

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled board meeting in Room #705 of the Anoka County Government Center. All members of the board were present. However, due to the Governor's Emergency Executive Order 20-48 relating to COVID-19, and a determination by the board chair that public attendance was not feasible due to the health pandemic, there were no members of the public in the board room where this meeting was held. Notice of this meeting included that monitoring of this meeting by the public could be done through streaming over the internet or by telephone. Public monitoring in this manner was done pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021.

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

May 12, 2020

Chair Schulte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| Present: | District #1 | Matt Look |
| | District #2 | Julie Braastad |
| | District #3 | Robyn West |
| | District #4 | Mandy Meisner |
| | District #5 | Mike Gamache |
| | District #6 | Jeff Reinert |
| | District #7 | Scott Schulte |

Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Tony Palumbo, County Attorney; and staff

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 unanimously.

Commissioner Look made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending April 24, 2020, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending April 24, 2020. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the minutes from the April 28, 2020, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Services Division Manager Cindy Cesare presented information relating to the roles of nurses within Anoka County and recognized staff in attendance.

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Commissioner Schulte offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-56

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IN ANOKA COUNTY
AND THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF NURSES
TO THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, May 6-12, 2020, has been declared as National Nurses Week; and,

WHEREAS, every day, nurses provide quality, compassionate, and critical care to patients during both routine medical visits and in times of great vulnerability, fear, and uncertainty. Over the past weeks and months, as our nurses have worked heroically on the frontlines of the coronavirus response, their contributions to the health and well-being of our citizenry have been exponentially magnified. During National Nurses Week, we honor and celebrate the extraordinary men and women who devote themselves to this vital and noble profession; and,

WHEREAS, nursing is not merely a vocation; it is a special calling to serve others selflessly, particularly in times when help is needed most. Throughout our nation's history, in times of war, natural disaster, medical emergencies, and both epidemics and pandemics, nurses have rushed in - undaunted by danger, personal sacrifice, and discomfort to provide hope, help, and healing to people in need; and,

WHEREAS, rarely has our reliance on nurses been more profoundly evident than during the coronavirus outbreak. In the midst of this crisis, nurses have displayed incredible examples of humanity, selflessness, and sacrifice as they have fought to care for their fellow citizens and save lives. Nationwide, in hospitals, clinics, and other treatment centers where Americans are suffering from the virus, these warriors have steadfastly provided remarkable care and vital assistance to patients. In spite of fatigue and the threat to their own health, nurses soldier on in combat against this invisible enemy. Often the first to treat patients in our hospitals, they provide critical support to doctors, alleviating burdens throughout our healthcare system. They are adaptable and capable of enduring and overcoming unbearable hardship, immeasurable stress, tremendously long hours, and extreme mental and emotional exhaustion so that others may live. Nurses are awe-inspiring and truly worthy of admiration and praise; and,

WHEREAS, nurses reflect the character of America and epitomize the inexhaustible capacity of the human spirit. These remarkable caregivers exhibit professional expertise, selfless dedication, unrelenting advocacy, and unsurpassed mercy, strength, and compassion. The Anoka County Board of Commissioners urges all citizens to join us in offering our wholehearted gratitude, uncompromising support, and utmost respect to these invaluable healthcare professionals:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners would like to honor these professionals for their dedication and service to the county by proclaiming May 6-12, 2020, as National Nurses Week.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Chair Schulte recognized the death of Dr. Joseph Wethington and summarized his many contributions to the county and community, including serving as the Anoka County Medical Examiner from 1967 to 1993.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee report from the meeting of May 4, 2020.

Highway

1. Commissioner Meisner made motion entering into Contract #C0007478, Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Columbia Heights for City Project 1903 (a sub-project of the 2019 County-Wide Overlay Program, Project #19-01-00), to construct a new watermain under 49th Avenue NE between 7th Street and Washington Street, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Transportation Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Look presented the Finance and Capital Improvements Committee Chair report.

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

RESOLUTION #2020-57

**DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA,
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS
OF TAX-EXEMPT BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued Treasury Regulations, Section 1.150-2, as the same may be amended or supplemented (the “Reimbursement Regulations”), that establish the requirements under which an allocation of a portion of the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, as defined in Section 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), to an expenditure that is originally paid from a source other than such tax-exempt bonds will be treated as an expenditure of the proceeds of such tax-exempt bonds on the date of such allocation; and,

WHEREAS, the Reimbursement Regulations require that (i) not later than sixty (60) days after payment of the original expenditure, the issuer of the tax-exempt bonds adopt an official intent for the original expenditure (in any reasonable form, including issuer resolution or action by an appropriate representative of the issuer), (ii) the official intent generally describes the project for which the original expenditure is paid and states the maximum principal amount of obligations expected to be issued for the project, and (iii) on the date of the declaration of official intent, the issuer must have a reasonable expectation that it will reimburse the original expenditure with proceeds of the tax-exempt bonds; and,

WHEREAS, the original expenditure must be a capital expenditure or a cost of issuance for the tax-exempt bonds, and the reimbursement allocation (except with respect to (i) costs of issuance; (ii) amounts not in excess of the lesser of \$100,000 or five percent of the proceeds of the tax-exempt bonds, and (iii) preliminary expenditures (as defined in Section 1.150-2(f)(2) of the Reimbursement Regulations) not in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate issue price of the tax-exempt bonds), must be made not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the original expenditure is paid, or (ii) the date the project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County, Minnesota, a county and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (the “County”), expects to incur certain expenditures that may be financed temporarily from sources other than tax-exempt bonds and other obligations, and reimbursed from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds or other obligations; and,

WHEREAS, the County expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds or other obligations expected to be issued to finance the project (as hereinafter defined); and,

WHEREAS, the County has determined to make this declaration of official intent (the “Declaration”) to reimburse certain costs from proceeds of tax-exempt bonds or other obligations in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Anoka County, Minnesota, as follows:

1. The County has duly adopted or will adopt a five-year capital improvement plan (the “Plan”) for the County in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40, as amended (the “Act”), that identifies a specific capital improvement project (the Project”) that is proposed to be financed with proceeds of general obligation indebtedness of the County issued under the provisions of the Act. The Project consists of improvements at Bunker Hills Regional Park located in the County, mainly for the Bunker Beach Water Park, including the replacement of a wave pool, upgrades to bathroom facilities and maintenance facilities, and general improvements to other amenities within the water park.

2. The County reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the Project from the proceeds of general obligation bonds of the County in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$5,500,000. All reimbursed expenditures will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the tax-exempt bonds or other obligations, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.

3. This Declaration has been made not later than sixty (60) days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds or other obligations, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of bonds or other obligations; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of \$100,000 or five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the issue of bonds or other obligations; or (c) “preliminary expenditures” up to an amount not in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate issue price of the issue or issues that finance or are reasonably expected by the County to finance the project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred. The term “preliminary expenditures” includes architectural, engineering, surveying, soil testing bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of a project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

4. This Declaration is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent for purposes of the Reimbursement Regulations and any successor law, regulation, or ruling.

Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Look, Meisner, Gamache, Reinert, and Schulte voted “yes.” Commissioners Braastad and West voted “no.” Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Intergovernmental and Community Relations Committee Chair report.

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving Contract #C0007866, Professional Services Agreement with Downs-LeSage Funeral Home, for a term of June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2022, with a monthly fee of \$1,000, and an option to extend the contract, by 2-year increments, a maximum of two times, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality (Contract is on file in the Medical Examiner’s Office.). Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee Chair report.

1. Commissioner Meisner made motion awarding Contract #C0007777 to the lowest responsible bidder, Peterson Companies, Inc, from Chisago City, MN, in the amount of \$482,153.25 for the Islands of Peace Trail Improvement Project, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-58

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICATION FOR REGIONAL PARKS SYSTEM ADDITIONS**

WHEREAS, Anoka County (the “County”) through its Parks Department, provides for the maintenance and development of open space recreational facilities and trails within the county parks system, which includes partnership with the Metropolitan Council (“Met Council”) in its planning for the Regional Parks System; and,

WHEREAS, the Met Council’s updated 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan (the “Plan”) committed the Met Council to convene a region-wide discussion about system additions; and,

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists for the County to request two additions to the Plan: (1) to allow Coon Lake County Park be classified as a Regional Park within the system, and (2) to combine three existing parks: Rum River North, Central, and South, into a Regional Park (RP) within the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the first request for Coon Lake County Park to be classified as a Regional Park is supported by the regional draw of Coon Lake, its beach, boat launch, and picnic areas, which attract visitors within the northwest section of Anoka, Washington, Chisago and Isanti Counties. Coon Lake offers a diversity of nature-based resources, including, Coon Lake (a 1500-acre recreation and fishing lake), wetlands, prairie, and woodlands. The existing park is over 110 acres, which meets criteria for a Regional Park, and has potential expansion for up to 150 acres; and,

WHEREAS, the second request to create Rum River Regional Park, would combine Rum River North and Rum River South with Rum River Central to create Rum River Regional Park linked via the Rum River water trail. The Rum River is a regional draw for the County and by creating a RP, it would allow the County to increase access to the river, its resources, and recreational opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the County supports the Parks Department’s application to Met Council, and the requested additions to the Plan:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Parks Department to submit an application to the Metropolitan Council for the above-described additions to its Regional Parks System Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Metropolitan Council and to Anoka County Parks.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

3. Commissioner Gamache made motion awarding Contract #C0007923 for the purchase and removal of the single-family residence with attached garage located within Rum River Central Regional Park to Lisa and Collin Minshull in the amount of \$16,632.00, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Meisner offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-59

**APPROVING ANOKA COUNTY'S 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
INCLUDES 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM AND
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH GRANT REQUEST
TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, Anoka County is an Entitlement County that includes the Entitlement Community of Coon Rapids for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County is entitled to HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding through its participation in the Dakota County HOME Consortium with the cities of Coon Rapids and Woodbury and the counties of Anoka, Dakota and Suburban Ramsey; and,

WHEREAS, each Entitlement Community is required to adopt a Consolidated Plan that establishes priorities for the use of CDBG and HOME funds; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed projects in the 2020 Annual Action Plan are eligible projects and are priorities identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the application process for CDBG and HOME funds requires the submission of an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Annual Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan requires a thirty-day public notice and public hearing before approval; and,

WHEREAS, the required public hearings were held on March 10, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. during the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board meeting in Room 705 of the Anoka County Government Center, 2100 Third Avenue, Anoka, Minnesota; and at 9:00 a.m. during the April 21, 2020 Dakota County Board meeting in the county board room of the Dakota County Administration Center, 1590 West Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota and the Anoka County public comment period for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY20 Annual Action Plan was held from March 13, 2020 through April 13, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, seven oral comments were received at the public hearing and three written comments were received during the 30-day public comment period and considered during the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, receipt of the CDBG funds will require execution of a grant agreement between Anoka County and HUD:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Anoka County, that the Anoka County 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan for the CDBG and HOME programs are approved for submission to HUD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board Chair or her/his designee is authorized to execute and submit the Application for Assistance and Certifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Administrator or the Executive Director of the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority are hereby designated as the certifying officers for the environmental reviews.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair or her/his designee is authorized to execute the Fiscal Year 2020 CDBG Agreement with HUD for the acceptance of the CDBG funds upon final receipt of the

documents and the Fiscal Year 2020 HOME Agreement with Dakota County Community Development Agency for the acceptance of the HOME funds upon final receipt of the documents.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Director of Community and Governmental Relations is authorized to execute agreements and/or contracts with cities and agencies receiving CDBG and HOME funding.

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

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:07 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.