

## Board Minutes December 9, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am December 9, 2024 with Kelsay, Vick, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Tony Phillips, Planning, Zoning, and Flood Plain Administrator, met with the Board to review his FY26 budget.

Doug Groux, County Sanitarian, met with the Board to review his FY26 budget.

Ben Steines, County Auditor, met with the Board to review his FY26 budget.

Tom Madden, SEH Engineering, met with the Board to review the closing project documents for the Festina Sewer Project. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve the EPA, DNR, and SRF closing documents as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to review road projects and future funding opportunities. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to sign the SS4A pledge letter for long term strategies for improving road safety. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to approve support of the multi-county RAISE Grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and to accept and file the monthly report of the County Recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

The Board reviewed several Boards and Commissions terms that are up and applications:

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to make the following appointments to Upper Explorerland: Cheryl Wiesler to the Commission for a three year term; Shirley Vermace, Mark Vick, and Nina Taylor as the Executive Board representatives for 2025; Vick as the representative to the Transportation Policy Board and Vermace as the alternate for 2025; Dan Langreck and David Krieger to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee for 2025; Vermace to the NEIA Housing Trust Fund for 2025; and Vermace and Josh Uhlenhake to the Regional Housing Authority for three year terms. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to appoint Bill Ohde to the Conservation Board for a five year term. Motion failed with Vermace and Faldet voting aye; and Kelsay, Vick, and Langreck voting nay.  
Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to appoint Vermace to the Conservation Board for a five year term. Motion failed with Vermace and Faldet voting aye; and Kelsay, Vick, and Langreck voting nay.  
Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to appoint Langreck to the Conservation Board for a five year term. Motion carried with Kelsay, Vick, and Langreck voting aye; and Vermace and Faldet voting nay.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to appoint Ronald Novak, Steven Johnson, and Dennis Karlsbrotten to the Historic Preservation Commission for three year terms. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to appoint Faldet as the representative to the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Department of Correctional Services with Langreck as the alternate for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to appoint Steve VandenBrink to the EMS Association Board for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to appoint Dr. Kevin Locke as the Medical Examiner for a two year term. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Letters of Interest for the County Treasurer position. A majority of the members did not feel a need to do interviews before making an appointment to the position. The official appointment will be made on January 6, 2025.

The Board reviewed several miscellaneous budget items.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, December 16, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors