

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

March 8, 2022

Chair Schulte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	District #1	Matt Look
	District #2	Julie Braastad
	District #3	Robyn West
	District #4	Mandy Meisner
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Tony Palumbo, County Attorney; staff, and citizens

Commissioner Braastad made motion granting reductions of valuation and/or abatements of taxes, special assessments, costs, penalties and/or interest as requested and approved by the county assessor, county auditor and/or county treasurer. (A full text of persons receiving tax abatements is on file and available for public inspection in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Look made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending February 25, 2022, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending February 25, 2022. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the minutes from the February 22, 2022, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Executive Director Dr. Stephen Manweiler presented the Mosquito Control District's 2021 Summary and plans for 2022. (The report is on file in the County Administration Office.)

Commissioner West presented the Management Committee report from the meeting of February 22, 2022. All items were of an informational nature and required no board action.

Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee report from the meeting of February 28, 2022.

Highway

1. Commissioner Look offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-31

AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR ANOKA COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT SP 002-657-003

WHEREAS, Anoka County proposes to construct a new grade-separated interchange at CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Boulevard) and US Highway 10/169, along with a grade-separated crossing at CSAH 57 and BNSF railway in the city of Ramsey, which project is numbered SP 002-657-003 (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, the County Board previously adopted Resolution #2021-80, dated June 22, 2021, which authorized the County Engineer to proceed with acquiring the right-of-way deemed necessary for the Project in accordance with Minnesota Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has determined that additional right-of-way is necessary for the Project, as described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, to begin construction of the Project in September of 2023, Anoka County will require title and possession of the right-of-way prior to the filing of an award by the court-appointed commissioners pursuant to Minnesota's Quick Take process, under the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 117.042:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby authorize the County Engineer to proceed with acquiring the additional right-of-way deemed necessary for the Project in accordance with Minnesota Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the acquisition of right-of-way as described above, that cannot be successfully acquired through negotiation, by eminent domain to enable the county to take title and possession of such lands prior to the filing of an award by the court-appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 117.011, 117.042, and 163.02, subd. 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Attorney is requested to file the necessary petition and to prosecute such action to a successful conclusion or until it is abandoned, dismissed, or terminated by the county or the Court.

(Exhibit A is on file in the Administration Department.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving Contract #C0009114 with TKDA for preliminary design, environmental documentation, and final design services for Project CP 18-63-00, the US Highway 10 Strategic Congestion Mitigation (SCM) project from CSAH 78 (Hanson Boulevard) to CSAH 9 (Round Lake Boulevard), in the city of Coon Rapids; and authorizing the county board chair and county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Transit

3. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving Contract #C0008441A, an Amendment to the Transit Link Service Agreement between Anoka County and the Metropolitan Council for the existing dial-a-ride service within Anoka County; and authorizing the county board chair and county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving Contract #C0008533A, an Amendment to the Transit Link Service Agreement between Anoka County and Transit Team, Inc. for the existing dial-a-ride service within Anoka County; and authorizing the county board chair and county administrator to

execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee chair report.

1. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2022-32
REPLACING
COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION #2022-14**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE
OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF RAMSEY
FOR EXPANSION OF RIVERDALE DRIVE**

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, owns real property in fee located in the city of Ramsey, Anoka County, Minnesota, which is identified as PIN 29-32-25-24-0005 and PIN 29-32-25-24-0006, and legally described in Exhibit A ("County Property"); and,

WHEREAS, the County was approached by the City of Ramsey ("City"), a Minnesota municipal corporation, regarding the City's desire to purchase a portion of the County Property, as depicted in Exhibit B, in furtherance of the City's long-term goals of expanding Riverdale Drive, to provide increased safety and mobility for US Highway 10/169, and to provide access to new development occurring on the south side of US Highway 10/169; and,

WHEREAS, the County has obtained an appraisal on a portion of PIN 29-32-25-24-0005 within the County Property to determine the fair market value of the portion being acquired by the City; concurrently, the City is in the process of its final platting of the land needed for such road expansion, including additional right-of-way needed for stormwater ponding; and,

WHEREAS, PIN 29-32-25-24-0006 within the County Property is also encumbered by a Right-of-Way Assistance Loan Fund (RALF) loan, secured through the Metropolitan Council ("Met Council"), which is a revolving loan fund that allows land to be held and slated for future public roadway purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Met Council has preliminarily approved and consents to the sale of the property, and the County is pursuing final Met Council approval of the proposed arrangement where the City would purchase that portion of the County Property secured by RALF funds, and the proceeds from the County's sale of encumbered land would be proportionately paid back to the RALF program; and,

WHEREAS, based upon future improvements to US Highway 10/169 and surrounding areas, the County and City agree it is in the public's best interests for the parties to cooperate in completing a sale and conveyance of the property needed for the expansion of Riverdale Drive:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the chair of the County Board and county administrator or their appointed designees, to finalize the sale and conveyance of County Property needed by the City for expansion of Riverdale Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the County Board and county administrator, or their designees, are further authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete this transaction, subject to review as to form by the County Attorney's Office.

(Exhibits A and B are on file in the Highway Department.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Information Technology Committee report from the meeting of March 1, 2022. All items were of an informational nature and required no board action.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting of March 1, 2022.

1. Commissioner Look offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-33

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT FOR ANOKA COUNTY'S MISSISSIPPI WEST REGIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, Anoka County and the Metropolitan Council share common goals in providing quality natural areas for outdoor recreation; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka ("County") has worked with the Metropolitan Council in a cooperative effort to develop a facility exchange plan leading to the County's conveyance of parkland for right-of-way purposes, which constitutes a minor boundary adjustment; and,

WHEREAS, in exchange for the conveyance of land, the County will construct a paved trail within Mississippi West Regional Park of equal value as the conveyed land; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council requires an updated master plan, including Restrictive Covenants placed on trail parcels, in connection with the boundary changes to the regional park:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby adopt the Master Plan Amendment to the Mississippi West Regional Park Master Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Parks Department, and authorizes its submission to the Metropolitan Council for its approval so that park development will be eligible for future Metropolitan Council grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anoka County agrees to work with the Metropolitan Council to record any restrictive covenants as required.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Metropolitan Council and Anoka County Parks Department.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving Contract #C0009093, Purchase of Service Agreement with the Conservation Corps of Minnesota in the amount not to exceed \$120,000, to assist with natural resources restoration and park maintenance related projects in the Anoka County Parks System, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the following relating to appropriations for 2022 Memorial Day observances:

- A. Appropriating, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 375.35, \$200 to each post of a recognized military service person's organization or society organized and existing in the county, holding charter from Congress or incorporated in this state, for defraying the expenses of Memorial Day exercises, which submits a written request to County Administration by December 31, 2022.
- B. Reimbursing, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 375.34, expenses up to \$200 to any military service person's organization or society holding charter from Congress or incorporated in this state, which exists outside the county but holds Memorial Day services in the county, not to exceed a total reimbursement of \$1,000, and which submits a statement in writing by December 31, 2022, detailing the expenses incurred in such services.
- C. Appropriating, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 375.34, up to \$2,500 to the Anoka County Veterans Council to aid in the observance of Memorial Day.

Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

By: _____
Rhonda Sivarajah
County Administrator

By: _____
Scott Schulte, its Chair

Motion carried means all commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively unless otherwise noted.