



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, November 1, 2022, at 9:15 a.m.
Government Center Board Room

Members Present: Chairperson Terry Turnquist; Commissioners Dave Oslund, Mike Warring, Greg Anderson, and Susan Morris
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Julia Lines, Jeff Edblad, Jamie High, Chad Struss,
(Reporter: B Stickles and N Hallman)

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

00o Public Comment Session. No public comment was made.

22/11-01 Motion by Warring, seconded by Oslund, to approve the November 1, 2022, County Board Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

22/11-02 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Anderson to approve the October 18, 2022, County Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

22/11-03 Motion by Warring, seconded by Morris, to approve the Community Health Board Actions. Motion carried unanimously.

22/11-04 Motion by Morris, seconded by Oslund, to approve the following PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS: Ratify the hire of Lauren Vreeland, full-time Administrative Assistant Ill-Records/Gun Permits, effective October 24, 2022. Ratify the hire of Talisha Zimmerman, full-time Water Plan Coordinator/Wetland Specialist, effective November 7, 2022. Ratify the hire of Bridget Rossmann, full time Office Support Specialist, effective November 8, 2022. Approve the regular full-time status of Cortney Dingman, Jail Administrator, effective November 2, 2022. Approve the regular full-time status of Denise Tillges, Deputy Auditor I, effective November 9, 2022. Approve the regular full-time status of Brynn Becker, Customer Service Supervisor, effective November 9, 2022. Approve the regular full-time status of Jacob Kimmes, Assistant County Attorney III, effective November 9, 2022. Approve the regular full-time status of Halee Turner, Child Support Legal Administrative Assistant, effective November 11, 2022. Approve the regular full-time status of Evan Molin, Systems Administrator I, effective November 16, 2022. Accept the retirement/resignation of Tim Carlson, full-time Highway Maintenance Superintendent, effective January 17, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

22/11-05 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve the Health Care Savings Plan Resolution for Department Head Group. Isanti County Board of Commissioners Resolution for Authorization of Non-Elected Department Head Group Participation in Health Care Savings Plan WHEREAS, The Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP), administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS), offers Minnesota public employees a tax-free account to be used for reimbursement of eligible post-employment medical expenses; and WHEREAS, Isanti County Board of Commissioners has offered all employee bargaining groups the option of participating in such plan; and, WHEREAS, the County Board recognizing non-contract employees as a bargaining group; and, WHEREAS, the County Board has formed the non-contract employees into three representative groups effective June 1, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, one of the three groups, the Department Head Group, has agreed by a majority vote to participate in a HCSP: and, WHEREAS, the Department Head group has further agreed by a majority vote to approve HCSP contributions of: 50% of the employee's severance pay pursuant to Isanti County Personnel Policy, AND 50% of the employee's unused vacation leave, which specifically excludes sick bank converted hours, AND 1.0% of earnings per pay period for those with years of service 0 through 10 years, 1.5% of earnings per pay period for those with years of services 10 through 15 years (*at the commencement of the 10th year*), 2.0% of earnings per pay period for those with years of service exceeding 15 years (*at the commencement of the 15 year*) AND Employees who are separating from employment due to retirement, and meeting Minnesota PERA criteria for eligibility to retire, shall be eligible to convert ten (10) percent of their accrued sick leave balance of not more than 800 hours into the Employee's Health and Savings Plan. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners authorizes this request by the Department Head group and agrees to comply with all MSRS requirements to implement the HCSP; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Agreement will last from November 1, 2022 to November 1, 2024. However, the Agreement will continue past this date if the Department Head Group does not propose a change. Motion carried unanimously.

22/11-06 Motion by Warring, seconded by Oslund, to approve the Mileage Reimbursement Submission in the amount of \$253,60. Motion carried unanimously.

22/11-07 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Anderson, to approve the following Utility Permit: Permit No. 22-11-67 Connexus Energy - Place a single PH UG electric distribution line at 4 locations along the south side of CR 39. Motion carried unanimously.

00o Commissioners provided various committee reports.

22/11-08 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Morris to approve the following claims and warrants:

Boettcher Excavating	\$5,000.00	Hansen Surveying	\$5,622.00
CircuitWorks	\$10,908.00	Kraus-Anderson Construction Company	\$48,299.48
DW Companies LLC	\$44,792.50	Newman Traffic Signs	\$13,342.28
Ebert Inc	\$23,037.50	Tactical Advantage, LLC	\$8,672.28
Emergency Equipment Connections Inc	\$5,016.98	TRT Excavation	\$5,000.00
Total Claims and Warrants:			\$169,691.67

Motion carried unanimously.

00o Allina Happiness Advantage Update presented by Allina Health Care Workers.

22/11-09 Motion by Morris, seconded by Warring, to approve Operation Green Light. Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans WHEREAS, the residents of Isanti County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and WHEREAS, Isanti County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service;

and WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and WHEREAS, the Isanti County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Isanti County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Isanti County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence. Motion carried unanimously.

22/11-10 Motion by Morris, seconded by Oslund, to approve the repurchase of Diane R Ericson tax forfeited properties identified parcel 13.023.0400 provided the full repurchase amount of \$3,934.80 is paid to the Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer prior to the close of the business day on November 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

22/11-11 Motion by Morris, seconded by Oslund, to adjourn (10:00a.m.). Motion carried unanimously.

Julia Lines, County Administrator

Terry Turnquist, County Board Chairperson

By: Colleen Anderson, Administrative Assistant II