

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

5:30 p.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 Weyland, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

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.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CLAY COUNTY COLLABORATIVE TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FOLLOW ALONG PROGRAM

By consent agenda, the Board approved an agreement with the Clay County Collaborative to provide funding to Public Health for expansion of the Follow Along Program to provide social-emotional screenings for children ages 4-5.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY TO PROVIDE FUNDING THROUGH UCARE GRANT FOR REFRIGERATION UNIT

By consent agenda, the Board approved an agreement with Bread of Life Pantry to provide approved strategy funding through the UCare Grant for the purchase of a refrigeration unit to provide healthier food options.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ORTHOPEDIC & SPORTS PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC. TO PROVIDE FUNDING THROUGH SHIP AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS GRANTS FOR EQUIPMENT

By consent agenda, the Board approved an agreement with Orthopedic & Sports Physical Therapy, Inc. to provide approved strategy funding through the SHIP & Community Wellness Grants for an employee in-service and to purchase equipment to promote healthier eating and lifestyle for employees.

APPROVAL OF EXTENDED WARRANTY FOR LANDFILL FRONT END LOADER

By consent agenda, the Board approved the purchase (\$2800) of an extended warranty (5 years or 5000 hours) for the front end loader which was recently approved for purchase for the Landfill from RDO Equipment Company.

REVIEW FM DIVERSION JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Katie Bertsch, Attorney representing the FM Diversion Authority, was present to provide information concerning the new FM Diversion Joint Powers Agreement which reflects the fact that the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BBRWD) is no longer a member entity, and that properties that were to be owned by the BBRWD will now be owned by the City of Moorhead, Clay County, or both via a Joint Powers Agreement. The Clay County Board of Commissioners approved the Agreement May 24, 2016, and requested a final review. Chief Assistant County Attorney Jenny Samarzja confirmed that the vote taken May 24 was appropriate and no other vote is required.

With respect to the Land Management Committee, Commissioner Mongeau noted that other entities have an elected member and a staff member. She felt Clay County should have a staff member appointed as well. This matter will be addressed at the next FM Diversion meeting.

PERMISSION TO FILL TWO FULL TIME POSITIONS IN WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER

On motion by Weyland, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved filling two positions in the West Central Regional Juvenile Center: FTE Juvenile Counselor in the Non-Secure program (with backfill if filled from within); and FTE Juvenile Counselor (overnight-female) in the Secure program (internal advertisement).

COMMUNICATION RE: MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE SOLAR PANELS

Commissioner Mongeau reported on a recent meeting with Dennis Eisenbraun, Moorhead Public Service, where the possibility of the use of solar panels for the new Correctional Facility was discussed. Due to the design of the roof of the facility, there is not enough space for the panels. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of investing in a solar panel garden, whereby the County would purchase a given number of panels, and have the rights to the power from the panels purchased. The life of the panels is 20 years, and it would take approximately 8-10 years to recoup the cost of the panels.

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Weyland, and unanimously carried, a Committee was developed to research solar power possibilities, with Commissioner Mongeau appointed to the Committee with appropriate staff involvement, to include payment of per diem.

WORLD ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION DAY & PROCLAMATION

The Board heard a report from members of the Clay/Cass Coordinated Community Response Team with respect to elder abuse prevention, and World Elder Abuse Prevention Day, to be held June 15, 2016.

On motion by Campbell, seconded by Weyland, and unanimously carried, the following Proclamation was adopted:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Whereas, the 2010 Census reports about 12% or 7,078 persons in Clay County are age 65 years and over;

Whereas, abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors and an ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries;

Whereas, we are all responsible for building safer communities by watching for and reporting possible financial, emotional, sexual and/or physical abuse or neglect;

Whereas, the State of Minnesota has a Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center and the number is 1-844-880-1574;

Whereas, the Clay/Cass Coordinated Community Response Team's vision is to create a community in which people in later life can live in safety, with dignity and respect.

Whereas, the Clay/Cass Coordinated Community Response Team will hold an event on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 in observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Now, therefore, in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, we the Commissioners of Clay County proclaim the 15th day of June, 2016, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Clay County, and encourage all Clay County citizens to recognize, report, and protect vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Mongeau attended meetings of the FM Diversion Land Management Committee and the AMC District IV meeting.

Commissioner Weyland attended the AMC District IV meeting, MRCC, and Public Outreach for the FM Diversion.

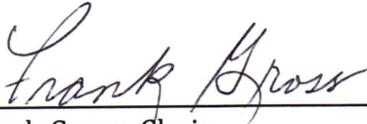
Commissioner Ingersoll attended meetings of the Moorhead Planning Commission and Lake Agassiz Regional Library.

Commissioner Gross attended meetings of the Highway Tracking Committee, AMC District IV meeting, Highland Grove Township, and Cromwell Township.

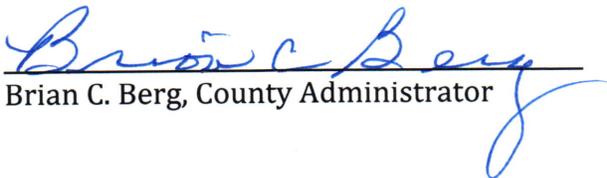
County Administrator Brian C. Berg attended many of the meetings mentioned above and informed the Board that a Neighborhood Informational Meeting has been scheduled for July 12, 6:00 p.m. to inform citizens of the Correctional Facility and Law Enforcement Center construction timeline, process for demolition of the purchased structures, etc. A Joint Local Governing Boards Round Table will be held July 21 at a yet to be determined location.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Frank Gross, Chair
Clay County Board of Commissioners



Brian C. Berg, County Administrator