

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, July 5, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 7, by Chair Ron Staples. Members in attendance were Ennen, Kopitzke, Wiese, Wohlers and Staples.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Ennen moved to approve the agenda with two additions. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Wohlers moved to approve minutes, with changes, of the 6/21/22 regular board meeting. Commissioner Wiese seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment.

Having none, Auditor/Treasurer Stephanie Buss presented the Auditor's Warrants for the 6/22/22 and 06/29/22 time periods for review. Buss fielded questions.

County Administrator Rebecca Young presented on behalf of Human Resources Coordinator Jan Gomer staffing updates. Young requested approval for change to an employment status. Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to approve employment status of full-time Dispatch/Jailer Sarah Payne to intermittent part-time, effective 7/11/22. Commissioner Wiese seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Ennen motioned to backfill full-time Dispatch/Jailer. Commissioner Wohlers seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Young requested approval to accept resignation from Ann Streed. Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to accept resignation from Ann Streed, Social Worker, effective July 22, 2022. Commissioner Ennen seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Wiese motioned to backfill Social Worker. Commissioner Wohlers seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Young requested approval to accept resignation from Elbe Ranum. Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to accept resignation from Ellie Ranum, Child Protection Social Worker effective July 22, 2022. Commissioner Wohlers seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Wiese motioned to backfill Social Worker. Commissioner Wohlers seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

County Engineer Todd Larson gave an update on maintenance, engineering, and administration.

Larson presented the Stevens County Highway Department Title VI and Non-Discrimination Implementation Plan for approval. Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to approve the Plan as presented. Commissioner Wiese seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Rebecca Lynn Peterson, Director for Development and Jill Amundson from West Central Initiative gave a 2021 annual report. WCI provided updates on services and community investments in the region and Stevens County specifically.

Planning and Zoning Director Bill Kleindl presented an Interim Use Permit for approval. On June 20, 2022 the Planning Commission reviewed an IUP application from Byron and Amy Wulf to excavate gravel from approximately 7 acres. The Planning Commission recommends the County Board approve the request with conditions. Commissioner Ennen motioned to approve the IUP as presented by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

County Administrator Rebecca Young requested approval to seek mediation through resolution supporting PrimeWest. Commissioner Ennen motioned to approve seeking mediation through resolution supporting PrimeWest as sole provider. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Young gave an update on both the daycare grant and ARPA Budget.

Young gave an update on FEMA Floodplain response.

Commissioners were provided an opportunity to update on assigned committee activities.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. on a motion by Wohlers, second by Kopitzke and all members voting aye.


Rebecca Young, County Administrator


Ronald Staples, Chair