



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

Regular Meeting of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 9:15 a.m.
Government Center Board Room

Members Present: Chairperson Mike Warring; Commissioners Alan Duff, Bill Berg, Steve Westerberg, Kristi LaRowe
Members Absent: None
Others Present: C Struss, J Edblad, P Messer, W Seiberlich, T Wentworth, J Bergerson, T Bergloff, D Lakeberg (Reporter: B Stickles and N Hallman)

O0o Chairperson Warring called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

O0o Public Comment Session. Public comment was made.

23/05-01 Motion by Duff, seconded by Berg, to approve the May 2, 2023, County Board Agenda with the addition of Agenda Item A13 – Live Streaming Committee of the Whole Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-02 Motion by Duff, seconded by Westerberg, to approve the April 18, 2023, County Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-03 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Duff, to approve the Contract Amendment between the Department of Human Services and Health and Human Services for Long Term Homeless Supportive Services. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-04 Motion by Berg, seconded by Westerberg, to approve the Contract between Isanti County Health and Human Services Acting as Fiscal Host for AMHI and Department of Human Services, for January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-05 Motion by Duff, seconded by LaRowe, to approve A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO ISANTI COUNTY WHEREAS, it is the policy of Isanti County that gifts and donations to the County shall be accepted by the Board of Commissioners; WHEREAS, various departments and programs within Isanti County have received gifts and donations during the month of April 2023 as follows: Sheriff Department: Cambridge Helios Lodge 273 – Fire Suppression Tool. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby formally accepts these gifts and donations. Upon a vote being taken on this resolution, the following voted: IN FAVOR THEREOF: M Warring, B Berg, S Westerberg, A Duff, K LaRowe OPPOSED: ABSTAINS: ABSENT: Whereupon, the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners on this 2nd day of May, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-06 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Duff, to approve the use of a pre-existing mobile cart to display a Wayfinding Monitor to help direct the public entering the Government Center. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-07 Motion by Berg, seconded by Westerberg, to approve final acceptance of the completed project and authorize final payment in the amount of \$68,333.26 to RL Larson Excavating, Inc. for Contract No. 2103. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-08 Motion by Duff, seconded by LaRowe, to approve Central Mn Dust Control LLC, quote for magnesium chloride application in the amount of \$1.22 per gallon. Approximate number of gallons to be used is 50,000. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-09 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Duff, to approve all 2023 equipment rental quotes and authorize County Engineer to use as needed based on cost and availability (on file). The hourly rates are inclusive of an operator. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-10 Motion by Berg, seconded by Westerberg, to approve the Community Health Board Actions. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-11 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Warring, to approve the following Personnel Action Items: to ratify the hire of Hayden Lee, Seasonal Highway Laborer, effective May 8, 2023; to ratify the hire of Charles Roed, Seasonal Highway Laborer, effective June 12, 2023; to approve the internal promotion of Ross Benzen, full-time Dispatcher, to full-time Communications Sergeant, effective April 11, 2023; to approve the internal promotion of Halee Turner, full-time Child Support Legal Administrative Assistant, to full-time Attorney's Office Supervisor, effective May 22, 2023; to approve the regular full-time status of Talisha Zimmerman, Water Plan Coordinator/Wetland Specialist, effective May 7, 2023; to approve the regular full-time status of Stephen Jorgenson, Courthouse Security Officer, effective May 12, 2023; to approve the regular part-time status of Steven Johnson, Courthouse Security Officer, effective June 2, 2023; to accept the retirement/resignation of Deloris Cleveland, full-time HHS Office Support Specialist, effective May 17, 2023; to accept the termination of Nathan Kiewel, full-time Heavy Equipment Operator, effective April 21, 2023; to accept the resignation of Jacquelyn Kettler, full-time Sheriff Dispatcher, effective April 25, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-12 Motion by Warring, seconded by Berg, to approve the ISANTI COUNTY FIRST AMENDMENT FREEDOM TO READ RESOLUTION WHEREAS, the freedom to read is essential to our democracy and one of the greatest freedoms protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and WHEREAS, *Board of Education v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853 (1982) privacy is essential to the exercise of that freedom, and the right to privacy is the right to open inquiry without having the subject of one's interest examined or scrutinized by others; and WHEREAS, *Lamont v. Post Master General*, 381 U.S. 301 (1965). *"the right to receive publications is a fundamental right."* Some individuals, groups, and public authorities work to remove or limit access to reading materials, to censor content in schools, to label "controversial" views, to distribute lists of "objectionable" books or authors, and to purge materials reflecting the diversity of society; and WHEREAS, *Board of Education v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853 (1982) *The "right to receive ideas is a necessary predicate to the recipient's meaningful exercise of his own rights of speech, press, and political freedom."* Both governmental intimidation and the fear of censorship cause authors who seek to avoid controversy to practice self-censorship, thus limiting access to new ideas, and WHEREAS, Americans can be trusted to evaluate complex and controversial concepts, exercise critical judgement, recognize propaganda and misinformation, make their own decisions about what they read and believe, and exercise the responsibilities that accompany this freedom; and WHEREAS, intellectual freedom is essential to the preservation of a free society and a creative culture; and WHEREAS, conformity limits the range and variety of inquiry and expression on which our democracy and culture depend; and WHEREAS, removing books from public libraries and public schools is the beginning of government censorship and the erosion of our country's commitment to freedom of expression; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners support the right to obtain age appropriate literature in all schools, libraries, and bookstores in our county, and the right for all people to read it freely,

as well as, speak of what they read, now and forever, and be it further RESOLVES, that Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby declares Isanti County, Minnesota, as a “Dedicated First Amendment County.” Upon a vote being taken on this resolution, the following voted: IN FAVOR THEREOF: M Warring, B Berg OPPOSED: A Duff, K LaRowe, S Westerberg ABSTAINS: ABSENT: Motion fails.

23/05-13 Motion by Berg, seconded by Duff, to approve the following Resolutions Sponsoring Isanti County Snowmobile Trails: Resolution Number 2023-002 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF THE CAMBRIDGE/WEBER/STARK/ISANTI SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources administers a Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program and offers grants-in-aid to maintain and groom snowmobile trails; and WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources awards the grants-in-aid to sponsoring local governments; and WHEREAS, Isanti County has historically supported its local snowmobile clubs by serving as a sponsor for the grants-in-aid program; and WHEREAS, the Cambridge Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club maintains and grooms the Cambridge/Weber/Stark/Isanti snowmobile trails. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes acting 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/Isanti snowmobile trails; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator to approve and sign any agreements with the State of Minnesota related to the grants-in-aid program; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to the grants-in-aid; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Isanti County to serve as fiscal agent for the grants-in-aid. Upon a vote being taken on this resolution, the following voted: IN FAVOR THEREOF: Berg, Westerberg, Warring, Duff, LaRowe OPPOSED: ABSTAINS: ABSENT: Whereupon, the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners on this 2nd day of May, 2023; and Resolution Number 2023-003 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF THE GRANDY-BOCK SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources administers a Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program and offers grants-in-aid to maintain and groom snowmobile trails; and WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources awards the grants-in-aid to sponsoring local governments; and WHEREAS, Isanti County has historically supported its local snowmobile clubs by serving as a sponsor for the grants-in-aid program; and WHEREAS, the Northern Lites Snowmobile Club maintains and grooms the Grandy-Bock snowmobile trails. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes acting 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; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator to approve and sign any agreements with the State of Minnesota related to the grants-in-aid program; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to the grants-in-aid; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Isanti County to serve as fiscal agent for the grants-in-aid. Upon a vote being taken on this resolution, the following voted: IN FAVOR THEREOF: Berg, Westerberg, Warring, Duff, LaRowe OPPOSED: ABSTAINS: ABSENT: Whereupon, the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners on this 2nd day of May, 2023; and Resolution Number 2023-004 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF THE MYSTIC TRAILS SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources administers a Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program and offers grants-in-aid to maintain and groom snowmobile trails; and WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources awards the grants-in-aid to sponsoring local governments; and WHEREAS, Isanti County has historically supported its local snowmobile clubs by serving as a sponsor for the grants-in-aid program; and WHEREAS, the Mystic Riders Snowmobile Club maintains and grooms the Mystic Trails snowmobile trails. NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes acting as 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; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator to approve and sign any agreements with the State of Minnesota related to the grants-in-aid program; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to the grants-in-aid; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Isanti County to serve as fiscal agent for the grants-in-aid. Upon a vote being taken on this resolution, the following voted: IN FAVOR THEREOF: Berg, Westerberg, Warring, Duff, LaRowe OPPOSED: ABSTAINS: ABSENT: Whereupon, the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners on this 2nd day of May, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-14 Motion by Duff, seconded by Warring, to approve A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JUSTIN BERGERSON AS COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM WHEREAS, Justin Bergerson has served as County Highway Engineer since 2022 and the Isanti County Board of Commissioners appointed him to his current term until May 2, 2023; and WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 163.07 requires a county to reappoint a County Highway Engineer for a four-year term in May of the year in which the term expires; and WHEREAS, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners desires to reappoint Justin Bergerson as County Highway Engineer. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Justin Bergerson as County Highway Engineer for a four-year term from May 2, 2023 through May 2, 2027. Upon a vote being taken on this resolution, the following voted: IN FAVOR THEREOF: Warring, Berg, Westerberg, Duff, LaRowe OPPOSED: ABSTAINS: ABSENT: Whereupon, the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners on this 2nd day of May, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-15 Motion by Duff, seconded by Westerberg, to approve to submit a letter supporting the changes to the Intrastate Funding Formula Letter to the Minnesota Board on Aging (on file). Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-16 Motion by Warring, seconded by Westerberg, to table the request to set a date for a Public Hearing for a Moratorium on the Sale of Recreational Cannabis until the June 6, 2023 County Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

O0o Commissioner Committee Reports

23/05-17 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by LaRowe, to approve the following utility permits: Permit No. 23-05-17; CSAH 14; East Central Energy - Install a fiber optic line along CSAH 14 from 36203 University Ave NE to the intersection of Spirit River Dr S and Anoka-Ramsey Community College Entrance; Permit No. 23-05-18; CR 32; East Central Energy -Install a fiber optic line along CR 32 from the intersection of CR 32 and CSAH 14 to the intersection of CR 32 and CSAH 1; Permit No. 23-05-19; CSAH 1; East Central Energy - Install a fiber optic line along CSAH 1 from the intersection of CSAH 1 and CR 32 to the intersection of CSAH 1 and 349th Ave NW; Permit No. 23-05-20; CSAH 14; Centerpoint Energy - Install a natural gas service line that services the Cambridge Cove Development along Spruce St N and CSAH 14. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-18 Motion by Berg, seconded by LaRowe, to approve the following Claims & Warrants:

Bjorklund Co LLC	\$5,078.16	Kris Engineering Inc	\$14,849.20
Capital City Glass Inc	\$11,412.89	Laketown Electric Corp	\$27,332.25
DW Companies LLC	\$23,196.50	Red Cedar Steel Erectors	\$5,842.50
Fette Electronics	\$8,078.00	RTL Construction Inc	\$8,944.81

Hansen Surveying	\$5,790.00	Weidner Plumbing & Heating	\$23,779.45
Henkemeyer Coatings Inc	\$14,669.74	Total:	\$148,973.50

Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-19 Motion by Duff, seconded by Berg, to approve to live stream Committee of the Whole meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-20 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Duff, to approve the on-sale intoxicating liquor license with Sunday liquor for World Famous Chicken LLC DBA The Brass Rail. This on-sale license is effective through June 30, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

O0o The Board discussed the bids for the Oakview Remodel Project. The county received the following bids: RAK Construction, Inc. for \$232,269.00 and BJ Baas Builders Inc. for \$213,276.00.

23/05-21 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Duff, to table awarding of the contract for the Oakview Remodel Project until the June 20, 2023 County Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-22 Motion by Duff, seconded by LaRowe, to approve the 2023 contract with Central Applicators to eradicate noxious weeds adjacent to county road right of ways. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-23 Motion by Berg, seconded by Westerberg, to approve the request to submit a letter of certificate of need to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency with the estimated tonnages of waste for years 2023- 2032 (on file). Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-24 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Warring, to adopt the 1W1P (One Watershed One Plan) Snake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-25 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Duff, to approve the final plat for Tucker Meadows. Legal description is the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 12, Township 36, Range 23, Cambridge Township (on file). Motion carried unanimously.

23/05-26 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Warring, to adjourn (11:36 a.m.). Motion carried unanimously.

Chad Struss, Interim County Administrator

Mike Warring, County Board Chairperson

By: Colleen Anderson, Administrative Assistant II