

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

8:30 a.m.

County Board Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Courthouse

MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with all Commissioners present: Campbell, Gross, Ingersoll, Mongeau, and Weyland. County Administrator Brian C. Berg, Chief Assistant County Attorney Jenny Samarzja, and Administrative Assistant Colleen Eck were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Gross, seconded by Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved with the Grant Agreement for Agassiz Recreational Trail removed from Consent Agenda for discussion.

APPROVAL TO RENEW LIQUOR LICENSE FOR KRAGNES INN

By consent agenda, the Board approved renewal of the liquor license for the Kragnes Inn, Kragnes.

APPROVAL OF 2016 WAIVER CASE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

By consent agenda, the Board approved 2016 Waiver Case Management contracts for Meridian Services, Inc., St. Cloud, MN (Case Management Service Coordination), and Blue Sky, Inc. (Case Management, Foster Care, Relocation Service Coordination).

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AMENDED COUNTY PARTICIPATION

AGREEMENT WITH UCARE

By consent agenda, the Board approved entering into an amended County Participation Agreement with UCare to add Special Needs Basic Care to the existing contract.

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST HUMAN

SERVICES OF NORTH DAKOTA

By consent agenda, the Board approved entering into an amended agreement with Southeast Human Services of North Dakota for a new contract amount of \$437,296 to provide payment for Detox services for their clients.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present who wished to address the Board.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the bills and vouchers were approved for payment.

### 2015 YEAR END EXPENSE/REVENUE REPORT

County Administrator Brian C. Berg and County Auditor-Treasurer Lori Johnson reviewed the 2015 Year-End Revenue & Expense Report. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances was reviewed as well. Total expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,466,224 in 2015 (See Attachments). This can be attributed to home buy-out purchases, out of home placements, unplanned expenditures in Maintenance, internal service purchases, etc.

### APPROVAL TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/STATE PARKS & TRAILS FOR AGASSIZ TRAIL FUNDS (\$5000)

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Weyland, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized execution of a grant agreement to accept a \$5000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources/State Parks & Trails for the maintenance of the Agassiz Trail which is in Clay County.

### REVIEW FM DIVERSION JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Attorney John Shockley provided an FM Diversion project status and reviewed a draft Joint Powers Agreement (Version 3). The Agreement is being reviewed by all member entities. He described the PPP Split Delivery Plan and provided a map of the project.

Commissioner Campbell expressed concern with various portions of the Agreement to be addressed in the next Version (in-kind contributions, insurance, special meetings, etc.).

Mr. Shockley noted that a voting member representing upstream concerns is being considered. It was felt that a Wilkin or Richland County Diversion member would best fill that position by Wilkin and/or Richland County appointing the member.

Mr. Shockley encouraged the Board to forward questions and concerns to him or Chief Assistant County Attorney Jenny Samarzja, and noted that many important decisions will have to be made in the next few years.

### CHILD PROTECTION STAFFING

Social Services Director Rhonda Porter, Supervisor Amy Amundsen and Supervisor Stacey Christensen were present to discuss issues concerning Child Protection staffing (continual turnover, staff is new, training, State requirements for performance standards and loss of revenue due to not meeting those standards).

Ms. Porter reviewed the ways which have been implemented to address the issues, and potential ways to off-set staffing costs. Ms. Porter requested to hire four staff to help address the issues. She was hopeful this would level out workloads to allow for work to be completed to generate revenue. Chief Assistant County Attorney Jenny Samarzja felt the County should be investing in and trying to maintain workers to build experience.

On motion by Jenny Mongeau, seconded by Wayne Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the Board approved hiring four positions: Social Worker, Foster Care Recruitment; Social Worker, CP/CW & Truancy Case Management; Case Aide; Temporary Social Worker for 8-12 months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ingersoll attended meetings of the Local Advisory Council for Adult Mental Health, Lake Agassiz Regional Library, and Township Officers Association.

Commissioner Campbell attended meetings of Greater FM Economic Development Corporation and Township Officers Association.

Commissioner Weyland attended meetings of Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging and Greater FM Economic Development Corporation.

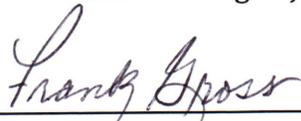
Commissioner Gross attended meetings of Extension, Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County, West Central Initiative, Township Officers Association, and MetroCOG.

County Administrator Brian C. Berg reminded the Board of the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority meeting March 23. He reported on progress for hazardous material inspection/abatement of the buy-out properties. He attended meetings regarding the Township Officers Association, FM Diversion, Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs, and Jail/LEC.

Chief Assistant County Attorney Jenny Samarzja reported that Menards has filed an appeal of the tax court decision.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



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Frank Gross, Chair  
Clay County Board of Commissioners



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Brian C. Berg, County Administrator