

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
March 2, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday March 2, 2021. Members present: Commissioners Edwin, Forman and Herman in person, with Commissioners Shoff and Belshan via Zoom.

Commissioner Forman offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-058
Approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda as provided
in the Freeborn County Board Rule of Procedure 9(A)

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the governing body of Freeborn County, and;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board has implemented a Consent agenda to perform the duties of the board in a more effective and efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, the following items have been placed for approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners on the current Board meeting Consent Agenda as provided by the Board rules of procedure, being routine and of a regular action;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place the following are hereby approved for appropriate action:

- 1) Approval of the February 16, 2021 minutes;
- 2) Affirmation of full time status for Promoted employees; and
- 3) Approval of Drainage Repairs.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

The Commissioners provided Board Committee updates.

The County Administrator presented the 2021 Rose Olmsted Advocacy Award to Mrs. Mary Jo Jensen. Mrs. Mary Jo Jensen said a few words at the podium.

Commissioner Shoff asked if there was any public comment. Paul Henschel, Mayor of Emmons addressed the board regarding a tax abatement issue and was advised the matter is scheduled to be on the next workshop.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-059
Authorizing the replacements of Tandem Axle Dump Trucks
with Snow Plow Equipment

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Highway Department has the responsibility of maintaining the county road system; and,

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Highway Department maintains a fleet of trucks for the hauling of road maintenance materials that are also used for critical snow and ice management across the county road system; and

WHEREAS, there are three units within the fleet that have approached the end of their useful service life to the County; and,

WHEREAS, the lead time necessary when ordering the replacement units does not allow such orders to occur within the same year of an approved budget; and,

WHEREAS, to secure discount pricing the purchases must be authorized by March 30, 2021 prior to the approval of the 2022 budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the County Highway Engineer is authorized to place orders for the replacement units at a total approximate cost of \$720,000 after trade in values are considered; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED no bills for the replacement equipment will come due nor will the County take position of the replacement units until summer 2022.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.
After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-060
PLACING JOSHUA HANSON, MAINTENANCE BUILDING
AND GROUNDS, ON REGULAR FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT STATUS WITH FREEBORN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County employees have the responsibility for providing quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees, and;

WHEREAS, Joshua Hanson has successfully completed his required probationary employment period with Freeborn County and does provide the necessary services to her department and the public,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place Joshua Hanson, Maintenance Building and Grounds, on regular full time status

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Herman.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-061
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before March 5, 2021.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 435,859.00
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 94,118.26
05	Human Services	\$ 160,185.53
06	Public Health	\$ 770,958.98
40	County Ditch	\$ 56,695.37
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 22,002.88
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 23,929.71
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	\$ 6,985.90
79	Social Services Collaborative	\$ 135.06
	FUND TOTALS	\$1,570,870.69

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 55
Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$7,004.30
Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Chair, Commissioner Shoff adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021.

By: _____
Christopher N. Shoff
Chair

Attest: _____
Thomas Jensen
Clerk/Administrator