CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, June 9, 2015
8:30 a.m.
County Board Room – 3rd 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 Senior Administrative Assistant Vicki Reek were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Gross, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVE MASTER SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT FOR MN COURT DATA SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

By consent agenda, the Board approved a Master Subscriber Agreement for MN Court Data Services for Governmental Agencies, which involves the use of the new Minnesota Government Access website that will allow the Sheriff's Office to view court information electronically.

APPROVAL OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR REGION 3 HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS BOARD

By consent agenda, the Board approved a Mutual Aid Agreement for the Region 3 Homeland Security and Emergency Management Joint Powers Board, to allow the 14 member counties to share Homeland Security equipment, personnel and other resources.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 19 & 26, 2015

On motion by Gross, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the May 19 & 26, 2015 County Board meetings were approved as presented.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

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

APPROVE ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY LABOR CONTRACT FOR 2015-2017 AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Human Resources Director/Assistant County Administrator Darren Brooke presented the final labor contract document for the Assistant County Attorneys for the 2015-2017 period. The contract includes a 2% increase for 2015, 2% for 2016, and 3.25%

for 2017. A Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to the Senior Assistant County Attorney wage was also explained.

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Assistant County Attorney Labor Contract for 2015-2017 was approved, as well as a related Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to Senior Assistant County Attorney wage.

APPROVAL TO REPLACE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER AREA RESCUE ALERT SYSTEM

Building Maintenance Supervisor Joe Olson informed the Board of the need to replace the stairwell rescue system in the Family Service Center to comply with Building Codes. Two quotes were obtained, the low quote supplied by Rick Electric, Inc., $13,800. This item is included in the Campus Improvement list, and will be paid for from the Family Service Center Equipment Repair Fund.

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved replacement of the Family Service Center Stairwell Rescue Alert System per the low quote from Rick Electric, $13,800.

REVIEW OF "RETHINK MENTAL HEALTH" INITIATIVE; APPROVAL OF BUSH GRANT AWARD; REQUEST FOR ONE FTE EMPLOYEE OR TO CONTRACT FOR GRANT MANAGER

Public Health Administrator Kathy McKay and Director of Health Promotion Gina Nolte informed the Board that Public Health has been working with area health care providers to conduct a community health assessment. Three priorities for action were identified: mental health, obesity and services for the elderly. The goals for these areas are to improve the patient experience of care, improve the health of populations, and reduce the per capita cost of health care. A $200,000 Bush Foundation Grant has been awarded for the period June, 2015 through May, 2016, to address the mental health needs through the "Rethink Mental Health" Initiative.

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized execution of the necessary documents to accept the $200,000 Bush Foundation grant and approved the hiring of a grant manager for this project (1 FTE or a contract employee).

2016 PREPAID MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PMAP) REPROCUREMENT PROCESS AND RESOLUTION

Social Services Director Rhonda Porter and Income Maintenance Supervisor Larry Young informed the Board that a Clay County review team was established to review and score certain sections of a Request For Proposals (RFP), published by the Department of Human Services, for Public Health Care Services provided to Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare recipients. Four managed care entities responded to the RFP: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Medica, UCare, and HealthPartners.

The review team is recommending Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Medica, and UCare be approved Managed Care Organizations to serve the public health care needs of recipients on Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare in Clay County.

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Ingersoll, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-17

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has published a Request for Proposals to provide health care services to recipients of Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare in 87 Minnesota counties including Clay County; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has requested County evaluations and recommendations regarding the RFP proposals from each respective county; and

WHEREAS, Blue Plus, Medica, UCare and HealthPartners submitted proposals to provide managed health care services in Clay County; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Clay County Social Services and Public Health have reviewed and evaluated the proposals; and

WHEREAS, Blue Plus, Medica and UCare collectively currently serve approximately 9,507 recipients of Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare in Clay County; and

WHEREAS, the review team believes adequate choice and services are provided under the three existing Managed Care Organizations (MCO(s)).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clay County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendation of Clay County Social Services and Public Health approving Blue Plus, Medica and UCare as Managed Care Organization(s) (MCO(s)) providing managed health care services in Clay County.

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF CONFIRMATION FOR CHURCHES UNITED'S APPLICATION TO MN HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR FUNDING

Social Services Director Rhonda Porter, Churches United Executive Director Jane Alexander, Housing & Redevelopment Authority Director Dara Lee, and Social Services Supervisor Pat Boyer were present to address Churches United's application to the MN Housing Finance Agency for $8 million in funding for development of permanent supportive housing at 315 34th Street, Moorhead. A Letter of Confirmation is requested from the County, affirming the need for permanent supportive housing in Clay County.

Ms. Alexander presented a summary of the proposed site design, which was also presented at a community meeting where over 120 individuals were in attendance. The complex will provide apartments for 21 families and 21 singles, as well as community spaces, case management offices, play area, fitness area, etc. Landscape and design architects have provided options (fencing, trees, landscaping) to discourage tenants from traversing across neighboring private properties.

Commissioner Weyland felt there is no question that there is a need for supportive housing in Clay County. He recalled that last year his support for the project was rescinded once the location of the proposed facility was disclosed. He stated he continues to support the need, but cannot support the location of the facility.

Commissioner Campbell noted that the issue the Clay County Board is dealing with is the need for permanent supportive housing. He added that the City of Moorhead's zoning of the property allows for this type of facility. Commissioner Campbell felt a substantial buffer should be in place between the existing neighborhood and the proposed housing. Ms. Lee stated that the landscape and design architects would look at fencing/landscape options which would attractively discourage tenants from crossing neighboring properties.

With respect to the need for permanent supportive housing, Ms. Alexander informed the Board that 16 families (30-40 children) are housed at Churches United every day. Sixty families (non-duplicated) have been turned away since April 15th. She added that all the shelters in the community are experiencing overcrowding. Ms. Lee acknowledged a lack of

affordable housing throughout Clay County, and increasing the affordable housing stock will lessen the burden on Social Services and government funding.

Commissioner Mongeau felt support for permanent affordable housing will set the families up for success and they will in turn give back to the community.

Commissioner Ingersoll felt part of the mission of each of the 50+ churches which are members of Churches United for the Homeless is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless.

On motion by Ingersoll and seconded by Mongeau, the Board adopted the following resolution identifying the need for permanent supportive housing for households which are homeless in Clay County, and to execute the Letter of Confirmation with verbiage to increase/improve the buffer area between the apartment complex and adjacent private properties. Commissioner Weyland was opposed to the motion due to the proposed location of the facility.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 18

Resolution Identifying the Need for Permanent Supportive Housing for Households who are Homeless in Clay County and Agreement to Enter into Group Residential Housing Contract with Churches United for the Homeless for Permanent Supportive Housing

WHEREAS, there exists a significant number veterans, elderly persons, individuals with disabling conditions, and families with children who are present and homeless in Clay County, Minnesota on each day;

WHEREAS, a significant number of the households experiencing homelessness face difficulty in obtaining and maintain housing in the private market;

WHEREAS, there are currently insufficient Permanent Supportive Housing resources available in Clay County that provide a decent, safe and affordable place to live and include supportive services;

WHEREAS, Churches United for the Homeless has purchased property which is appropriately zoned for the construction of Permanent Supportive Housing and is located at 315 34th St N, Moorhead, MN;

WHEREAS, Churches United for the Homeless has secured $500,000 in funding from the Federal Home Loan Bank and intends to apply for funding to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and Greater Minnesota Housing Fund for the purpose of constructing forty-two units of Permanent Supportive Housing at 315 34th St N, Moorhead, MN; and

WHEREAS, Churches United for the Homeless has held community meetings regarding the proposed development and has consulted with Clay County Social Services regarding the need for additional Permanent Supportive Housing in Clay County.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Clay County states as follows:

1. **There is a need in Clay County for additional units of Permanent Supportive Housing; and**
2. **Clay County agrees to enter into an agreement with Churches United for the Homeless for units of Group Residential Housing (GRH) with supplementary services, provided all criteria is met as established by the Minnesota Department of Human Services pursuant to the 2015 legislative changes, prior to occupancy of the development. This GRH with supplementary services funding is to be project-based at the new Permanent Supportive Housing development only if funding is received from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Commissioner Ingersoll attended meetings of Family Health Care and Lake Agassiz Regional Library.

Commissioner Gross attended meetings of Metropolitan Council of Governments, the AMC District IV meeting, and a Goose Prairie Township meeting.

Commissioner Mongeau attended the Buffalo Red River Watershed District meeting.

Commissioner Campbell attended meetings of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, AMC District IV, and Juvenile Detention Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Weyland attended meetings of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, AMC District IV, and Juvenile Detention Advisory Committee.

County Administrator Brian C. Berg attended meetings of the FM Diversion Advisory Committee, Management Committee, and the AMC District IV meeting. He informed the Board he had received a letter of resignation from Veterans Service Officer Tom Figliuzzi. Mr. Berg informed the Board that discussions continue concerning property acquisitions north of the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Grant Weyland, Chair
Clay County Board of Commissioners

Brian C. Berg, County Administrator