



# MORRISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OFFICIAL MINUTES

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The meeting was held in the County Board Room, Government Center, Little Falls MN, and was called to order at 9:00a.m. by Chairman LeMieur.

**Members present:** Commissioners Randy Winscher, Greg Blaine, Mike LeMieur, Mike Wilson and Jeffrey Jelinski.

**Staff present:** Deb Gruber, Tabitha Maher, Steve Backowski, Victoria MacKissock, Brad Vold, Chelsey Robinson, Shawn Larsen, Sarah Pratt, Lynn Gross, Joe Heying, and John Erdrich.

**Others present:** Mark Slupe, Mike Filippi, and Greg Kimman.

## **APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jelinski, seconded by Commissioner Winscher and carried unanimously approve the Morrison County Board of Commissioner Minutes for April 7th, 2020.

## **AGENDA CHANGES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Jelinski and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

## **CITY OF LITTLE FALLS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Winscher, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried unanimously to approve a new fuel system dispenser at the Little Falls Airport. They have requested a grant/loan from the State to replace the dispenser. It is a 70% grant from the state and 30% loan to be provided locally. The State share will be \$20,792.35 and the local share to be split between city and county is \$8,911.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Blaine and carried unanimously to consider the Airport Commission Task Order #7 for KLJ (additional engineering for the crosswind runway) in the amount of \$13,042.97. It is a 90% grant provided federally and 10% loan to be provided locally.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES PROCLAMATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jelinski, seconded by Commissioner Winscher and carried unanimously proclaim the month of May as Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Morrison County.

## **SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT**

Brad Vold, Social Services/Public Health Director, and Sarah Pratt, Human Services Supervisor, reported on activities to ensure the health and safety of our older and disabled population in Morrison County.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jelinski, seconded by Commissioner Blaine and carried



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unanimously to approve Resolution#2020-038 for Safe Families for Children Proposal - \$85,000 as a grant application written to Sourcewell for Innovation Funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blaine, seconded by Commissioner Winscher and carried unanimously to approve Resolution#2020-039 Wired Kids - \$75,000 as a grant application written to Sourcewell for Innovation Funding.

### PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Blaine and carried unanimously approve 2020 Seasonal Establishment Renewal License:

Dist. 1	Shamineau Acres Resort, Motley	\$544.00
	Owner Lynden Carter	

### SHERIFF'S REPORT

Shawn Larsen, Morrison County Sheriff, presented the monthly report for March 2020.

### EXTENSION REPORT

The Extension Report was submitted for the month of March 2020.

### AUDITOR/TREASURER REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Blaine, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried unanimously to approve Resolution#2020-037 abating the penalty on late payments of property taxes for taxes payable in 2020.

Chelsey Robinson, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the County Board with the 1st Quarters cash, investments and interest reports and the March 31, 2020 Cash Report.

### WARRANTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Jelinski, seconded by Commissioner Winscher to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Morrison County Board of Commissioners have reviewed the list of County Board Warrants, with Manual and Auditor Warrants;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of County Board Warrants on file in the

Auditor/Treasurer's Office for April 21st, 2020 be approved for payment:

REVENUE	\$	150,432.80
PUBLIC WORKS	\$	29,809.17
SOCIAL SERVICE	\$	222,472.35
SOLID WASTE	\$	8,003.80
PARKS FUND	\$	120.00



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LOCAL COLLABORATIVE	\$	18,816.00
TOTAL	\$	429,654.12
MEALS	\$	16.18

A motion was made by Commissioner Jelinski, seconded by Commissioner Winscher to approve the Commissioners Expense Reports as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting 'aye'.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Blaine, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried unanimously to approve Resolution#2020-040 to conduct a speed and traffic investigation on County State Aid Highway 13 from County Road 213 to State Highway 115.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Deb Gruber, County Administrator, reviewed the Report of her Annual Performance Appraisal to the Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jelinski, seconded by Commissioner Blaine to approve the following to be paid with bond proceed dollars: 1) Hard floor Finishes in the amount of \$33,471.10. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting 'aye'.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Winscher and carried unanimously to approve Resolution#2020-041 declaring Morrison County in a State of Emergency for the rain and heavy snow event of March 29, 2020.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

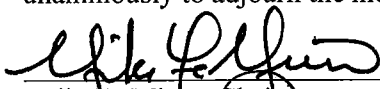
Mike Filippi, updated the County Board with the construction project progress and upcoming tasks to be completed.

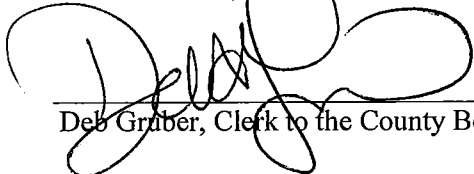
**COUNTY BOARD REPORTS AND SCHEDULE**

Members of the County Board reported on various meetings they have attended and on their upcoming schedule of meetings with various organizations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Blaine, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

  
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Mike LeMieur, Chairman

  
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Deb Gruber, Clerk to the County Board

DATE: 4/21/20

**MORRISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

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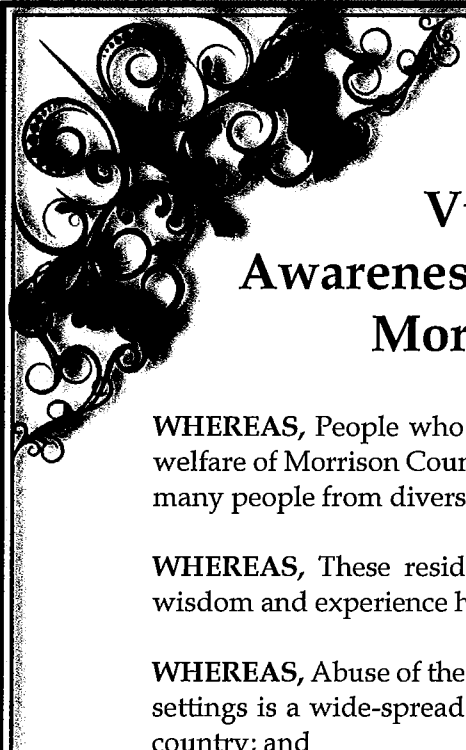
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## Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness and Prevention Proclamation Morrison County, Minnesota

WHEREAS, People who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of Morrison County by helping to preserve customs, convictions, and traditions of many people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, These residents are vital and integral members of our society and their wisdom and experience have enriched our lives; and

WHEREAS, Abuse of the elderly and people with disabilities in domestic and institutional settings is a wide-spread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, Suspected abuse was reported 230 times on Morrison County citizens who are elderly or have disabilities in 2019; and

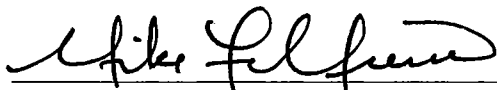
WHEREAS, Abuse is grossly underreported because the vulnerable adult population who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; and

WHEREAS, Abuse happens to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way, in neighborhoods and in rural areas; and

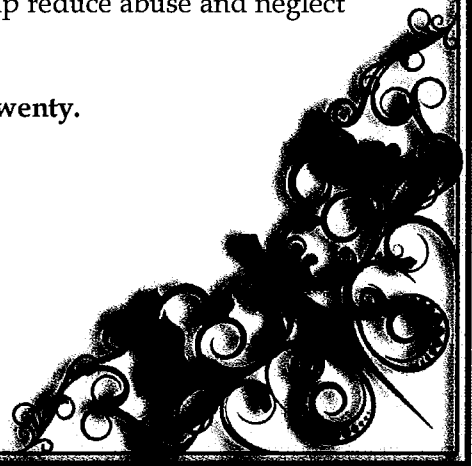
WHEREAS, Many of the cases investigated by Adult Protective Services in Morrison County involve self-neglect and financial exploitation. It is our duty as citizens to reach out to people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Commissioners of Morrison County, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 to be Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Morrison County and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of adults who are elderly or have disabilities.

Dated this Twenty-First Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty.



Chairperson, Morrison County Board of Commissioners



# MORRISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution # 2020-038

## A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUPPORT FOR SEEKING FUNDING FROM SOURCEWELL FOR A REGIONAL PROGRAM THAT SUPPORT FAMILIES

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell, is providing innovation funding for the Cities and Counties in Region Five, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Social Service and Public Health agencies of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties work to prevent child abuse, deflect children from child welfare and want to support and stabilize families, and;

**WHEREAS**, Safe Families of Minnesota focuses on strengthening parents by providing 'breathing room', allowing families to stabilize while children are in a safe and loving environment, and provides family coaching to struggling parents that is distinctly different from social work/casework, and;

**WHEREAS**, Safe Families of MN supports, and stabilizes families in crisis by surrounding them with caring, compassionate community, and:

**WHEREAS**, Safe Families of MN is nationally recognized by the Federal Children's Bureau for their work with local and State agencies that keep children safe and families intact.

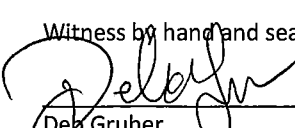
**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Morrison County Board of Commissioners approves Sourcewell innovative funding application submitted by Morrison County Public Health on behalf of Region V Counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena to collaborate with a professional non-profit organization that will build capacity within our communities to support families and children in need.

STATE OF MINNESOTA }  
COUNTY OF MORRISON }

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Commissioner	Yes	No	Abs	Mot	2nd
Jelinski	X			Y	
Blaine	X				X
Winscher	X				
Wilson	X				
LeMieur	X				

Witness by hand and seal this 21st day of April 2020.

  
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Deb Gruber  
County Administrator

# MORRISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution # 2020-039

## A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUPPORT FOR SEEKING FUNDING FROM SOURCEWELL FOR A REGIONAL PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTS WIRED KIDS EDUCATION

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell, is providing innovation funding for the Cities and Counties in Region Five, and:

**WHEREAS**, The Social Service and Public Health agencies of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties work to use the power of collaboration for the promotion of the healthy development of children at an early age, and:

**WHEREAS**, Wired Kids Education focuses on strengthening parents by providing learning to examine the impact of screen time on early childhood development, and:

**WHEREAS**, Wired Kids Education provides information on what is appropriate technology for young children with developing brains and bodies, and:

**WHEREAS**, Wired Kids Education will provide information on strategies to coach parents and caregivers on establishing healthy screen time habits.

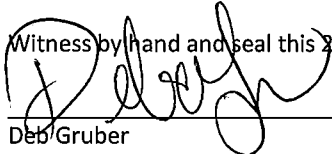
**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Morrison County Board of Commissioners approves Sourcewell innovative funding application submitted by Cass County Public Health on behalf of Region V Counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena to collaborate with a professional organization that will build capacity within our communities to support families and children in need of healthy development.

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Commissioner	Yes	No	Abs	Mot	2nd
Jelinski	✓				
Blaine	✓			✗	
Winscher	✓				✓
Wilson	✗				
LeMieur	✓				

Witness by hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2020.

  
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Deb Gruber  
County Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-037

**RESOLUTION OF MORRISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REQUESTING THAT THE MORRISON COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER  
ABATE THE PENALTY ON LATE PAYMENT OF  
PROPERTY TAXES FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2020**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a Peacetime State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-02, ordering the temporary closure of all public and private schools to help slow the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-04, ordering the temporary closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of accommodation to help slow the spread of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-05, providing certain relief to employers and unemployed workers during the COVID-19 emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-20, requiring Minnesotans to stay at home; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Executive Order 20-05 recognizes that the economic insecurity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will be a major concern for many Minnesotans; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Executive Order 20-15 recognizes that the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic will result, either directly or indirectly, in the closure of many of Minnesota's small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Morrison County desires to provide temporary relief to its residents and businesses within the County that have been directly or indirectly impacted by the economic pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Morrison County recognizes that as a result of unemployment, lost or reduced wages and the loss of business income, the prompt payment of property taxes will be a major economic pressure for many County residents this year; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 279.01, subd. 2, the County Board may, with the concurrence of the County Treasurer, abate the penalty for late payment of property taxes; and



**WHEREAS**, the County Board finds that imposing the full penalty for late payment of property taxes in 2020 would be unjust and unreasonable, and further finds that partially abating the penalties associated with the late payment of property taxes in 2020 furthers the economic interests of the County and its residents and business owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morrison County Auditor-Treasurer has indicated that she concurs with the Board’s findings and its desire to partially abate the penalty for late payment of taxes in 2020.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Morrison County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 279.01, subd. 2, the County Board hereby delegates to the Morrison County Auditor-Treasurer the power to abate the penalty provided in Minn. Stat. § 279.01 for the late payment of property taxes payable in 2020, to the extent provided for in this Resolution.

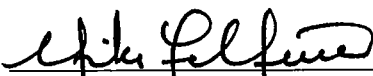
2. The County Board further requests that the Morrison County Auditor-Treasurer impose the following modified penalties for late payment of property taxes due and payable in 2020 for all applicable property classifications:

- a. For taxes paid between May 16, 2020 and June 30, 2020: a penalty of 1% of the unpaid tax otherwise due and owing.
- b. For taxes paid between July 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020: a penalty of 2% of the unpaid tax otherwise due and owing.
- c. For taxes paid on or after August 1, 2020: the penalty otherwise imposed by law. For reference purposes only, the penalty schedule currently in effect is shown below.

Property Type:	2020										2021
	May 16	June 1	July 1	Aug 1	Sep 1	Oct 1	Oct 16	Nov 1	Nov 17	Dec 1	Jan 2
<b>Homesteads and Seasonal Rec.</b>											
1st half	2%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	-	8%	10%
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	4%	-	5%	7%
Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	6%	-	6.5%	8.5%
<b>Agricultural Homesteads</b>											
1st half	2%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	4%	6%
Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	6%	8%
<b>Nonhomesteads</b>											
1st half	4%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	12%	-	12%	14%
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	4%	8%	-	9%	11%
Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	10%	-	10.5%	12.5%
<b>Agricultural Nonhomesteads</b>											
1st half	4%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	14%
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4%	8%	10%
Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	10%	12%
<b>Personal Property</b>	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
<b>Manufactured Homes</b>											
1st half	-	-	-	-	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	8%	8%

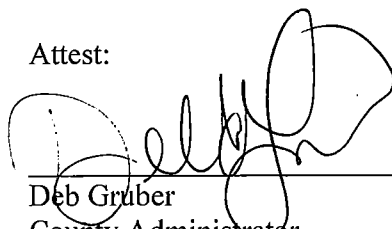
3. This Resolution does not limit the authority of the County Board or the Auditor-Treasurer to abate taxes or property values as otherwise provided by law.

Adopted this 21 day of April, 2020.



Michael LeMieur, Chair  
Morrison County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Deb Gruber  
County Administrator

Resolution #2020 - 040

**Requesting a Traffic Engineering Investigation for CSAH 13 (Ginger Road)**

Between CR 213 (Grouse Road) and State Hwy 115

WHEREAS, substantial development is taking place along Ginger Road, especially from 200<sup>th</sup> St to State Hwy 115, and

WHEREAS, there are extensive access locations and high traffic volumes, and

WHEREAS, to ensure the health and safety of the driving public and the local residents a traffic engineering investigation is needed, and

WHEREAS, the Morrison County Board of Commissioners believe that a traffic engineering investigation to establish reasonable speed zones would be in the best interest for the traveling public.

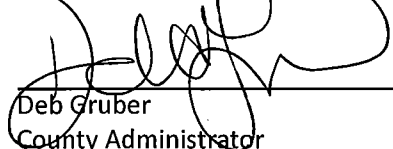
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Morrison, State of Minnesota, respectfully requests the Commissioner of the Transportation, State of Minnesota, to study and make recommendations relative to speed limits on CSAH 13 (Ginger Rd) between CR 213 (Grouse Rd) and State Hwy 115.

Adopted this 21 day of April, 2020.

STATE OF MINNESOTA }  
COUNTY OF MORRISON }

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Witness by hand and seal this 21 day of April, 2020

  
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Deb Gruber  
County Administrator

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abs	Mot	2nd
Jelinski	X				
Winscher	X				
Wilson	X				X
LeMieur	X				
Blaine	X			X	

**MORRISON COUNTY**  
**Declaring a State of Emergency**  
**Resolution #2020-041**

WHEREAS, the rain and heavy snow event on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 impacted the population of Morrison County and its cities and its townships; and,

WHEREAS, the rain and heavy snow event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and,

WHEREAS, the Morrison County Department of Emergency Management requests the Morrison County Board of Commissioners to declare Morrison County in a State of Emergency for the rain and heavy snow event of March 29, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrison County Board of Commissioners declares Morrison in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the rain and heavy snow event of March 29, 2020.

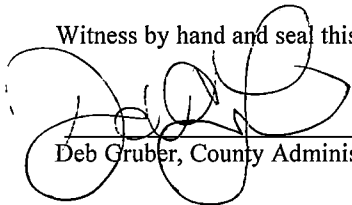
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Blaine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Winscher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Jelinski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Witness by hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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Deb Gruber, County Administrator