The meeting was called to order by Adam Leiphon, Chairman. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Commissioners Brown, Frith, Olson, Wakefield & Leiphon.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Wakefield to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wakefield, seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the agenda as presented and to add District Health. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

Annette Groves & Kim Homan, Lake Region District Health were present to discuss the COVID-19.

Brent Johnson, NDTC was present to discuss the bid submitted for surveillance cameras in the courthouse. After questions & discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the purchase of a new Camera Surveillance System for the Courthouse/Memorial Building in the amount of $28,176.00 and to include a 5yr Warranty for an estimated $2,800.00. Roll call was taken and the following members voted “AYE”: Commissioners Wakefield, Frith, Olson, Brown & Leiphon. Motion carried.

Joel Quanbeck, KLJ was present to give his proposal on the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wakefield, seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve Joel Quanbeck, KLJ to prepare and update the Ramsey County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for an estimate of $34,000.00. This needs to be submitted to NDDES/FEMA by October 2021 to receive final approval no later than December 2021. Roll call was taken and the following members voted “AYE”: Commissioners Olson, Wakefield, Brown & Leiphon. Those voting “NAY”: Commissioner Frith. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Ramsey County Covid-19 Recommendations presented by Adam Leiphon, Chairman. After much discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Wakefield, seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the Ramsey County Covid-19 Recommendations as presented/amended, provide a public phone located in the breezeway and to lockdown the Courthouse/Memorial Building by appointment only effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until further notice.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wakefield to approve the Emergency Declaration that declares a state of emergency exists in Ramsey County due to COVID-19 and to make emergency funds available. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Olson to table discussion on the Progressive Discipline Policy for the Ramsey County Employee Handbook. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

Kevin Fieldsend, Co Highway Superintendent, reported on the following:
- KLJ as put together the Task Order (Contract) for the inspection work for the thin lift overlay on RC#2 and Elks Drive. They will be billing us for direct cots not to exceed $151,780.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Frith to authorize the Chairman signing the Task Order for the inspection work for the thin life overlay on RC#2 and Elks Drive. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Wakefield, seconded by Commissioner Frith to approve the Contract & Contract Bond forms for Knife River Job 23 Projects SC-3630(057) and SU-3-982(037) & authorize signature from the Chairman, Auditor & States Attorney. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wakefield to approve the 2020 Summer Maintenance Contracts for the following townships: Lillehoff & Grand Harbor. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the 2020 Load Pass Contracts for the following townships: Lillehoff & Grand Harbor. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.
- Bid opening is set for March 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Room for gravel projects, chip seal, road oil & hot mix.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Frith to empower the Home Rule Committee with the following members: Rodney Brown, Andrea Mund, Jeff Wahl, Paula Vistad, Brad Bareth, Lucas Wakefield & Adam Leiphon. All members voted “AYE”: Commissioners Brown, Wakefield, Frith & Leiphon. Those voting “NAY”: Commissioner Olson. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wakefield, seconded by Commissioner Frith to reappoint Jeff Wahl to the Forward Devils lake for a 3yr term ending March 1, 2023 and to advertise for the other open position. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wakefield, seconded by Commissioner Brown to table discussion on North Central Housing Board appointment until the next meeting. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wakefield, seconded by Commissioner Olson to table appointment to the Visitors Committee & Guidelines until further notice. All members voted “AYE”. Motion carried.

Announcements

Motion was made by Commissioner Wakefield, seconded by Commissioner Olson to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Chairman, Ramsey County Commission

ATTEST:

Ramsey County Auditor