

Flexibility and Convenience

Thanks to video conferencing technology, you can meet business mentors at a time convenient to everyone involved. This is an excellent benefit for startup business owners who may also be juggling another job or family caretaking responsibilities.

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Accessibility to More Mentors

Virtual mentoring also encourages more mentors to sign up for business mentoring programs. That's because while mentoring requires a commitment of time and energy, business experts who are still working professionals or busy in retirement can better manage their time with a flexible virtual program. More mentors mean more experts for you to work with.

You may have several mentors. Perhaps you work with one mentor on starting your business and general business questions. You may also want to work with an expert in your particular industry, one who knows the licenses you need or effective marketing campaigns for your type of business.

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What are effective PR tactics for a startup?

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Free or Low Cost

Through many local communities and leadership organizations, like SCORE, business mentorship services are usually free, so cost is not usually a barrier.

Virtual mentors can be a valuable part of your support system--whenever and wherever you need them. Whether you're just starting, growing or ready to exit a small business, explore SCORE's mentor program today.

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By Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

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Minnesota's New Flag

The Minnesota state legislature has plans to approve the new design for the state flag and seal of Minnesota on May 11, 2024. It is a radical departure from the existing flag which was adopted in 1893. There were a few small changes over the years. In 1957 the design was tweaked in anticipation of the statehood centennial the next year. The nineteen stars, signifying the 19th state of the Union, were moved inside the emblem and the red sash removed from the bottom of the design. Again in 1983 the color of the flag was changed from royal blue to medium blue. In 1989, Lee Herold, of Rochester designed and proposed a new design he called the North Star flag, but the legislators declined to act on it.

In the current design of the Minnesota state seal and flag a Native American rides on horseback in the background, symbolizing Minnesota's Native American heritage, while a pioneer uses a plow in the foreground. There is a sunset on the western horizon. The straight horizon line reflects the plains covering much of Minnesota. The Native American is riding southward. The native's horse and spear and the pioneer's ax, rifle, and plow represent tools of daily life. The only interaction between the figures is one observing the other. The tools used by the Native American



and the farmer represent the tools used for labor and hunting, while the stump symbolizes the taming of the land and the importance of the lumber industry to Minnesota in 1858. The Mississippi River and St. Anthony Falls are depicted in the revised seal to note the importance of these resources in transportation, industry, and the settling of the state. The furrowing of the ground by the plow represents the submission of the land to the pioneer. The plow also symbolizes agriculture's importance to Minnesota and its future. The waterfalls are not on the original state seal. Beyond the falls on the seal are three pine trees representing the state tree (the Norway pine) and the three pine regions of the state: the St. Croix, Mississippi, and Lake Superior.

Certain individuals take issue with the current flag over social complaints. Some believe a flag should be very basic and easy to read design. Others feel that the existing design is fine and not to be messed with. Feel free to contact us and express your opinions on the subject.



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-Meeting Proceedings-

Chair Henslin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those members present: Wendy Kenworthy, Rebecca Knutson, Duane Bartel, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Dale Jensen, Jim Jensen, and Brian Ginder; absent: none. Also present: Superintendent Craig Schlichting, Principal Luke Lutterman, Principal Shane Van Beek, Dean of Students Tricia Johnson, Student Council Representatives Corey Lilledahl, Tina Kozisek, and 3 visitors. There were no visitors present via Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bartel/Knutson motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Cobra Pride honoree Marit Lang was recognized and congratulated.

J. Jensen/Kenworthy motioned to approve the consent agenda including the October 16, 2023 regular school board meeting minutes and October 25, 2023 study session minutes; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer's

report; donations; nonresident/open enrollment agreements for students #112023A, #112023B, #112023C, #112023D, #112023E, #112023F, and #112023G; long-term substitute agreement for Caroline Gosse as TES Teacher; maternity leave requests for #112023A effective April 22, 2024-June 3, 2024 and #112023B effective April 15, 2024-June 3, 2024, resignation for Jill Roussopoulos as educational assistant, and extra-curricular contracts for Jamie Bodenstab as Head Dance Coach, Jaime Geers as Assistant Dance Coach, Stephanie Maas as One Act Play Director and SADD Advisor. Motion carried unanimously.

Ginder/J. Jensen motioned to approve the 2023-2024 snow removal quote with Boyum Tree Service, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Jensen/D. Jensen motioned to approve the Triton Education Minnesota Contract for 2023-2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Bartel/Ginder motioned to approve the Education Minnesota Triton School Employees Contract for 2023-2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenworthy/Knutson motioned to approve the final certified staff seniority list for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Bartel/Kenworthy motioned to approve the final classified staff seniority list for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Jensen/D. Jensen motioned to approve Principal Shane Van Beek as LEA Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Knutson/J. Jensen motioned to approve the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation. Voting in favor: J. Jensen, Kenworthy, Knutson, D. Jensen, Bartel, Ginder, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment A) Enrollment figures were reviewed.

Student Council Representatives Corey Lilledahl reported on Trick or Canning, the Color Run, and upcoming events for December.

Chair Henslin and Superintendent Schlichting gave a ZED update.

A.D. Corey Black reported on fall sports honors, the MSHSL Foundation, Gopher Conference Leadership Training, fall play, winter sports, MHS Induction, boys volleyball interest form.

Principals Shane Van Beek, Luke Lutterman, and Dean of Students Tricia Johnson reported on Terrence Talley presentations, Kindness Retreat, Conferences, band and choir concert, and the STEAM Summit.

Superintendent Craig Schlichting reported on a crosswalk update and meeting with the City, door alarm update, Spanish Immersion Program, and negotiations.

D. Jensen/Knutson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023 – 6:00 P.M. TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN & ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

-Meeting Proceedings-

Chair Lloyd Henslin, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those members present: Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Rebecca Knutson, Jim Jensen, Wendy Kenworthy, Dale Jensen, and Duane Bartel; absent: Brian Ginder. Also present: Superintendent Craig Schlichting, Dean of Students Tricia Johnson, Student Council Representative Elizabeth Hukee, Business Manager Aimee Lake, Tina Kozisek, 5 visitors and 3 visitors present via ZOOM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

J. Jensen/D. Jensen motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Cobra Pride honorees Johanna Gustafson, Wyatt Wilks, Beau Jensen, Eleanor Ryg, Ava Vaughn, Izabella Ortiz, Blakely Hanegraaf, Mila Neitzell, Peyton Laue, Jacoby Kruger, Gwen Chinn, Reinaldo Salazar Ramirez, Shane Lasker, and Jenna Kenworthy were recognized and congratulated.

Knutson/Bartel motioned to approve the consent agenda including the November 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer's report; donations; nonresident/open enrollment agreements for students

#121823A, #121823B, #121823C, and #121823D; approve contracts for Tammy Fate as Business Office Administrative Assistant, Deb Groll as Payroll Clerk/Accounts Payable/Insurance, Tina Kozisek as Business Office Administrative Assistant/Account Payable, Building Administrators Luke Lutterman and Shane Van Beek, and Tricia Johnson as Dean of Students; resignations for Allison McMartin as Paraprofessional effective November 21, 2023, Riley Kettner as Paraprofessional effective December 15, 2023, and Peyton Soltau as Special Education Teacher effective December 22, 2023; and extra-curricular contracts for Christine Deetz as Fall Play Director and Brandon Neseth as Head Softball Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager Aimee Lake presented a slide show and explained the Truth in Taxation information, levy certification and budget.

Rich Ragatz from Ideal Energies presented information on the Solar for Schools program and PV Credit.

D. Jensen/J. Jensen motioned to approve Ideal Energies to apply for the Solar for Schools grant.

Bartel/Knutson motioned to approve the final 2023 payable 2024 levy certification for \$3,246,582.11. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenworthy/J. Jensen motioned to approve the Resolution Establishing a Combined Polling Place for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places Will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election. Motion

carried unanimously. (Attachment A)

Wolf Ridge Coordinator Kim Swanson was present to request approval for students to attend Wolf Ridge ELC in January 2025.

Bartel/Kenworthy motioned to approve students to attend the Wolf Ridge ELC trip in January 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Council Representative Elizabeth Hukee reported on Toys for Tots, military boxes, holiday bingo, dress up days, and Cobra on the shelf. They are also planning for snow week.

Chair Henslin stated that there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday and the Joint Powers Agreement is on the agenda.

Superintendent Schlichting gave the A.D. report: Boys Volleyball interest, Girls Basketball team new school record for 87 points in a game, MSHSL Student Advisory Leadership Team Conference.

Dean of Students Tricia Johnson and Superintendent Schlichting reported on the Profile of a Graduate ceremony, Courage and Respect Retreats, spring testing updates for the ACT and ASVAB, Triple 'A' Award winners, EXEL Award winners, ZED creative writing contest, academic triathlon, concurrent enrollment update, holiday activities.

Superintendent Schlichting gave an update on the 2024-2025 school calendar, Read Act training, and January 31, 2024 Study Session.

Kenworthy/Knutson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, December 11, 2023

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the December 11, 2023 Dodge Center City Council meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing at City Hall, 35 East Main Street or online at www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us.

Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Lee Mattson, Marianne Sobeck, Mark Barwald, Jeremy Dostal, Deputy Vermeersch, Melanie Leth and Kathy Freeman

The City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda;
 - Ordinance 159, Second Series – Amending Chapter 7 of the City Code by Providing for Transfer of Liquor License – Everyday Spirits Liquor and Tobacco;
 - Renewal of Currency Exchange License for Harold's Liquor's, Inc.;
 - McNeilus Steel Third Subdivision – Final Plat to include Outlot;
 - Thiemann Estates Final Plat;
 - Limit the number of chickens on Jacobs' property to six (6) as per City Code;
 - Public Works request for \$2,500.00 to purchase Chlorine Cylinder Scale;
 - Resolution 2023-027 Adopting the 2024 Levy and Budget;
 - Resolution 2023-028 Fixing Rates and Charges for Municipal Utilities;
 - Donation of two (2) 2024 Aquatic Center 4-Person Family Season Passes for Triton Post Prom activities;
 - Issuance of end of month payments.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm

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