

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
October 3rd, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023. Members present: Commissioners Forman, Edwin, Shoff and Eckstrom. Commissioner Kaasa was excused from the meeting.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 23-278

**Approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda as provided
in the Freeborn County Board Rule of Procedure 9(A)**

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the governing body of Freeborn County, and;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board has implemented a Consent agenda to perform the duties of the board in a more effective and efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, the following items have been placed for approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners on the current Board meeting Consent Agenda as provided by the Board rules of procedure, being routine and of a regular action;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place the following are hereby approved for appropriate action:

- 1) Approval of the September 19th, 2023 minutes;
- 2) Approval of Drainage Repairs.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

The Commissioners provided Board Committee updates.

Chairman Forman asked if there was any public comment.

Mike Lee from the Shell Rock River Watershed District invited the County Commissioners to the 20th Anniversary celebration and Annual Meeting of the Shell Rock River Watershed Board meeting next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 23-279

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER 2023

In the County of Freeborn, in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, we urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Crime Victim's Crisis Center and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of domestic violence.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is defined as abusive behaviors in a personal relationship that gives one person power and control over another through physical, emotional, psychological, sexual or economic actions or threats; and

WHEREAS, on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, over 400 victims of domestic violence and their children sought safety and services from the Freeborn County Crime Victims Crisis Center; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and

WHEREAS, the need for safe and affordable housing continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and

WHEREAS, Freeborn County joins with others across Minnesota and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Freeborn County; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems working together; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County, hereby do proclaim *October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month*.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Shoff.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 23-280

Resolution to renew the Grant Agreement between the Department of Public Safety and Freeborn County Crime Victims Crisis Center for provision of Domestic Violence, General Crime Victim, and Sexual Assault Services in Freeborn County.

WHEREAS, Freeborn County has the need to provide domestic violence, general crime victim, and sexual assault services to residents of Freeborn County; and

WHEREAS, Freeborn County provides for these services through the Freeborn County Crime Victims Crisis Center; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Crime Victims Crisis Center has received grant funding from the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety utilizing federal and state grant dollars with parameters for the provision of these services; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 Grant Contract Agreement between Freeborn County Crime Victims Crisis Center and the Office of Justice Programs within the MN Department of Public Safety is approved for the term of 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Shoff.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-281
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ORDER FORM BETWEEN FREEBORN COUNTY AND
PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP. AND MINNESOTA COUNTIES COMPUTER
COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, Freeborn County has contracted with Pictometry International Corp. for aerial flight projects in 2011, 2014, 2017, and 2020;

WHEREAS, Freeborn County desires to continue on a regular cycle of updating aerial flights and imagery;

WHEREAS, the aerial flights and imagery benefit multiple departments and agencies within Freeborn County, as well as users from the public;

WHEREAS, an Order Form is to be entered pursuant to the Master Products Agreement between Pictometry International Corp. and Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative dated June 9, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Order Form Between Pictometry International Corp. and Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative and Freeborn County.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 23-282
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before October 6th, 2023.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 589,405.28
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 1,883,354.89
05	Human Services	\$ 172,191.29
06	Public Health	\$ 62,452.26
31	Capital Improvements	\$ 34,805.69
40	County Ditch	\$ 138,959.46
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 16,753.50
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 4,640.15
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	\$ 1,875.00
	FUND TOTALS	\$ 2,904,437.52

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 37

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$4,251.81

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Chair, Commissioner Forman adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023.

By: _____
John Forman
Chair

Attest: _____
Erin Hornberger
County Clerk