

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

March 14, 2023

Chair Look 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	Jeff Reinert
	District #4	Scott Schulte
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Julie Jeppson
	District #7	Mandy Meisner

Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Brad Johnson, County Attorney; staff, and citizens

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Commissioner Braastad made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending February 24, 2023, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending February 24, 2023. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Jeppson made motion approving the minutes from the February 28, 2023, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) Public Affairs Manager Alex Carlson presented the Mosquito Control District's 2022 Summary and plans for 2023. Alex and MMCD Regional Operational Manager Dave Dirkswager responded to questions. (The report is on file in the County Administration Office.)

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Commissioner Look presented the Management Committee Meeting report from the meeting of February 28, 2023. All items were of informational nature and required no board action.

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Commissioner Look presented the Management Committee Meeting chair report.

1. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving the following travel items from the consent agenda in accordance with the Travel and Expense Policies:
 - A. Brian Lancaster, Lead End User Support Engineer - Administration/Information Technology - to attend Midwest Management Summit 2023 - 5 days, May 2023 - Bloomington, MN - costs to include \$178 mileage and \$1,899 registration.
 - B. Shane Sheets, Director - Administration/Medical Examiner's Office - to attend U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics - Census of Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices - Durham, NC - 2 days, March 2023 - Costs, which are 100% funded by the US Department of Justice, to include \$67 mileage, \$150 lodging, \$128 per diem, \$600 air fare, \$100 parking, and \$100 ground transportation.
 - C. John Murphy, Director - Law Library - to attend the American Association of Law Librarians Annual conference - Boston, MA - 5 days, July 2023 - costs to include \$795 registration, \$48

mileage, \$1,200 lodging, \$356 per diem, \$300 air fare, \$200 ground transportation, and \$140 parking.

- D. Benjamin Hamill, Assessment Compliance Manager, and Daniel Parke, Business Systems Analyst - Property Records & Taxation - to attend Tyler Connect Conference - San Antonio, TX - 4 days, May 2023 – cost for each to include \$1,299 registration, \$1,250 lodging, \$260 per diem, \$600 air fare, \$46 mileage, \$100 ground transportation.

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

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The following item came forward on an additional agenda:

- 1. Commissioner Schulte made motion authorizing Risk Management to settle workers’ compensation claim #22-020 in the amount and terms as discussed with the Attorney’s Office and Risk Management. Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Transportation Committee Meeting report from the meeting of March 1, 2023.

Highway

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

RESOLUTION #2023-32

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE
OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF ANDOVER**

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka (“County”), a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, owns real property in fee located in the city of Andover (“City”), a Minnesota municipal corporation, which is legally described as set forth in Exhibit A ("County Property"), attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, the County Property was duly forfeited to the State of Minnesota and subsequently conveyed by the state to the County in April 1991 to be used for highway purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the County Property remains undeveloped and the County does not currently have a highway use for the land; and,

WHEREAS, the City contacted the County and stated that it has a public need to use the County Property for economic development purposes; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 282.01 subd. 1d (d), the State’s use restrictions and possibility of reverter expire and are released from the County Property upon the passage of thirty (30) years, on or about April 19, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the County and City agree that it is in the best interest of the public for the County Property to be conveyed to the City for economic development purposes at a negotiated price or for in-kind consideration for such conveyance:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the county engineer to negotiate the terms of the conveyance of County Property to the City.

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 the transaction, subject to review as to form by the County Attorney’s Office.

(Exhibit A is on file in the County Administration Office.)

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

- 2. Commissioner Schulte made motion approving Contract #C0009711, Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Coon Rapids for Project SAP 002-611-040, proposed pedestrian safety improvements along

CSAH 11 (Northdale Boulevard), in front of Coon Rapids High School, in the city of Coon Rapids; and authorizing the 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 Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

3. Commissioner Look made motion awarding Contract #C0009790, in the amount of \$1,994,110.95, to North Pine Aggregate Inc., for Project SP 002-683-006, intersection improvements at CSAH 83 (Armstrong Boulevard NW) and Alpine Drive, in the city of Ramsey, 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.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting of March 7, 2023. All items were of informational nature and required no board action.

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Commissioner Schulte offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2023-33

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AGREEING TO THE
AMENDED MINNESOTA OPIOIDS STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT AND
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against opioid supply chain participants related to the opioid crisis; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, the State of Minnesota, Anoka County, and numerous other Minnesota cities and counties previously agreed to the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (“State-Subdivision Agreement”), which governed distribution of opioid settlement funds from multistate agreements with pharmaceutical distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, as well as opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson; and,

WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement prioritizes flexibility for how local governments may use opioid settlement funds for opioids abatement and remediation, and provides for 75% of the settlement funds to be distributed directly to local governments and 25% of the settlement funds to be distributed directly to the state; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties have begun to receive distributions of settlement funds from the prior multistate settlement agreements, pursuant to the State-Subdivision Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to several additional multistate settlement agreements with manufacturers Teva Pharmaceuticals and Allergan plc, as well as pharmacy companies Walmart Inc., CVS Health Corporation, and Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc., but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and,

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of April 18, 2023, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the new, above-referenced multistate settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county, but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of Minnesota’s local governments and of the State of Minnesota through the Office of the Attorney General have reached agreement that the distribution of funds pursuant to the new settlement agreements and any future settlement agreements should be governed by the State-Subdivision Agreement, as amended, in order to prioritize flexibility for local governments and maintain the favorable 75/25 split of funds between local governments and the state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby supports and agrees to the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Agreement (“Amended State-Subdivision Agreement”), with amendments that include the multistate settlement agreements with manufacturers Teva Pharmaceuticals and Allergan plc, as well as pharmacies companies Walmart Inc., CVS Health Corporation, and Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. as well as any future multistate settlement agreements relating to the opioids litigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anoka County supports and opts in to the multistate settlements with Teva Pharmaceuticals, Allergan plc, Walmart Inc., CVS Health Corporation, and Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners authorizes the county administrator or their authorized designee to execute all necessary documents to ensure county participation in the Teva Pharmaceuticals, Allergan plc, Walmart Inc., CVS Health Corporation, and Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. settlements, including the participation agreement and accompanying Release and the Amended State-Subdivision Agreement.

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

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

ATTEST:

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

By: _____
Rhonda Sivarajah
County Administrator

By: _____
Matt Look, its Chair

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