

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

May 10, 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 #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Absent:	District #5	Mike Gamache
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Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Tony Palumbo, County Attorney; staff, and citizens

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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.

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Commissioner Look made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending April 22, 2022, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending April 22, 2022. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the minutes from the April 26, 2022, Anoka County regular county board meeting and the April 26, 2022, Anoka County special board meeting. Commissioner West seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Anoka County Behavioral Health and Adult Services Manager Denise Kirmis presented mental health data, insight, and resources available to our residents. The Mental Wellness Campaign for Anoka County will host the 13th Annual 5K for Mental Wellness from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on June 4, 2022, at Bunker Hills Regional Park, Pavilion #3.

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Commissioner Reinert offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2022-68

PROCLAIMING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN ANOKA COUNTY

WHEREAS, for more than sixty years, our country has celebrated May as Mental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of mental wellness for all; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 21 percent of all adults live with a mental health condition and 46 percent of Americans will meet criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition at some time in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, increased awareness of mental health for adults, families, and youth can lead to earlier recognition and treatment of mental health concerns along with reducing stigma; and,

WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and,

WHEREAS, the county is working with the community, consumers of mental health services, family members, and service providers to establish a continuum of mental health services that will provide the right service at the right time; and,

WHEREAS, the Mental Wellness Campaign for Anoka County is sponsoring the 13th Annual Walk for Mental Wellness on June 4, 2022:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 2022 to be Mental Health Month in Anoka County. We call upon all in our community to recommit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner West presented the Management Committee report from the meeting of April 26, 2022.

1. Commissioner Reinert made motion approving the following personnel transaction:
 - A. Restructure/fill - Finance and Central Services - effective April 26, 2022 - vacancy due to retirement effective November 30, 2021. PC#1992000338

FROM: 1.0 FTE Collections Specialist - Grade B009, range \$17.97 to \$27.37 per hour.
TO: 1.0 FTE Supervisor, Accounting - Grade C013, range \$26.45 to \$44.08 per hour.

Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee report from the meeting of May 2, 2022.

Highway

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

RESOLUTION #2022-69

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF
A HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAT FOR
PROJECT SAP 002-652-006**

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 160.085, subd. 1 provides that "In order to facilitate the acquisition of right-of-way required for highways, state and county road authorities may file for record in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles, in the county in which right-of-way is to be acquired, such orders or resolutions, as required by law, in the form of maps or plats showing the right-of-way by course distance, bearing and arc length and other rights or interests in the land to be acquired as the road authority determines necessary"; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Highway Department proposes to construct improvements at CSAH 52 (Radisson Road) and Cloud Drive NE in the city of Blaine, which project is numbered SAP 002-652-006 (the "Project"); and, which would necessitate the acquisition of additional lands, easements, and other property interests ("Right-of-Way"); and,

WHEREAS, the county engineer deems it necessary to proceed with the preparation of a highway right-of-way plat to facilitate the acquisition of the Right-of-Way necessary to construct the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the county engineer to have the required survey work conducted and performed, and a plat prepared to facilitate the acquisition of the Right-of-Way necessary for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county engineer is hereby authorized to charge the cost of the survey work, incidental to the platting process, to the County Road and Bridge Account.

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioner West offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-70

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY
FOR ANOKA COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT SAP 002-652-006**

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Highway Department proposes to construct improvements at the intersection of CSAH 52 (Radisson Road) and Cloud Drive NE in the city of Blaine, which project is numbered SAP 002-652-006 (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, the Project work consists of adding a new traffic control signal system, geometric improvements, and ADA pedestrian accommodations at the intersection of Radisson Road and Cloud Drive NE; to provide for the safety of the traveling public; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the existing easements, certain lands and property interests, including temporary construction easements ("Right-of-Way"), are required to construct the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Right-of-Way necessary for the Project is more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners was advised by Highway Department staff of the need to begin construction of the Project in the spring of 2023; and,

WHEREAS, to begin construction of the Project in the spring 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, hereby authorizes the county engineer to proceed to acquire the Right-of-Way deemed necessary for the Project in accordance with Minnesota Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County 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 County Administration Office.)

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

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

RESOLUTION #2022-71

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF
MASTER PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT
(CONTRACT #C0009218)**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”) wishes to cooperate closely with local units of government to coordinate the delivery of transportation services and maximize the efficient delivery of such services at all levels of government; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT and the County of Anoka (“County”) are authorized by Minnesota Statutes sections 471.59, 174.02, and 161.20, to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of state and local roads; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT and the County wish to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to such opportunities for collaboration and have determined that having the ability to write “work orders” against a master contract would provide the greatest speed and flexibility in responding to identified needs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes entering into the Master Partnership Contract with MnDOT (#1050124), a copy of which is on file in the office of the Anoka County Transportation Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners authorizes the county administrator and county engineer or their designees to execute the Master Partnership Contract and any amendments to the agreement.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the county engineer is authorized to negotiate work order contracts pursuant to the master contract, which may provide for payment to or from MnDOT, and may execute such work order contracts on behalf of the County without further approval by this board.

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

4. Commissioner Look made motion approving entering into Contract #C0009135, a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Anoka for Project CP 22-15-30, intersection improvements on CSAH 30 (Pleasant Avenue) at TH 47 (Ferry Street) in the city of Anoka; 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 Anoka County Transportation Division.) Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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The following item came forward on an additional agenda:

Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee chair report.

1. Commissioner Reinert made motion approving the Final Plat of SUNRISE PINES, located in Section 35, Township 34, Range 22, Linwood Township. This plat meets all township recommendations and ordinances and was approved in its Final Plat form by the Township of Linwood on April 12, 2022, and all recommendations and applicable Anoka County ordinances in effect have been met. James L. Rushfeldt is the owner and Carrington Development (Steven J. Strandlund) is the developer. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Reinert Presented the Information Technology Committee chair report.

1. Commissioner West made motion approving Contract #C0009245 for the purchase of analog phone service lines for a five-year term from CenturyLink Communications, LLC, dba Lumen Technologies Group, 931 - 14th Street #900, Denver, CO 80202, in the amount of \$179,843.40 with a 5% change order of \$8,992.17 for a total of \$188,835.57, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Information Technology Department.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Reinert presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting of May 3, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-72

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR ARCHERY DEER HUNTING IN DESIGNATED AREAS OF BUNKER HILLS REGIONAL PARK, COON RAPIDS DAM REGIONAL PARK AND RICE CREEK CHAIN OF LAKES PARK RESERVE

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has determined that the number of deer in Bunker Hills Regional Park, Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve are in excess of a sustainable population; and,

WHEREAS, based on aerial survey indices and other deer management variables, Anoka County has determined the deer density to be greater than 47 deer per square mile in Bunker Hills Regional Park, greater than 34 deer per square mile in Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, and greater than 17 deer per square mile in Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve during the last survey; and,

WHEREAS, an excess deer population has a negative impact on the natural resources of the park, creates a danger to users of roads and highways surrounding and within the parks; and,

WHEREAS, the management goal of Anoka County is to sustain a deer population density of 15 to 20 deer per square mile within the park system:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby authorize the Parks Department to issue permits for archery deer hunting by state licensed hunters possessing a valid 2022 Anoka County Archery Deer Hunting Permit in designated areas of the parks. The permits shall be effective from October 28, 2022, to and including December 31, 2022, with certain restrictions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that the Parks Department conduct an analysis of the effect of the archery hunt on the deer population and that the analysis be conducted after the permit sunset date on December 31, 2022, and before the next 2023 deer hunting season for consideration by the Parks Committee of the County Board.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the cities of Andover, Coon Rapids, Blaine, Ham Lake, Lino Lakes, and Centerville be notified of the passage of this resolution and be provided a copy of it.

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Commissioner Braastad presented the Public Safety Committee chair report.

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion authorizing the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and Anoka County Corrections to enter into Contract #C0009173 for correctional health services and DetainEMR software (including startup costs, licenses, and support) with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc., and its partner corporation, Advanced Inmate Medical Management, LLC, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,625,474 for the first year, effective upon execution, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Sheriff's Office.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:09 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.