

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
8:30 AM, TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023
Meeting Room A / B – 3rd Floor – Courthouse
MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following Commissioners present: Paul Krabbenhoft, Frank Gross, Jenny Mongeau, Kevin Campbell, and David Ebinger. Others present: County Administrator Stephen Larson, County Attorney Brian Melton, HR Director/Asst. Administrator Darren Brooke, and Communications Coordinator Jacqueline Finck

Call to Order

Commissioner Gross called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Commissioner Ebinger, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda.

Amendment to Resolution 2022-36 Approving Clay County as Legal Sponsor for Application for DNR Trail Assistance Programs Effective Fiscal Year to include 2023-2024

By consent, the Board approved the amendment to Resolution 2022-36 Approving Clay County as Legal Sponsor for Application for DNR Trail Assistance Programs Effective Fiscal Year to include 2023-2024.

Citizens to be Heard

Clay County resident, Dean Meyers discussed an issue regarding flooding on his property. Mr. Meyer lives on the North side of ditch 11, East of Rustad, MN. On April 13, 2023, Commissioner Mongeau reached out to Mr. Meyer asking how the water levels and flooding looked in his area. At that time, there were no issues, however, this year has been worse regarding water than years past. Mr. Meyer discussed issues with the culverts that begin on the west side of the railroad tracks all the way to the river. Commissioner Mongeau informed Mr. Meyer that someone would be coming out to clean ditches. The issue was that the company contracted by the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) was cleaning ditches not in the affected areas.

Commissioner Mongeau discussed that herself, Mr. Meyer, County Engineer Justin Sorum and Watershed Specialist (BRRWD) Matthew Schlauderaff had been in communication regarding the water issues. Commissioner Mongeau contacted the BRRWD to let them know of the hotspots around that area, specifically that the railroad is a major problem.

Commissioner Campbell validated Mr. Meyer's remarks and stated there needs to be some discussion between the County Engineer and the BRRWD to come up with a preemptive plan, to avoid these issues. Commissioner Mongeau stated the issue with this property is the amount of overland flooding that they get from the South and East. Commissioner Campbell suggested bringing Lt. Gabe Tweten with Emergency Management into the discussion for the future.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ebinger mentioned how the City of Moorhead has a playbook for flooding, which is broken up by timeline and priority, and suggested that the County start doing the same.

Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers

On motion by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Krabbenhoft, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the bills and vouchers totaling \$1,187,550 from 122 vendors. There were 94 warrants issued under \$2,000 (\$42,820) and the following 28 were over \$2,000.

Redstone Construction LLC	\$ 341,839	Becker County Public Health	\$ 7,676
MN Department of Transportation	\$ 290,768	Bytespeed, LLC	\$ 6,750
Klein McCarthy & Co Ltd	\$ 100,380	Mattson Excavating, Inc.	\$ 6,500
Lake Agassiz Regional Library	\$ 79,566	ConvergeOne, Inc.	\$ 4,955
City Of Moorhead	\$ 58,615	Office of MN IT Services	\$ 4,841
City Of Fargo	\$ 43,043	Lloyd's Auto Body Inc.	\$ 4,735
West Central Environmental Consultants	\$ 33,265	Marco Technologies LLC	\$ 3,930
Xcel Energy	\$ 27,356	Stellar Services, LLC	\$ 3,494
Clay Co Public Health	\$ 27,201	Fevig Oil Co	\$ 3,418
Lakes & Prairies Community Action, Inc	\$ 26,730	High Point Networks, LLC	\$ 2,770
Pro West & Associates Inc	\$ 20,900	Sign Pro, Inc	\$ 2,705
Trinity Services Group, Inc.	\$ 17,953	City of Pelican Rapids	\$ 2,494
Commissioner of Transportation	\$ 10,000	FIREGUY	\$ 2,420
Otter Tail Public Health	\$ 8,024	Green View Inc.	\$ 2,394

Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2023

On motion by Commissioner Ebinger, seconded by Commissioner Krabbenhoft, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes from April 11, 2023.

Flood Update

County Engineer Justin Sorum presented an update regarding Spring flooding. The past week was much slower than the previous. There were some closures along the Red River and in Holy Cross, Kragnes, and Georgetown Townships. There was a total of 38 damaged sites which vary in length.

Mr. Sorum stated the Highway Department did start fixing what they were able to in the Barnesville area since the water has significantly gone down. They will be working their way North after that. A total of 15 spots were dug out, some being 100-feet in length and others being a couple miles in length.

Mr. Sorum thanked his staff for their efforts during this time.

Mr. Sorum further discussed the citizen concern, stating that as a County, different trouble spots were identified along the watershed system. A list was given to the BRRWD regarding the ditches that had been dug out in the past. Regarding ditch 11, he and Commissioner Mongeau both reached out to the BRRWD expressing that the railroad is the problem area.

Commissioner Krabbenhoft asked how reimbursement is handled for the work that is being done as a result of the flooding. Mr. Sorum stated Lt. Tweten has the accurate numbers, but a certain threshold needs to be met which is around \$160,000 in damage. This would include the County, the City of Moorhead and the BRRWD. At that point, it's a state emergency, meaning the State would pay for 75% of the cost and the County or BRRWD would pick up the remaining 25%. If there was damage around \$200,000 or more, that could then become a federal disaster, but it would have to be declared as such. If that happened, the federal government would pay for 75% of the cost and the state would pay the remaining 25%. County Administrator Stephen Larson clarified that the federal amount is \$290,000. The Governor has a press conference today regarding flooding throughout the state so there may be an answer.

Mr. Sorum stated that when the County is out putting barricades up, that does not qualify for reimbursement unless the task was completed during overtime hours. Most reimbursable funds will come from the fixing of the damaged areas. The contractors that were helping dig out ditches will qualify as well.

Mr. Larson spoke with Lt. Tweten last week and even without the City of Moorhead's information, the total cost is \$177,000 for eligible expenses. Mr. Sorum stated since those numbers were reported, invoices from a couple of the contractors were received which would increase that total by another \$30,000.

Request Approval of Yearly Supply Bids

Mr. Sorum requested approval of yearly supply bids for corrugated metal culverts, furnishing bituminous mixture and rental of construction equipment. Bids are collected for items that can be utilized throughout the year.

On motion by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Ebinger and unanimously carried, the Board approved the yearly supply bids.

Mr. Sorum presented the gravel bid contracts for 2023. Two bids were received, one from Turner Sand and Gravel and the other from Fitzgerald Construction. Mr. Sorum recommended approving the low bid from Turner Sand and Gravel for Townships 1 – 30, with a contingency on approval from Highland Grove Township, Hawley Township, and Tansem Township.

On motion by Commissioner Mongeau, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the gravel contracts with Turner Sand and Gravel for Townships 1-30 with the 30a amendment.

Request Approval to Replace Vacated RN Position

Public Health Administrator Kathy McKay requested approval to replace a vacated RN position in the Family Health unit. This position is a budgeted position. There are typically six nurses in the Family Health area and currently they only have two. Ms. McKay mentioned how it has been difficult to recruit nurses and plans to work with the HR Director to see what they can do for recruitment.

Commissioner Mongeau asked how often nurses meet with their clients and if the case load has changed over the past five years or if it's remained consistent. Ms. McKay stated the caseloads did decrease during the COVID pandemic but moving forward the caseloads have

been increasing to about 20 clients, which is a typical amount. Each program has specific timeframes of when nurses meet with their clients.

Commissioner Gross asked if the current employee is still working. Ms. McKay stated the current employee is still working for about a week yet.

Commissioner Mongeau asked what percentage of this position is part of the levy. Ms. McKay stated revenue expenses are equal in this area.

On motion by Commissioner Ebinger, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to replace a vacated RN position in the Family Health Unit.

Request Approval to Fill an Open Juvenile Counselor Position in the Secure Unit

Juvenile Director James O' requested to fill an open Juvenile Counselor position in the secure unit. This position is in the 2023 budget.

Commissioner Mongeau clarified that this position was for the Secure Unit, not the Non-Secure Unit. Mr. O'Donnell confirmed that it was for the Secure Unit.

Commissioner Ebinger asked if there was a need for backfill. Mr. O'Donnell confirmed backfill would be needed.

On motion by Commissioner Mongeau, seconded by Commissioner Krabbenhoft, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to fill an open Juvenile Counselor position in the Secure Unit with backfill.

Request Approval of Resolution 2023-13 - Establishment Of The West Central Regional Water District & Commencement Of Water System Establishment Proceedings

Mr. Larson presented Resolution 2023-13. The resolution would establish Clay County as a member in the West Central Regional Water District. This project will provide a new potable water source for cities and rural residents of Polk, Norman, and Clay Counties. Rural residents and city residents alike are facing issues with water quality, quantity, high capital costs, and lack of experienced operators. Within the current project area there are 16 cities and 15,000 plus residents that stand to benefit from new regional potable water pipelines. The initial phases of this project stand to provide an estimated 360,000,000 gallons to the region. The initial phase will include the cities of Georgetown and Felton. Townships include Georgetown, Viding, Felton, Hagen, Ulen, Kragnes, Morken, Flowing, Keene, Goose Prairie and the northern portions of Oakport, Moland, Spring Prairie, Cromwell, and Highland Grove Townships. This sustainable water supply will also provide opportunities for future population growth and economic development in West Central Minnesota.

Commissioner Campbell has concerns on the water supply and asked if there ever happens to be a hierarchy to access aquifer water, where would this organization stand. Stephen Slick with AE2S stated that he wouldn't be able to answer the question based on MN water law as far as water resources go. However, through the source that the water is coming from currently, the water district is permitted through the state, which is based on the age of the permits. There is a possibility of using water from surrounding cities and water districts who have established permits. From there, you could petition to the state to receive more water. Commissioner Campbell asked if certain municipalities protect their water supply and conflict could arise,

would the state get involved at that point. Mr. Slick stated that if those municipalities are already in place and are permitted, he would imagine that they would have the hierarchy being that these permits are coming in later and need approving. However, permits might not be approved if the State or DNR feels that the aquifer is vulnerable. In the permitting process, there would be aquifer studies and things of that nature to ensure little conflict and make sure that the water supply is there. Rocky Schneider with AE2S clarified that this proposal is the large vision with multiple phases for initial pipeline. Issues regarding the water supply is a good discussion but would be a more pressing topic for a future date.

Daniel Marx, Lawyer with Flaherty & Hood, mentioned he thinks there is a hierarchy, but it's too early to know what that would be going forward. No city has to participate in the district. Cities will have to formally elect to participate. Because of this, it would be difficult for the district to have authority to trump a city, in terms of access to an existing water supply. The city would have to assent to coming into the district via a resolution.

Commissioner Campbell discussed the cost impact for this project and since the total dollar amount is a rough estimate, it would be recommended to reserve ARPA dollars from the Local Assistance and Tribal Fund, to put towards this project.

Commissioner Krabbenhoft stated based on the previous discussion, the project would cost up to \$45,000.00 and asked what the timeline would be for the project. Mr. Larson clarified there is a cost to the judicial process in establishing the water district. There is potential for the state to refuse to allow the water district, which would mean the involved parties would have to pay for that cost. The estimate that was provided by Mr. Marx was between \$150,000 and \$300,000 and was based on the percentage of the population in Clay County, which would be about 15% or a maximum of \$45,000. Again, that could shift, depending on cost and the agreed upon percentage that was determined with Polk and Norman Counties.

Mr. Schneider advised developing a pre-district advisory committee where each county could appoint someone to for decision making on the water districts' behalf. Commissioner Mongeau stated that developing a committee is important in moving forward. She suggests reaching out to Ted Preister, Executive Director for the Red River Basin Commission, as they have a MN Joint Powers Committee. The Committee is informal and discusses potential projects, financial asks, and mitigation.

Commissioner Gross asked if this plan will be done all at once and if all the towns have to wait for it to start up. Mr. Schneider discussed his eagerness in developing the pre-district advisory committee, to decide and prioritize the process of execution. Commissioner Gross mentioned how Felton is very concerned about their water supply. Mr. Schneider stated Felton has been very active in submitting for Federal dollars.

Mr. Larson asked Mr. Schneider and Mr. Slick to discuss the bills they have in the state legislature. Mr. Slick discussed in the current state bonding bill, there is another \$8.3 million for this first phase of construction and another \$64 million for the rural phasing. If approved, funds would be accessible in 2025. The hope would be to make it through the state bonding process to use those funds as a match to the federal dollars.

Commissioner Campbell asked if the water district is awarded the \$10 million from the Federal Grant, that requires matching funds, who is responsible for the matching funds. Mr. Schneider stated there were three applicants: City of Felton for \$3 million, Norman County for \$5 million,

and the City of Climax for \$5 million. Those cities have promised they can get the 20% match which would come from state funding. Commissioner Campbell asked for clarification that the entity in which Clay County would be a part of, would not be the entity that would be responsible for the matching funds. Mr. Schneider stated ideally the district would consume that work with the ability to assess. Mr. Slick stated these cities are applying for separate individual funding as well, each city will have a cost share for their part of the project.

Mr. Slick asked Mr. Marx to further discuss the district boundaries and if it's locked in once the resolution is signed. Mr. Marx stated by the end of the judicial process an initial boundary would be established. Options to expand and grow in the future will be based upon the commission and district courts request and preference.

Commissioner Mongeau discussed the importance of having representation from someone from the Board on a committee. Mr. Larson agreed that someone should be assigned to this with per diem and mileage for this committee.

Commissioner Gross discussed involving more townships. Commissioner Campbell stated if a work group is established and Clay County joins today by signing the resolution would it allow Clay County time to review which additional townships could be included. Mr. Marx stated the judicial process that would commence would be the process by which the public water system would be established. The district and proposed boundary that is being established with this resolution, which all other counties have adopted, is not set in stone. Through the process that we would commence, the proposed boundary could be expanded during this first try, rather than reopen to expansion. If that isn't how the process works, the option would be to come back and amend the resolution and expand the scope.

Discussion ensued.

On motion by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Krabbenhoft, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution 2023-13 to establish the West Central Regional Water District & commencement of water system establishment proceedings.

On motion by Commissioner Krabbenhoft, seconded by Commissioner Ebinger, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Commissioner Gross and Commissioner Campbell to be on the West Central Regional Water District ad hoc committee with per diem.

Commissioner Mongeau stated there is an additional request being brought forward for ARPA dollars, so a committee meeting would be recommended to see if funds are available. Commissioner Campbell stated within the ARPA committee, the total dollars did not include these specific ARPA dollars. Mr. Larson confirmed that is correct. Between the reserve for Public Health and the remaining dollars, there is roughly \$400,000 in ARPA funds remaining. The \$100,000 that is being discussed is part of the Federal ARPA umbrella but not specific to the fund regarding the ARPA committee. Therefore, this is an additional \$100,000 and has great latitude in its usage and highlights specifically water projects, which is a justifiable reason to utilize it. Commissioner Mongeau discussed the memo of this item and how the cost impact was not explained. Mr. Larson explained the upcoming ARPA meeting and if it was the Boards wishes, this could be discussed.

On motion by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Mongeau, and carried with one descending vote (Commissioner Ebinger), the Board approved the Local Assistance and

Tribal Fund ARPA funds to be reserved for the potential fees for the establishment of the West Central Regional Water District.

CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO – 2023-13

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL
WATER DISTRICT & COMMENCEMENT OF WATER SYSTEM ESTABLISHMENT
PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 116A provides authorization for the County Board of the County of Clay, Minnesota (the “County”) to form a multi-county rural water district and establish a multi-county public water system pursuant to the process established in Minnesota Statutes sections 116A.01 to 116A.26; and

WHEREAS, the County has, after significant investigation and consultation with appropriate engineering experts, determined that the formation of a rural water district in collaboration with Norman and Polk counties entitled the “West Central Regional Water District” (the “WCRWD”), and the establishment of multi-county public water system to be owned and operated by the WCRWD, is necessary to ensure sustainable access to potable water for County residents and businesses, benefit the public, and promote the public health; and

WHEREAS, to establish a multi-county public water system for the WCRWD pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 116A, the County must obtain an order establishing said system from a state District Court in a judicial district with jurisdiction in Polk, Norman, and/or Clay counties after completion of the proceeding identified in Minnesota Statutes sections 116A.01 to 116A.26; and

WHEREAS, upon formation of the WCRWD and establishment of its public water system, and contingent upon and subject to the findings and order of the applicable state District Court, it is intended that the WCRWD’s public water system service territory would include all and/or parts of Polk, Norman, and Clay counties, and serve several cities contained therein, in a manner generally consistent with the preliminary survey, plans, and designs attached here to as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, upon formation of the WCRWD and establishment of the WCRWD’s public water system and contingent upon and subject to the findings and order of the applicable state District Court, it is intended that the WCRWD would form a water Commission pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 116A.24 and said Commission would govern the WCRWD and its public water system and exercises all power granted to it under state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD THAT:

1. The County Board hereby authorizes the formation of and forms a multi-county public water district entitled the West Central Regional Water District (the “WCRWD”) in collaboration with Norman and/or Polk Counties in a manner generally consistent with the preliminary survey, plans, and designs attached here to as Exhibit A, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 116A.02, subd .4; and
2. The County Board hereby authorizes the initiation of proceedings to establish a multi-

county public water system to be owned and operated by the WCRWD pursuant to Minnesota Statute 116A.01 to 116A.26 in the Ninth Judicial District, in Norman County District Court; and

3. The County Board hereby authorizes, upon formation of the WCRWD and establishment of the WCRWD's public water system contingent upon and subject to the findings and order of the applicable the Norman County District Court, the formation of a water Commission pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 116.A.24 to govern the WCRWD and operate its public water system; and
4. The County Board hereby supports the use of AE2S for provision of technical and engineering services related to the formation of the WCRWD and the establishment of the public water system.

Request Approval to Enter into an MOU with Minnesota State University Moorhead Violence Prevention Project

Clay County Sheriff Mark Empting requested approval to enter into an MOU with Minnesota State University Moorhead Violence Prevention Project. MOU has been reviewed and approved by Assistant County Attorney, Michael Leaser and no additional funds are needed. This MOU is for the Sheriff's Office to collaborate with the Moorhead Police Department and MSUM to assist in education programs, prevention of sexual assault, domestic assault and any type of dating violence that would occur on the MSUM campus.

Minnesota State University Moorhead Dean of Students, Kara Gravley-Stack discussed working on a three-year grant through the Department of Justice Office on the violence against women. If successful with the grant, it would allow for hiring of a staff member to provide prevention and education on campus. The main focus of this position would be to create a coordinated community response team, which would be members of the campus community along with partnerships within the community, through Law Enforcement and the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center (RACC). This would allow for knowledge on how to prevent sexual violence and how to educate the campus community regarding signs and how to support students who are experiencing these types of incidents.

Commissioner Gross asked if this person would be an MSUM employee. Ms. Gravley-Stack confirmed that it would.

Commissioner Ebinger asked if there will be any component where MSUM will take an initial response to incidents that occurred prior to law enforcement being involved. If so, would this interfere with an investigation or inhibit holding people accountable. Ms. Gravely-Stack made it aware that not only is she the Dean of Students but also the Title 9 Coordinator for MSUM. She works with students that come forward who want to make a complaint about a sexual assault, domestic violence or any similar situation. Under Title 9, the student is made aware of the resources such as medical help, mental health help, and advocacy through the RACC. From there, the student is asked if they want to address the issue on campus or through the criminal process. MSUM does not interfere with the criminal process. Commissioner Ebinger asked if there was any mandated reporting that goes along with this. Ms. Gravely-Stack stated that they work with Federal Law Cleary: *Campus Safety Act*. Through that law, they are mandated to report incidents of violence that happen on campus or within the perimeter and that does include sexual violence. Once a year, they report to the Federal Government on how many incidents of violence happened on or near campus. But they do not get involved in any investigations. Typically, faculty do not go against the students' wishes regarding reporting.

Sheriff Empting stated he is in support of the MOU and that Ms. Gravely-Stack explained the partnership very well.

Commissioner Gross asked if Concordia College was involved and if there was any want to involve them. Sheriff Empting stated this is just with MSUM.

Commissioner Mongeau discussed that even though it's a sad reason for partnership, she appreciates the spirit of elevating the awareness.

Sheriff Empting made it aware that the MOU would go into effect on October 1, 2023, and would run through September 30, 2026.

On motion by Commissioner Ebinger, seconded by Commissioner Krabbenhoft, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to enter into an MOU with Minnesota State University Moorhead Violence Prevention Project.

Request Approval for Additional Funding to Purchase a Large Skid Steer

Solid Waste Manager Corey Bang requested additional funds for purchasing a larger skid steer. The skid steer that was going to be purchased doesn't have a production date set yet. Therefore, requesting the approval to purchase a larger skid steer with added safety features including LED lights and a backup camera. This model is in production currently. The additional funds needed for this purchase are \$4,056.15.

On motion by Commissioner Mongeau, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with a 4-0 vote, the Board approved additional funding in the amount of \$4,056.15 to purchase a larger skid steer.

Request Approval to Update the Clay County Development Code

Planning & Zoning Director Matthew Jacobson requested approval to update the Clay County Development Code. The Board has adopted the 2045 Clay County Comprehensive & Transportation Plan in 2022. *MN Statute 394.23 states that within three years of updated the comprehensive plan, the county shall consider adopting ordinances as part of the county's official controls that encourage the implementation of the goals and objectives.* The Development Code is the main tool/approach to implement the comprehensive plan. It's been over 10 years since ordinances have been updated, there have been amendments, but it's time to look into doing a full update, making sure everything is in line with state and federal rules and to ensure what is currently in the code makes sense for the County. One of the goals is to make materials and information accessible and easy to use for the public, part of that would be to modernize and update the code to make sure that it's understandable and accessible.

Mr. Jacobson has been meeting with the planning team with SRF and his staff, identifying a few areas that could serve as the focus for an update. Those include Alignment with the Comprehensive Plan; Land Use Table; Nonconformities; Feedlot Standards; Shoreland Ordinance; Floodplain Ordinance; and Renewable Energy Ordinance. Hiring SRF to complete the process is recommended, the cost would not exceed \$99,731.00.

Commissioner Gross asked if the cost will reach that full amount. Mr. Jacobson stated after the process begins and an additional task was added, then maybe the cost would exceed the

proposed amount. But, if we stay with the tasks that have been scoped, the cost would either meet or be under \$99,731.00.

Commissioner Ebinger asked if this will be formatted so the document can be available online for use by the Board of Commissioners as well as the Planning Commission. Mr. Jacobson stated the goal is to work with the Information Services Department to provide this information on the Clay County website. It would work in a way where anyone can search a code or key words and the website would bring you to that exact code.

Commission Campbell discussed the importance of this update and agrees that the funds should come from reserves as requested.

On motion by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to update the Clay County Development Code and to accept the SRF Consulting Group Proposal in the amount of \$99,731.00, with funds coming from reserves.

Committee Reports/County Administrator Update/Discussions

- Commissioner Mongeau reported on meetings for the Planning Commission; Clay County Management Retreat; Metro COG Policy Board; Personnel Issue Committee; and Lakeland Mental Health Center.
- Commissioner Campbell reported on meetings for the Clay County Management Retreat; meeting with Steve Larson, Commissioner Ebinger, Dr. Bob Zimmerman, Justin Sorum, Terry Williams, Chris Bakkegard, and Jodi Smith regarding the Diversion; and Building Committee.
- Commissioner Ebinger reported on meetings with Matthew Jacobson, Justin Sorum, and Steve Larson regarding GFMEDC concerns with Tarracon in Spring Prairie Township; Clay County Management Retreat; Lake Aggasiz Regional Library Board; meeting with Steve Larson, Commissioner Campbell, Dr. Bob Zimmerman, Justin Sorum, Terry Williams, Chris Bakkegard, and Jodi Smith regarding the Diversion; and attended meeting/Press Conference with Senator Klobuchar.
- Commissioner Krabbenhoft reported on meetings for Adult Mental Health LAC; Historical & Cultural Society; Clay County Management Retreat; Early Childhood Initiative; attended meeting/Press Conference with senator Klobuchar; Cass-Clay Food Commission; and Moorhead Business Association.
- Commissioner Gross reported on meetings for Personnel Issues Committee; Drug Court Graduation; Clay County Management Retreat; legislative update with AMC; Building Committee; and several calls regarding roads in Spring Prairie Township.
- County Administrator Steve Larson reported on meetings for Personnel Issues Committee; meeting with Matthew Jacobson, Justin Sorum, and Commissioner Ebinger regarding GFMEDC concerns with Tarracon in Spring Prairie Township; Local Home Prevention Aid RFP response; Clay County Management Retreat; meeting with Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Ebinger, Dr. Bob Zimmerman, Justin Sorum, Terry Williams, Chris Bakkegard, and Jodi Smith regarding the Diversion Southern Embankment; Communications discussions; and Building Committee. There will be a public hearing on May 10, 2023, at the Hjemkomst Center, to consider adoption of the Moorhead Municipal Airport Zoning Board. June 21, 2022, Justin Sorum was appointed as the County Engineer, by statute, a 1-year appointment was allowed before looking into a 4-year appointment. By statute, that appointment must be made during the month

of May. Unless otherwise discussed, that will be brought forward at next week's meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to cancel the July 4, 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Frank Gross, Chair
County Board of Commissioners

Stephen Larson, County Administrator