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Carlie Sanders and Dustin Osland were selected as the Win-E-Mac AAA award nominees and will represent Win-E-Mac School at the sub-section meeting.

The Presidential Primary election is March 3rd

Voters who were registered to vote by February 11, 2020 should have received a ballot for each major political party in the mail for the Cities of Winger and McIntosh as well as residents of King Township.

In 2016 legislation was passed establishing a presidential nomination primary due to overcrowded and uncontrolled precinct caucuses in 2016. Some voters were unable to vote and legislators responded by creating the Presidential Nomination primary election. The first in three decades and part of a new trend being seen on a national level.

New concerns are arising as voters are learning that both major political parties will get a list of every voter who takes part in the Presidential primary election and of which primary parties ballot they voted on as the Republican and Democratic parties will try to keep each other's parties from crossing party lines in this primary election.

Voters must choose the ballot of the party whose principles they generally agree with and complete and return one ballot in the postage paid return envelope prior to March 3, 2020. There is no need to keep the additional ballot and voters may discard or destroy the ballot they did not use to vote with.

Some common questions pertaining to the new law about the presidential primary election are:

When will the presidential nomination primary take place?

March 3, 2020.

Will all parties participate in the presidential nomination primary?

No, only major parties will participate. Two major parties, the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and the Republican Party, have submitted candidates for the ballot. Two other major parties, the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party and the Legal Marijuana Now Party, have notified this office that they will not be participating.

Will all parties be on the same ballot?

No, each participating major party will have a separate ballot.

Who decides which candidates will appear on a party's ballot?

The chair of each party will submit a list of candidates for the party's ballot no later than 63 days before the date of the presidential primary (December 31, 2019). The Republican candidate list was filed 10/25/19, and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidate list was filed 12/17/19.

What if a candidate drops out before the primary?

Once a party's list is submitted, changes will not be made to candidates that will appear on the ballot.

Will there be a place to write in a choice or vote for "uncommitted"?

Only if it is requested by the party chair. Party chairs will need to submit names of write-in candidates.

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Small contingent turns out for Pro-Life march

By Tom Burford

The pro-life march and rally was an event much affected by the blustery winter weather on Saturday, January 18th.

Featured speaker Deacon Aaron Kaiser of Bagley was at the Clearwater County Courthouse waiting for marchers to arrive. The plan was to march from there to St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the rally.

As the appointed hour of 10:00 a.m. approached, it looked like there would not be a march. But then one car loaded with seven intrepid souls arrived from McIntosh. Their driver said that coming into McIntosh on a township road was the greatest challenge, with driving from there to Bagley on a somewhat snow-drifted Highway 2 rated as easy.

After marching with pro-life signs from the courthouse to the stoplights and then west to St. Joseph's, the group had a few minutes to warm up with coffee and treats.

Then Kaiser began his presentation.

The following words are excerpts from his talk, which is a bit too long to include here:

As I was preparing this talk for today it became evident to me the choice I made three months ago to follow God's will for my life has definitely brought me more happiness and fulfillment in what he has created me for.

Trent Horn is the author of "20 Answers," and I'd like to share a short 5-minute video of his as he persuades a caller on his radio show "why are you pro-choice."

Most of us think that, arguing the facts and possessing all



Aaron Kaiser begins his talk about how to reach others with a pro-life message.

the right answers is the way to win someone's heart. Right? Only if it were that easy.

Because "when people are in pain it's easy to deny science, dismiss nature, and ignore God in an attempt to justify whatever they believe will stop that pain – including abortion. So when we're talking with people in pain, we need to rely on prayer and compassion – rather than arguments – to change hearts. Arguments aren't the answer to pain. Love is.

With that said, I hope to equip you with some talking points that can make having a conversation with someone who's viewpoint differs from yours in a calm and respectful way....

How to engage with someone using prayer and powerful persuasion.

1. Saying an unborn child is not human because he/she is a fetus makes as much sense as saying a 15-year-old is not human because he's a "teenager."

Some pro-choice people may argue that the unborn are just organisms made up by body cells and need a proper environment to develop into a mature human being.

An infant needs a proper environment to survive, otherwise it will cease to live.

So maybe the real question is how do we know if a fetus is fully human or a person with rights?

2. We must answer "what is a person?"

Again, some pro-choice people will argue that a person is someone who can think or feel pain. And it is true that an unborn child does not become aware of pain until later in a pregnancy, but that does not disqualify them as a person.

3. We can have a calm conversation without it ending in an argument or becoming frustrated. We are really just concentrating on the topic of how to define the unborn. We were all an unborn baby, were we not?

4. Pro-life advocates are not trying to deny the freedom of choice to persons; especially the unborn child deserves that

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Marchers tread through the snow and cold in windy conditions to advertise the need to protect human life.



Community Calendar

- Wed. Feb. 19: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. Feb. 20: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Feb. 21: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. Feb. 24: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am
- Tue. Feb. 25: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm
- Wed. Feb. 26: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. Feb. 27: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Feb. 28: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. March 2: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Tue. March 3: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



The Win-E-Mac 3rd graders recently made the annual trip to Sandhill Nature Center in Fertile to learn about winter survival skills. The class spent the day out in the snow learning how to make a fire and a temporary shelter. They even had a picnic lunch on picnic tables in the snow filled grounds. They also had the chance to learn about cross-country skiing and how to snowshoe.

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Leveling Up

Ignorance is not innocence. What? I was brushing my teeth, mentally reviewing the morning chores and trying to get out of the house before 8am on a Saturday morning. And that's what the Ruach said to me, "Ignorance is not innocence." What was I supposed to do with that? After dropping Dinah off, I felt like I had run a marathon already, I was mentally exhausted. Getting a six-year-old out the door without saying multiple versions of: "Please get dressed and brush your teeth," ninety-seven times exhausts even the most veteran parent. So I decided to pray and praise on my drive to a tutor meeting and Ruach revealed why my ignorance was not innocence.

My last six years have been full of spiritually leveling-up. What's that? Well, for me it looks like digging down on assumptions, looking for their roots then recognizing their lies. As I drove down the highway, I realized my perceptions had been firmly grounded in isolated experiences, narrow assessments and the big tap root: fear. There are so many reactionary emotional responses that are secondary and adept at obscuring fear: anger, blame and self-defensiveness, for instance.

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choice as well. The person wanting to choose an abortion made a choice at a particular time with a particular individual. Denying another person's right to live (the unborn child) is unjust and is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being.

Jesus summed up all the commandments with two: love the lord your God and love one another as he loves them.

5. Post-abortion grief is the result of a mother coming to grips with the reality of abortion -- whether it's the day after or years after the procedure. That woman was being lied to. These haunting memories will be with her for the rest of her life.

Our secular society tries to convince people that we're free to choose our actions/moral beliefs as long as they don't interfere with someone else.

I feel the reason more people don't get involved in pro-life movements is they fail to identify the real goal, which is to secure the right to life of all human beings from conception to natural death.

6. Pro-life advocates would certainly agree that both men and women should be allowed to control their own bodies such as getting a tattoo or plastic surgery. But, having an abortion is not just one person making a modification to their body, it is one person hurting another person who lives inside that body. An unborn child is a separate human being distinct from the mother.

7. The government sets limitations on several freedoms, the freedom of speech doesn't give someone the right to yell

That morning, I realized I had wanted to claim my identity as the daughter of the King in all the comfortable ways. The teachings I grew up with as a pastor's daughter. The familiarity of countless Sunday School, VBS, and Bible Camp experiences. My thorough equipping at Bible School... yet the greatest challenge of my identity devastated me twenty-two years later. I had spent the intervening time in ministry, service and as a bodyworker, healing others. My attitude assuring me my identity was shored up by my forty-two years of walking the road of faith—until it wasn't. I was walking around with a festering wound, not even knowing it needed to be addressed.

Ignorant of the higher calling I was created for; I found—to my chagrin—that I was self-satisfied but my sin was not easily seen by my fellow man because it was a shade of rebellion masquerading as faith. I was guilty of not seeking to level-up. You see, leveling-up is a process. It is an attitude. I had chosen complacency, ignorance. I had allowed others to seek and accepted their conclusions without testing them myself.

I am unique. There will never be another me. I am a promise of potential this world

has never seen before and never will again. I have been made to speak life. And in my ignorance, I was throwing it all away. My ignorance was not innocence. I am accountable because I exist. And why do I exist? I am made to be "worship." The very fact I am made in the image of YHWH is the greatest testament to that immutable fact. The Torah, the first five books of the Bible are the bedrock of my understanding of my identity and my role as woman. As I have been exploring these scriptures in light of Hebrew context many of my paradigms have been up-ended.

Is there an area in your life which could bear the scrutiny of the Ruach Ha-Kodesh? If so, I urge you to welcome it and not strive against it as I did. And as we level-up may we stand with our feet firmly planted on the ledge—not hanging from our fingertips. May we exchange our ignorance for wisdom. Let us be strong enough to be vulnerable with the One Who created us, Elohim. Trusting His provision—not just in the worldly sense of food and shelter but—in the eternal sense of Keeper of our souls. For it is our eternity we are investing in now. This life has no lasting value unless we are eternity minded.

"fire" in a crowded building. The right to bear arms doesn't allow someone to possess a nuclear missile.

All people have the right to control their bodies to a certain extent; for example, an unconscious woman in a hospital has the right not to be

violated by a male nurse, so why then are unborn babies denied the right to control their own bodies?

8. Providing a safe environment in the womb seems to be a duty mothers have to their children.

Choosing not to abort one's child is not an act of extraordinary good will; it's the minimal standard of care we expect from parents. And I mean Both Parents. Men have a duty to provide financial and emotional support for women. And women have a duty to provide a safe environment in the womb for their unborn babies.

9. Another argument Pro-choice advocates make in order to justify abortion is that the world is overpopulated and the earth cannot sustain an increasing human population.

So let's do a little exercise: how would you frame a rebuttal to discount this justification?

It's just simply wrong to kill a human being to make life easier for society as a whole.

10. We should never kill unborn children to improve the life for born people.

Nowhere in the Bible will you find it explicitly discusses the morality of abortion. Probably because back then if you wanted to end a baby's life you simple left him/her exposed to the elements shortly after

birth.

But just because it doesn't condemn abortion it certainly doesn't say anywhere where it condones it either. God does forbid the killing of human beings, and since science and philosophy teach us that the unborn are human beings, it would follow that abortion is wrong.

11. Not all of us are comfortable writing letters to political people or speaking in front of others but we can all be a friend to someone who is contemplating having an abortion. A word I like to use is "accompaniment," which means more than just driving a person to the nearest pregnancy center, you need to build a trusting relationship with her to safeguard both her and the well-being of the baby's life.

Letting them know you are willing to pray for them during this difficult time can be a huge support.

12. Sometimes it's more about planting seeds than trying to convert someone on the spot. There is nothing wrong with asking the Lord to help us understand what might be driving some motivations.

Choosing to be Pro-life is easy, participating in pro-life activities is harder, and overcoming the fear to profess your stance to someone with a differing viewpoint takes courage. That is why courage is a virtue, many people struggle to find the courage to stand up for what they believe they know is right.

Our culture needs healing and love, and that starts in our families.



WEM School Announcements

The Win-E-Mac Senior High Music Department will be having a Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser on Friday, February 14th and Monday, February 17 before the basketball games. Serving will start at 5:00 each night. The cost will be \$5.00 for a baked potato with toppings, bar, and coffee or lemonade. All proceeds will go towards our Nashville/Memphis trip.

Report cards are now available on StudentVue and ParentVue for elementary and high school.

Prom is May 2nd! Complete sign-up by April 15, 2020 ~ all prom attendees and their guests must be sign-up and pay attendance fee ahead of time.

Win-E-Mac seniors/juniors are invited to attend the prom with a guest who is a sophomore or older in school or out of school but no older than 20 years of age.

Each individual attendee's \$15 cover fee needs to accompany sign-up. Fee is to offset costs (food and beverages included). All prom grand march attendees are expected to wear formal attire. Sign-up sheets available in Mrs. Winter's room.

County Highway Project Bids Close Friday, March 13, 2020

Polk County, Minnesota
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - Sealed bids will be RECEIVED until 2:00 PM on Friday, March 13, 2020, by Michelle Cote, Director of Property Records of Polk County at Crookston, Minnesota, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County for the construction of the County Projects listed below. Sealed electronic bids will be OPENED and READ publicly at 2:00 P.M., at the Polk County Highway Department in Crookston, Minnesota. Bids received after 2:00 P.M. will not be considered. Bids must be submitted electronically through BidVAULT.

STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP 060-620-018
LOCATION: from CSAH 19, 10 miles east and 4 miles north of East Grand Forks, MN to CSAH 21
TYPE OF WORK: Bituminous Overlay and Aggregate Shouldering
LENGTH: 3.0 miles
The major items of work are approximately:
8,900 Ton Bituminous Mixture
29,000 Lin Ft Milled Rumble Strips
Traffic Control
Pavement Striping
To obtain plans and proposal and to submit an electronic bid (including electronic bid form) go to the Polk County eGram website: <https://egram.co.polk.mn.us>

All bidders will be required to submit an electronic bid and provide payment of \$100.00 to the Polk County Highway Department.

Proposals, Plans and Specifications are available at: Polk County Highway Dept., 820 Old Highway 75 South, Crookston, MN 56716. Cost - \$100.00 (non-refundable incl. tax).

Electronic bids must be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to at least 5% of the total bid made payable to the Treasurer of Polk County.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities thereof.
Richard C. Sanders
Polk County
County Engineer

NOTICE OF 2020 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY ELECTION HILL RIVER TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given, that the polls shall be open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Hill River Town Hall, on Tuesday the 3rd day of March, 2020 for the Presidential Nomination Primary. Please note that the voter's choice of a political party's ballot will be recorded and is public information.

Given under my hand this 17th day of February, 2020.
Raymond O. Sundrud
Clerk/Treasurer of Hill River Township

AD DEADLINE NOON FRIDAYS

2020 After Prom Party Community Bingo Fundraiser! \$20.00 per card!

Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 2 PM – 5 PM

Play 20 games plus Black-out!! Silent Auction to be held as well! Bingo tickets can be purchased in Advanced or at the door. Sunday, March 1st is make-up date in case of a storm.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at the Win-E-Mac School on Thursday, February 20th from 1:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Parents of students in grades K-6 should have made appointments to see their respective teachers. Parents of 7th-12th grade students, conferences will be self-led by the students, with their homeroom teachers.

Signup sheets will be sent home with students to schedule a time. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 with buses running shortly after dismissal.

Preschool Screening

Win-E-Mac preschool screening will be held Monday, April 6 in the Bjella Building in McIntosh. Preschool Screening is open to all children who are three years old and up who have not been screened. Children must be screened before entering Kindergarten. You must make an appointment to be screened. You can make an appointment by calling Heather Earls at the school 218-563-2900 or cell 218-689-0605.

Notice

Sletten Township polls will be open Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm for the Presidential Nomination Primary. Voters can come to the Sletten Town Hall.

Sletten Township will hold its Annual Election of Officers (1 supervisor and 1 clerk) on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the town hall. The annual meeting will follow the election. In case of bad weather the election and meeting will take place on March 17, 2020.

Terri Kaupang

M48-49C

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Feb. 19:
Bruce Grundyson,
Remy Goodwin
Thurs. Feb. 20:
Kolten Schow, Kinlee Faldet, Katie Roed
Fri. Feb. 21 : Mar-
ea Schommer, Dave Erickson, Jason Svalen, Laura Evens
Sat. Feb. 22:
Hayden Rock
Sun. Feb. 23: Matthew Klemmer, Shawn Hedlund, Jack Bailey
Mon. Feb. 24: Anna Mandt, Kirsten Faldet, Krosby Jore, Tom Lang
Tues. Feb. 25:
Mariah Ogaard, Ardell Opdahl

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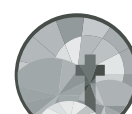
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Sun. Feb. 23: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. March 1: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. Feb. 23: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. March 1: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. Feb. 23: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. March 1: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed, Feb. 19: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's

Thurs., Feb. 20: 10:30am Ladies Aid program at Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Sun., Feb. 23: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Tues, Feb. 25: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30; 1:30pm Bible Study at The Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Wed, Feb. 26: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's

For information on free rides to any of the above activities call 218-268-4242 or 218-687-3461 Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Hwy. 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then ½ mile east on County Road 206.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Thurs. Feb. 20: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. Feb. 23: 9:30 Mt. Carmel Worship; 9:45 Trinity Sunday School for all ages; 10:45 Mt Carmel Sunday School for all ages; 11:00 Trinity Worship;

Thurs. Feb. 27 : 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Feb. 23: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship
Sun. March 1: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship

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FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlunds

Sun. Feb. 23: 10:00am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School

Sun. March 1: 10:00am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sun. Feb. 23: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School
Sun. March 1: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC

Erskine, Minnesota

Pr. Mike Sletto

Sun. Feb. 23: 10:30am Adult Bible Study; 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

Sun. March 1: 10:300am Adult Bible Study; 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Erskine

Pastor Joel Smeby

Wed. Feb. 19: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

Sat. Feb. 22: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group
Sun. Feb. 23: 10:00am Worship

Wed. Feb. 26: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

Sat. Feb. 29: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group

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Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer

Robotics and Drone Technology

This year Win-E-Mac started Drone Technology within the Robotics program. It's a very new program of competition for our students.

A congratulations to our brand new drone team, Team 5300Z made up of Abby Lende, Rylee Haugen and Kallie Hand who WON the Drone Racing competition and also won the Ace Award. Both of these achievements qualifies them for the World Championships in Louisville, KY.

A huge congratulations to our Middle School Division Team 5300G (Alec Haskett, Wyatt Davis, Foma Cherenov) who placed 2nd in the state and qualified for the World Championships which will be held in Louisville, KY the same week in April.

If you have ever watched Robotics and Drone competition they are the upcoming technology of the future where kids think, fix and create machines to do work for them with remote control.

2020 Census



Next year we will see the Census data coming out to Minnesota residents. We always ask why we should fill it out; the answer is the data is used heavily for Congressional seats, Transportation funding for roads, schools and hospitals. Our schools need this accurate data for funding for the National School lunch program, Student health insurance, Head Start, Special Education funding, Title funding and Communications funding. It shows the movement of

people and how National Aid will be spent in each state. Every person in the County and our District is worth approx. \$800.00 per person. It determines how much Federal money can be spent on Minnesota roads and where is the best location for big business and jobs.

This Census is very important, and we will see people coming to your door to assist with the documents or ask your friends and neighbors about the importance of filling out the data. The data is used for 10 years.

Extra-Curricular

Let's congratulate our Students and Coach's Nathan Johnson and Brady Langemo in the Robotics Program. They were state competitors this last week and now are looking at the National Competition. This program is open to both boys and girls.

Our District offers a High School program, Junior High Program and an elementary program. We truly enjoy the efforts of our young people here at the Win-E-Mac school.

Primary...

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in candidates to be counted seven days before the primary.

Will any other offices be on the ballot?

No, only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the presidential primary ballot. Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August.

Who can vote in the presidential nomination primary?

Any voter registered in Minnesota. Voters can pre-register through February 11, or register at the polling place when they vote. Note that voters must turn 18 years old by March 3 to vote in the presidential nomination primary.

How will I be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary?

Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot in the 46 days before presidential primary day (starting January

17, 2020). A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary.

Will other people know which party's ballot I request?

A voter's choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party. How a voter voted on the ballot will be secret.

Will parties have to abide by the primary results?

The presidential primary results must bind the election of delegates in each party.

Who will pay for the presidential nomination primary?

County and municipalities will be reimbursed by the state for the primary costs.

How much will the primary cost?

The Office of Secretary of State surveyed all 87 Minneso-

ta Counties and, based on that survey, estimates that the cost to administer the Presidential Nomination Primary will be \$11.9 million. The Secretary of State has certified this estimate to the Commissioner of Management and Budget. Counties and municipalities will be reimbursed for their costs of administering the Presidential Nomination Primary following the election.

Will there still be precinct caucuses?

Yes, precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions will still take place to conduct other party business.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

2020 Presidential Nomination Primary for residents of Winger Township will be held Tuesday March 3rd, 2020 at the Winger Community Center. Polls will be open from 7am until 8 pm.

Nate Johnson, Clerk M48-49C

The benefits of smart refrigerators

Smart technology can help people manage the hustle and bustle of everyday life. For example, people who utilize smart technology in their homes can adjust their thermostats, dim or increase lighting in a room, adjust the volume on their televisions, and lock their doors.

Many people were quick to embrace smart technology in their living rooms, where families typically gather to watch movies and entertain guests. But smart technology can be utilized in every room of the house, including the kitchen. In fact, smart refrigerators are one smart appliance that forecasters predict will become increasingly popular in the coming years.

Smart refrigerators can reduce food waste. Many people have found spoiled food in their refrigerators, and the problem of food waste is considerable across the globe. According to the United Nations Development Program, 20 percent of food purchased in India is discarded, while the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that 133 billion pounds of food are wasted in the United States every year. Smart refrigerators can help reduce food waste by reminding owners of expiration dates, potentially compelling them to make use of food before it needs to be discarded.

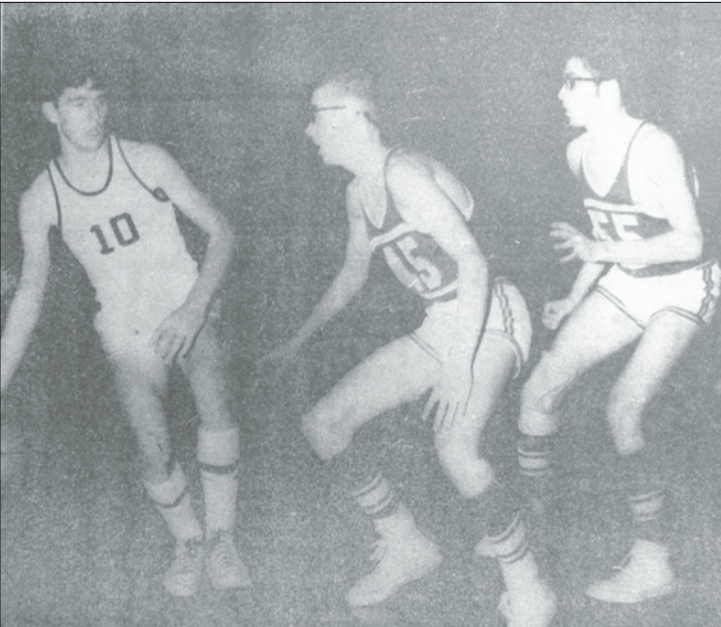
Smart refrigerators can simplify grocery shopping. The HBS Digital Initiative, which aims to build community and expertise around digital transformation at Harvard Business School and Beyond, notes that some smart refrigerators can be linked to online grocery shopping apps, potentially putting an end to instances in which shoppers forget items at the grocery store. Smart refrigerators also can be linked to recipe apps, which can make shopping for ingredients that much easier.

Smart refrigerators can save shoppers money. Smart refrigerators can be expensive, with some costing many thousands of dollars. However, over time smart refrigerators can help shoppers save money by saving them from buying items they don't need. Smart refrigerators can take inventory of what's inside a refrigerator, making it less likely that shoppers buy duplicate items.

Smart refrigerators may still be a curiosity for many homeowners, but they figure to become more commonplace in the years to come

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Below: 30 years ago...1990: Members of the eighth grade Patriot basketball team are (back, l-r) Erik Hamre, Scott Kaupang, Mike Brumwell, Jason Bradley, and Shawn Ostenaar; (front) Robert Carlson, Jeremy Finseth, Jerrod Hoass, and Casey Sannes. They are coached by Kent Hamre.



50 years ago...1970: This is some of the action as Rick Carlson, 10, drives in during the tournament play Friday night when the Mentor Trojans defeated the McIntosh Scots, Number 45 is David Super, 55 is Milo Reck.



40 years ago...1980: Cameron Burslie shooting for 2 versus Erskine in District play. Scots 71 - Comets 58.



10 years ago...2010: Congratulations to the following students in the contest for box tops, labels and bottle caps. (back, l-r) Alayna Espeseth (348), Michael Revier (326), Amanda Farrell (431), Justin Shaver (305); (middle) Cole Shaver (469), Joseph Parenteau (326), Kolton Stuhaug (380), Alexys Bolz (419), Sydney Tadman (618), Landon Shaver (300); (front) Grace Kaupang (530), Anton Hickman (313), Will Tofstad (4297), Dylan Roy (558). Not pictured Ryan Schaumburg (1190).



20 years ago...2000: Ladies of Our Saviors Lutheran Mission Quilting Group have been volunteering their time and quilting talents for many years. The group creates quilts that are given to missions and used for more local emergencies. (Seated, l-r) Helga Tranby, Helen Haugen and Lavine Johnson; (back) Ellen Burslie, Ila Pederson, Alpha Johnson, Verniz Jore, and Alice Haaven.



Commissioners Proceedings

POLK COUNTY
JANUARY 7, 2020
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., January 7, 2020 in the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Crookston, MN. Members present: Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Joan Lee, Commissioner Don Diedrich, Commissioner Gerald Jacobson, Commissioner Gary Willhite and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Michelle Cote, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO ORDER

Warren Strandell, the Chair of the Board called the meeting to order and proceeded to call for nominations for the Office of Chairman of the Polk County Board of Commissioners for 2020.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chair called for nominations for the Office of Chair of the Polk County Board of Commissioners for 2020. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich to nominate Commissioner Willhite Chair of the Polk County Board, seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board. Commissioner assumed the Chair.

The Chair of the Board asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair of the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich to nominate Commissioner Jacobson as Vice-Chair of the Polk County Board seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board.

REVISED AGENDA

Amotion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the revised January 7, 2020 agenda adding the Closed Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Amotion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the January 7, 2020 consent agenda.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

1. AMC 2020 Policy Committee & Voting Delegate Appointments
2. 2020 Board Committee Assignments

Amotion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the 2020 Polk County Board Committee Assignments as presented. (List of Committee Assignments on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. Leonard Vonasek – Planning & Zoning - 3 year appointment expired 12-31-2019. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to appoint Leonard Vonasek to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 3 year term to expire on 12-31-2022.

4. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended no meetings since the last Board meeting.

5. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she participated in the Polk County Personnel Committee meeting that was focused on negotiations with the Social Services AFSCME unit.

6. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth discussion regarding a complaint received regarding Hwy 75 and County Road 21.

7. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he attended the MRC – Minnesota Rural Caucus meeting remotely.

8. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he participated in the Polk County Personnel Committee meeting that was focused on negotiations with the Social Services AFSCME unit.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Sarah Reese, Public Health Director along with staff members Amy Van Den Eide and Angel Korynta came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Public Health department:

1. Out of State Travel Request

Amotion was made by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve out of state travel for Sue Thompson, Public Health to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Leadership Conference in Washington, DC from February 1 – February 7, 2020. (Expenses paid by DFC/CADCA funds)

2. Public Health Update

Discussion along with handouts were presented to the Board regarding the review of MN Hepatitis A Response, an overview of rates of syphilis in MN and action being taken in order to prevent and slow the spread of syphilis, Public Health Screenings – Lipid Panel and Glucose Screenings and Local Public Health Assessment & Planning Cycle Deliverables/Community Health Improvement Plan/Strategic Plan. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

HIGHWAY

Darin Carlstrom, Polk County Construction Engineer came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Highway Department:

1. 2020 Diesel Fuel Quotes

Amotion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award the 2020 diesel fuel quote to Fertile Oil, Fertile, MN in the amount of \$127,200.00.

2. Niesville Bridge HAER Report Quote

Handouts along with discussion pertaining to the Niesville Bridge were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award the HAER (Historic American Engineering Record) Report quote to Streamline Associates, LLC Minneapolis, MN in the amount of \$15,911.50. (Trail County North Dakota has approved spending half and have submitted a check to Polk County) (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

SOCIAL SERVICES

Karen Warmack, Polk County Social Services Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Replacement Request for Case Aide

Amotion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to refill a Case Aide position and any internal subsequent position vacancies occurring because of this action.

2. Agreement with Polk County Collaborative

Amotion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Polk County Collaborative 2020 Support Services Agreement as presented to the Board. (Agreement on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. Contract For Transportation & Senior Companion Program with Tri-Valley

Amotion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Polk County Social Service Agency Purchase of Service and Lead County Contract between Polk County Social Services and Tri-Valley Inc., Crookston, MN to provide Senior Companion Program and Transportation Services for a period beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

FACILITIES

Mark Dietz, Facilities Management Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Board Authorization To Fill Custodian I Positions

Amotion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve filling (2) Custodian I positions in the Facilities Management Department.

SHERIFF

James Tadman, Polk County Sheriff came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Resolution (2020-07) Accepting Financial Donations From Erskine Commercial Club On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office

Resolution Accepting Financial Donations From Erskine Commercial Club On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office RESOLUTION (2020-07)

The following resolution (2020-07) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, Erskine Commercial Club has made a financial donation of \$500.00 to support the Polk County Mounted Posse in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept these financial donations on behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office and put towards the Polk County Mounted Posse.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The financial donations from Erskine Commercial Club, which is listed above, hereby are accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for Polk County Posse.

Commissioner Strandell seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

PROPERTY RECORDS

Michelle Cote, Property Records Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Extension Committee Appointee

Amotion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to re-appoint Brad Grunhovid to the Extension Committee for a 3 year term to expire on December 31, 2022.

2. Resolution (2020-5) Minnesota Voting Equipment Grant

Minnesota Voting Equipment Grant RESOLUTION (2020-05)

The following resolution (2020-05) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, The Polk County Board of Commissioners has the authority and responsibility to approve the grant application and submittal for Minnesota's Voting Equipment Grant to the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State for election equipment

WHEREAS, The 2019 Legislature authorized an additional \$2 million in grant funding available to counties, cities, towns, and school districts to assist with the purchase of voting equipment. The legislature authorized the use of these funds to offset up to 50% of optical scan precinct counters, optical scan central counters, or assisted voting devices; or up to 75% of electronic rosters pursuant to Minnesota Laws. 2017, 1st Spec. Sess., Chap 4, Art 3 § 17.

WHEREAS, Applications must be received by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, The Director of Property Records/Election Administrator is hereby authorized to submit a grant application on behalf of Polk County for the replacement of election equipment.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

ADMINISTRATION

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Continuation of December 17, 2019 Public Hearing – 2020 Five Year Capital Improvements Plan

Continued discussion from the December 17, 2019 Public Hearing regarding the 2020 Five Year Capital Improvements Plan was held with the Board.

2. Close the Public Hearing

Amotion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to close the Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m.

3. Resolution (2020-06) Approving The 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan & Authorizing The Issuance & Sale Of General Obligation Capital

Improvement Plan Bonds

Approving The 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan And Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds RESOLUTION (2020-06)

The following resolution (2020-06) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, Polk County (the "County") has published notice of its intent to hold a hearing on the adoption of its Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the Years 2020-2024 (the "Plan") and the issuance of capital improvement plan bonds under Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 (the "Bonds"), at least fourteen (14) but not more than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date hereof, pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") held a public hearing on the date hereof on (i) adoption of the Plan and (ii) the issuance of the Bonds for the purpose of financing the construction of various capital improvements, as described in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, The CIP has been developed in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and (i) covers the five-year period beginning with the date of its adoption; and (ii) sets forth the estimated schedule, timing, and details of specific capital improvements by year, together with

the estimated cost, the need for the improvement, and sources of revenues to pay for the improvement; and

WHEREAS, In preparing the Plan, the Board has considered for each project and for the overall Plan:

(1)The condition of the County's existing infrastructure, including the projected need for repair or replacement;

(2)The likely demand for the improvement;

(3)The estimated cost of the improvement;

(4)The available public resources;

(5)The level of overlapping debt in the County;

(6)The relative benefits and costs of alternative uses of the funds;

(7)Operating costs of the proposed improvements; and

(8)Alternatives for providing services more efficiently through shared facilities with other counties or local government units.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, By the Board as follows:

SECTION 1. Capital Improvement Plan. The Board hereby adopts the Plan.

SECTION 2. The Bonds; Purpose. It is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the County to issue its General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2020A (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,400,000, contingent upon the satisfaction of the conditions described in the Act and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance the construction of projects described in

the Plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Commissioner Jacobson seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

4. Resolution (2020-01) Designating Polk County's Website for Publications of Invitations to Bid on Polk County Transportation Projects

Designating Polk County's Website for Publications of Invitations to Bid On Polk County Transportation Projects RESOLUTION (2020-01)

The following resolution (2020-01) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County that pursuant to M.S. 331A.12, Polk County's web site; <http://www.co.polk.mn.us> be and hereby is designated by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County as the official site for the publications of invitations to bid on Polk County transportation projects.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

5. Resolution (2020-03) Designating Publication of Delinquent Tax List Statement of Polk County

Designating Publication Of The Delinquent Tax List Statement Of Polk County RESOLUTION (2020-03)

The following resolution (2020-03) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County that the Exponent with a bid of \$3.99 per column inch be and the same is hereby accepted for the Publication of the Delinquent Tax List Statement of Polk County to be published in 2020.

Commissioner Strandell seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

6. Resolution (2020-04) Designating Delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties and Payment of Dues

Designating Delegates To The Association Of Minnesota Counties & Payment Of Dues RESOLUTION (2020-04)

The following resolution (2020-04) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Minnesota, has availed itself of the authority granted under Section 375.163, M.S.A., and will pay the dues of said County to the State and National Association of County Commissioners for the year 2020 and it is the intention of said Board of County Commissioners to designate individuals to attend meetings of said Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County Minnesota, does hereby designate all of its members as delegates from said County to serve on various committees of that Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon presentation of a properly verified claim, the finance department be and hereby is authorized to reimburse each of said person for their actual and necessary expenses in attending such meetings, and to pay the annual dues of the County for membership in the Association of Minnesota Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following named individuals are Polk County's official delegates to the Association of

Minnesota Counties: Commissioner Jacobson, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Diedrich, Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Michelle Cote, County Director of Property Records, and Richard Sanders, County Highway/Ditch Engineer.

Commissioner Diedrich seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

7. Approval of 2020 Mileage, Meals and Lodging Reimbursement Rates

A handout was presented and discussed with the Board regarding the 2020 mileage, meals and lodging reimbursement rates. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to adopt the 2020 IRS mileage rate of \$.575 per mile for county business travel with a personal vehicle.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to adopt the 2020 federal meal reimbursement rates as listed for Minnesota, and for out of state travel at federal rates for the given state.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to adopt the 2020 federal lodging reimbursement rates for lodging for personal lodging expense incurred on county business. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

8. Approve Payment to Abdo, Eick & Meyer

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the payment of \$33,750.00 to Abdo, Eick & Meyer, Mankato, MN for professional financial management services.

2020 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER & PUBLISHING BIDS

Pursuant to published notice bids were opened and publicly read at 11:00 a.m., for the Official Newspaper and the Delinquent Tax List:

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

BIDDER	BID per column inch
Crookston Times	None
The Exponent	\$3.99
Fertile Journal	None
McIntosh Times	\$2.50
The Thirteen Towns	None
Erskine Echo	None

Delinquent Tax List

BIDDER	BID per column inch
Crookston Times	None
The Exponent	\$3.99
Fertile Journal	None
McIntosh Times	\$2.50
The Thirteen Towns	None
Erskine Echo	None

1. Resolution (2020-02) Designating the Polk County Official Newspaper

Designating The Polk County Official Newspaper RESOLUTION (2020-02)

The following resolution (2020-02) was offered by Commissioner Jacobson:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County that the McIntosh Times be and the same is hereby designated by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County as the Official Newspaper of Polk County for 2020 and as such is the newspaper designated in which shall be published all notices and publications which the County is

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AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/02/2019

Vendor Name	Amount
4 Payments less than 2000	60.00
Final Total:	60.00

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name	Amount
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	3,169.03
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	4,330.96
City Of Fosston	89,445.02
Cole Papers Inc	4,020.17
Knife River Materials	92,964.91
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc	7,263.30
Norman County Public Health	27,011.00
Polk County Public Health	64,873.00
University Of North Dakota	6,250.28
13 Payments less than 2000	4,230.40
Final Total:	303,558.07

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/10/2019

Vendor Name	Amount
Cardmember Service	13,678.04
Chiller Systems Inc	5,350.00
Great Plains Natural Gas Co	8,929.09
Halstad Telephone Co	9,543.70
Hardwick & Nelson Law PLLC	2,318.00
Knife River Materials	86,873.20
Norman County Public Health	13,004.05
Ottertail Power Co	17,102.83
Polk County Public Health	50,269.79
Powerplan OIB	5,610.00
Voyant	10,324.05
Walmart	2,500.00
17 Payments less than 2000	9,338.26
Final Total:	234,841.01

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/17/2019

Vendor Name	Amount
Brault Construction LLC	13,500.00
Fertile Oil Company	30,866.51
Fosston Municipal Utilities	39,846.66
Fosston Municipal Utilities	2,005.88
Garden Valley Technologies	3,076.52
Great Plains Natural Gas Co	2,343.32
Johnson/Travis	24,000.00
King of the Road Trailers	3,824.00
Lepier Oil Company Inc	3,603.05
Mn County Attorneys Assoc	4,797.00
Nor- Son Inc	54,097.18
Norman County Public Health	5,103.12
Polk County	65,554.35
Polk County Public Health	19,967.35
Regents Of The Univ Of Mn	32,666.79
Verizon Wireless	2,001.80
25 Payments less than 2000	13,209.81
Final Total:	320,463.34

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required to publish during the year of 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid of \$2.50 per column inch be accepted for the official publications of Polk County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the publication of notices and other publications shall be at the rates as established in the bids and as accepted by the Board.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

1. ***CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 subd. 3 (b), and the attorney-client privilege to discuss ongoing litigation in Lindemer case**

Amotion was made by Commissioner

Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to move into closed session at 11:05 a.m.

2. **Reconvene into Open Session**
Amotion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to reconvene into regular session at 12:01 p.m.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Amotion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the following Auditor Warrants for payment:

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 o'clock a.m., January 21, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair
ATTEST:

Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator Clerk of the Board ^{M48C}

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/26/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Altru Health System	2,653.00
Building Systems Corporation	4,200.00
Crookston Water Department	2,594.21
Fertile Oil Company	4,348.21
Fischer,Rust & Stock, PLLC	4,047.89
GreatAmerica Financial Services	9,825.32
Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP	3,708.34
Marshall County Coop	3,640.00
MN Counties Intergov'l Trust	4,909.00
Red Lake Watershed District	17,649.43
Sand Hill River W S District	48,089.20
Thomson Reuters - West	2,441.11
Wilkins Inc/Lyle	4,704.66
Wilkins Inc/Lyle	28,561.76
29 Payments less than 2000	20,443.75
Final Total:	161,815.88

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/31/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gladen Construction Inc	286,804.43
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc	68,641.86
Mn State Treasury	6,741.00
Sandhill Snowcruisers	18,151.99
16 Payments less than 2000	7,632.05
Final Total:	387,971.33

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/02/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mn Dept Of Rev Tax Division	99,211.35
Final Total:	99,211.35

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/02/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FURTHER	1,276.53
Final Total:	1,276.53

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/10/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FURTHER	2,476.82
Final Total:	2,476.82

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/13/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Internal Revenue Service	163,131.51
Minnesota Revenue	28,260.01
Final Total:	191,391.52

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/20/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Minnesota Revenue	4,897.00
Minnesota Revenue	399.29
Mn Dept Of Rev Tax Division	64,596.33
Mn Dept Of Revenue	52.00
Mn Dept Of Revenue	194.00
Final Total:	70,138.62

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/20/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mn Dept Of Revenue	1,991.00
Final Total:	1,991.00

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/20/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Northwest Service Cooperative	269,452.00
Final Total:	269,452.00

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/20/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	32.75
Final Total:	32.75

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/23/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FURTHER	1,547.23
Final Total:	1,547.23

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/27/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Internal Revenue Service	143,473.00
Minnesota Revenue	26,667.56
Final Total:	170,140.56

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/30/2019	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FURTHER	86.66
Final Total:	86.66

**POLK COUNTY
JANUARY 21, 2020
BOARD MINUTES**

Pursuant to motion of adjournment the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 o'clock a.m., January 21, 2020 in the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Crookston, MN. Members present: Commissioner Gerald Jacobson, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee and Commissioner Don Diedrich and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Michelle Cote, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

REVISED AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the revised agenda for January 21, 2020 adding No. 4 under the Consent Agenda, adding James Aubol and Robert Herkenoff regarding County Road 11 and adding No. 5 under Karen Warmack/Social Services.

REVISED CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted

by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the revised Consent Agenda for January 21, 2020 adding No. 4:

1. Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Revenue Fund, \$187,520.71; Public Works Fund, \$139,416.02; Social Services Fund, \$174,454.67; Public Safety Fund, \$134,064.61; Public Health Fund, \$29,207.90; Forfeited Tax Sale Fund, \$175.00; CAP Grant Project, \$2,696.00; Special Assessments (Ditch) Fund, \$4,452.80; Environmental Services Fund, \$24,437.97; Resource Recovery Fund, \$61,041.86; Landfill Fund, \$40,814.84 Per Diems, \$1,725.00; Meal Reimbursements (without overnight lodging), \$365.83 and Sign Audit List.

2. Approve the December 17, 2019 Board minutes.

3. Approve payment to Stein's Inc., Moorhead, MN in the amount of \$254.00 for custodial supplies for the Facilities Department.

4. *Approve payment to U.S. Bank in the amount of \$111.37 for custodial supplies for Facilities Department and supplies for Finance Department.

****TAXPAYER CONCERN – COUNTY ROAD 11**
James Aubol and Robert Herkenoff, Crookston, MN appeared before the Board with concerns regarding the

proposed alteration/lowering of County Road 11. Mr. Herkenoff and Mr. Aubol are both opposed to the lowering of County Road 11.

**COUNTY BOARD MEMBER
ISSUE FORUM**

1. Re-appoint Jerry Erickson (East Polk County) to The Board of Directors of the Red River Valley Development Association. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to re-appoint Jerry Erickson, Director from East Polk County as a representative on the Board of Directors of the Red River Valley Development Association for a 3 year term (March 6, 2020 – March 6, 2023)

2. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he attended a RTCC (Regional Transportation Coordinating Council) meeting. He also participated in a Maple Lake Improvement Association meeting where the focus was on canopy structures on the water.

3. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended a Radio Board meeting where the leadership was reorganized. A committee was formed to address the recruitment and training of dispatchers. He also participated in Tri-County Community Corrections meeting.

4. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the Tri-Valley Opportunity Council meeting where the focus was the Head Start grants. He also attended a LARL meeting where the focus was the security of the Moorhead facility.

5. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended a Strengthening Public Health Committee meeting. She also attended an East Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting and a DAC meeting. She has received calls of concerns regarding road issues, snow removal and mail box damages.

6. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth that he attended the Tri-County Community Corrections meeting and the Tri-Valley Opportunity Council meeting. He also brought forth that he had received a letter regarding buffer strips. In addition he also participated in Law Library meeting where the focus was technology updates to the 4 courtrooms.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Karen Warmack, Social Services Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. **Contract with NWMHC to Provide Mental Health Services to Adults and Children**

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the NWMH Contract to provide mental health services to adult and children as presented. (Contract on file in the Administrator's Office)

2. **Contract with NWMHC to Provide CSP, Crisis Services and Adult Mental Health Initiative Services**

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the NWMH Contract to provide CSP, Crisis Services and Adult Mental Health Initiative Services. (Contract on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. **Regional Crisis Grant Amendment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve amending the Crisis Grant as presented and accept the \$45,454.00 additional funds for staff training to deliver Mental Health Crisis Services. (Amendment on file in the Administrator's Office)

4. **Eligibility Worker Replacement**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve refilling the Eligibility Worker position and any subsequent position vacancies occurring as a result of this action.

5. *****Accounting Technician**

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve refilling the Accounting Technician position and any subsequent position vacancies occurring as a result of this action.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Greg Widseth, Polk County Attorney came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. **Assistant County Attorney Vacancy**

Due to the resignation of Charles Curtis, Assistant County Attorney a motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve filling the Assistant County Attorney position in the County Attorney's Office.

FINANCE

Ron Denison, Finance Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. **Resolution (2020-08) Auditor Warrant Updated Listing**

RESOLUTION (2020-08) Auditor Warrant Updated Listing

The following resolution (2020-08) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 375.18, Subd. 1b, that the Polk County Board of Commissioners and Polk County Administrator will allow the following claims be paid as an Auditor Warrant upon internal accounting processing:

Utilities (Gas, Lights, Garbage, Telephone, Postage, P.O. Box Fees)
Contracts
Specific Items Pre-Approved by the Board
Court Orders
Grants
Lease Agreements
Maintenance Agreements
Billing Being Paid with Drug Forfeiture Funds
County Attorney Contingency Fund Payments
County Attorney Fines & Fees Fund Payments

Polk County Attorney/Victim Services (Medical Services for Victims)
Court Administration (Court

Appointed Attorney Fees/Medical Evaluations)

Polk County Public Health (Walmart Purchases)

Cole Papers, Inc., Fargo, ND
Fertile Oil, Fertile, MN

Crookston Fuel, Crookston, MN
Late/Past Due Claims for Various Vendors

WEX Bank & Other Fuel Purchases
In-State Registration Fees for Staff Education/Trainings

Stein's Inc.
Commissioner Diedrich seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote.

YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

SHERIFF

Jim Tadman, Polk County Sheriff came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. **Resolution (2020-09) Accepting Financial Donations From Bailey Throne Post 596 American Legion On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office**

RESOLUTION (2020-09) Resolution Accepting Financial Donations.

From Bailey Throne Post 596 American Legion.

On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office.

The following resolution (2020-09) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, Bailey Throne POST 596 American Legion made a financial donation of \$1,000.00 to support a K-9 Program in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept these financial donations on behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office and put towards a K-9 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The financial donations from Bailey Throne POST 596 American Legion which is listed above, hereby are accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for a K-9 Program. This money would be for the purchase of equipment and dog.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

2. **Resolution (2020-10) Accepting Financial Donations From McDonough K-9 on Behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office**

RESOLUTION (2020-10) Resolution Accepting Financial Donations From McDonough K-9 On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office

The following resolution (2020-10) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, McDonough K-9 made a donation of a K-9 and Training valued at \$17,500.00 to support a K-9 Program in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept the donation on behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office for the K-9 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The donation from McDonough K-9, which is listed above, is hereby accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for the K-9 Program.

Commissioner Jacobson seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

3. **Resolution (2020-11) Accepting Financial Donations From Polk County Sheriff's Office Records Staff and Dispatchers on Behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office**

RESOLUTION (2020-11) Resolution Accepting Financial Donations.

From Polk County Sheriff's Office Records Staff and Dispatchers On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office

The following resolution (2020-11) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office Records Staff and Dispatchers made a financial donation of \$178.36 to support a K-9 Program in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept these financial donations on behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office and put towards a K-9 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The financial donations from Polk County Sheriff's Office Records Staff and Dispatchers, which is listed above, hereby are accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for a K-9 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The financial donations from Polk County Sheriff's Office Records Staff and Dispatchers, which is listed above, hereby are accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for a K-9 Program. This money would be for the purchase of equipment and dog.

Commissioner Diedrich seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

4. **Hire One Full-Time Deputy Sheriff to Replace Vacant Position**

Due to a resignation a motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve hiring one full-time Deputy Sheriff to replace the vacant position.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Sarah Reese, Public Health Director along with Kirsten Fagerlund, Public Health came before the Board with matters pertaining to Public Health:

1. **Appoint Youth Advisory Board Members**

Existing Youth Advisory Board Members were introduced to the Board. Kolton Crocker (WEM), Teegan Olson (WEM), Audrey Harbott (CRK), Mya Bowand (EGF), Caden Johnson (FB). A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to appoint Aubree Swenby (Fertile), Kallie Hand (WEM),

Jaime Carlin (Fosston), Ella Weber (Crookston), Kasumi Lee (EGF) and Dawson McDonald (EGF) as Polk County Public Health Youth Advisory Board Members from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

2. Federal Tobacco 21 Legislation

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the Federal Tobacco 21 Legislation. On December 20, 2019 the President signed legislation to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and raise the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years nationwide. It is now illegal for a retailer to sell any tobacco product – including cigarettes, cigars & e-cigarettes to anyone under 21. This policy is often called Tobacco 21.

PROPERTY RECORDS

Michelle Cote, Property Records Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. **Compliance Fund Expenditure**

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the

**COMMISSIONER WARRANTS
DATED 01/24/2020
APPROVED 01/21/2020**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Al's Electric Inc	4,622.55
American Solutions For Business	7,382.20
Ameripride Linen & Apparel Service	2,081.84
Assoc Of Mn Counties	18,186.00
At- Scene LLC	3,000.00
Bert's Truck Equip Of Moorhead	3,087.85
Church & Dwight Co Inc	18,635.28
CIVICPLUS	9,849.00
Code 4 Services Inc	56,262.26
Compass Minerals America	5,744.99
Crookston Fuel Company	5,652.90
ESRI	35,000.00
Evenaire Systems Inc	6,300.00
Fosston Municipal Utilities	2,446.55
Grove Mechanical Inc	3,103.21
Hennen Equipment Inc	6,151.14
Interstate Billing Service	8,063.72
Iteris Inc	57,000.00
Jobs HQ	5,264.00
Kimball Midwest	2,591.66
LEADS ONLINE	2,128.00
Lepier Tire & Auto	2,215.46
Mayo Manufacturing Co	2,922.38
MCCC BIN#135033	61,959.13
MCCC MI 33	6,739.40
Mcintosh City	2,660.00
MCIT	3,582.00
Mn Dept Of Transportation	4,108.89
MN Sheriffs' Association	9,066.87
MN Transportation Alliance	3,636.00
Northdale Oil Inc	2,971.00
Northern Safety Co Inc	2,142.38
Nurse- Family Partnership	5,581.00
Pemberton Law PLLP	9,135.35
Polk County Highway Department	7,157.41
Polk County Solid Waste	7,635.75
Pro West & Associates Inc	2,499.66
RTVision Inc	7,050.00
Rustad Heating & Plumbing	3,525.00
Sampletech	15,475.00
Steamatic Of Grand Forks	4,505.52
Stone's Mobile Radio Inc	13,770.00
Todd's Tire Service Inc	2,285.54
Total Lawn Care & Landscaping	2,059.00
True North Steel	4,452.80
Urt Llc	4,230.65
US Bank Voyager Fleet Sys	4,577.45
Watch Guard Video	20,880.00
Wenck Associates Inc	6,771.90
Wenck Associates Inc	2,696.00
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc	19,532.00
Ziegler Inc	4,764.49
259 Payments less than 2000	110,686.53
Final Total:	623,827.71

**POLK COUNTY
JANUARY 28, 2020
BOARD MINUTES**

Pursuant to motion of adjournment the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., January 28, 2020 in the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Crookston, MN. Members present: Commissioner Gerald Jacobson, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee and Commissioner Don Diedrich and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Michelle Cote, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the January 28, 2020 agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the January 7 and January 21, 2020 Board minutes.

2. Approve payment to Architectural Resources, Inc., Hibbing, MN in the amount of \$90,048.75 for the Human Service Center Roof Project Design Expense (EGF) for the Facilities Department.

3. Approve for payment Lost Warrant No. 45497 dated January 15, 2020 issued to MN Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$4,200.00.

4. Approve payment to Johnson Controls, Dallas, TX in the amount of \$1,200.00 for Labor Charges for the Facilities Management Department.

5. Approve payment to Brost Chevrolet, Crookston, MN in the amount of \$264.47 for the Sheriff's Department.

**COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS
ISSUE FORUM**

1. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth discussion regarding a concern at Maple Lake over canopies over boat lifts. The Maple Lake Improvement Association has drafted a potential resolution governing this issue. He also attended the Northwestern Mental Health Center meeting where a topic of discussion was elimination of the Polk County appropriation and county committee membership.

2. Commissioner Strandell

Board to accept the updated quote for materials from Northern Lumber, Inc., Crookston, MN in the amount of \$3,09

Commissioners proceedings
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners sponsors the Sandhill River Watershed District for membership.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell, and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Jacob Snyder, Environmental Specialist/Planning and Zoning Administrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to Planning and Zoning:

1. Resolution (2020-13) Conditional Use Permit for Outdoor Investments LLC for a Campground Expansion up to 49 Sites

Also appearing was Austin Pierce on behalf of Outdoor Investments Inc., and the Ranch Campground. Resolution (2020-13) was offered by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None. (See Resolution (2020-13) on file in the Administrator's Office.) **** Note approval is conditional on the following change to No. 14 of the conditions to limit pets to 2 per site.**

2. Resolution (2020-14) Termination of Recorded Resolution (2006-3-31) Document A000632636 Recorded August 24, 2006

RESOLUTION (2020-14) Termination of Recorded Resolution 2006-3-31 Document A000632636 Recorded August 24, 2006

The following resolution (2020-14) was offered by Commissioner Jacobson:

WHEREAS, Outdoor Investments LLC, land owner of parcel 32.00192.00, wishes to terminate the Dude Ranch operation as of January 28, 2020.

WHEREAS, A Conditional Use Permit was issued on March 28, 2006 for operation of a Dude Ranch; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners Terminates resolution 2006-3-31.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

3. SSOM Compost Pad Project – Change Order #2

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by

Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve Change Order No. 2 to Lyle Wilkens Inc., Crookston, MN in the amount of \$6,800.00 for the credit to Polk County for remaining grading and seeding work to be completed.

4. SSOM Compost Pad – Release of Retainage

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the release of the retainage amount of \$18,610.84 upon receipt of required documents to Lyle Wilkens Inc., Crookston, MN to serve as payment in full for the Crookston Transfer Station Project.

SHERIFF

Jim Tadman, Polk County Sheriff came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Monthly Sheriff Reports

The December monthly Sheriff Reports were discussed and presented to the Board. (Monthly reports on file in the Administrator's Office)

POLK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING (EGF) REMODEL

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to the bids for the Polk County Human Services Building (EGF) Remodel Project:

1. Review Bid Award of Construction Contracts

Bids have been received for remodeling the Human Service Center Building in East Grand Forks and are under review. Diversified Contractors, Inc., was the lowest base bidder with a bid of \$1,388,800.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award the bid for remodeling the Human Service Center Building in East Grand Forks to Diversified Contractors, Inc., Fargo, ND in the amount of \$1,388,800.00.

** The contract will come to the Board in a subsequent meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department;

1. ERP Software Request for Proposals Status

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the proposals that have been reviewed by the Finance Committee with Geniene Scherer of Abdo, Eick & Meyer regarding the ERP Software.

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., February 4, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair

Charles S. Whiting, Polk County Administrator

Clerk of the Board M48C

Polk County Public Notices

County Highway Project Bids Close Friday, March 13, 2020

Polk County, Minnesota

Advertisement for Bids - Sealed bids will be RECEIVED until 2:00 PM on Friday, March 13, 2020, by Michelle Cote, Polk County Director of Property Records at Crookston, Minnesota, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County for the construction of the County Project listed below. Sealed electronic bids will be OPENED and READ publicly at 2:00 PM, by the Board of County Commissioners at the Polk County Highway Department in Crookston, Minnesota. Bids received after 2:00 PM will not be considered. Bids must be submitted electronically through BidVAULT.

STATE PROJECT NO. SP 060-621-014 Minn. Proj. No. STPF 6020(173)

LOCATION: On CSAH 21 from TH 220, 5.0 miles north of East Grand Forks, MN to TH 75

TYPE OF WORK: Milling, Bituminous Overlay and Aggregate Shouldering

LENGTH: 16.4 miles

Approximate major items of work are:

46,200 ton Bituminous Mixture
270,000 sq. yd. Mill Bituminous Surface
13,500 ton Aggregate Shouldering
158,400 In. ft. Milled Rumble Strips
Traffic Control
Pavement Striping

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders: in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age,

religion, sex or national origin; in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age; in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

A minimum goal of 1.3% Good Faith Effort to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

To obtain plans and proposal and to submit an electronic bid (including electronic bid form) go to the Polk County egram website: <https://egram.co.polk.mn.us>

All bidders will be required to submit an electronic bid and provide payment of \$100.00 to the Polk County Highway Department.

Proposals, plans and specifications are available at the Office of the Polk County Highway Engineer; Public Works Building, 820 Old Highway 75 South, Crookston, MN 56716. Cost - \$100.00 (non-refundable incl. tax).

Electronic Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or a corporate surety bond in favor of the Treasurer of Polk County for at least 5% of the total amount bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or technicalities therein.

Michelle Cote
Polk County
Director of Property Records
published 02/12/2020-03/13/2020 M47-49C

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STATE AID PROJECT NO. SP 060-601-061

SP 060-616-010

Minn. Proj. No. STPF 6020(171) LOCATION: On CSAH 1 from CSAH 10 to TH 59 in Winger, MN

On CSAH 16 from TH 75 at El-dred, MN to CSAH 9

TYPE OF WORK: Bituminous Overlay and Aggregate Shouldering

LENGTH: 7.2 miles 5.5 miles

Approximate major items of work are:

27,900 ton Bituminous Mixture
20,600 ton Aggregate Shoulder-

ing

Milled rumble Strips

Traffic Control

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

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These two projects will be bid and awarded in one contract.

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Michelle Cote
Polk County
Director of Property Records
published 02/12/2020-03/13/2020

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to
richards@gvtel.com
Richards
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Gonvick 487-5225**

SAMPLE BALLOT

Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot
Official Ballot
Republican Party
Polk County, Minnesota
March 3, 2020
Judge _____
Judge _____

Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ●

Minnesota Election Law permits you to vote for a candidate of only one political party in a Presidential Nomination Primary election.

Republican Party
Federal Offices
President Vote for One
☐ Donald J. Trump
☐
write in, if any

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SAMPLE BALLOT

Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot
Official Ballot
Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party
Polk County, Minnesota
March 3, 2020
Judge _____
Judge _____

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Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party
Federal Offices
President Vote for One
☐ Deval Patrick
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☐ Amy Klobuchar
☐ Julián Castro
☐ John K. Delaney
☐ Marianne Williamson
☐ Bernie Sanders
☐ Andrew Yang
☐ Elizabeth Warren
☐ Tulsi Gabbard
☐ Michael R. Bloomberg
☐ Joseph Biden
☐ Uncommitted
☐ Cory Booker
☐ Michael Bennet

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