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**SHERBURNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2024 COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

2. That the establishment of the Conditional Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. Yes, the CUP will not impede normal development. The property is a 140-acre parcel that is part of the Sherco Solar Project on land used for a Collector Substation. Lands to the east are not part of the Sherco Solar Project but are zoned Agricultural and are currently farmed.

3. Have adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities been or are being provided? Yes, the site is a designated Collector Substation, approved under the Public Utility Commission. All necessary facilities are provided.

4. Have adequate measures been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use? Yes, there is plenty of parking available on this property needed for construction and operations.

5. Have adequate measures been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result? Yes, construction of the site will cause noise and additional traffic, but this will be temporary. Once the communication tower construction is complete traffic will be minimal and consist of company vehicles inspecting the site on an as needed basis.

Auditor-Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2024.

Auditor / Treasurer

Lorraine Rupp, Auditor/Treasurer

Received, reviewed, and Hulse/Gray were unanimous to accept the Auditor-Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2024 as presented by Auditor/Treasurer Lorraine Rupp.

Resolution No. 121724-AD-3183 Establishing 2025 County Elected Official Salaries. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

Hulse/Danielowski were unanimous to approve Resolution No. 121724-AD-3183 establishing County Elected Official Salaries for 2025. (On file.) County Attorney Kathleen Heaney stepped down from the dais for the item.

Resolution No. 121724-AD-3171 Establishing 2025 Salaries for County Commissioners. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

Danielowski/Gray were unanimous to approve Resolution No. 121724-AD-3171 establishing the 2025 salaries for Sherburne County Commissioners. (On file.) The 2024 County Commissioner's salary was set at \$57,670. A 2.5% increase would equate to \$59,112.

2025 Annual Budget and Associated Annual Levies.

Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

Approve Resolutions No. 121724-AD-3172, No. 121724-AD-3173, and No. 121724-AD-3174, thus adopting the 2025 Budget, certifying the 2025 Property Tax Levy, and certifying the 2025 Regional Rail Levy. (On file.)

Danielowski/Gray were unanimous to approve Resolution No. 121724-AD-3172.

Danielowski/Fobbe were unanimous to approve Resolution No. 121724-AD-3173.

Gray/Danielowski were unanimous to approve Resolution No. 121724-AD-3174.

Commissioner Correspondence, Committee Reports, Upcoming Meetings, Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Hulse - Truth in Taxation (TNT) meeting, Mississippi Watershed meeting, Participated in a podcast with the Executive Chair of the Republican Party and Former Chair going over the details on what actual occurred on Election Night

Commissioner Danielowski - Connexus Energy Forum and Breakfast, Truth in Taxation meeting, Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Annual Conference, Economic Development Workforce & Housing Study Event, Central Mississippi River Partnership (CMRP), Big Lake Township, Employee Holiday Lunch, St. Cloud Area Planning Organization, Tri-County Executive Board meeting, 2024 Harassment Training

Commissioner Gray - Xcel via Zoom on Battery Forum, Connexus Breakfast, TNT, AMC Annual Conference, Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA), State Community Health Services State Advisory Committee (SCHSAC)

Commissioner Felber - Indigenous Training, Mn Coalition of Lake Associations, Energy Transition Advisory Committee, Truth in Taxation, AMC Annual Conference, Tribal Relations Forum, County Holiday Party, Harassment Training - Shared words on how much the Board is going to miss Commissioner Fobbe.

Commissioner Fobbe - Truth in Taxation, AMC Annual Conference, Thanked staff who attended AMC, Employee Re-source Group - Pride Alliance, MICA, SCHSAC, Holiday Luncheon, Central Minnesota Jobs & Training Services (CMJTS) Operations Committee, CMJTS Community Government Relations, CMJTS Workforce and Joint Powers, made a statement on her last meeting as commissioner.

Recess Regular Meeting, Open Ditch Authority Meeting

Review and Approve the Ditch Authority Agenda.

Auditor / Treasurer

Lorraine Rupp, Auditor/Treasurer

Hulse/Gray were unanimous to approve the Ditch Authority Agenda as presented.

Receive the Ditch Drainage Technician Report.

Auditor / Treasurer

Andrew Witter, Public Works Director

Hulse/Gray were unanimous to accept the Ditch Drainage Technician report as presented by Public Works Director Andrew Witter.

Close Ditch Authority Meeting, Adjourn Regular Meeting, Commence Employee Recognition

Recognize July - December 2024 Employee Anniversaries.

Administration

Department Heads

The Board and staff convened at 11:00am in the Staff Café to recognize July - December 2024 Employee Anniversaries.

Manual Warrants 11/22/24	2,318.40 7,928.95 10,247.35	General Revenue Fund Agency Collections Total
Manual Warrants 11/27/24	4,554.50 4,554.50	Agency Collections Total
Commissioner Warrants 11/29/24	1,036,116.41 76,501.93 5.26 35,261.50 196,613.56 18,883.50 17,264.41 975,069.22 2,355,715.79	General Revenue Fund Public Works Fund County Ditch Fund Solid Waste Fund Justice Center Enterprise Fund Agency Collections Taxes & Penalties Fund Payroll Fiduciary Fund Total
HHS OBO Warrants 12/2/24	13,981.16 54,690.81 762,467.78 1,460.31 30,646.19 11,035,003.32 11,898,249.57	General Revenue Fund Metropolitan Transit Fund Hra & Ec Dev Fund Agency Collections School Districts Collections Towns & Cities Collections Total
Commissioner Warrants 12/6/24	85,315.88 85,315.88	Human Service Fund Total
Commissioner Warrants 12/6/24	60,242.72 595.00 457.46 330.00 6,043.36 314.00 1,647.59 4,510.00 5,895.00 333.42 1,108.25 372.52 3,466.56 85,315.88	Avivo Central MN Mental Health Center Cooper/Erikah DNA Diagnostics Center Hennepin County Middle English Interpreting Mn Dept Of Human Services-SWIFT Sherburne Co Sheriff Sherburne County Auditor Treasurer Smith/Alexandra The Vernon Company Todd/Windsong 29 Payments less than 300 Total
Commissioner Warrants 12/6/24	211,491.53 561,402.34 5,007.64 2,325.60 89,212.33 23,321.78 9,353.11 12,033.22 914,147.55	General Revenue Fund Public Works Fund Human Service Fund Law Library Fund Solid Waste Fund Jail Commissary Fund Justice Center Enterprise Fund Taxes & Penalties Fund Total
Manual Warrants 12/6/24	6,439.37 119,078.16 9,344.00 13,902.63 218,297.67 12,654,515.06 13,021,576.89	General Revenue Fund Hra & Ec Dev Fund Agency Collections Taxes & Penalties Fund School Districts Collections Towns & Cities Collections Total
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