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Joel Strom with grandson, Ryker, were a part of the McIntosh Antique Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 24th.

Taking part in the 2024 McIntosh Antique Tractor Parade was Lorraine Mains.

Always finishing up the parade line for the tractor parade during McIntosh Tractor Day is Steve Carlson,

McIntosh musical duo will reunite for a benefit concert on Saturday, September 21st

Mark your calendars! After a nearly 25-year hiatus, Pam Aanenson and Susan Lee will reunite to perform a country and gospel concert to benefit the McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the McIntosh Community Center.

Pam and Susan first started singing together in 1978 and over the years Pam and Sue have performed many gigs at nursing homes, meetings, churches, and other public venues.

They performed at the Minnesota State Fair talent show and have also sung at many weddings and funerals. In the 1990s they hosted the Holiday Arts in Concert events in McIntosh that featured an art and craft show, lefsa and baked goods sale and an evening holiday concert.

They have also performed a benefit concert for the Marines Toys for Tots programs and have been generous with their time and efforts in the music department.

Pam Aanenson

Susan Lee

Pam and Susan have continued to play music together for fun when time allowed them to be together. Their special blend of harmony and engaging personalities make them a must act to see! Come and join them for a fun evening of singing, stories and laughter. Refreshments will be served and silent auction items will be available for everyone to bid on. Winners will be announced after the concert, but winners do not need to be present to win.

Make this event a part of your McIntosh Harvest day's schedule. It is a great way to support your local community and hear some favorite old songs from Pam and Susan and some new original music.

Mark your calendar's for Harvest Festival in McIntosh

The Annual McIntosh Harvest Festival, sponsored by the McIntosh Community Club will take place on Saturday, September 21st in downtown McIntosh.

There will be vendors set up starting at 9:00 am and continuing through 3:00 pm in the Fire Hall with many unique and fun finds.

Pie and coffee will be served at the Community Center this year starting at 9:00 am and will continue through 3:00 pm. The annual McIntosh Library Book Sale will take place in the Community Center again this year from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Voxland Pumpkins will be available in town during Harvest Day near the Minnesota Rust store.

This year, there will be a cake walk, instead of a pie eating contest, for kids and adults on Main Street at 1:00 pm. Lulu's Little Bites will be offering bakery sweets and savory foods. The Oofda Taco truck will be in town as well as Triple C concessions offering a variety of food and drinks.

There will be kid's games from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on the old football field with an airplane drop at 11:15 am. There will be hayrides at the football field from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The stores along Main Street will be open for shopping. There will be specials and a lot of fun fall finds. Join with your friends and family and come out and enjoy a fun-filled day in downtown McIntosh, If you are interested in a spot for the craft and vendor show, you can check out the McIntosh Community Club Facebook page for more information.

Find more information in next weeks edition of the McIntosh Times.

Looking forward to fall in NW MN

Sizzling scarlet and zesty yellows or earthy oranges and rusty reds—what hues will paint the Minnesota landscape this year?

We can only guess, but some recent weather factors could give us clues!

Dull or earthy fall colors can be caused by drought or leaf disease. When there is a mild summer drought, it can enhance fall colors, but severe drought usually dulls them considerably. In some cases, drought can cause foliage to die early and turn straw-colored due to lack of water. A severe summer drought landscape is filled with the subtler colors of tans, bronzes, and auburns.

The good news is since early June 2024, the entire state of Minnesota has been drought-free! In general, the best fall

colors are set up by a growing season that has average precipitation. Although our excessively wet spring caused leaf diseases on some species, like aspen and oaks, it fortunately didn't cause much leaf loss. After 2023's drought, this year's rainy growing season means trees have the potential to maximize their color production in the fall!

As we move into September, bright sunshine and small temperature swings will bring out the best colors possible. We are more likely to see brilliant colors when the days are sunny, and the nights are cool. Light frosts can help, but a hard freeze or early snow could stop the show in its tracks.

Fall colors in Minnesota typically peak in mid-to-late-September through mid-October, starting in the northwest and working toward the southeast corner of Minnesota. Peak fall color usually persists in a location for two weeks, but can vary widely depending on location and weather.

Gene and Mavis Haugom on their two seater tractor with a trailer from Little Bobby's Bar & Grill during the Antique Tractor Parade in McIntosh.

The Gunufson family were out enjoying the fun events taking place during Tractor Day in McIntosh. Pictured: Jordan, Kelsi, Dawson, Aubrey and Bryson.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the editor,

You get one vote. Use it.

In the last Minnesota election, the out state (non-metropolitan) areas of the state voted mostly Red, as the map of the state showed in a veritable red wave. We voted for Pro-life candidates, but it wasn't enough to override the heavily saturated pro-abortion voting in the metro areas. Why?

Because a great percentage of Pro-life voters stayed home. They didn't think there was any use in voting, because the metro always votes so heavily Blue. They were wrong. We do have enough votes to override the metro with our conservative Pro-life votes – if we use them.

After the last election, the Minnesota House, the Senate, and the governor's office are all held by the same political party, and they took full advantage of it to pass some of the most wasteful and ruinous legislation in the history of our great state.

They spent up an eighteen billion dollar budget surplus, and then raised taxes. They passed pro-abortion legislation allowing abortion on demand right up to the very last day of a pregnancy, and then repealed the safeguard that mandated life-saving care be given to a baby who survives an abortion.

If just half of those pro-life voters who stayed home would have gone to the polls and voted, we'd have prevented most of this reckless, heartless, and economically dangerous legislation. We need to get our pro-life and pro-good government voters to turn out and vote, or we'll end up with the same scenario again, with ruinous results.

Signed,
Earl Roed
McIntosh, MN

Meatball Dinner at Our Savior's

Our Savior's Lutheran Church of McIntosh will host a Meatball Dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll and pie on Sunday, September 22nd from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. There will be a free will donation. The Country Store will also be open with lots of goodies! Everyone Welcome.

Grace Community Food Shelf

Located east side of church in double garage.

Open Hours:

Thurs. Sept. 12th - 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thurs. Sept. 19th - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sat. Sept. 21st - 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Contact Info:

Email: foodshelf@grace-churcherskine.org

Call: 218-687-2250, leave a message.

McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center News

The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center will be planning to have a booth at the McIntosh Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 21. Please stop by and become a donor and even become a member starting at $20 a year. There will be a raffle drawing and silent auction items to bid on. The organization is also asking for your donations of any McIntosh memorabilia, pictures or items you may have that you wish to donate so the items can be preserved.

Wed. Sept. 11: Wendel Webster, Chrissy Roue

Thurs. Sept. 12: Karen Plante, Shania Christianson, Zach Grove, Jarrett Haas

Sat. Sept. 14: Mary Pulford, Amy Bartz, *Tom & Heather Hegre

Sun, Sept. 15: Josh Vettleson, Elaine Burslie, Dan Jore, Michael Gensburger, *Matthew & Rachell Finseth

Mon. Sept. 16: John Wertish, Rudy Finseth, Josiah Erickson, Laura Perkerwicz

Tues. Sept. 17: Emil Sveen

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Call Munich to mind with your own Oktoberfest bash

Various regions around the world are known for certain celebrations that attract crowds from near and far.

New Orleans' French Quarter lights up in honor of Mardi Gras; the Carnival of Venice is an historic festival full of masked balls that takes place around this Italian city of canals; people dodge bulls in the streets of Pamplona, Spain during San Fermín; and for those who live for beer and dancing, there's no better place to be than Munich for Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest is an annual festival held over a two-week period. Despite what its name implies, the festival doesn't take place primarily in the month of October. Rather, Oktoberfest ends on the first Sunday in October.

Oktoberfest commemorates the celebration of the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. Modern celebrations feature beer and German food and attempt to reproduce a Bavarian sense of cordiality, according to Britannica.

While the largest Oktoberfest festival occurs in Germany, a number of communities across the globe with large German populations hold their own Oktoberfests modeled on the original. And anyone can host their own Bavarian bash at home with some planning and key items.

· **Beer:** Beer is the glue that holds the celebration together. Only beer from six main breweries in Munich are allowed to be served during the traditional Oktoberfest. Each brewery produces a special festbier exclusively for the celebration. For an authentic experience, serve beer from one of these breweries, which include Augustiner, Hacker-Pschorr, Hofbräu, Löwenbräu, Paulaner, and Spaten.

· **German food:** German sausages and traditional German pretzels should be on the menu for Oktoberfest parties. Find out if you can order sausages from a German meat market in your area. Additional foods to offer include potato pancakes and cheese boards. Don't forget the apple strudel for dessert.

· **Red, black and yellow, or blue and white:** Decorate the space in red, black and yellow, which are the colors of the German flag. You also can go with blue and white, which are the colors inspired by the Bavarian flag.

· **Traditional attire:** For gents, traditional lederhosen, which are leather short or knee-length breeches, can be worn for the celebration. Women will want to don a real dirndl dress that features a blouse under a cinched bodice and an A-line aproned skirt.

· **Long tables:** Don't overlook the communal spirit of the celebration, which means people sitting at long, large tables. Rent or invest in wooden tables that can seat the crowds.

· **Tents:** Set up tents to replicate the Oktoberfest beer tents in Munich. Add subtle streamers and flags as well as some string lights or lanterns for when the party continues into the evening.

· **Festive music:** Select a mix of oom-pah-pah, polka and classic military marches. Or choose from German pop hits, if desired. Of course, the party is yours, and as long as the music is upbeat, guests are sure to have a good time.

· **Designated drivers:** Since Oktoberfest is such a beer-heavy celebration, designated drivers and ride share services should be set up in advance to ensure all participants can arrive home safely after tapping their steins and yelling "Prost!"

Celebrate Oktoberfest with traditional fare

Oktoberfest is a 16- to 18-day festival that begins at the end of September and continues into the first week of October. It's annually held in Munich, Bavaria, Germany and features traditional Bavarian cuisine and copious amounts of local beer.

While not everyone can travel to Munich to celebrate Oktoberfest, the rich heritage of the festival can be simulated closer to home by crafting foods from that region of Germany.

Though sausages and pretzels may be most associated with Oktoberfest, those looking for something a little more substantial can try this recipe for "Roast Pork Loin in Bavarian Beer Sauce" courtesy of Löwenbräu Brewery.

Roast Pork Loin in Bavarian Beer Sauce

Serves 4 to 6

Marinade

1/2 cup Dijon or German-style mustard

1 large onion, chopped

1/2 cup honey

3 cups Löwenbräu Original beer

31/2 pounds boneless pork loin, tied 3 to 31/2 inches wide

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Beurre Manie

1 tablespoon softened unsalted butter

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

For the marinade: Combine marinade ingredients into a large saucepan. Bring marinade to a boil while stirring and remove the pan from the heat. Using a blender, puree marinade. You may need two batches. Transfer marinade to a bowl and let cool to room temperature. Spoon off any remaining foam.

For the pork loin: Combine pork and marinade into a large, heavy resealable plastic bag and press out any air. Put the bag in baking dish and refrigerate for at least 8 hours and up to 24 hours. Turn bag once or twice during refrigeration. Remove from refrigerator and let pork come to room temperature (approximately 40 minutes). Transfer marinade to a saucepan and bring just to boil.

Preheat oven to 375 F. Pat pork dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper. In a flameproof roasting pan, heat oil over moderately high heat (not smoking) and brown pork on all sides. Roast pork while basting frequently with some marinade until temperature reaches 155 F. For slightly pink meat, roast for 1 to 11/2 hours. Transfer pork to a cutting board while keeping juices in the roasting pan. Discard string and let stand covered loosely with foil for approximately 15 minutes.

For the sauce: While pork is standing, skim and discard fat from pan and add remaining marinade. Deglaze roasting pan over moderately high heat, scraping up brown bits. Bring sauce just to a boil and strain through a fine sieve into another saucepan. Bring sauce to a simmer and whisk in Beurre Manie in small increments, whisking until sauce is combined and thickened slightly.

Serve pork sliced with sauce and a glass of Löwenbräu.

Federal Lifeline Program helps connect MN to local resources and emergency services

Access to local emergency services and community resources is vital to low-income residents. "Digital Connectivity and Lifeline Awareness Week," is September 8-14, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) wants residents to get and stay connected through the federal Lifeline Program.

Lifeline helps low-income consumers connect to the nation's communications networks, find jobs, access health care services, connect with family and call for help in an emergency. Under the federal Lifeline program, low-income consumers who participate in certain public assistance programs, or qualify based on income can receive a discount of up to $9.25 per month off their monthly bill for broadband, or bundled phone and broadband service, up to $5.25 for voice-only service, and up to a total of $34.25 per month for residents of qualifying Tribal lands.

In Minnesota, 81,000 Minnesotans are enrolled in Lifeline, but more than 570,000 qualify.

"Our goal is to connect as many people as possible," said PUC Commissioner Hwikwon Ham. "We hope that by raising awareness of this crucial program, we can ensure that more Minnesotans can call their friends, their families, and life-saving services. In today's highly interconnected world, no one should be left out."

To apply for Lifeline benefits, apply online at nv.fcc.gov or mail your application by requesting an application be mailed to you or downloading a copy at www.lifelinesupport.org, or contact your local participating telecommunications provider or the PUC.

The PUC is the state agency in charge of regulating the rates and services of telecommunications companies operating in Minnesota. If you need assistance with either of these programs, contact the PUC's Consumer Affairs Office at 800-657-3782 or email at consumer.puc@state.mn.us. The PUC has Spanish and Hmong language speakers on staff.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

Wed. Sept. 11: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. Sept. 13: 11:30am Mass

Sun. Sept. 15: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. Sept. 18: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. Sept. 20: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Sept. 22: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Pastor Rene Mehlberg
Synodical Authorized Minister Katie DeMarais

Sun. Sept. 15: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun, Sept. 22: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services; 11:30 am-1:00 pm-Meatball Dinner

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, McIntosh will run church services on Channel 30 on Garden Valley Channel 30. They will also be available on YouTube on channel One in Spirit - The Journey. Our Saviors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sunday until further notice.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Pastor:
Jerry Moan

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church

Sun, Sept. 15: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, Sept.17: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, Sept. 18: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Highways 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206. For information call 268-4242 or 687-3461.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
PastorLee Laaveg

Sun. Sept. 15: 9:00am Worship

Sun. Sept. 22: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sundays: 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winger

Sundays: 10:30am Coffee Fellowship; 11:00am Worship

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH- NALC
Erskine
Rev. Pam Thorson

Sundays: 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

Come early and enjoy fellowship and a good cup of coffee. It will also be available at the same time on Garden Valley Channel 30, Facebook and YouTube.

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Polk County board minutes

AUGUST 20, 2024
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 o'clock a.m., August 20, 2024. Members present: Commissioner Paul Reese, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee, Commissioner Mark Holy, and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Samuel Melbye, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the August 20, 2024, agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the August 20, 2024, consent items:

1.Approve the August 6, 2024, Board minutes.

2.Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Revenue Fund, $102,715.66; Public Works Fund, $137,468.51; Public Safety Fund, $55,367.55; Public Health Fund, $36,516.04; Forfeited Tax Sale Fund, $2,582.53; Spec Assmnts (Ditch) Fund, $52,250.30; Environmental Services Fund, $10,108.22; Resource Recovery Fund, $153,379.76; Landfill Fund, $52,398.38; Community Health Board, $3,135.91; Agency Fund, $3,526.00; Per Diems, $1,050.00; Meal Reimbursements (without overnight lodging), $198.37; and Sign Audit List.

3.Approve payment to US Bank, St. Louis, MO, in the amount of $99,238.41 for procurement card purchases.

4.Approve Satisfaction of Mortgage.

5.Approval of American Rescue Plan Act Expenses.

6.Approve Resolution (2024-64) Polk County CY2025 Market Price.

RESOLUTION (2024-64)
Polk County CY2025
Market Price

The following resolution (2024-64) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, MS 297H.02 requires certain political subdivisions to identify by Resolution a Market Price for solid waste management tax purposes if the political subdivision subsidizes the cost of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) disposal at a facility, or directly bills for organized collection of MSW on property tax statements; and

WHEREAS, The political subdivision will be liable for any Solid Waste Management Tax (SWMT) based only on the Market Price identified by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Market Price is defined in the State Statute as the "lowest price available in the area".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The County of Polk declares the Market Price for all MSW generated in Polk County during CY2025 to be $29.06 per ton, based upon the lowest price available in the area. Polk County's identified Market Price includes both the cost per ton-mile for transportation and the cost per ton for disposal, assuming disposal at the Gentilly Landfill. All costs were calculated using current hauling and tip fee rates offered in the region.

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

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Reese brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

a. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council meeting.

b. West Central Water District conversation.

c. Received a call regarding work done on County Highway 42.

2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

a. Election canvassing.

b. Tri-County Corrections meeting.

3. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

a. Election canvassing.

b. Lake Agassiz Regional Library Executive Committee meeting.

c. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council Meeting.

d. Union negotiation meetings.

e. Tri-County Corrections meeting.

4. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended the following meetings:

a. Attended meeting regarding bonding for the landfill and incinerator.

b. Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force meeting.

c. Association of Minnesota Counties Education and Training meeting.

d. Union negotiation meetings.

e. Attended webinar put on by the State of Minnesota regarding cannabis regulations and licensing.

f. Monthly radio program.

g. Women's monthly program meeting.

h. East Polk Developmental Achievement Center meeting.

i. East Polk Water and Soil Conservation District meeting.

j. Department of Human Services Performance Committee meeting.

k. Education and Training meeting.

5. Commissioner Holy brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

a. Received multiple phone calls regarding Highway 220 construction project.

b. Received call on 911 addressing for a private driveway.

c. Received call regarding ditch drainage and watershed issues.

BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

Ryan Hughes, Northern Region Manager, on behalf of Brett Arne, Board Conservationist, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources:

1. Natural Resources Block Grant Discussion

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the Natural Resources Block Grant (handouts available in Administrator's Office).

WEST POLK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Nicole Bernd, District Manager, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District:

1.2025 Budget Proposal

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2025 Budget Proposal.

EAST POLK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Rachel Klein, District Manager, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District:

1. Appropriation Request

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the Appropriation Request.

2. East Polk SWCD Program Update

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the East Polk SWCD Program Update.

NW MN MULTI-COUNTY HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Charity Brault, Executive Director, along with Mark Finstad, Chair of HRA Board, and Heather Harbot, Finance Manager, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the NW MN Multi-County HRA:

1. HRA 2024 Levy and Program Review

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the HRA 2024 Levy and Program Review.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Victoria Ramirez, Social Services Manager, on behalf of Karen Warmack, Social Services Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to Karen's department:

1. Letter of Support for Alluma to Provide Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

Polk County Social Services is supporting Alluma to provide nonresidential substance use disorder treatment services in Fosston, MN. An expansion of outpatient substance use disorder services to Fosston will enhance treatment of care for individuals. This location will help consumers access services and reduce transportation barriers to driving distances to get services. Individuals will no longer have to drive 30 to 45 miles to access services and support for substance use disorder. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve supporting Alluma to provide outpatient substance use disorder treatment services in Fosston, MN.

2. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council Housing Services Contract Amendment

The Tri-Valley Opportunity Council Housing Services Contract is to provide housing services and housing stabilization services to Polk County residents. The original contract included housing assistance outreach services in the amount of $83,000.00 and purchase of services in the amount of $40,000.00, not to exceed $123,000.00. The amendment is not to exceed an additional purchase of services amount of $50,000.00 from August 2024 through December 31, 2024. The total contract amount for 2024 will not exceed $173,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the contract amendment with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council to provide housing services and housing stabilization services from April 16, 2024, to December 31, 2024, not to exceed the amount of $173,000.00.

3. Replacement of Social Service Board Lay Person

According to Minnesota Statutes 393.01, the County should have a Social Service Agency Board. Board member Cathy Gutterud's term expired due to her resignation on June 18, 2024. Social Services is recommending Rani Bhattacharyya as her successor. A motion was made by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the appointment of Rani Bhattacharyya to the Social Service Agency Board.

4. Family Resource Center Facility User Agreement – City of Fertile's Knutson Community Center

Agreement to utilize the City of Fertile's Knutson Community Center for Family Resource Center operations to Polk County residents in the Fertile area. Polk County Family Resource Centers provide education, resources, and support to promote positive outcomes and to strengthen children, families, and communities. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the agreement with the City of Fertile to provide in-kind facility space from August 1, 2024, to August 1, 2025.

5. Family Resource Center Facility User Agreement – East Grand Forks School District Facility

Agreement to utilize the East Grand Forks School District Facility for Family Resource Center operations to Polk County residents in East Grand Forks. Polk County Family Resource Centers provide education, resources, and support to promote positive outcomes and to strengthen children, families, and communities. A motion was made by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the agreement with the East Grand Forks School District to provide in-kind facility space from August 1, 2024, to August 1, 2025.

6. Family Resource Center Facility User Agreement – Fosston's Aurora Center for the Arts Facility

Agreement to utilize Fosston's Aurora Center for the Arts Facility for Family Resource Center operations to Polk County residents in the Fosston area. Polk County Family Resource Centers provide education, resources, and support to promote positive outcomes and to strengthen children, families, and communities. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the agreement with Fosston's Aurora Center for the Arts Facility to provide in-kind facility space from August 1, 2024, to August 1, 2025.

PEMBERTON LAW OFFICE

Kendra Olson, Pemberton Law Office Attorney, came before the Board with matters pertaining to confidential pending litigation:

1. Closed Session Regarding Pending Litigation with Pierce Lee Roofing

Pemberton Law Office Attorney Kendra Olson appeared via Teams to review the status of pending litigation with Pierce Lee Roofing on the Juvenile Detention Facility project. Her review will be in closed session which requires the Board to vote to go into closed session, and again to come out of closed session. Discussion during closed session is to remain confidential and not discussed outside of this closed session meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to close the public meeting at 11:02 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to reopen the public meeting at 11:23 a.m.

PLANNING & ZONING

Jacob Snyder, Assistant Environmental Services Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Aquatic Invasive Species Project Request – ULSID

Union Lake Sarah Improvement District has applied for funding from the Polk County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Taskforce to apply herbicide to treat Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in Union Lake. The AIS taskforce budgeted $15,000.00 to be spent on special projects in 2024. The ULSID is planning to use a certified chemical applicator Lakes Restoration to treat Union Lake. The total cost for chemical application is $28,364.00 with the cost split between the County AIS funding and by the ULSID. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve following the recommendations of the Polk County AIS Taskforce and award special project funding to the Union Lake Sarah Improvement District in the amount of $15,000.00 for the chemical application of liquid herbicide to help control Eurasian Watermilfoil in Union Lake.

2. Award Grant and Loan for Income-Based Septic System Fix-Up Program

We have been taking applications to get applicants funding that are interested in the Low-Income SSTS Fix-Up grant that is available. This money is offered as an 80% or 60% grant to qualified applicants based on their adjusted gross household income. This money was made available through a grant from the MPCA through the Clean Water Act. Polk County pays the winning bid contractor the entire cost of septic system installation but ends up covering 80-60% of the system upgrade, and applicants will pay the 20-40% remaining cost based on their adjusted gross household income. This application is from Shelby Fritsch, who lives near the city of Fosston in Rosebud Township, section 11; parcel #61.00098.04, and has met all the qualification criteria to receive 80% grant payment allocation and also qualifies for the Loan Program. This system is failing due to backing up into the house and soil separation, and the applicant is seeking funding for income-based SSTS fix-up grant money. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve awarding a Low-Income Septic Fix-Up Grant and Loan to Shelby Fritsch to upgrade the failing septic system and to award the bid to Great Northern Septic, Brandon Maygra L#4100, who was the lowest bidder at $13,200.00, to install the septic system. The low-income septic grant will cover $6,500.00, and the remaining balance of $6,700.00 will be run through the County SSTS Loan Program.

3. FINAL PLAT – "Woodside Acres Addition"

The applicant proposes to plat Woodside Acres Addition which will encompass a portion of land located in the agricultural district and shoreland overlay district in section 34 & 35 of Woodside Township. The applicant is proposing twenty-one (21) residential lots from the existing parcels #74.00269.00, 74.00270.00, 74.00279.00, & 74.00281.00. The proposed plat encompasses approximately 57 acres of property and is requesting the property to be split into 21 proposed parcels. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the FINAL PLAT "Woodside Acres Addition" with conditions.

*Commissioner Holy left the meeting at the lunch break and did not return.

ATTORNEY

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

1. Water Pumping *License* Agreement for Minakwa Golf Course

On May 7, 2024, the Board approved Minakwa Golf Course to construct a pump house on parcel #49.00112.00 along TH 75 owned by Polk County and to run a waterline across this parcel to supply water to the course. Polk County Attorney Greg Widseth has drafted up an agreement that is acceptable to Minakwa. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve allowing Minakwa Golf Course to construct a pumphouse and run a waterline across parcel #49.00112.00 and allow the County Administrator and Chair of the Board to sign agreement.

HIGHWAY

Richard Sanders, Polk County Engineer, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Richard Sanders made a request to have two items added to the agenda pertaining to his department. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve adding CD 72 Ditch Maintenance Request and City of Fosston, MN, Payment for work on CSAH 1 and CSAH 6 to the agenda under Highway.

2. CD 113 Ditch Maintenance Request

A ditch maintenance request was submitted to survey/clean County Ditch 113 in Section 33 of Eden Township. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the work in County Ditch 113 in Section 33 of Eden Township and to name Richard Sanders, Engineer, over the project.

3. CD 72 Ditch Maintenance Request

A ditch maintenance request was submitted to survey/clean County Ditch 72 in Sections 29 & 30 of Grove Park Township and Sections 25 & 36 of Tilden Township. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the work in County Ditch 72 in Sections 29 & 30 of Grove Park Township and Sections 25 & 36 of Tilden Township and to name Richard Sanders, Engineer, over the project.

4. City of Fosston, MN, Payment for Work on CSAH 1 and CSAH 6

The City of Fosston let a contract that included work paid for by Polk County. The final invoice has been provided by the City of Fosston. The total cost of the work is $549,066.50. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve paying the City of Fosston, MN, $549,066.50 for work completed on CSAH 1 and CSAH 6.

TRI-VALLEY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

Jason Carlson, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council's Chief Executive Officer, came before the Board with matters pertaining to Tri-Valley Opportunity Council:

1. Sign Petition to Vacate Public Right-of-Way

Jason Carlson, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council CEO, is requesting that Polk County agree to petition the City of Crookston, along with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council and ISD 593, to vacate the public Right-of-Way around the Polk County Development Achievement Center between Blocks 19, 20, 29, & 30 of Townsite of Carman, Polk County, MN. Parcels #82.02267.01, #82.02267.00, and #82.02266.01. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Chair to sign Tri-Valley Opportunity Council's petition to vacate the public Right-of-Way around the Polk County Development Achievement Center, parcel #82.02266.01.

PROPERTY RECORDS

Samuel Melbye, Director of Property Records, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Termination of Lease of Flood Buyout Property

A request has been made to terminate the lease of parcel #09.00288.00 from Steve Flaat. The lease termination has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the lease termination of parcel #09.00288.00 with Steve Flaat of Fisher, MN.

2. Lease of Flood Buyout Property

A request has been made to lease parcel #09.00288.00 from Sheila Wurden. The lease has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. The prior lease with Steve Flaat has been terminated. Polk County currently has seven flood buyout leases all at $25.00, excluding one which is $1.00 as it is less than five acres. Parcel #09.00288.00 is five acres of non-till land in Bygland Township. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the lease of parcel #09.00288.00 to Sheila Wurden of East Grand Forks, MN.

INTER-COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

John Preuss, ICCC Employment & Training Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to Inter-County Community Council:

1. Resolution (2024-63) Joint Powers Agreement Northwest Local Workforce Development Area

RESOLUTION (2024-63)
Joint Powers Agreement
Northwest Local Workforce
Development Area

The following resolution (2024-63) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, This agreement made and entered into the first day of July 2024 by and between the Board of Commissioners of the following Counties of the State of Minnesota: Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau (hereinafter referred to as participating county boards) as follows:

WHEREAS, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 (Public Law 113-128, Dated July 22, 2014), amended the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota, pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Section 106, has designated the counties of Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau as a local Workforce Development Area for the purpose of carrying out the program under WIOA; and

WHEREAS, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act legislation require that local elected officials participate in the major decision-making roles; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Regional Development Commission was created to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and to ensure orderly and harmonious coordination of federal, state, and local comprehensive planning and development programs; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Regional Development Commission's Board of Directors is an existing representative body of local elected officials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, In consideration of the covenants and mutual agreements contained herein, and pursuant to the foregoing, the participating counties hereby designate the members of the Northwest Regional Development Commissions' Board of Directors as the Local Elected Officials for the Northwest Workforce Development Area with the specific duties as follows:

I. Operating Procedures and Policies

a. Local Elected Officials will designate the Administrative Entity and Grant Recipient and are ultimately responsible for WIOA funds.

i. Inter-County Community Council, in agreement with the Local Elected Officials, was designated as the Administrative Entity and Grant Recipient.

ii. The Procedures and Policies shall be implemented according to the Local Workforce Development Board Policies.

II. Powers

a. The Local Elected Officials shall possess all powers and duties established by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act legislation.

b. The LEO designates the entity which shall distribute grant funds for Workforce Investment Activities at the Direction of the LWDB pursuant to section L.iii of the Bylaws.

III. Composition of the Local Workforce Development Board shall be established according to Section 107(b)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

a. Membership Structure

i. The Local Workforce Development Board shall consist of 19 members. There will be ten representatives from the private sector with one representative serving each of the seven counties and with three representatives serving the Local Workforce Development Area at large. There will be four members on the Workforce Development Board representing organized labor and Community Based Organizations; two members representing education (higher education and adult literacy); and one member representing each of the following groups: Economic and Community Development, Public Employment Services, and Rehabilitation Agencies.

b. Appointment Process

i. The appointment process shall involve four steps:

1. Solicitation of Nominations
2. Review of Nominations
3. Appointment
4. Certification

ii. Each step is described as follows:

1. Solicitation of Nominations

a. Solicitation and nominations from representative groups and organization.

b. The Local Elected Officials in concert with the Local Workforce Development Board will solicit nominations from representative local and regional groups and organizations representing private and public sector employers, community- based organizations, economic development, education, organized labor, public employment services, and rehabilitation agencies.

c. All nominations of persons living outside the geographic area but representing substantial agency membership within the Local Workforce Development Area may serve on the Board of Directors. Their applications will be submitted to the Local Elected Officials Board for review and approval.

d. No member of the LWDB may designate any person to act as an alternate. No proxies will be permitted.

2. Review of Nominations

a. Each county will review their respective private sector nominations and forward either comments or recommendations depending on the category of review of the nomination.

b. There are two categories of review.

c. Comments: The County Board may make any appropriate comments on the nomination in terms of the person's ability to represent the category of the nomination. This will include agency and private sector slots.

d. Recommendations: Each County Board may recommend one of the private sector persons from the county to fill one of the seven geographic based slots.

e. All nominations will be submitted to the Local Elected Official Board for review.

3. Appointments

a. The final appointments will be made by the Local Elected Officials Board using the following process:

b. The specific persons recommended by the County Boards to fill the seven private sector geographic slots will be appointed as recommended.

c. The remaining appointments will be made with consideration given to comments by the counties and information provided on the nominations form.

d. Lack of Agreement: If after a reasonable effort, the Local Elected Officials are unable to reach agreement, the Governor may appoint the members of the local board from individuals so nominated or recommended.

4. Certification

a. The Governor and his staff will review the membership structure, the nominations process, and the final appointments prior to official certification as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Once certified, the Local Workforce Development Board will meet and proceed according to the requirements of the Act.

IV. Relationship of the Local Workforce Development Board and the Local Elected Officials will be as follows:

a. The Local Elected Officials shall have all the responsibilities of decision making as required by the WIOA law.

b. Any disagreements will be resolved through negotiations between the Local Workforce Development Board and the Local Elected Officials.

c. In the event that no agreement can be reached, the Employment and Training Programs Division of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and the Governor will be notified and asked for assistance.

d. Final resolutions of disagreements will be made according to the provisions of the law as determined by the Governor.

V. Conflict of Interest

a. Financial Conflict of Interest:

A member of the Joint Powers Board (JPA)/Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) shall not cast a vote on, nor participate in any decision-making capacity on the provision of services by each member or organization they represent nor on any matter which would provide any direct or indirect financial benefit to that member or the organization they represent.

b. Organizational Conflicts of Interest:

The parties to this agreement will maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees, officers, agents, or any members. In administering their powers under this agreement, the parties will minimize to the greatest extent possible any actual, potential, or apparent conflict of interest. A conflict of interest is defined as a duty or loyalty to more than one organization in which the competing duties or loyalties may result in actions which are adverse to one or both parties, including:

1. An employee, officer, agent, or any member of the organization that has an interest in a financial gain or tangible benefit and who participates in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award; and

2. An organization's objectivity in carrying out the grant is impaired or compromised due to competing duties or loyalties; and

3. An organization that has an unfair competitive advantage through being furnished unauthorized proprietary information or source selection information that is not available to all competitors.

VI. Amendment

This agreement may be amended only by the agreement of all participating counties by resolution of their County Boards of commissioners. Notice of any proposed amendment must be provided to all participating County Boards of commissioners at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the proposed agreement.

VII. Termination and Withdrawal

The participating County Boards may terminate and withdraw from this Agreement only on notice of an intention to terminate delivered to other participating County Boards, the Local Elected Officials, and the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development not less than thirty (30) days before the effective date of termination and withdrawal. If funding for this project terminates prematurely, this contract shall be null and void sixty (60) days after the effective date of said termination.

VIII. Sunset and Renewal

This Agreement will terminate on June 30, 2026, and must be renewed by resolution of the participating County Boards.

IX. Disposal of Surplus Funds or Property Upon Termination

Upon termination of the Agreement, unexpended funds shall be disposed of in accordance with law.

X. Financial Obligations

There will be no financial obligation of any unit of government.

XI. Effective Date

The effective date of the Agreement shall be July 1, 2024.

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

ADMINISTRATION

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

1. Revised DEED Lease Agreement for the East Grand Forks Building

The proposed lease amendment returns one of three DEED leased

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offices to the County to be used as a remote dispatch office. The draft amended lease continues the per square foot lease rate for the two remaining DEED leased offices. The room in question is rarely used by DEED and their initial response has been to agree to the reduction in their lease of this space. The Sheriff's Office has looked into an East Side dispatch unit for some time using ARPA funds to purchase this equipment, and this freed-up office meets this need. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the proposed amended lease with DEED pending their approval of the agreement.

2. Preview of Bond Sale for Landfill Expansion

Discussion was held with the Board regarding a preview of the Bond Sale for Landfill Expansion. The Finance Committee, staff, and Baker Tilly staff have reviewed the fiscal analysis of the landfill and solid waste operations relative to options for structuring the debt for the upcoming bond sale. The consensus was to choose a straight up 20-year debt structure. The bond sale will be next Tuesday, August 27, and it is expected the Pricing Committee that the Board established will select the winning bond.

3. Resolution (2024-65) Designating the City of St. Paul Port Authority to Administer the MinnPACE Clean Energy Program on Behalf of Polk County

RESOLUTION (2024-65)

Designating the Port Authority to Implement and Administer

A Property Assessed Clean Energy Improvement Financing

On Behalf of the County, and Providing for the Imposition

Of Special Assessments as Needed in Connection with that Program

The following resolution (2024-65) was offered by Commissioner Reese:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of the County of Polk (the "County"), as follows:

1. The Port Authority of the City of Saint Paul (the "Port Authority") has established the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program ("MinnPACE") to finance the acquisition and construction or installation of energy efficiency and conservation improvements (the "Improvements"), on properties located throughout the State of Minnesota through the use of special assessments pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 216C.435 and 216C.436 and Chapter 429 and 471.59 (the "Act").

2. In order to finance the Improvements, the County hereby determines that it is beneficial to participate in MinnPACE, and to designate the Port Authority as the implementor and administrator of that program on behalf of the County for purposes of financing Improvements located within the County.

3. The County understands that the Port Authority may obtain funding from designated lending institutions or may issue its MinnPACE special assessment revenue bond(s) to finance the Improvements, and that the sole security for the loan(s) or bond(s) will be special assessments imposed by the governmental entity participating in MinnPACE.

4. To facilitate and encourage the financing of Improvements located within the County, the County covenants to levy assessments for said Improvements on the property so benefitted, in accordance with the Application and Petition for Special Assessments received from the owner(s) of the Property and approved by the Port Authority. The interest rate on the Special Assessments shall be the interest rate on the Loan(s) or Bond(s) and may include additional interest.

5. After imposition of the special assessments, the County shall collect such assessments and remit them to the Port Authority for use in the repayment of the Loan(s) or Bond(s). The County will take all actions permitted by law to recover the assessments, including without limitation, reinstating the outstanding balance of assessments when the land returns to private ownership, in accordance with Minn. Stat. Section 429.071, Subd. 4.

6. The County Administrator is authorized to execute on behalf of the County, any documents, certificates or agreements necessary to implement the program authorized by this resolution.

Commissioner Strandell seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite. NAYS: None. (Handouts available in the Administrator's Office)

4.2025 Budget Status

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2025 Budget Status.

5. Performance Review – Closed Session (Pursuant to MN Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(a)) – Evaluate the Performance of Individual Subject to the Board's Authority, County Administrator Chuck Whiting

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to close the public meeting at 2:18 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to reopen the public meeting at 3:10 p.m. After reopening, discussion was held regarding the conclusion of the closed session evaluation. Chairman Willhite noted Mr. Whiting's performance evaluation was satisfactory.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board that the following Commissioner Warrants were approved:

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS
DATED 08/23/2024
APPROVED 08/20/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Acme Tools - Grand Forks	2,746.99
Baldwin Supply Company	12,748.55
Bertils Gravel & Excavation Llc	5,936.50
Biddle Consulting Group Inc	2,660.00
Biermaier Striping	2,473.65
Bob's Lawn Care	2,582.53
Brandner Printing & Office Supplies	5,737.65
Central States Wire Products Inc	2,844.44
Church & Dwight Co Inc	26,053.32
CNH Industrial Accounts	2,039.85
Code 4 Services Inc	4,774.48
Crookston Fuel Company	10,862.34
Dakota Supply Group	16,136.25
Destination Transport	3,285.00
Estensen Environmental	4,650.00
John Deere Financial	4,784.39
Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP	4,236.84
K & L Inc	4,179.62
Karvakko Engineering Inc	2,516.00
Kimball Midwest	3,645.98
Kris Engineering	2,258.00
Kustom Kollision LLC	2,104.00
L&M Road Services LLC	52,250.30
Level 5 Services	3,969.00
Lunseth Plumbing & Heating Co	2,189.66
Mn Dept Of Transportation	5,078.64
Morris Electronics Inc	10,983.96
Northdale Oil Inc	3,834.50
Northern Propane	6,617.13
Palmer Masonry & Concrete LLC	8,575.00
Pbbs Equipment Corporation	2,530.66
Pemberton Law PLLP	2,108.50
Peterson Sheet Metal Inc	3,209.95
Polk County	3,526.00
Polk County Highway Department	16,815.65
Polk County IS Department	5,037.97
POMPS Tire Service Inc	5,830.08
Powerplan OIB	3,435.92
PPC Industries	10,432.54
Quest Diagnostics	3,333.83
Range Environmental Drilling	2,142.00
RnC Consulting P.A.	3,135.91
Road Machinery and Supplies Co.	2,278.76
Sampletech	13,875.00
SeaChange Printing & Marketing	20,336.31
Setco	2,678.17
SHI International Corp	2,792.65
Stantec Consulting Services Inc	11,047.01
Stone's Mobile Radio Inc	20,841.71
Streicher's	4,167.60
True North Steel	6,338.84
Univar Usa Inc	36,740.00
Universal Apparel	3,600.00
University of Illinois	7,589.00
UpNorth Engineering LLC	4,878.00
Vertex Unmanned Solutions, LLC	15,827.00
Vestis	3,019.32
White Cap L.P.	2,234.15
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc	66,296.04
Wilkens Inc/Lyle	3,622.53
Ziegler Inc	6,797.00
Ziegler Inc	2,371.01
206 Payments less than 2000	87,825.18
Final Total:	609,448.86

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 o'clock a.m., September 3, 2024.

Gary Willhite, Chair

ATTEST:
Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator
Clerk of the Board M26C

PATRIOT DAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing has been set for September 27, 2024 at 9:40 a.m. in the meeting room at Polk County Environmental Services, 320 Ingersoll Ave, Crookston, Minnesota, to consider the application of Dennis Schneider, P.O. Box 496, Grafton, ND 58237 for a Conditional Use Permit to hook an existing septic system to a new accessory structure on a parcel of land located at: 14364 Maple Dr SE, Mentor, MN 56736 and described as: That part of Lot Twelve (12), Syke's Second Subdivision, lying Southwesterly of a straight line drawn from the Northwest corner of said Lot Twelve (12) to the Southeast corner of said Lot Twelve (12), Section Eight (8), in Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148) North, Range Forty-three (43) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Polk County, Minnesota, AND That part of Lot Thirteen (13), Syke's Second Subdivision, lying Northeasterly of a straight line drawn from the Northwest corner of said Lot Thirteen (13) to the Southeast corner of said Lot Thirteen (13), Section Eight (8), in Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148) North, Range Forty-three (43) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Polk County, Minnesota, AND That part of Lots 10, 11, & 12, Block 1, Syke's Second Subdivision, according to the official plat of record, on file at the office of this County Recorder, in and for the County of Polk and the State of Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of said Lot 11, thence North 56 degrees 10 minutes 43 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the south line of said Block 1, a distance of 75.00 feet; thence North 51 degrees 55 minutes 19 seconds West 167 feet, more or less, to the shoreline of Maple Lake; thence in a southwesterly direction along said shoreline of Maple Lake 78 feet, more or less, to a line bearing North 51 degrees 29 minutes 11 seconds West from the point of beginning; thence South 51 degrees 29 minutes 11 seconds East, through the northwest corner of said Lot 12 as plotted on the original plat of Syke's Second Subdivision, a distance of 172 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, containing 0.27 acres, more or less, parcel #74.00583.00. All property owners within ¼ mile of the proposed Conditional Use Permit are invited to appear at said hearing.

Dated: September 4, 2024
Jacob J. Snyder
Planning & Zoning Administrator
M26C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing has been set for September 27, 2024 at 9:03 a.m. in the meeting room at Polk County Environmental Services, 320 Ingersoll Ave, Crookston, Minnesota, to consider the PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAT for Kongsvinger Evangelical Lutheran Church, 15950 470th Ave NW, Oslo, MN 56744-9435 who wish to plat Kongsvinger Cemetery, creating/adding 208 plots, on a parcel of land described as: That part of Government Lot 4, Section 2, Township 153 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Polk County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 4; thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the west line of said Government Lot 4, a distance of 380.00 feet to the point of beginning of that tract of land to the described herein; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 25 seconds East, a distance of 379.94 feet; thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds East, a distance of 293.55 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 380.00 feet to the west line of said of Government Lot 4; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds West, along said west line, a distance of 287.00 feet to the point of beginning, parcel #18.00006.05. All property owners within 500 feet of the proposed plat are invited to the meeting.

Dated: September 4, 2024
Jacob J. Snyder
Planning & Zoning Administrator
M26C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing has been set for September 27, 2024 at 9:20 a.m. in the meeting room at Polk County Environmental Services, 320 Ingersoll Ave, Crookston, Minnesota, to consider the application of Chris Mills, 19874 Hideaway Cove Dr SE, Erskine, MN 56535 for a Conditional Use Permit to hook a new septic system to an existing accessory structure on a parcel of land described as: Lot 3, Block 1, Hideaway Cove Second Addition, Polk County, Minnesota, parcel #45.00563.00. All property owners within ¼ mile of the proposed Conditional Use Permit are invited to appear at said hearing.

Dated: September 4, 2024
Jacob J. Snyder
Planning & Zoning Administrator
M26C

Health leaders celebrate 50 years of improved health and nutrition for MN families

Minnesota health leaders came together at an event today in St. Paul to celebrate 50 years of one of the nation's most successful public health efforts, WIC, the federal supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

"For half a century, WIC has increased access to healthy food, nutrition education, and breastfeeding support," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Brooke Cunningham. "We're celebrating 50 years of empowering families, building healthier communities and nurturing the future."

Over the decades, Minnesota has been one of the top five states in the nation for enrolling eligible families. In 2022, about 38% of all infants born in the state were served by WIC.

"When I think of WIC, I can't help but be very thankful of all that my life has become. I went from being a breastfeeding mother in school with questions about safe handling of my expressed milk, to becoming a Certified Lactation Educator and peer counselor, answering the questions of other new moms," said Yaa Yaa Nti, Hennepin County WIC peer breastfeeding counselor and former WIC participant.

WIC started as a pilot project with doctors prescribing healthy food as medicine and grew into a U.S. public health success story supporting generations of Minnesota families from pregnancy to age 5 years. The first WIC site officially opened in Pineville, KY, on Jan. 15, 1974.

By the end of the year, WIC was operating in 45 states, including Minnesota. In 2023, Minnesota WIC served an average of 106,000 women, infants and children monthly, about 7,000 more than the 2022 monthly average. Nearly 95% of eligible Minnesota infants received WIC benefits in 2022.

Over the years, the success and cost-effectiveness of WIC garnered strong bipartisan congressional support. For example, one study found that every dollar spent on WIC during the prenatal period, $1.24 to $6.83 was saved in Medicaid costs for newborn infants. Lawmakers supported the program by expanding the food package, strengthening the role of nutrition education, and adding the peer breastfeeding counseling program.

Decades of studies show WIC works. Available research suggests parents who participate in WIC give birth to healthier babies and buy and eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products. In 2022, MN WIC participants purchased $78 million in WIC foods at grocery stores in Minnesota, including fruits and vegetables, whole grains, beans and peanut butter, milk, eggs, etc. In addition, children who receive WIC benefits show improved cognitive development, are more likely to be up to date on immunizations, have a regular source of medical care and are less likely to suffer anemia due to iron deficiency, according to research.

Minnesota WIC has also evolved over the years implementing peer breastfeeding support, transitioning from paper to online applications, providing remote services during the pandemic, launching the My MN WIC app eight years ago, and now participants use an eWIC card to scan and receive WIC food benefits instead of using paper vouchers. An online shopping pilot was also launched with Hy-Vee stores this year. During the pandemic, WIC provided additional dollars for participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. The change is now a permanent part of the WIC food package.

"It's really fitting that during this anniversary year WIC took a huge step forward in 2024 by increasing the cash value benefit, so families can buy more whole fruits and vegetables, as they face increased prices at grocery stores," said Minnesota WIC Director Kate Franken. Now – WIC provides $26 monthly for each child and $47 to $52 monthly for women.

"The Minnesota WIC program would not be where it is today without our local agencies throughout the state and their teams of incredible, hard-working staff," said Franken. "They are the face of the program in their communities – connecting with families and building relationships while sharing vital nutrition information and providing breastfeeding and other support services."

Minnesota WIC is available in every county and seven Tribal nations in the state. Families can apply for WIC online. Pregnant people, parents – including foster parents and guardians – with an infant or child younger than age 5 years can apply. Families must be income eligible and live in Minnesota.

"WIC to me is more than a nutritional program, it's also a foundation of support for the overall wellbeing of families," said Ramsey County WIC Nutrition Educator Andrea Phothisanh. "It provides the check-in parents with young children often need. Participants trust WIC to offer them help when it's needed, and that helps strengthen families and our community."

WEM School Announcements

Home of the Patriots

We are excited to announce the launch of our new after-school care program, the Lil Patriots Program, starting on Wednesday, September 11th.

This extended time targeted services program is available to all students in kindergarten through 6th grade and will run from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Please note, the program will not be available on early out days. The Lil Patriots Program is offered at no cost to families.

To register, please contact our co-coordinators Heather Burd at hburd@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us and Chrissy Munter at cmunter@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us.

How do I sign up for ParentVue? Email the Win-E-Mac secretary, Erin Lisburg (elisburg@wemschools.org). Erin will send you a seven-digit "activation key". Then, go to the school website (wemschools.org/synergy).

It will redirect you to the correct ParentVue links for WEM. Click "I am a parent", then "Activate Account".

Win-E-Mac is seeking individuals to visit our school and share their career experiences with our students. We would love for you to talk about the education and training that helped you reach your current position, what your job is truly like, and share valuable insights with the kids.

If you have a unique job that not many people are aware of or understand, work in a booming industry looking for passionate employees, or simply love what you do and want to inspire others, we invite you to participate!

This is a fantastic opportunity to speak to our senior class during their Senior Seminar, where nothing beats first hand experience.

If you're interested in making a positive impact on our students' futures, please consider joining us!

For more information, contact school counselor Becky Hanson at rhanson@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us.

Students in all grades will receive a free breakfst and free lunch during the 2024 - 2025 school year.

If students wish to take ala carte options, a second meal, or a non-reibursable lunch/breakfast, those will be charged to the students lunch account.

The school has a no-charging policy, there must be sufficient funds in the students lunch accounts at the time of purchase. To view the monthly breakfast and lunch menus please visit the school website.

Piano lessons this fall at Win-E-Mac. Shannon Svalen and Andrew Hanson are teaching piano lessons again starting in the fall of 2024. If you are interested, please visit the school website at www.wemschools.org to find and fill out the form there. Andrew and Shannon will work out between them who will have which students, but generally, Shannon will have the younger students, and Andrew will have the older ones. Please note that filling out our form doesn't necessarily guarantee you a spot; you may be put on a waiting list if all of our time slots are full. Thanks for your understanding.

The Win-E-Mac School District office will be open from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday during regular school days.