

Public Notices

SUMMARY OF PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF WADENA COUNTY BOARD ADJOURNED MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2019 PER MN STATUTE 372.12 "PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS"

Board Meeting of April 2, 2019, Small Courtroom, Wadena County Courthouse, 415 South Jefferson Street, Wadena Minnesota. Present: Commissioners Bill Stearns, Chuck Horsager, Sheldon Monson, Jon Kangas and Jim Hofer, County Coordinator/Engineer Ryan Odden, Auditor/Treasurer Heather Olson, IT Director David Hotchkiss, Planning and Zoning Director Deana Malone, Chief Deputy Joe Schoon, Katie Heppner, Review Messenger reporter Matthew Johnson, Wadena Pioneer Journal reporter Michael Johnson, Independent News Herald reporter Trinity Gruenberg, Monson/Horsager to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Kangas/Hofer to approve the following consent agenda items: Approve the minutes from 3-12-19 meeting. Approve the renewal of the Liquor License for Wahoo Valley Bar and Grill LLC. Accept the Planning Commission Minutes from 3-21-19. Acknowledge the receipt of a letter from MN Department of Human Services on the 2018 Financial Reporting by Wadena County stating that all reports were received on time. Review the County Single Audit Reports for 2017 by Minnesota Department of Human Services found the reports acceptable. Review the Decision on the Conditional Use Permit Lawsuit with Randy and Tami Wenthold. Make the correction to typo in the 12-18-19 minutes that changes the compensation to the board chairperson from \$1,491.00 to \$1,471.00 per year. Motion carried unanimously. Hofer/Monson to approve the Certificate of Support for the application for USDA funds to construct a healthcare facility. Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Kangas to pass the following resolution: WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2019 AMC Transportation Funding Resolution WHEREAS Minnesota Counties maintain 30,742 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) roads and 14,141 miles of county roads, totaling over 30% of the state's roadways, and WHEREAS the total annual need is \$1.084 billion over the next 25 years to maintain the current CSAH and county road system, not including expansion; and WHEREAS the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and WHEREAS a comprehensive and sustainable transportation solution should include robust funding for roads, bridges, and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state; and WHEREAS increased funding for Minnesota's Highway User Tax Distribution Fund would provide additional, stable funds for MnDOT, all 87 counties, all cities with a population of 5,000 or more, and townships across the state; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wadena County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system. CERTIFICATION I, Ryan Odden, County Coordinator of the County of Wadena, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Wadena County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 2nd day of April, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. Hofer/Monson to pass the following resolution: Wadena County Board of Commissioners A Resolution Establishing a Conditional Use WHEREAS, Aaron and Brenda Simi have made an application for Conditional Use to allow a mobile home as a second dwelling on a non-farm property of less than 20 acres for an immediate family member on their property located in Section 23, Township 138 North, Range 33 West, Blueberry Township, described as the E1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4 less W 250; located in an A-1 Transitional Agriculture District, and having PID# 02-023-3060; and WHEREAS, this use may be allowed in the specified Zoning District as a Conditional Use according to Section 6, C. of the Wadena County Zoning Ordinance #1; and WHEREAS, fully noticed Public Hearing was held on the application on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at the Wadena County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m., and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did due diligence in hearing the application and have made a recommendation to the Wadena County Board of Commissioners to approve the application with the following Findings of Fact: The requested use will be compatible with the surrounding area and not significantly depreciate nearby properties as there is already a home on the property as there is already a home on the property; The requested use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area and the structure may increase the value of the property and there are some similar smaller parcels in that area; There are adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities being provided already on the property; they will be increasing the septic to comply and using the existing driveway; Adequate measures have been taken or will be taken to provide off street/road parking and loading space to serve the proposed use because there is adequate room on the property with the acreage they have and will be no off street parking; Adequate measures are in place to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration so as not to constitute a nuisance, and measures taken to control lighted signs or other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result because this is not a commercial property and is not applicable for this application; The requested use will be consistent with the Wadena County Land Use Control Ordinance with the Conditional Use Permit granted and it is an allowable use on the property; The requested use is not in conflict with the Wadena County Comprehensive Plan. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wadena County Board of Commissioners approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for issuance of the Conditional Use Permit for Aaron and Brenda Simi for a mobile home as a second dwelling on a non-farm property of less than 20 acres for an immediate family member on their property referenced above and the condition that if a family member no longer resides in the mobile home, the mobile home will be removed from the property within six months. THE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF THE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS CAUSED THIS RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of April, 2019. Monson/Horsager to grant the CUP resolution: Wadena County Board of Commissioners A Resolution Establishing a Conditional Use WHEREAS, Randall and Jodi Becker have made an application for Conditional Use to allow the continuation of a sand and gravel extraction operation with added crushing and screening of material on their property located in Section 22, Township 137 North, Range 35 West, Red Eye Township, described as That part of the SW1/4 SW1/4 Described as Follows: Beginning at the SW Corner of Said SW1/4; Then North 1 Degree 22' 39" West along the West Line of said SW1/4 827.97' to a Point; then South 89 degrees 47' 43" East 80.78' to an Iron Monument; then Continue South 89 degrees 47' 43" East 125.36' to a Point Hereinafter Referred to as Point A; then Continue South 89 degrees 47' 43" East 477.43' to an Iron Monument; then North 0 Degree 12' 17" East 498.04' to an Iron Monument on the North Line of said SW1/4 SW1/4; Then South 89 Degrees 47' 43" East along said North Line 705.48' to the NE Corner of said SW1/4 SW1/4; then South 0 Degree 36' 51" East along the East Line 1324' to the SE Corner of said SW1/4 SW1/4; then North 89 Degrees 52' 15" West along the South Line 1385.11' to the Point of Beginning;"Subject to Truck Hwy #71 ROW along the Westerly Boundary;"Subject to Easements; located in an A-3 General Agriculture District, and having PID# 10-022-3035; and WHEREAS, this use may be allowed in the specified Zoning District as a Conditional Use according to Section 8, C. of the Wadena County Zoning Ordinance #1; and WHEREAS, fully noticed Public Hearing was held on the application on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at the Wadena County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m., and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission did due diligence in hearing the application and have made a recommendation to the Wadena County Board of Commissioners to approve the application with the following Findings of Fact: The requested use will be compatible with the surrounding area and not significantly depreciate nearby properties as the operation is already in existence; The requested use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area as the business is already in operation and we encourage economic growth and private business and there are other businesses in operation along the Highway 71 corridor; There are adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities being provided already on the property and there is a plan to use some of the material to stabilize the road; Adequate measures have been taken or will be taken to provide off street/road parking and loading space to serve the proposed use because there is plenty of room for parking and in the application they stated there will be no street parking; Adequate measures are in place to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration so as not to constitute a nuisance, and measures taken to control lighted signs or other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result because in their application they stated they can provide dust control with a water truck and the noise they can control by the hours of operation; The requested use will be consistent with the Wadena County Land Use Control Ordinance because it is an allowed use through the ordinance with the Conditional Use Permit; The requested use is not in conflict with the Wadena County Comprehensive Plan and is already in existence and is more of an expansion than anything and the Becker's have also added they will actually be improving the property and along Highway 71 will be a nice touch. Also one of the goals in the Comprehensive Plan is to stimulate rural business development. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wadena County Board of Commissioners approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for issuance of the Conditional Use Permit. Randall and Jodi Becker for continuation of a sand and gravel extraction operation with added crushing and screening of material on their property referenced above and the following conditions: 1) Applicants will obtain the notarized letters in writing from the adjoining property owners allowing a 60-foot setback from the property line for mining; 2) Hours of operation to be: April 1st to October 31st Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, November 1st to March 31st, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. THE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF THE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS CAUSED THIS RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of April, 2019. Monson/Horsager to accept the Joint Powers Agreement with the Port Authority of the City of St. Paul for the MinnPACE project within Wadena County. The agreement is as follows: JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT This Agreement, made and entered into as of the 2nd day of April, 2019, by and between the Port Authority of the City of Saint Paul (the "Port Authority"), a body corporate and politic, and the County of Wadena, Minnesota, a political subdivision under the laws of Minnesota (the "County"), provides as follows: WHEREAS, the Port Authority has been engaged in governmental programs for providing financing throughout the State of Minnesota (the "State") by making loans evidenced by various financing leases and loan agreements, and in the process of operating these programs the Port Authority has developed a high degree of financial expertise and strength; and WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 216C.435 and 216C.436 and Chapter 429 and 471.59 (collectively the "Act") authorize the County to provide for the financing of the acquisition and construction or installation of energy efficiency and conservation improvements (the "Cost Effective Energy Improvements" as defined in the Act or "Improvements") on Qualifying Real Properties as defined in the Act (the "Properties" or "Property") located within the boundaries of the County through the use of special assessments; and WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the County to designate a local government unit other than the County to implement the program under the Act on behalf of the County; and WHEREAS, the County has one or more projects within the boundaries of the County that have Improvements in need of financing, and has adopted its Resolution No. (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A) to designate the Port Authority to implement and administer a program on behalf of the County to finance such Improvements; and WHEREAS, the Port Authority has created a program under the Act known as the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program ("MinnPACE") for purposes of implementing and administering the activities described in the Act, and the Port Authority is willing to implement and administer that program on behalf of the County as requested herein; and WHEREAS, the County has expressed a desire to make energy improvement financing programs of the kind managed by the Port Authority available for improvements of eligible properties within its boundaries, including but not limited to the Energy Savings Partnership, Trillion BTU and MinnPACE, and a joint powers agreement is required between the County and the Port Authority for MinnPACE; and WHEREAS, the Improvements will serve citizens of Wadena County and the State of Minnesota. NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein made, the parties to this Agreement hereby agree as follows: 1. The Port Authority will exercise the powers of the Act on behalf of the County by providing financing for Improvements located within the boundaries of the County. Except as otherwise provided in this Joint Powers Agreement, the Port Authority shall be solely responsible for the implementation and administration of MinnPACE and the financing of the Improvements. 2. In connection with its implementation and administration of MinnPACE, and its financing of the Improvements located within the boundaries of the County, it is anticipated that the Port Authority will enter into various agreements with persons wishing to obtain financing for Improvements located within the boundaries of the County as well as with sources of financing for such Improvements (collectively the "Program Documents"). 3. The Port Authority may and is permitted to charge fees for its implementation and administration of MinnPACE, which fee will be described in, and payable under, the Program Documents. 4. The Port Authority will have the sole duty and responsibility to comply with or enforce covenants and agreements contained in the Program Documents. This power specifically includes the responsibility for monitoring and enforcing compliance with the provisions of the Program Documents. 5. Either the Port Authority or a lending institution (the "Lender") will use its own financial resources to finance the Improvements (the "Loan"), or a taxable special assessment revenue bond(s) (the "Bond(s)") issued by the Port Authority in favor of the Lender will be used to finance the Improvements. Regardless of the financing mechanism, the Lender will advance funds under the Program Documents to be paid from levied special assessments. 6. The Loan(s) or Bond(s) must be a special/limited obligation of the Port Authority, payable solely from special assessments levied by the County as provided herein. The Loan(s) or Bond(s) and interest thereon must neither constitute nor give rise to a general indebtedness or pecuniary liability, or a general or moral obligation, or a pledge or loan of credit of the Port Authority, the County, the City of Saint Paul or the State of Minnesota, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provisions. To that end, the Port Authority hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County from and against any claims or losses arising out of the failure of the Port Authority to provide for the payment of principal of, and the interest or any premium on the Loan(s) or Bond(s), from special assessment payments actually paid to the Port Authority by the County. This indemnity must not, however, be construed to relate to any claims or losses which might arise by virtue of the exercise, by the County, of its governmental powers in connection with the Project, or by virtue of the failure of the County to levy and collect special assessments with respect to the Improvements or promptly remit such special assessment payments to the Port Authority as provided in the Program Documents. 7. As and for its contribution to the financing of the Improvements, and as provided in the Act, the County must impose and collect special assessments necessary to pay debt service on that portion of the Loan(s) or Bond(s) attributable to the Improvements located within the boundaries of the County. Evidence that the County has imposed such special assessments is a precondition to the Port Authority's obligation to provide financing to any Improvements located within the boundaries of the County in accordance with the following process: A. The Port shall provide to County an application from an Applicant under the Program which includes the following documentation: 1) A copy of the Application containing the legal name of the Applicant, its legal status,

its legal address, a description of the Project, the cost of the Improvements, the total amount to be assessed against the Property and the address, legal description and tax identification code for the Property upon which the Improvements are to be constructed or installed. 2) A statement from the Port that the proposed Project as described in the Application qualifies under the requirements of the Act and the Port Authority. 3) A fully-executed copy of the Applicant's Petition and Assessment Agreement suitable for evidencing, and recording if necessary, Applicant's agreement to be assessed for the amount of the Improvements. B. Upon receipt of the documentation described in Subparagraph A above, County agrees that it will levy an assessment against the Property for the amount to be assessed as set forth in Section 7.A. above. C. Evidence that the County has imposed such special assessments is a precondition to the Port Authority's obligation to provide financing to any Improvements located within the boundaries of the County. D. In the event that, after the County levies an assessment against the Property for the costs of the Improvements and related costs as provided for in Subparagraph B above, the Port does not fund the cost of the Improvements as contemplated by this Agreement, the Port shall promptly notify County that it has not and will not fund the costs of the Improvements under the Program and County shall thereafter inform the County Auditor to remove the subject assessment from the Property. 8. Once the County has imposed special assessments to finance Improvements located within the boundaries of the County, the County transfer all collections of the assessments received by it upon receipt to the Port Authority for application to the payment of the applicable Loan(s) or Bond(s). The County will take all actions permitted by law for the recovery of the assessments, including without limitation, reinstating the outstanding balance of assessments when the land returns to private ownership, in accordance with Minn. Stat. Section 429.071, Subd. 4. The County has no obligation to make any payment on the applicable Loan(s) or Bond(s) other than by the imposition and collection of special assessments pursuant to the Act. The County acknowledges that the Lender is a third-party beneficiary of the County's covenants herein with respect to the imposition and transfer of special assessments described herein. 9. Unless otherwise provided by concurrent action of the Port Authority and the County, this Agreement will terminate upon a 30-day's advanced written notice to the other. Joint Powers Agreement partner or upon the retirement or defeasance of all Loan(s) or Bond(s), whichever is later; and notwithstanding any other provisions, this Agreement may not be terminated in advance of such retirement or defeasance. 10. This Agreement may be amended by the Port Authority and the County, at any time, by an instrument executed by both of them. The Port Authority or the County may not amend this Agreement, however, if the effect of the amendment would impair the rights of the holder of the Loan(s) or Bond(s), unless the holder has consented to the amendment. 11. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when taken together will constitute a single agreement. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Port Authority and the County have caused this Agreement to be executed on their behalf, by their duly authorized officers, as of the day and year first above written. Motion carried unanimously. Hofer/Monson to approve the Law Enforcement Local Services #443 Labor agreement. Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Horsager to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Bill Stearns Chairperson, Wadena County Board of Commissioners, Ryan Odden, Wadena County Coordinator/Engineer.

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SUMMARY OF PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF WADENA COUNTY BOARD ADJOURNED MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2019 PER MN STATUTE 372.12 "PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS"

Board Meeting of April 9, 2019, Small Courtroom, Wadena County Courthouse, 415 South Jefferson Street, Wadena Minnesota. Present: Commissioners Chuck Horsager, Sheldon Monson, Jon Kangas and Jim Hofer, County Coordinator/Engineer Ryan Odden, Auditor/Treasurer Heather Olson, Veterans Services Officer David Anderson, Chief Deputy Joe Schoon, Human Services Maggie Madison, Review Messenger reporter Matthew Johnson, Independent News Herald reporter Trinity Gruenberg, Monson/Kangas to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. Hofer/Kangas Approve the minutes from the 3-19-19 Board meeting and 3-26-19 Special Meeting. Approve the purchase of a Vermeer 3-point disk mower from Aldrich Tractor for the low quote of \$97,770. Approve the purchase of LED Light Fixtures in Wadena Shop Location from Dailey Electric, Inc. for \$6,238.00. Approve the Public Health Sourcewell Innovation Grant Resilient Family Home Visiting grant to provide families with training. Approve the hiring of a Curtis Petersen as a Wadena County Transit Driver for a full-time Grade 48, Step 2 (\$12.53 per hour). He is moving from Part Time to Full Time so there will be no probation period for this worker. Monson/Hofer to purchase chairs for the remodeled sheriff area from the MCIT Dividend fund for \$1,196.00. Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Hofer to rescind the resolution passed on January 30, 2018 which states that no one will receive a refund without written request. The meeting closed for employee evaluation summary at 10:11 a.m. As per MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3 (a). The meeting reconvened at 10:19 a.m. A statement was read saying the Veteran's Service Officer, David Anderson, performs his job in a very professional manner and his job performance is exceptional. Motion carried unanimously. Kangas/Monson to award Long Prairie Sanitation the 3 year contract for trash collection. Motion carried unanimously. Hofer/Monson to approve the contract with the LELS- Jailer and Dispatchers Unit. Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Kangas opposing. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m. Chuck Horsager, Wadena County Board of Commissioners, Ryan Odden, Wadena County Coordinator/Engineer.

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Board Meeting of April 23, 2019, Small Courtroom, Wadena County Courthouse, 415 South Jefferson Street, Wadena Minnesota. Present: Commissioners Bill Stearns, Chuck Horsager, Sheldon Monson, Jon Kangas and Jim Hofer, County Coordinator/Engineer Ryan Odden, Auditor/Treasurer Heather Olson, Veterans Services Supervisor Amie Gendron, Chief Deputy Joe Schoon, Assistant County Engineer Darin Fallbaum, IT Director David Hotchkiss, Zoning Director Deana Malone, Human Services Mike Wille, Human Services Jacqueline Lee, Review Messenger reporter Matthew Johnson, Independent News Herald reporter Trinity Gruenberg, Monson/Hofer to approve the agenda with the one change to #10's dollar amount. Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Kangas to approve the following consent agenda items: Approve warrants from 3-22-19, 3-29-19, 4-5-19, US Bank 4-5-19, 4-12-19, 4-18-19 for a total of \$824,887.75. Approve Human Services Warrants from 3-22-19, 3-29-19, 4-5-19, 4-12-19, 4-19-19 for a total of \$114,871.84. Approve the 2018 State of Minnesota Federal Boat Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Agreement in the amount of \$1,308.00 for the purchase of 2 - 5300 Lumen Portable and Rechargeable Collapsible Flood Lights. Approve the hiring of Jonathan Lissos as a returning 2nd year Seasonal Engineering Aid/ Intern at \$12.50 per hour for the summer work. Approve the hiring of Mason Evans as a Seasonal Engineering Aid/Intern at \$12.00 per hour for the summer work. Approve the Gambling Permit for the Knob Hill Sportsmen's Club for a raffle on November 7, 2019. Approve the payment of the 2019 Agricultural Society Allocation for \$15,000.00. Approve the 2019 Kitchigami Regional Library 1st Half Allocation of \$48,868.50. Approve the 2019 1st Quarter Allocation for the Wadena County Humane Society of \$1,450.00. Motion carried unanimously. Hofer/Monson to pass the following resolution: County State Aid Highway Funds Advance Resolution WHEREAS, the County of Wadena is planning to implement County State Aid Street Projects in 2019 which will require State Aid funds in excess of those available in its State Aid Regular/Municipal Construction Account, and WHEREAS, said County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project(s) through the use of an advance from the County State Aid Construction Fund to supplement the available funds in their State Aid Regular/Municipal Construction Account, and WHEREAS, the advance is based on the following determination of estimated expenditures: Account Balance as of 4/16/19 \$3,466,923.70 Less estimated disbursements: Project # SAP 080-612-011 at \$3,677,447.15, Project # SAP 080-620-009 at \$573,109.00, Project # SAP 080-626-023 at \$1,041,102.58, Project # SAP 080-666-002 at \$453,265.96, Project # SAP 080-604-012 at \$470,780.19, Project # SP 080-617-008 at \$406,379.23, SAP 080-602-009 at \$166,236.00, SAP 080-602-010 at \$13,919.37, SAP 080-629-010 at \$36,239.10, SP 080-070-008 at \$15,060.72. Total Estimated Disbursements at \$6,943,539.99. Advance amount advanced in excess of acct balance \$3,476,615.60 WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced will be made in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.08, Subd. 5 & 7 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8820, and WHEREAS, the County acknowledges advance funds are released on a first-come-first-serve basis and this resolution does not guarantee the availability of funds. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this advance for financing approved County State Aid Highway Projects of the County of Wadena in an amount up to \$3,476,615.60 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 9. I hereby authorize repayments from subsequent accruals to the Regular/Municipal Construction Account of said County from future year allocations until fully repaid. Motion carried unanimously. Hofer/Hofer Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Kangas to purchase the 20 steel picnic table frames from St. Croix Recreation for a total combined price with shipping of \$3,823.40 to be paid from the Tax Forfeited Land Sales Park Reserve #2771. Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Hofer to have West Central tone out all cables in the Courthouse. Any abandoned cables will be removed. The fixed bid will not exceed \$3,600.00 and will be taken from the non-levied building fund. Motion carried unanimously. Hofer/Horsager to pass the following resolution: A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING WADENA COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF REGION V+ ADULT MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES COMPREHENSIVE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILSWHEREAS, THE WADENA COUNTY BOARD continues to see the impacts of ongoing reductions in state and federal funding for serious mental illness in our community and the resulting increased rates of serious mental illness in child protection cases and in incarcerations in the county jail at rates three to six times higher than the general population; WHEREAS, The net effect of these changes is the increasing criminalization of serious mental illness, which reflects an actual change from one kind of institutionally-based care for serious mental illness in which appropriate psychiatric treatment and programming elements were provided in a residential setting to an institutionalized residential setting that is ill-equipped to do the same, which we believe to be a worse system that what we had with the state hospitals; WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; WHEREAS, Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative (Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Aitkin, Todd and Wadena Counties) takes pride in its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; WHEREAS, Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative has launched a regional Comprehensive Re-Entry Program in partnership with other key stakeholders that will safely reduce the number of adults with mental illnesses in jails by connecting them to community-based treatment and services. NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT WADENA COUNTY, THROUGH BILL STEARNs, WADENA COUNTY CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, does hereby sign on to the continued development of our Comprehensive Re-Entry Program as a regional project of the Adult Mental Health Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jails. We resolve to: Apply for funding through the Sourcewell to begin our regional efforts around safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; and Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels; and Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community; and Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers; and Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on barriers and successes. Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Horsager to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Bill Stearns, chairperson, Wadena County Board of Commissioners. Heather Olson, Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer.

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DEADLINE
for the
Review
Messenger
is Monday at
5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Itasca State Park programs

Saturday, May 18

Take Flight! Spotting Spring Birds from 8-10 a.m. Meet at the compass rose under the porch of the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center

Discover the songs and sights of Minnesota's spring migratory birds! Join birder and instructor Ron Miller MD for a birding walk to discover recently arrived breeding birds as well as species passing through on their northward migration.

Are you new to birding? Don't worry, birders of all levels are welcome – this program is designed to improve birding knowledge, create field skills through song recognition and have fun watching birds outdoors.

Ron, an avid fly fisherman, began birding waiting for the trout to rise and has taught indoor birdwatching classes to beginning and experienced birders for the past several years. Join us and explore local birding hotspots in the park on a beautiful spring morning.

Bring binoculars and bird field guide books. Itasca State Park has a limited number of binoculars to lend. Wear comfortable shoes for walking and appropriate layers for the temperatures. Insect repellent and a hat are useful. Bring snack and water if you need it for this short outing.

Saturday, May 25

Take Flight! Spotting Spring Birds from 8-10 a.m. Meet outside Douglas Lodge

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Historic Sawmill/Pioneer

Village Tour: Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers from 10 a.m.–Noon. Tour begins at the Levorsen Building located on the Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers showgrounds.* The showground is located on the north side of Itasca State Park. Go out the North Entrance to Itasca State Park, entrance is on the east side of the North Entrance Road (across from the church and gas station).*Tour begins promptly at 10 a.m.

Get a feel for the early 1900's community of Lake Itasca at the Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers Showgrounds (LIRPF). See the Itasca Historic Sawmill. Explore various buildings including a country school, dove-tail one-room log house and a logging museum.

Science in Nature: Beneath the Waves – The Wonders of the Deep from 1-2 p.m. Forest Inn, across from Douglas Lodge. Uncover the mysteries of nature! Join scientists and researchers with the University of Minnesota's Itasca Biological Station as we explore their discoveries. Are you curious how nature functions? Learn about

research from across the country. Topics vary – from forests to water systems and all types of critters to fungus and more! This week we are meeting Jim Cotner, Professor in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior who will be sharing information on the mysteries found within our lakes. Join us inside for a brief talk, followed by a walk to a nearby lake.

Jr. Naturalist: Fancy Feet from 2:30-3:15 p.m. Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center. Feet can help you walk, paddle, swim, jump, and more! Kids, come explore the many shapes and sizes of feet and how animals use them to get around.

Toadally Frogs, Campfire from 7-7:30 p.m. Meet in Bear Paw Campground (the grassy area near the tiny log pump house and campsite #70 near the bike trail). If raining, inside the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center.

Bring your blanket or chair and sit around the campfire exploring the life of a frog and the sounds they make. Remember to bring s'more fixings for after the campfire talk!

Sunday, May 26

Itasca's Wildflower Walk from 2-3 p.m. Meet outside Douglas Lodge. What's doing the blooming? Join a park naturalist in search of spring wildflowers on this short walk through the Itasca forest. We will search for large flowered trillium, yellow lady slipper orchids, large flowered bellwort and much more! Bring your camera!

Itasca's Evening Under the Pines: Julie and Bill Kaiser from 7-9 p.m. Meet at Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)

Step inside historic Forest Inn and enjoy an evening of music from Bill and Julie Kaiser. From the north woods of Minnesota, Bill and Julie's music has been described as acoustic "folkgrass" with a mix of bluegrass, folk, and original.

Tuesday, May 28

Itasca's Mysteries in History: The Itasca Biological Station from 10-11 a.m. Meet at the new Biome Center located on the Itasca Biological Station (along Main Park Drive, watch for signs).

In 1907 the University of Minnesota (U of M) held its first field classes in Itasca State Park. Join us at the Itasca Biological Station and Laboratories for a tour of this historic location. Discover the old and the new! Tour the new Itasca Campus Center before we head out to locate the site of the State Park House, where Mary Gibbs lived in 1903. Learn about current research projects and classes as we visit one of the few 1930s National Youth Administration or NYA constructed buildings in the state as we follow the route of the 1920s era Jefferson Highway as it passed through the field station.

Thursday, May 30

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Mammals of Itasca from 10 a.m.-Noon. Near the Mississippi Headwaters (under the porch of the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center if rain.) Only have a minute to learn about Itasca State Park? Check out a unique feature at the naturalist station as you visit the Headwaters of the Mississippi River.

Friday, May 31

Five Facts in Five Minutes: Mammals of Itasca from 10 a.m.-Noon. Near the Mississippi Headwaters (under the porch of the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center if rain.)

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