

HOUSTON COUNTY PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date: September 24, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Place: Commissioners Room,
Courthouse, Caledonia, MN

Members Present: Dewey
Severson, Eric Johnson, Bob
Schuldt, and Greg Myhre

Presiding: Chairperson Johnson

Call to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Johnson said the meeting with SMIF had been postponed. Motion was made by Commissioner Severson, seconded by Commissioner Schuldt motion unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Myhre, seconded by Commissioner Schuldt, motion unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes from September 17, 2024.

Public Comment: None.

APPOINTMENTS

At 9:23 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Myhre, seconded by Commissioner Severson, motion unanimously carried to go into closed session for labor negotiations pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.03, Subd. 1, (b) to discuss labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25. The Commissioners, Interim Administrator Lapham, and Interim Auditor/Treasurer Heberlein attended the closed session.

At 9:38 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Severson, seconded by Commissioner Myhre, motion unanimously carried to go back into regular session. Lapham gave a brief summary of the closed session saying they had discussed labor negotiation strategies and developments with various unions. No official action was taken on the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Severson moved, Commissioner Schuldt seconded, motion unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Schuldt thanked Diane Schulze for her 25 years of service to the County. The Commissioners agreed. Items approved are below.

1) Accept the resignation of Diane Schulze, HCBS Social Worker, effective 10/04/2024, and thank her for 25 years of service to the residents of Houston County.

2) Approve a competitive search for a Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Social Worker (1.0 FTE).

ACTION ITEMS

File No. 1 – Commissioner Myhre moved, Commissioner Severson seconded, motion unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 24-37 Authorization to Execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition.

File No. 2 – Commissioner Severson moved, Commissioner Myhre seconded, motion unanimously carried to approve the Bolton & Menk T-hanger proposal.

File No. 3 – Commissioner Schuldt moved, Commissioner Myhre seconded, motion unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 24-36 adopting 2025 proposed operating budget.

File No. 4 – Commissioner Schuldt moved, Commissioner Myhre seconded, motion unanimously carried to review and approve payments.

File No. 5 – No action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Interim Administrator Lapham said she had been working on labor negotiations, reviewing job applications, and that a new personnel policy would hopefully come before the board for approval soon.

The Truth and Taxation meeting was set for December 10th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 222 in the Historic Courthouse.

Commissioners discussed recent and upcoming meetings including a Department Head and Wilmington Township meeting.

Commissioner Johnson said he had called other counties to see if they were planning to contract with Houston County for the Juvenile Detention Center. He said most of the counties didn't know about the option, and were not planning on adding it to their budgets. He said after his conversation with Mower County they were on board to do a yearly contract for a bed, so he said the Houston County should get at least one contract. Commissioner Johnson said the counties should have been contacted sooner.

There being no further business at 9:40 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Severson seconded by Commissioner Myhre, motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HOUSTON
COUNTY, MINNESOTA

By: Eric Johnson,
Chairperson

Attest: Carol Lapham,
Interim Administrator

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