

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SESSION HELD April 11, 2023  
9:00 AM WINONA COUNTY BOARD ROOM**

The Winona County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners Room on the above date with Commissioner Marcia Ward; Commissioner Greg Olson; Commissioner Chris Meyer; County Administrator Maureen Holte, County Attorney Karin Sonneman; Finance Director Pat Moga; Health and Human Services Director Karen Sanness; Information Technology Director Chad Lang; Operations Analyst Joe Gudmundson; Planning and Environmental Services Director Kay Qualley; Zoning Administrator Eric Johnson; Auditor-Treasurer Chelsi Wilbright; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Public comments were heard from Lawrence Stoos, regarding the CUP for the Hermits of St. Mary of Carmel; Amy Cordry, 26006 County Rd 9, regarding the manure digester project.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the County Board minutes dated March 28, 2023. Vote: Yes – 3.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the Closed Session minutes dated March 28, 2023. Vote: Yes – 3.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to acknowledge the Board of Adjustment minutes dated February 16, 2023. Vote: Yes – 3.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to acknowledge the Planning Commission minutes dated February 16, 2023. Vote: Yes – 3.

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the amended agenda by moving Consent Business item 6.5 to General Business item 7.0. Vote: Yes – 3.

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the following Consent Business items:

Approve Conditional Use Permit for Hermits of St. Mary of Carmel Hermitage.

Approve Interim Use Permit for Brandon and Nicole Hammann.

Approve Professional Service Agreement with Amber Converse for WIC Services.

Approve Lease Agreement for Trimble R12 GPS Survey Equipment.

Approve Resolution for Regional Transit Support.

**RESOLUTION #2023-13**

Support SF3078 Amendment for Appropriation; Transportation Management Organization Development

WHEREAS, \$350,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation for grants to the city of Chatfield to develop a Transportation Management Organization (TMO) in southeastern Minnesota. The commissioner must not retain any portion of this appropriation. Funds under this section are available for developing a comprehensive assessment and financial plan for a transportation management organization in the counties of Rice, Goodhue, Dodge, Steele, Wabasha, Olmsted, Winona, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore, and Houston. From funds under this section, the study must assess how the transportation management organization can develop resources to meet the region's growing and changing transportation needs and prioritize

transportation-related challenges that affect the region's workforce, access to health care and postsecondary education, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, southeast Minnesota lost key transit services in the region during the recent pandemic; and

WHEREAS, communities in southeast Minnesota are highly interconnected by jobs, higher education, medical services, and other activities that require travel; and

WHEREAS, communities in southeast Minnesota wish to build on and advance the region's current transit systems, services, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, cities have identified the need for southeast Minnesota to affirm the TMO approach meets regional needs and priorities, by including major employers, post-secondary commuter-based education, healthcare insurers and providers, elected officials, and transportation providers; and

WHEREAS, planning for a TMO requires a detailed financial plan for a three-year start-up implementation phase, including specific public and private funding sources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Winona supports the appropriation request stated above for the purpose of creating a study and plan of a Regional Transit Management Organization for southeastern Minnesota.

Adopted in Winona, Minnesota this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

Confirmed Payment of Disbursements.

<b>03/22/23 - 04/04/23</b>		
<b>Fund</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 316,447.72</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Recycling &amp; Solid Waste Fund</b>	<b>\$ 94,557.79</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Road and Bridge</b>	<b>\$ 207,672.58</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Transportation Sales Tax</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>	<b>\$ 364,250.00</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>CLFRF (Coronavirus) #21.027</b>	<b>\$ 45,173.01</b>
<b>76</b>	<b>Employee Benefit</b>	<b>\$ 80,806.53</b>
<b>82</b>	<b>Misc Taxes Fund</b>	<b>\$ 186,979.13</b>
<b>83</b>	<b>State Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$ 15,777.98</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,312,064.74</b>

339 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000  
totaling \$134,428.21

Vote: Yes – 3.

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to Approve Supervisor Association Amendment 2023-2024. Vote: Yes – 2; No – 1 (Ward). Motion failed due to lack of majority of the Board voting in favor. Will bring before the Board at the April 25, 2023 County Board meeting.

Received Presentation from Crime Victim Services Office from Victim Services Coordinator, Kelly A. Wooden. On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to Approve Resolution Proclaiming National Crime Victims' Rights Week - April 23-29, 2023. Vote: Yes – 3.

**RESOLUTION #2023-14**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week – April 23-29, 2023

WHEREAS, the term “victim” is more than just a label and has legal standing and protections that go along with it; and

WHEREAS, crime victims' rights acts passed here in Minnesota and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate and use their voice in the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights; and

WHEREAS, the right to provide an impact statement ensures that victims' voices are considered in court during the sentencing and, when applicable, restitution processes; and

WHEREAS, including and elevating the voices of survivors makes certain they are heard and seen and creates a path to forging and sustaining community trust; and

WHEREAS, engaging survivors creates responses and services that are credible, meaningful, and centered on individual needs; and

WHEREAS, survivors' lived experience can serve as a catalyst for implementing innovative programs, shifting existing programs in new directions, and changing policies or practices that prevent survivors from accessing services or pursuing justice; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change. – and calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and commit to creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported; and

WHEREAS, the Winona County Crime Victim Services Office of the Winona County Attorney's Office is dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors and creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Winona County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23–29, 2023, as Crime Victims' Rights Week reaffirming Winona County, Minnesota's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

Adopted in Winona, Minnesota this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

Received Presentation from Sexual Assault Interagency Council from Victim Services Coordinator Kelly A. Wooden and Family and Children's Center Coordinator Danielle Swedburg. On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Approve Resolution Proclaiming April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Vote: Yes – 3.

**RESOLUTION #2023-15**

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation April 2023

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is more prevalent than most people think and impacts every person in the community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities about how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year’s SAAM campaign is “Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity.” The campaign calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change the systems surrounding us to build equity and respect within the community, workplace, and the future our youth hold; and

WHEREAS, April 2023 marks the official 22nd anniversary of SAAM, but even before its official declaration, SAAM was about both awareness and prevention of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. The two goals work in tandem. These two goals of awareness and prevention raise visibility about sexual assault and share how it can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, the Winona County Sexual Assault Interagency Council (SAIC) is comprised of various agencies who respond to incidents of sexual assault. These agencies include law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, human and social service professionals, victim advocates, medical staff, and local university staff. SAIC strives to improve the criminal justice system's response to sexual assault and by doing so incorporates the goals of SAAM in SAIC’s mission which is to coordinate an effective interagency and community response to sexual assault, serving all victims and seeking justice; and

WHEREAS, during SAAM and throughout the entire year and into the future, individuals and communities can stop sexual assault before it happens by changing behaviors and promoting respect toward all individuals.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Winona County Board of Commissioners, join communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence and proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, noting that each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

Adopted in Winona, Minnesota this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to adjourn the County Board meeting at 9:38 a.m. Vote: Yes – 3.

**WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Chris M. Meyer  
Board Chair

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Maureen L. Holte, County Administrator