

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Morris will meet in the Council Chambers of the Morris Community Center, 600 Oregon Avenue, at 5:20 p.m. on November 23, 2021 to consider the making of improvements on East 6th Street, North Columbia Avenue and North Iowa Avenue to include the reconstruction of water mains water service lines, sewer main, sewer services lines, storm sewer, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and bituminous paving pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§429.011 to 429.111. The estimated cost of the improvements is \$422,000 for sanitary sewer, \$344,500 for water, \$1,375,300 for streets, \$45,900 for curb and gutter, \$186,300 for sidewalks, and \$302,600 for storm sewer for a total estimated project cost of \$2,676,600. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting. Blaine C. Hill City Manager

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STEVENS COUNTY SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

The purpose of this Report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Stevens County for interested citizens. Questions about this report should be directed to Stephanie Buss, Auditor/Treasurer at 320-208-6566. A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING 320-208-6566, OR BY WRITING TO THE AUDITOR/TREASURER, STEPHANIE BUSS 400 COLORADO AVE, SUITE 303, MORRIS, MN 56267.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Stevens County's basic financial statements consists of three parts: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The management's discussion and analysis and certain budgetary comparison schedules are required to accompany the basic financial statements and, therefore, are included as required supplementary information.

Government-wide financial statements display information about the county's financial reporting entity as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities.

Fund financial statements display separate financial information for the county's governmental, and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary fund information is presented in aggregate by fund type.

Notes to the financial statements provides additional information and disclosure for information in the financial statements.

Governmental activities are generally activities of the county financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues.

Financial reporting entity consists of the primary government (county), organizations

for which the county is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the county are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The nucleus of a county's financial reporting entity is the primary government, the county.

Primary government is a term used in connection with defining the financial reporting entity. The primary government is the focus of the financial reporting entity. For the county, the primary government represents the financial activities, funds, or accounts directly under the control of the county board.

County Governmental Fund Types The General Fund is the general operating fund of the county. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for specified purposes.

Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal, interest, and related costs of general long-term debt.

Agency Funds are used to account for

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assets held by the county as an agent for private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds; for example, taxes collected and held by a county for a school district.

CHARACTER CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTY EXPENDITURES The county's governmental expenditures are classified by character or the periods expenditures are presumed to benefit.

Current operating expenditures are presumed to benefit the current fiscal period.

Debt services are presumed to benefit prior fiscal periods as well as current and future periods and includes amount expended for the payment of principal, interest, and other costs associated with debt.

Capital outlays are presumed to benefit current and future fiscal periods and include amounts expended for the construction or acquisition of county capital assets.

Intergovernmental represent resources transferred by to the county to other governments.

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTY FUNCTIONS Functions are a group of related activities

aimed at accomplishing a major service or regulatory program for which the county is responsible. The county has the following function classifications:

The General Government function include expenditures for general county activities such as the county commissioners, county administration, county attorney's office, county auditor/treasurer's office, county assessor's office, county attorney's office, the planning and zoning office, and other county general service office.

Public Safety relates to the objective of protection of persons and property and includes expenditures for corrections activities, operations of the sheriff's department, the county jail, civil defense, and emergency services.

Road and Bridge includes expenditures relating to the construction and maintenance of county highways and streets.

Sanitation involves expenditures for the removal and disposal of waste and includes county solid waste collection and disposal, recycling, and sanitary sewer programs.

Human Services represents activities designed to provide public assistance and institutional care for individuals unable to

provide essential needs for themselves. These programs include child support collection, child welfare, chemical dependency, medical assistance, and others.

Health involves all activities involved in the conservation and improvement of public health. This function includes expenditures for the county public health department, home health aide services, other nursing services, maternal and child health, supplemental nutrition programs, and programs to protect public and private water systems.

Culture and Recreation involves cultural and recreational activities maintained for the benefit of county residents and visitors. These activities include county libraries, parks, and other recreation programs.

Conservation involves activities designed to conserve and develop such natural resources as water, soil, and forests and includes such programs as soil and water conservation, county extension, water planning, and other.

Economic Development activities are directed toward economically developing the area encompassed by the county and providing assistance to, and opportunity for, economically disadvantaged persons or businesses.

MAJOR RECIPIENTS OF STEVENS COUNTY EXPENDITURES

The following is a list of recipients of Stevens County expenditures totaling \$5000 or more during 2020. This list does not include salaries to county employees nor does it include individuals who received federal, state, or county human services aid.

Table listing major recipients of Stevens County expenditures totaling \$5000 or more during 2020. Columns include Name of Recipient, Amount, and Recipient Name.

SUMMARY OF STEVENS COUNTY'S STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Summary of Stevens County's Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2020. Columns include Functions/Program, Program, Revenues and Changes, and Net(Expenses) in Net Position.

SUMMARY OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Summary of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds as of December 31, 2020. Columns include ASSETS and LIABILITIES.

SUMMARY OF STEVENS COUNTY'S STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Summary of Stevens County's Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2020. Columns include ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, and NET POSITION.

A SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

A Summary Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds as of December 31, 2020. Columns include ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, FUND BALANCES, and TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES & FUND BALANCE.

A SUMMARY OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

A Summary of Governmental Funds Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2020. Columns include REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, and Total Other Financing Sources (Uses).

A PROFILE OF STEVENS COUNTY

A Profile of Stevens County. Table comparing 2020 and 2019 data for various indicators such as Estimated Population, Total Tax Capacity, and Total Government-Wide Net Assets.

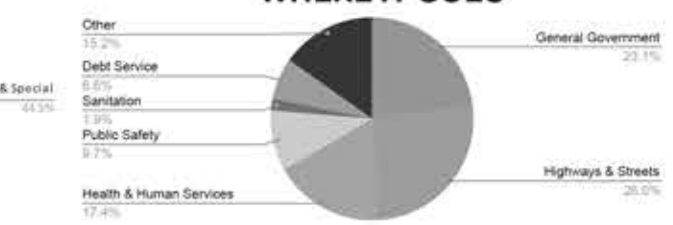
2020 COUNTY OFFICIALS

2020 County Officials. List of county officials including County Commissioner, County Auditor/Treasurer, County Recorder, and County Sheriff.

WHERE IT COMES FROM



WHERE IT GOES



OFFICIAL MINUTES

STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
9:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 19, 2021, by Chair Donny Wohlers. Members in attendance were: Ennen, Wohlers, Kopitzke and Staples. Absent: Wiese

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Kopitzke moved to approve the agenda with one addition: Nick Young, Facilities Director, generator purchase for approval. Commissioner Staples seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Ennen moved to approve minutes of the 10/05/21 regular board meeting. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment.

Having none, Chief Deputy Jason Reed introduce new dispatch/jailer Sarah Payne. Liberty Sleiter, Human Service Director presented the list of warrants for approval. Human Service warrants were approved in the amount of \$60,185.87 on a motion by Ennen, second by Staples and all members voting aye, motion carried.

Sleiter requested approval for two service agreements for 2021-2022. Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to approve Some Place Safe and MFIP biennial service agreements as presented.

Commissioner Ennen seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Scott Erickson, Ditch Inspector presented for Dennis Feuchtenberger a petition for ditch cleaning for CD3. Erickson gave an overview of the ditch cleaning. Commissioner Staples motioned to accept contract with Schaefer Excavating, LLC, apparent low bidder in the amount of \$15,395.74 for cleaning CD3. Commissioner Ennen seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Erickson requested payment for 2021 crop damages to landowners from CD 18 project. Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to pay crop damages at \$650 per acre to landowners as present from CD18 project. Commissioner Staples seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Stephanie Buss, Auditor Treasurer presented the list of Auditor's Warrants for the 10/06/21, 10/13/21, and 10/14/21 time periods for review.

Buss presented the Commissioner Warrants for approval.

Commissioner Kopitzke moved to approve the Commissioner Warrants in the following amounts:

FUND	AMOUNT
Revenue	\$99,274.39
Special Reserves Fund	\$307.99
County Road and Bridge Fund	\$16,917.60
Solid Waste Service	\$6,148.85
County Ditches Fund	\$51,894.86
TOTAL	\$174,543.69
Warrants \$2000 or more:	
Baker Tilly US, LLP	\$14,325.00
Counties Providing Technology	\$6,515.40
Douglas County Jail	\$2,172.48
Engebretson & Sons Disposal Service, Inc	\$30,746.76
I + S Group, Inc	\$3,519.75
McLeod County Solid Waste	\$2,677.80
Morris Electronics Inc	\$2,655.40
Nutrien Ag Solutions	\$3,332.50
Pope County Auditor/Treasurer	\$9,113.46
Regents of The University of Minnesota	\$19,988.55
Sherbrooke Turf, Inc	\$33,000.00
Stevens County Highway Dept.	\$12,774.97
Stock/Dr John	\$3,600.00
Traverse County Sheriff	\$3,590.07
Tri-County Coop	\$2,555.81
Payments for less than \$2000	\$23,975.74
TOTAL	\$174,543.69

Commissioner Ennen seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Buss requested approval of loan advances from CD18 to CD16 and CD 25 in the amount of \$31,000. Commissioner Staples motioned to approve loan advances from CD18 to CD16 in the amount of \$30,000 and CD 25 in the amount of \$1,000 for a total of \$31,000. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Buss requested approval of county ditch loan pay off. Commissioner Ennen motioned to approve county ditch loan pay off to CD18 from CD5 in the amount of \$286,900. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Buss presented Quarterly Ditch Balances for information only.

Buss requested approval of the preliminary 2022 ditch levies. Commissioner Staples motioned to approve 2022 Ditch Levies as presented. Commissioner Kopitzke seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Buss requested approval for pay request #9 for County Ditch 18. Commissioner Ennen motioned to approve CD 18 pay request #9 in the amount of \$6,257.15. Commissioner Staples seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Buss requested approval for pay request #3 for County Ditch 5. Commissioner Ennen motioned to approve CD 5 pay request #3 in the amount of \$529,947.52. Commissioner Staples seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Buss presented Dripps Abatement for informational only. Buss fielded questions. Buss presented the 2020 Financial Statements for review. Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to accept the 2021 Audit Report. Commissioner Ennen seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Aaron Jordan, County Attorney requested approval for 2022-23 Victim Service Grant. Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to approve the 2022-23 Victim Service Grant. Commissioner Ennen seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Rebecca Young, County Administrator gave a highway facility update.

Young gave an Opioid Settlement update. Informed board that there would be more information to come and that likely a decision will need to be made by January 2, 2022. The Board should expect updates and action needed sometime in December of 2021.

Young requested a budget change for approval. Young gave an overview of the change for internet services to increase in size to serve Horizon's Morris location. Commissioner Ennen motioned to approve budget change from 1-60 with an increase of \$589.00, for total budget amount for 2021 of \$37,589. Commissioner Staples seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Nick Young Facilities Director requested approval for purchase of generator for Horizon Public Health. Facilities Director gave an overview of the two bids. Facilities Director recommends purchasing the more expensive one. Commissioner Kopitzke motioned to purchase generator from Interstate Powersystems in the amount of \$19,660. Commissioner Ennen seconded the motion with all members voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioners were provided an opportunity to update on assigned committee activities.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. on a motion by Staples, second by Kopitzke and all members voting aye.

Rebecca Young, County Administrator

Donny Wohlers, Chair