

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**COUNTY OF SCOTT****MARCH 31, 2020**

(1) The Board of Commissioners, in and for the County of Scott, Minnesota, met in the Courthouse Board Room in the City of Shakopee, Minnesota, and convened at 9:00 a.m., with the following members present: Commissioner Beer, presiding, Commissioner Weckman Brekke, and Commissioner Wolf. Commissioner Beard and Commissioner Ulrich participated via phone. Chair Beer announced all votes will be by roll call vote.

(2) County Staff Present:

- A. Lezlie Vermillion, County Administrator
- B. Ron Hocevar, County Attorney
- C. Scott Haas, Sheriff's Captain
- D. Luke Hennen, Sheriff
- E. Cindy Geis, Community Services Director
- F. Perry Mulcrone, Business Relationship Director
- G. Lisa Brodsky, Public Health Director
- H. Tracy Cervenka, Acting Deputy Clerk to the Board

(3) Guests Present:

- A. Dr. Michael Wilcox, Scott County Medical Director
- B. Steve Herman, Access Networks, Inc.

(4) Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, the Minutes of March 17, 2020 were approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

(5) Communication: We will always be clear about what we're doing and why we're doing it:

A. Public Health Director Lisa Brodsky, Sheriff's Captain Scott Haas, and Scott County Medical Director Dr. Michael Wilcox presented a COVID-19 update. The presentation included updates on:

- International, national, and state statistics; and
- The work being done in the areas of local containment, support, and assessing community impact; and
- The County's emergency operations response and actions to combat COVID-19; and
- Medical research for testing and treatment of COVID-19; and
- Alternate care facilities.

Chair Beer recessed the meeting at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

B. Employee Relations Director Lori Huss presented information on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) which was signed by President Trump on March 18, 2020. FFCRA assists employees affected by the COVID-19 outbreak with job protection and paid leave in the areas of the Family Medical Leave Act and Emergency Paid Sick Leave and is effective for leaves April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Ms. Huss reported Scott County policy will be amended, effective April 1, 2020, to comply with the new regulations.

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C. County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion requested approval of the Operational Service Plans (Plans) for County operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plans, prepared by all County Divisions, are consistent with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidance for social distancing and protective gear, include specific critical services and priorities for service if there is a heavy absenteeism among the employees, and identify any technological or equipment needs. The Plans also identify minimum staffing needs for normal operations down to critical only functions and current staff trained to perform functions as well as back up plans if an emergency arises.

Commissioner Wolf moved, seconded by Commissioner Weckman Brekke to adopt Resolution No. 2020-053; Approving the Operational Service Plans for County Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

D. Ms. Vermillion reported County buildings were closed to the public on March 17, 2020 until April 1, 2020 to provide time to rework service delivery plans. She recommended that the proposed service plans and closure of the facilities stay in effect until May 3. This would be consistent with the Governor's message to social distance and no grouping of people until May 1.

Commissioner Wolf moved, seconded by Commissioner Weckman Brekke to adopt Resolution No. 2020-054; Authorizing the Continued Closure of County Buildings to Public Access Until at Least May 3, 2020 Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

E. Community Services Director Cindy Geis requested authorization to enter into an Agreement with Access Networks, Inc. to construct equipment on existing towers which would provide improved internet service to the unserved or underserved areas in Louisville, New Market, and Spring Lake Townships. The COVID-19 emergency has created an immediate need for the County fiber network to increase its capability to support schools and businesses as their operational models have changed.

Ms. Geis explained the cost for each tower is \$105,000 which will be split three ways among the County, Township, and provider. If any Township does not agree to cost share, the proposal for their community would not move forward. It was noted this proposal will be presented at upcoming Town Board meetings and at this time no Town Board has made a commitment. It was also noted no Township is being forced into an agreement.

Commissioner Weckman Brekke moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to adopt Resolution No. 2020-055; Authorizing Entering Into an Agreement With Access Networks Inc. to Construct Equipment on Existing Towers. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

F. Commissioner Beard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to postpone a public hearing set for April 7, 2020 at 9:15 a.m. to consider adoption of the Scott County Public Health Nuisance Ordinance No. 31. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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(6) Committee Reports and Commissioner Updates:

A. The Commissioners all stated they have had several calls, emails, conference calls, and webinars with residents and various entities since the last County Board meeting.

B. The Commissioners all stated they had several meetings which were cancelled or postponed.

C. Commissioner Weckman Brekke participated in the State Community Health Advisory Committee teleconference meeting on March 20.

D. Commissioner Weckman Brekke participated in the Together We Can Steering Committee teleconference meeting on March 26.

E. Commissioner Weckman Brekke had numerous conversations with citizens and providers regarding the broadband issue.

F. Commissioner Wolf participated in the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District teleconference meeting on March 25.

G. Commissioner Wolf participated in the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board teleconference meeting on March 26.

H. Commissioner Wolf participated in the Elko New Market City Council teleconference meeting on March 26.

I. Commissioner Wolf noted road projects are continuing in Scott County.

J. Commissioner Beard participated in the Minnesota Transportation Alliance teleconference meeting on March 30.

K. Commissioner Ulrich participated in the Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board teleconference meeting on March 18.

L. The Commissioners commended County leadership and staff for their collaboration and for going above and beyond during this emergency.

(7) County Administrator Update:

- The next County Board meeting is April 7.

(8) County Attorney Update:

- County Attorney Ron Hocevar recognized Assistance County Attorney Jeanne Andersen for her work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

David Beer
Chair

Lezlie A. Vermillion
County Administrator
Clerk of the Board

Tracy A. Cervenka
Acting Deputy Clerk to the Board