

Board Minutes Monday February 13, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am February 13, 2023 with Vick, Kelsay, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the CRT Collection Facility application for the Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace to hold all votes of the Board by roll call. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and the liquor license renewal for The Zipper. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Fischer addressed the Board with several comments in support of the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program.

Dan Marx, County Sheriff, met with the Board to introduce new deputy, Charles Cunningham. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 23-25 approving the appointment of Cunningham as Deputy Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues. He outlined issues with the action taken at the February 6th meeting in regards to the Roadside Management Program and suggested corrective action to consider at the current meeting.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to rescind the action taken at the February 6th meeting to terminate the Roadside Management Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to direct the County Engineer to suspend incurring any expense, other than wages and benefits, for the Roadside Management Program, except as required by state law, until receiving further notice from the Board of Supervisors following the budget hearing. Discussion was held. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to table the motion. Motion to table failed with Vermace and Faldet voting aye; and Vick, Kelsay, and Langreck voting nay. The vote was then held on the original motion to suspend funding. The motion carried with Vick, Kelsay, and Langreck voting aye; and Vermace and Faldet voting nay.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters. The Board directed Bjerke to provide a report to the Board analyzing the costs associated with maintaining the Roadside Management Program in its current form versus utilizing Secondary Road Department for the responsibilities required by statute. The report should also identify all equipment purchased for the Roadside Management Program and include whether any grant money imposes a restriction on the use or sale of such equipment. Also, the Engineer's report should identify any current or ongoing projects of the Roadside Management Program; the status of the projects and costs savings or expenses expected from the cancellation of any such project. The report is due before March 15, 2023.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve the contract for Bridge 317 as awarded at the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board held various budget related discussions, with Ben Steines, County Auditor, outlining several potential legislative changes that could affect the current budget.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, February 20, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors