



Veterans Notes

DAVID ANDERSON
Wadena County Veterans Service Officer

VA Launches New Health Care Options Under MISSION Act

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched its new and improved Veterans Community Care Program on June 6, 2019, implementing portions of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act), which both ends the Veterans Choice Program and establishes a new Veterans Community Care Program.

The MISSION Act will strengthen the nationwide VA Health Care System by empowering Veterans with more health care options. "The changes not only improve our ability to provide the health care Veterans need, but also when and where they need it," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It will also put Veterans at the center of their care and offer options, including expanded telehealth and urgent care, so they can find the balance in the system that is right for them."

Under the new Veterans Community Care Program, Veterans can work with their VA health care provider or other VA staff to see if they are eligible to receive community care based on new criteria. Eligibility for community care does not require a Veteran to receive that care in the community; Veterans can still choose to have VA provide their care. Veterans may elect to receive care in the community if they meet any of the following six eligibility criteria:

1. A Veteran needs a service not available at any VA medical facility.
2. A Veteran lives in a U.S. state or territory without a full-service VA medical facility. Specifically, this would apply to Veterans living in Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire and the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
3. A Veteran qualifies under the "grandfather" provision related to distance eligibility under the Veterans Choice Program.
4. VA cannot furnish care within certain designated access standards. The specific access standards are described below:
5. Drive time to a specific VA medical facility

6. Thirty-minute average drive time for primary care, mental health and noninstitutional extended care services. Sixty-minute average drive time for specialty care.

Note: Drive times are calculated using geomapping software.

Appointment wait time at a specific VA medical facility

• Twenty days from the date of request for primary care, mental health care and noninstitutional extended care services, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider.

• Twenty-eight days for specialty care from the date of request, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider.

• The Veteran and the referring clinician agree it is in the best medical interest of the Veteran to receive community care based on defined factors.

VA has determined that a VA medical service line is not providing care in a manner that complies with VA's standards for quality based on specific conditions.

In preparation for this landmark initiative, senior VA leaders will visit more than 30 VA hospitals across the country to provide in-person support for the rollout.

The VA MISSION Act:

• Strengthens VA's ability to recruit and retain clinicians.

• Authorizes Anywhere to Anywhere" telehealth across state lines.

• Empowers Veterans with increased access to community care.

• Establishes a new urgent care benefit that eligible Veterans can access through VA's network of urgent care providers in the community.

• VA serves approximately 9 million enrolled Veterans at 1,255 health care facilities around the country every year. For more information, visit www.missionact.va.gov. [Source Posted on June 6, 2019 by Donnie La Curan in Veterans News]

As always please see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us and as always have a great week.



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PUBLIC FEE HEARING NOTICE

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Fee Hearing regarding the proposed changes to the Wadena County Fee Schedule and provide an opportunity to Wadena County citizens to give comment relating to same.

All current, and proposed fee changes, are located on the Wadena County Website, www.co.wadena.mn.us, under "News".

The meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. in the Wadena County Courthouse, Small Courtroom on the Upper Level, 415 Jefferson Street South, Wadena, Minnesota 56482.

Heather Olson,
Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer

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CALL FOR MILK BIDS

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Sebeka Public School, PO Box 249, Sebeka, MN 56477, until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019 for the furnishing and delivery of Grade A milk for the school milk and hot lunch programs for the 2019-2020 school year. Milk is to be delivered each day as ordered by the school.

Please quote prices on the following in 1/2 pint containers:

1. 1% White Milk
2. White Skim Milk
3. Fat Free Chocolate Milk
4. Lactose Free Milk

The bid price is to be f.o.b. the hot lunch kitchen at the Sebeka Public School. Bidder will also provide adequate mobile coolers for milk.

An alternate bid may be submitted with an escalator clause based on the monthly federal order price for Class I milk.

Bids will be opened and tabulated at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019. Action on bids received will be taken at the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2019. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

All bids must be accompanied by an affidavit of non-collusion.

Dated this tenth day of June 2019.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 820

Sebeka, Minnesota 56477
JoAnn Olson, Clerk

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SUMMARY OF PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF WADENA COUNTY BOARD ADJOURNED MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2019 PER MN STATUTE 372.12 "PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS"

Board Meeting of June 4, 2019, Small Courtroom, Wadena County Courthouse, 415 South Jefferson Street, Wadena Minnesota. Present: Commissioners Bill Stearns, Chuck Horsager, Sheldon Monson, Jon Kangas, County Coordinator/Engineer Ryan Odden, Auditor/Treasurer Heather Olson, County Attorney Kyra Ladd, Sheriff Mike Carr, Chief Deputy Joe Schoon, Transit Director Randy Jahnke, Solid Waste Director Chris McConnell, Edward Bruns, Review Messenger reporter Matthew Johnson, Wadena Pioneer Journal reporter Michael Johnson, Independent New Herald reporter Trinity Gruenberg. Monson/Horsager to approve the agenda with the addition of 13A, Fair Board Maintenance. Motion carried unanimously. Horsager/Monson to accept the consent agenda with Item B and Item F pulled for further discussion. Consent agenda approved: Approve the minutes for the 5-21-19 board meeting. Approve the Wadena County Historical Society Request Allocation (First Hall) of \$12,000.00. Approve the renewal of the Liquor License for Blueberry Pines Golf Club, Inc. as of July 1, 2019. Approve the Military Leave of Absence for employee #910 in the Sheriff's Office from May 31, 2019 to July 5, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Horsager to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer or her designee to apply postage to postage meter within the budgeted amount. Motion carried unanimously. Kangas/Horsager to approve the hiring of Erin Bishop as the Administrative Technician for the Highway Department for a Full-Time, Non-exempt at Grade 50, Step 5, (\$1777 per hour, \$36,961.60 annual). Motion carried unanimously. Kangas/Monson to approve Grade 55, Step 6 (\$28.21 per hour) beginning on June 8, 2019 for West Central MN Narcotics Task Force Investigator/Agent Jake Marcos. Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Horsager to pass the following resolution: RESOLUTION - WHEREAS, Wadena County operates a transit system; and WHEREAS, Wadena County Friendly Rider desires to purchase, through the State of Minnesota Cooperative Procurement Process, a vehicle to be used in the transit system; and WHEREAS, the vehicle cost is allocated 20% local share and 80% State/Federal share of the "contract amount"; and WHEREAS, Wadena County Friendly Rider staff has reviewed the vehicle options offered by approved multiple contracting vendors; and WHEREAS, the staff recommends purchasing a vehicle from North Central Bus and Equipment, Inc. for the reason of Fleet Consistency, Uniformity, Prior Service, and Relationship with this company; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Wadena County Board of Commissioners here authorizes the purchase of a new transit bus from North Central Bus and Equipment, Inc. in the approximate amount of \$83,994.00 (Total Bus Price). \$16,798.80 is local share. Motion carried unanimously. Kangas/Horsager to contract with Alex Rubbish and Recycling to pick up the AG plastics within the county for one year at an approximate cost of \$6,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. Monson/Kangas to pass the following resolution: Resolution Adopting the Wadena County Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan and Inventory for Public Rights-of-Way WHEREAS, the Federal government enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 to prevent discrimination of individuals with disabilities relating to employment and access to public programs, services and facilities; and WHEREAS, Title II of the ADA requires applicable public agencies who have responsibility or authority over streets, roads, or walkways to develop and adopt a Transition Plan which reports the findings of a Self-Evaluation process, identifies a Title II ADA Coordinator, describes a plan and schedule for the removal of accessibility barriers, and defines a grievance procedure for the public to submit grievances; and WHEREAS, Wadena County is committed to constructing pedestrian facilities designed in accordance with ADA Design Standards and Procedures defined in the Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), and the Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way developed by the Access Board; and WHEREAS, Wadena County is committed to constructing pedestrian facilities designed in accordance with ADA Design Standards and Procedures defined by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT); and WHEREAS, Wadena County performed a Self-Evaluation of current services, policies, and practices, and the effects thereof, to identify and document barriers to ADA accessibility and needed modifications; and WHEREAS, Wadena County the Wadena County ADA Transition Plan and Inventory for Public Rights-of-Way which reports the findings of the Self-Evaluation process, identifies a Title II ADA Coordinator, describes a plan and schedule for the removal of accessibility barriers, and defines a grievance procedure for the public to submit grievances; and WHEREAS, Wadena County provided an opportunity to interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with disabilities, to participate in the Self-Evaluation process and development of the ADA Transition Plan by submitting comments; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Wadena County hereby adopts the Wadena County ADA Transition Plan and Inventory for Public Rights-of-Way document, a copy of which shall be filed with and maintained by Wadena County Clerk. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wadena County will pursue the removal of barriers identified in the Self-Evaluation during reconstructions and as part of the capital improvements approved by the governing body provided said improvements are within the fiscal budgetary constraints of the jurisdiction. CERTIFICATION I, Ryan Odden, County Coordinator, Clerk to the Wadena County Board of Commissioners, 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 4th day of June, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. Horsager/Monson to give Ryan Odden the authority to purchase a riding mower/lawn tractor for the Ag Society to use at the fair-grounds not to exceed \$10,000.00 with the county being the owner of the mower. Motion carried unanimously. Kangas/Horsager to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 am. Motion carried unanimously. Bill Stearns Chairperson, Wadena County Board of Commissioners, Ryan Odden, Wadena County Coordinator/Engineer.

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CALL FOR QUOTES

CALL FOR FUEL QUOTES

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 821, Menahga, Minnesota will accept sealed quotes for the supply of unleaded gasoline for FY20. The fuel is to be supplied via the pumps. Sealed quotes will be accepted at the Superintendent's office until 12:00 noon on Friday, July 12, 2019. The District reserves the right to reject any or all quotes.

Katie Howard, Clerk, ISD #821, Menahga MN 56464

CALL FOR BREAD QUOTES

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 821, Menahga, Minnesota will accept sealed quotes for the delivery of 1-1/2# whole grain wheat bread, 30 count flat of 4-1/2 inch whole grain wheat hamburger buns, 60 count flat of whole grain wheat cone buns, doz. whole grain dinner rolls, and 24 count flat of 5" whole grain hoagie buns for the school lunch and breakfast program during the FY20. Bread items are to be delivered as ordered by the school. Sealed quotes will be accepted at the Superintendent's office until 12:00 noon on Friday, July 12, 2019. The District reserves the right to reject any or all quotes.

Katie Howard, Clerk, ISD #821, Menahga MN 56464

CALL FOR MILK QUOTES

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 821, Menahga, Minnesota will accept sealed quotes for the delivery of Grade A milk for the school lunch and breakfast program during the FY20. The board will consider quotes for 1% and skim chocolate milk and 1% and skim white milk and 1% strawberry milk in 1/2 pint containers and gallons of 1% white milk. Milk items are to be delivered as ordered by the school. Sealed quotes will be accepted at the Superintendent's office until 12:00 noon on Friday, July 12, 2019. The District reserves the right to reject any or all quotes.

Katie Howard, Clerk, ISD #821, Menahga MN 56464

CALL FOR SNOW PLOWING QUOTES

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 821, Menahga, Minnesota is accepting quotes for snowplowing needs for the FY20. Areas to be plowed can be obtained from the superintendent's office. Sealed quotes should be sent to or dropped off at the district office by 12:00 noon on Friday, July 12, 2019. The District reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

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CALL FOR SANITATION SERVICES QUOTES

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 821, Menahga, Minnesota is accepting quotes for sanitation services for the FY20. Specifications can be obtained from the superintendent's office. Sealed quotes should be sent to or dropped off at the district office by 12:00 noon on Friday, July 12, 2019. The District reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

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Pollinators are key to MN's environmental health



Without them, we wouldn't have some of our favorite foods. They are vital to a healthy environment. They're also beautiful and fascinating to watch. They're pollinators, and this week is dedicated to understanding, appreciating and helping them.

Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds are needed to pollinate plants that provide Minnesota food crops such as fruits, vegetables and herbs. Some of these foods are important for wildlife,

too. Black bears, for example, eat raspberries that are pollinated by bumble bees. Honey bees and native pollinators contribute millions of dollars to Minnesota's agricultural economy.

Pollinators play a critical role in keeping our environment healthy. They help maintain the health of the many plants that stabilize the soil and prevent erosion. These plants also buffer waterways, store carbon, and provide habitat for other

wildlife. Plus, flowering landscapes are beautiful. Without pollinators, our environment would look very different.

"Pollinators are so important, not just to flowers but to our whole environment, and there are many simple things Minnesotans can do to help pollinators," said DNR invertebrate ecologist Jessica Petersen.

To help pollinators:

- Plant a variety of flowers, especially those that are native to the area.
- Keep gardens blooming all season long; choose plants that provide pollen and nectar in the spring, summer and fall.
- Provide nesting sites by allowing dead branches and logs to remain, leaving bare

earth for ground-nesting insects, or installing bee nesting blocks.

- Reduce pesticide use.
- Become a citizen scientist and help researchers collect data about pollinators and their habitat.
- Tell friends and family about pollinators and inspire them to take action.

A list of pollinator resources is available on the DNR website.

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

