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Working Together to Deliver Quality Services that are Valued by the Community, Today and Tomorrow  
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A modern community where all are treated as neighbors

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**Regular Meeting of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Government Center Board Room**

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Members Present: Chairperson Susan Morris; Commissioners Terry Turnquist, Dave Oslund, Mike Warring, and Greg Anderson  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: J Lines, J Edblad, P Messer, T Bergloff, R Heilman, L Lovering and R Dowd;  
(Reporter: S Mithaqiyan)

00o Vice Chairperson Turnquist called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

00o Public Comment Session. Public comment was made.

21/04-21 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Anderson, to approve the April 21, 2021, County Board Agenda with the following changes: Addition of C-3 – Recommend Planning Commission to Amend Zoning Ordinance, Agriculture/Residential, Section 6, Campgrounds; and the Removal of F-1 – Carryover Request. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-22 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Warring, to approve the April 7, 2021, County Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-23 Motion by Anderson, seconded by Turnquist, to approve the following Personnel Action Items: to ratify the hire of Dustin Jones, full-time Assistant County Attorney I, effective April 26, 2021; to ratify the hire of Kasey Cesafsky, full-time Office Support Specialist, effective April 26, 2021; to accept the resignation of Eric Nelson, part-time Courthouse Security Officer, effective April 20, 2021; to accept the retirement/resignation of Ann Peterson, full-time Office Support Specialist, effective September 29, 2021; and to accept the retirement/resignation of Karyn Hansen, full-time Social Services Supervisor (Behavioral Health Unit), effective October 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-24 Motion by Warring, seconded by Anderson, to approve the changes to Isanti County Personnel Policy 5 – Overtime. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-25 Motion by Anderson, seconded by Oslund, to approve the following resolutions: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF THE GRANDY-BOCK SNOWMOBILE TRAIL (NORTHERN LITES). BE IT RESOLVED, that Isanti County act as sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources for maintenance and grooming of the Grandy-Bock Snowmobile Trails. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the approval of its application by the State, Isanti County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the referenced project(s) and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Isanti County is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the referenced project(s); further to approve the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF THE MYSTIC TRAILS (MYSTIC RIDERS). BE IT RESOLVED, that Isanti County act as the sponsor for an Application for funding to the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources for maintenance and grooming of the Mystic Trails Snowmobile Trails. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the approval

of its application by the State, Isanti County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the referenced project(s) and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Isanti County is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the referenced project(s) AND FURTHER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF THE CAMBRIDGE, WEBER, STARK TRAIL (CAMBRIDGE DRIFT DUSTERS). BE IT RESOLVED, that Isanti County act as sponsor for an Application for funding to the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources for maintenance and grooming of the Cambridge, Weber, Stark Snowmobile Trails. BE IT RESOLVED, that Isanti County act as the sponsor for an Application for funding to the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources for maintenance and grooming of the Cambridge, Weber, Stark Snowmobile Trails. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the approval of its application by the State, Isanti County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the referenced project(s) and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Isanti County is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the referenced project(s). Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-26 Motion by Warring, seconded by Anderson, to approve the following claims and warrants:

Brock White Company LLC	\$5,195.85	Morris Electronics Inc	\$31,945.72
Cambridge/City of	\$5,472.22	Motorola Solutions Inc	\$8,148.58
Cargill, Inc	\$17,786.99	NeoGov	\$7,715.46
CDW Government Inc	\$7,266.23	Pro-West & Associates	\$5,500.00
Centurylink	\$26,723.78	Schneider Geospatial LLC	\$13,640.00
Contech Engineered Solutions LLC	\$19,609.20	The Masters Touch LLC	\$10,250.73
Loffler Companies - 131511	\$6,177.66	Trail Source	\$24,938.00
		Total Claims & Warrants	\$190,370.42

Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-27 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Anderson, to approve the contract amendment #173134 with the Department of Human Services for Respite Services. Motion carried unanimously.

00o The Board was advised that the number of Income Maintenance cases as shown by the MAXIS system as of March 31, 2021, was 2,301.

21/04-28 On motion by Mike Warring and seconded by Greg Anderson: 1) Approval was given for all public assistance and social service actions, public assistance and social service expenditures, and social welfare expenditures as listed on the agenda of this meeting and as detailed in supporting documents maintained in the Family Services Department and 2) Payment of the following Family Services Department claims for Public Assistance, Administration, and Social Services was approved:

Anoka County Juvenile Center	\$8,512.00	MSOP-MN Sex Offender Prog.	\$12,752.85
Anoka Metro RTC-412/(1)	\$32,666.40	Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing	\$5,657.12
Braham Area Schools Dist 314	\$6,051.25	Nystrom & Associates Ltd	\$12,499.76
Canvas Health	\$49,310.40	Resource Training Solutions	\$13,063.72
Chileda Institute Inc.	\$14,531.56	Rise Incorporated	\$27,191.00
Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer	\$26,976.00	Therapeutic Svcs Agency Inc.	\$6,795.83
Isanti County Family Services	\$5,558.34	Village Ranch Inc	\$5,832.03
Kanabec Co Family Services	\$47,596.80	Woodland Hills	\$31,302.81
Lighthouse Child & Family Svcs	\$6,463.56	Auditors	\$184,643.40
MnCCC Lockbox	\$5,767.00	Total Family Services Vouchers	\$503,171.83

Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-29 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Turnquist, to approve the final plat of Meadowood V, Sections 16 & 21, Township 36, Range 23, Cambridge Township, with the following conditions: 1. The

Meadowood III plat shall be not be recorded, and by the agreement of the applicant, the previous approvals of Meadowood III are hereby vacated. 2. The shared driveway accesses for Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 Block 1 must be constructed prior to recording the final plat. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS

21/04-30 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Anderson, to approve the request of Adam Fussy, 3378 251<sup>st</sup> Lane NW, Isanti, MN 55040, to present a preliminary plat of Chipmunk Meadows. Legal description is Pt SE ¼ of the NE ¼ except S 168' of Section 34, Township 36, Range 24, Springvale Township. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-31 Motion by Warring, seconded by Oslund, to approve the request of Steve Lindell, PO Box 53, Isanti, MN 55040 to present a preliminary plat of Tucker Addition. Legal description is N ½ of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 25, Township 35, Range 23, Isanti Township. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-32 Motion by Warring, seconded by Oslund, to approve the request of Arlen Anderson, 8400 County Road 6 NW, Princeton, MN 55371 and Tillman Infrastructure, 152 W. 57th Street, New York, New York, 10019, for a conditional use permit for a commercial wireless telecommunications tower. Legal description is W ½ of the NE ¼ & E ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 8, Township 36, Range 25, Wyanett Township with the following conditions: 1. The tower will be a maximum height of 325' guyed wire tower and must meet the required setback from the Shoreland District. 2. Must have FAA & FCC approval and licenses. 3. This tower will be engineered to structurally accommodate at least 2 other wireless providers or others with antenna systems for co-location. 4. All ground equipment will be screened from view via fence and evergreen trees around entire fence compound per the submitted landscape plan. 5. A 6' security fence will encompass the tower/ground equipment. 6. Only signage required by the federal, state and county government will be utilized. 7. Construction of the tower will be completed within one year of an issued building permit. 8. The tower will be removed within six months (6) of cessation of operations and removal bond will be submitted to the county prior to the building permit being issued. 9. FAA is requiring that this structure include a light on top of the tower. No other lighting will be placed. 10. This tower is over 300' from any property line and over 2.5x tower height from any road right of ways. 11. Must adhere to the requirements of the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance. 12. The tower will meet the shoreland district setback by moving the tower to the west or lessening the height of the tower. Findings: 1. There is no evidence cell towers diminish property values or impede normal activity of daily living so the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. 2. The property is in the Agriculture/Residential District so the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. 3. A building permit and fencing is required so that adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. 4. The lighting will be an avoidance light at the summit of the tower and the only signs will be the mandated regulatory government signs. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-33 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Warring, to approve the request of Tom and Loretta Fornberg, 28269 Highway 47 NW, Isanti, MN 55040 and Tillman Infrastructure, 152 W. 57th Street, New York, New York, 10019, for a conditional use permit for a commercial wireless telecommunications tower. Legal description is W ½ of the NW ¼ and SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 35, Range 24, Bradford Township with the following conditions: 1. The tower will be a maximum height of 275' guyed wire tower. 2. Must have FAA & FCC approval and licenses. 3. This tower will be engineered to structurally accommodate at least 2 other wireless providers or others with antenna systems for co-location. 4. All ground equipment will be screened from view via fenced and evergreen trees around entire fence compound per the submitted landscape plan. 5. A 6' security fence will encompass the tower/ground

equipment. 6. Only signage required by the federal, state and county government will be utilized. 7. Construction of the tower will be completed within one year of an issued building permit. 8. The tower will be removed within six months (6) of cessation of operations and a removal bond will be submitted to the county prior to the building permit being issued. 9. FAA is requiring that this structure include a light on top of the tower. No other lighting will be placed. 10. This tower is over 300' setback from any property line and over 2.5x the height of the tower from any road right of ways. 11. Must adhere to all requirements of the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance. 12. All required setbacks will be met. Findings: 1. There is no evidence cell towers diminish property values or impede normal activity of daily living so the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. 2. The property is zoned Agriculture/Residential District so the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. 3. A building permit and fencing will be required so that adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. 4. The lighting will be an avoidance light at the summit of the tower and the only signs will be the mandated regulatory government signs. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-34 Motion by Warring, seconded by Anderson, to remove the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to Non-Conforming uses. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-35 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Anderson, to reschedule the Public Hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to Non-Conforming Uses to Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS CONTINUED

21/04-36 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve the request of Reliable Land and Trust, LLC, PO Box 302, Cambridge, MN 55008 & Knife River Corporation, 4787 Shadow Wood Drive NE, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 for an Interim Use Permit for a temporary construction facility associated with road construction or reconstruction project to stockpile millings (recycled asphalt pavement) for a State Highway 95 road project. Legal description is Lot 1 Block 1 West Side Commercial of Section 25, Township 36, Range 25, Wyanett Township with the following conditions: 1. Hours of operation will be Monday – Saturday 6:00 am to 9:00 pm and Saturday 6:00 am to 3:00 pm. No hauling on Sundays. 2. The driveway access will be off State Highway 95. 3. The haul road and site entrances will be watered to control air borne dust. 4. The storage area will be ten areas in size in the Agriculture/Residential District as indicated on their submitted plan. 5. Maximum of 80,000 tons of millings to be stored. 6. Must obtain all necessary permits for state, local and federal licenses and permits prior to construction. 7. No wetlands to be filled onsite. 8. This operation shall minimize any dust, noise or light produced so that it does not unreasonably annoy, injure, or endanger the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of any considerable members of the public. 9. All loads will be required to meet the ton axle weight limit. 10. The haul route will be State Highway 95. 11. Truck hauling signs will be required from both directions on State Highway 95. 12. This Interim Use Permit for this project will start on July 1, 2021 and cease on November 30, 2022. 13. Hauling operations will be from July 1 – November 30. 14. No material will be returned to the site except for topsoil. 15. This stockpile operation shall as much as practical coordinate truck and machinery traffic so that it does not interfere with, obstruct, or render dangerous for passage any public road or highway. 16. The site must be returned to its original state or better within six months of project completion. Findings: 1. This will be a short term project that will not impact the neighboring properties so the interim use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the

immediate vicinity. 2. The property is zoned Agriculture/Residential District with an end date of November 2022 so the establishment of the interim use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominate in the area. 3. The haul route will be State Highway 95 and the haul road and site entrances must be watered to control air borne dust so that adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. 4. The stockpile area will be ten acres in size so that adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. 5. The haul road and site entrances will be watered to control air borne dust and any lighting would be directed downward so that adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odors, fumes, dust, noise and vibration so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-37 Motion by Anderson, seconded by Oslund, to approve the request of Keith & Amanda Johnson, 41639 Jivaro Street NW, Ogilvie, MN 56358, for an interim use permit for an extended home occupation conducted within an accessory structure for a metal/welding repair business. Legal description is the N ½ of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 6, Township 37, Range 24, Maple Ridge Township with the following conditions: 1. This interim use permit is for a welding repair shop. 2. Hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. No Saturday or Sundays. 3. No more than four non family member employees. 4. There will not be any customers on site and not open to the public. 5. One 35 square foot sign per the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance is allowed and if lighted will be placed in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. 6. No outside storage allowed. 7. One accessory building will be utilized for the business. 8. Adequate off street parking shall be provided, but not more than three parked vehicles may be present at one time. 9. Three deliveries/truckloads per week. 10. The principle operator of the home occupation must reside and have homestead status on this parcel. 11. This Interim Use Permit will cease once Keith and Amanda Johnson no longer live on the property and/or the business ceases for one consecutive year. 12. Must meet all local, state and federal regulations. Findings: 1. All business will be conducted inside an closed structure with no outside storage so the interim use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. 2. The property is zoned Agriculture/Residential District with no increased traffic on site so that the establishment of the interim use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. 3. A building permit will be issued so that utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. 4. Not more than three parked vehicles will be parked at one time so that adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. 5. There will be one 35 square feet unlighted sign on the pole type structure so that adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odors, fumes, dust, noise and vibration so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-38 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Warring, to have the Planning Commission review/amend the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance to discuss allowing campgrounds in Section 6, Agriculture/Residential Zoning District as a permitted use activity. Motion carried unanimously.

00o At this time, a Public Hearing was held to consider amending the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance as it relates to the storage of excavation/contractor equipment in a full enclosed building. Julia Lines, County Administrator, read the following Published Notice into the record: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 21, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue Southwest, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008 to amend the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance, Section 6, Agriculture/Residential District, Subdivision 3, Conditional Uses to allow excavation/contractor equipment in a fully enclosed

building. A full copy of this proposed ordinance can be viewed on the county website @ <http://www.co.isanti.mn.us> and/or the County Auditor's Office. By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of March, 2021. Written comment was received.

21/04-39 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to close the Public Hearing (9:51 a.m.). Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-40 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve the amendment to the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance, Section 6, Agriculture/Residential District, Subdivision 3, Conditional Uses to allow excavation/contractor equipment in a fully enclosed building. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-41 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Turnquist, to approve the following Utility Permits: Permit No. 21-04-14: Midcontinent Communications – communication cable on CR 49, from CSAH 9 to 1000' North of 275<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and Permit No. 21-04-15: Connexus Energy – power line on CSAH 7, to serve 25105 Nacre Street NW. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-42 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve all 2021 Equipment Rental Quotes. The selection of rental equipment will be based on cost and availability. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-43 Motion by Anderson, seconded by Warring, to award Contract No. 2103 to RL Larson Excavating Inc, in the amount of \$1,317,804.86. Motion carried unanimously.

21/04-44 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to award Contract No. 2106 to Landwehr Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,435,494.00. Motion carried unanimously.

O0o Lisa Lovering, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Robert Dowd, Communications Sergeant, and Commissioner Susan Morris recognized Dispatchers for National Tele-Communicators Week 2021.

21/04-45 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to adjourn (10:23 a.m.). Motion carried unanimously.

Julia Lines, County Administrator

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Susan Morris, County Board Chairperson

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By: Halee Turner, Administrative Assistant II