

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

April 11, 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 Schulte 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 Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending March 24, 2023, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending March 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 March 28, 2023, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad and Emergency Communications Director Val Sprynczynatyk presented information about the essential work of the Anoka County Emergency Communications Center and thanked the staff for their dedication and service. They also stated that ground has been broken on the new combined Emergency Communications Center/Radio Shop facility in Andover. Val introduced Emergency Communications staff present.

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Commissioner Look offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2023-37

**PROCLAIMING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK
APRIL 9-15, 2023**

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, deputies, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our first responders is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Anoka County Emergency Communications Center; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of Anoka County have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby declare the week of April 9-15, 2023, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Anoka County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our cities and citizens safe.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Look announced the Senior Expo event will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 9 a.m. to noon at Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd. NW, in Ramsey.

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Chair Look stated that Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 17-21, 2023. This week is designed to refresh, remind, and educate everyone about seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Transportation Committee meeting report from the meeting of March 29, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION #2023-38

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DETOUR AGREEMENT
WITH MnDOT FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY 65 DETOUR
(Contract #C0009875)**

WHEREAS, Anoka County (“County”) is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT is planning construction, including bituminous surfacing, drainage construction, and ADA improvements, upon, along, and adjacent to TH 65 from CSAH 10 (County Highway 10 NE) to Klondike Drive, under State Project No. 0208-173; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT requires a detour to carry TH 65 traffic on CSAH 10, CSAH 12 (109th Avenue NE), CSAH 14 (125th Avenue), CSAH 51 (University Avenue NE), CSAH 52 (Radisson Road), CR 60 (Constance Boulevard), and CR 61 (153rd Avenue NE/Xylite Street NE) during construction and will reimburse the County for the road life consumed by the detour as set forth in the Detour Agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby authorize entering into MnDOT Agreement #1052708 (Contract #C0009875) with MnDOT for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the state to the County for the use of CSAH 10, CSAH 12, CSAH 14, CSAH 51, CSAH 52, CR 60, and CR 61 as detour routes during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to TH 65 from CSAH 10 to Klondike Drive, under State Project No. 0208-173.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County board chair and county administrator are authorized to execute the Detour Agreement, and any amendments thereto, and may take such further actions as are necessary to implement the terms of the agreement.

(Contract is on file in the Highway Department.)

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

2. Commissioner Look made motion approving Contract #C0009220, a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the City of Anoka, for Projects SP 002-656-003 & 002-657-005, construction of grade-separated interchanges and associated railroad crossings at CSAH 56 (Ramsey Boulevard) and CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Boulevard) at US Highway 10/169, along with frontage road, backage road, and other associated corridor improvements along US Highway 10/169, in the cities of Ramsey and Anoka; and authorizing the county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Look made motion approving Contract #C0009284, a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the City of Ramsey, for Projects SP 002-656-003 & 002-657-005, construction of grade-separated interchanges and associated railroad crossings at CSAH 56 (Ramsey Boulevard) and CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Boulevard) at US Highway 10/169, along with frontage road, backage road, and other associated corridor improvements along US Highway 10/169, in the cities of Ramsey and Anoka; and authorizing the county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Look made motion approving Contract #C0009824, Construction Agreement with BNSF Railway for Project SP 002-656-003, construction of grade-separated interchange and associated railroad crossing at CSAH 56 (Ramsey Boulevard) at US Highway 10/169, along with frontage road, backage road, and other associated corridor improvements along US Highway 10/169, in the city of Ramsey; 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. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Look made motion approving Contract #C0009828, Construction Agreement with BNSF Railway for Project SP 002-657-005, construction of grade-separated interchange and associated railroad crossing at CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Boulevard) at US Highway 10/169, along with frontage road, backage road, and other associated corridor improvements along US Highway 10/169, in the city of Ramsey; 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. Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
6. Commissioner Schulte made motion awarding Contract #C0009869 to Thomas and Sons Construction in the amount of \$307,461.00 for Project SAP 002-618-036, concrete repairs at various locations on CSAH 18 (Crosstown Boulevard) and CSAH 22 (Viking Boulevard) in the cities of Andover, Ham Lake, and Oak Grove, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
7. Commissioner Braastad made motion awarding Contract #C0009868 to North Valley, Inc., in the amount of \$6,797,705.52 for Project CP 23-01-00, the 2023 County-Wide Overlay Program at various locations throughout Anoka County, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Transportation Committee chair report. All items were of an informational nature and required no board action.

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Commissioner Reinert presented the Intergovernmental and Community Relations Committee report from the meeting of March 28, 2023.

1. Commissioner Jeppson made motion approving Contract #C0009830, a grant acceptance agreement in the amount of \$100,000 from the CDC Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) to integrate real-time data exchange between Vertiq CME and the Minnesota Department of Health’s MR & C electronic death registration system, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Medical Examiner’s Office.) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving Contract #C0009851 with the Bayfield County, Wisconsin, Coroner’s for the period April 1, 2023, thru December 31, 2023, with an option to renew for two additional two-years terms, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Medical Examiner’s Office.) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Reinert offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2023-39

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM PATRONS

WHEREAS, patrons of the Anoka County Library, the Fridley Lions Club, the Spring Lake Park Lions, League of MN Poets, Marvel Drain, and the Friends of Anoka County Library have donated the following totaling \$10,927.35 for the months of October, November, December 2022 and January, February 2023 in cash to the Anoka County Library:

Donna Tomczak for books by mail	\$200.00
George and Bernadette Aldcroft	\$200.00
Fridley Lions Club for 2 benches at Mississippi	\$2500.00
Goodwill Donation Box/Book Carts	\$2516.35
Yolanda and Erling Fugelso	\$200.00
Catherine Slusar	\$1000.00
Catherine Karie	\$100.00
Cindy Schramm	\$250.00
Marvel Drain	\$500.00
League of MN Poets	\$250.00
Friends of Anoka County Library	\$2500.00
Kristen Bergerson	\$15.00
Spring Lake Park Lions	\$150.00
Sale of Kennedy Medallions	\$540.00
Anonymous	\$6.00

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat 465.03 requires the county to accept donations by resolution expressed in terms prescribed by the donor:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby accept the donations of cash.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby wishes to extend grateful appreciation to the Friends of Anoka County Library, Fridley Lions Club, Spring Lake Park Lions, League of MN Poets, Marvel Drain, and patrons for their generous cash donations to the Anoka County Library.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting of April 4, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION #2023-40

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO
SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has established a grant-in-aid program for the establishment of snowmobile trails; and,

WHEREAS, such snowmobile trails are beneficial to the public recreation programs conducted by the Anoka County Parks Department; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County agrees to sponsor three local snowmobile clubs, certify that various benchmarks have been met, and administer the grant from the DNR; and,

WHEREAS, such grant-in-aid assistance is available on certain terms and conditions specified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, which are compatible with the county's existing public recreation program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby authorize the Anoka County Parks director or designee to make application for funds to secure financial assistance to conduct a Snowmobile Trail Program in Anoka County from May 15, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Anoka County Parks director and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioner Reinert made motion authorizing a Purchase Order in the amount of \$159,800 to Hakanson Anderson for design, engineering and construction project management services for the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes roadway and parking lot reconstruction. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Schulte made motion approving Contract #C0009860 with TKDA for design, engineering and project management services for the Coon Creek bridge replacement and trail reconstruction in the amount of \$224,824, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The following item came forward on an additional agenda, as recommended by the Management Committee:

1. Commissioner Schulte made motion approving Change Order 2 to Amendment 4 of Contract #C0008463E with Collaborative Solutions in the amount of \$101,350 for continued Workday system support, effective April 11, 2023, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Resources Department.) Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the release of the declarations for the west-side properties at the Fridley Northstar Commuter Rail Station without additional limitations so that Metropolitan Council can redevelop and manage the properties without further involvement by Anoka County, as recommended by the Anoka County Regional Railroad Authority Board. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
