

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
February 21, 2023

Minutes of the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners held at the Courthouse, Breckenridge, Minnesota, on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. All Commissioners were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Board Chair Hovland called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Larson, seconded by Busko and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved with additions.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Klindt, seconded by Green and unanimously carried, the consent agenda items were approved as follows:

1. February 14, 2023, Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes
2. Warrants and bills for February 21, 2023 (Exhibit A)
3. County issued credit card request for Joseph Glasrud
4. 2023-2024 Department of Human Services Community Support Grant in the amount of \$94,020.00

APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER PER DIEMS

On a motion by Klindt, seconded by Busko and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following per diems to-wit:

Rick Busko	\$ 675.00
Jonathan Green	\$ 300.00
Lyle Hovland	\$ 525.00
Eric Klindt	\$ 825.00
Dennis Larson	\$ 300.00

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA DISCUSSION

There was discussion regarding who is allowed to address the Board of Commissioners during the meeting and whether or not to add a public comment period. There will be no changes at this time and those that would like to address the Board of Commissioners should request to be added to the agenda.

FIREFIGHTING FOAM LITIGATION

Joseph Glasrud, County Attorney, shared that some local governments are addressing a nationwide firefighting foam litigation. Potential costs for local governments are health implications and environmental remediation. Glasrud will research potential liability for the County.

LIFESAVING AWARD PRESENTATION

Aaron Wood, Jail Administrator, and Tony Harris, Sheriff, presented Correctional Officer, Alex Jaroszewski, with a lifesaving award for his actions in preventing an inmate suicide on January 11, 2023, in the Wilkin County Jail.

BOIS DE SIOUX WILKIN COUNTY SUB DITCH #1

Jamie Beyer, Bois de Sioux Watershed District Administrator, presented information regarding the improvement of Wilkin County Sub-ditch #1. There is support for this project from the landowners. The Board of Commissioners would support the issuance of drainage bonds for this project.

PUBLICATION OF SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

On a motion by Green, seconded by Busko and unanimously carried, the publication of summary Board of Commissioners meeting minutes was approved.

FILLING OF VACANT DEPUTY AUDITOR-TREASURER POSITION APPROVED

On a motion by Klindt, seconded by Green and unanimously carried, the Board approved filling a vacant, budgeted Deputy Auditor-Treasurer position.

ELITE HEATING AND AIR PRESENTS LEC HEAT PUMP PROPOSAL

Steve Hutcherson, Elite Heating and Air, presented a proposal for the replacement of heat pumps in the Law Enforcement Center.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Becky Tripp, Health and Human Services Director, provided a monthly department report and introduced new employees, Brandon Henn and Tracy Davis.

REQUEST TO ATTEND OUT OF STATE CONFERENCE APPROVED

Becky Tripp, Health and Human Services Director, applied for and received \$2,000.00 to attend the 2023 NACCHO Annual Conference. On a motion by Klindt, seconded by Larson and unanimously carried, the Board approved Trip to attend the out of state NAACHO Annual Conference in Denver, CO.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS GRANT APPROVED

On a motion by Klindt, seconded by Busko and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2023

WHEREAS, Red River Communications plans to bring fiber broad service to an underserved area in Wilkin County; and

WHEREAS, businesses and residents of rural Wilkin County are currently only served broadband access by an out-of-state local exchange carrier that has chosen not to invest in the infrastructure necessary for our rural residents' current and future demands; and

WHEREAS, Red River Communications is applying for the Border-to-Border grant to fund a project to install fiber-optic infrastructure to provide the same reliable high-speed internet services as the rest of Wilkin County; and

WHEREAS, Wilkin County faces a deep digital divide, our rural residents' ability to consider and implement educational and economic development programs mustn't be limited. With broadband access, these residents and business owners can connect to virtual education, telehealth appointments, precision ag farming, and advanced economic development within the area; and

WHEREAS, Broadband access through Red River Communications will also allow our rural communities to attract outside companies to the region, expanding job opportunities and enticing young professionals.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Wilkin County agrees to support Red River Communications Border-to-Border grant application.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that Wilkin County will support Red River Communications for the expansion of its fiber optic infrastructure within Wilkin County up to a total amount of \$10,000.00, or \$5,000.00 for each application, to be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Adopted this 21st day of February, 2023.

Lyle Hovland
Board Chair

Attest: _____
Janelle Krump
County Auditor-Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

- Commissioner Busko reported that he will be attending the next Breckenridge City Council meeting to get an update on the closing of Bruder’s Butcher.
- Commissioner Klindt reported on Bois de Sioux meetings and his observation of the LEC heatpumps.
- Commissioner Green gave an update from the Opioid Committee meeting he attended.
- Commissioner Larson reported about the children’s pre-placement meeting that he attended.
- Commissioner Hovland gave an update on the Wolverton City Council meeting and their progress with the FM Diversion and future planning

RESOLUTION TO COMMITTING FUNDS TO RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS IF GRANT APPROVED

On a motion by Klindt, seconded by Larson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution:

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF APPLICANT

BE IT RESOLVED that Red River Communication act as the legal sponsor for project(s) contained in the Broadband Development Grant Program to be submitted on March 2, 2023, and that Wilkin County Board of Commissioners Chair is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding of this project on behalf of Red River Communication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Red River Communication has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sources and amounts of the local match identified in the application are committed to the project identified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Red River Communication has not violated any Federal, State or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the State, Red River Communication may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project(s), and that Red River Communication certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulation as stated in all contract agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the undersigned is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the Wilkin County Board of Commissioners of Red River Communication on 2/21/2023.

SIGNED:

WITNESSED:

Lyle Hovland

Janelle Krump

Board Chair – 2/21/2022

Auditor-Treasurer – 2/21/22023

With no further business before the Commission at this regular meeting and the next regular meeting date set for March 14, 2023, in the Commissioners Room at 1:00 P.M., Commissioner Hovland adjourned the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

Lyle Hovland
Vice Board Chair

Attest: _____
Janelle Krump
County Auditor-Treasurer
(Seal)

Exhibit A
Warrants and Bills

Per Minn. Stat. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000 or less were 190, amounting to \$79,320.60.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.	14,086.65	Mn County Attorneys Assn	2,326.00
Association Of MN Counties	6,541.00	Mn Human Services	13,587.35
Auto-Owners Insurance	2,333.00	Mn Human Services	5,185.71
BAYCOM, Inc.	2,991.00	Mn Human Services-Ccddf	2,061.22
Breckenridge Senior Citizen Center	3,000.00	Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc.	447,283.22
Ccri, Inc.	9,313.75	Nelson International	5,477.77
CDW Government	8,423.34	Nexus-Kindred Family Healing	12,258.95
CDW Government	8,210.65	NORTH HOMES, INC.	13,120.12
Counties Providing Technology	6,879.00	Olson Oil Company, Inc	6,766.84
CW Valley Co-Op	3,939.91	Otter Tail County Treasurer	10,988.30
Daily News	6,486.00	Pedersen Funeral Home	3,000.00
David Drown Associates, Inc.	10,000.00	Presbyterian Family Foundation, Inc.	4,755.20
Farmers Union Oil Of Southern	10,626.92	Ramsey County	3,695.00
Fastenal Company	2,609.93	RDO Equipment Co.	18,086.71
Interstate Engineering, Inc	52,241.83	Royal Tire, Inc.	2,647.49
L & O Acres Transport, Inc.	2,992.50	Rural Mn Cep Inc.	7,885.85
Lake Agassiz Regional Library	14,597.50	Saltus Technologies, LLC	15,408.00
Lakes & Prairies Comm Action Ptrn Inc.	3,422.00	Summerville Electric, Inc	2,401.64
Liberty Tire Services, Llc	4,242.92	Summit Food Service, LLC	10,196.08
Lutheran Social Services Of Minnesota	6,320.13	Todd's Welding Shop, Inc	3,075.63
Mckesson Medical-Surgical Government	2,242.26	Top 20 Training, LLC	4,492.70
MEnD Correctional Care, PLLC	3,448.86	Wahp Breck Taxi	6,120.00
Minnesota Sheriff's Association	4,487.83	Wilkin County Public Health	3,772.77