

**SWIFT COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2025**

Chairman Rudningen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All members were present.

Also present: Administrator Tesa Tomaschett, Auditor/Treasurer Katie Foley, County Engineer Tyler Baumchen, HR Marlene Molden, Trista Nelson, and members of the public.

Chairman Rudningen asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Administrator Tomaschett asked to add to the regular agenda item (g) ETO update and Employee Recognition approval.

Commissioner E. Pederson moved, and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve the agenda with items (g) ETO update and Employee Recognition approval added to the Regular Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- Consider approving the January 7, 2025, board meeting minutes
- Consider approving Resolution No. 25-01-16: To Approve County Administrator as Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for EDIAM system
- Consider approval of tobacco license application for Danvers Liquor, LLC. (dba Danvers Liquor Store)
- Consider approval of part-time CCO at step 2

Commissioner P. Peterson moved, and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

429,752.16	County General Revenue
4,856.01	Solid Waste Fund
28,073.42	County Road & Bridge
743,329.38	Debt Service
2,161.00	County Ditches Fund
1,485.00	County health insurance
200.00	Townships & Cities Fund

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6W Department Of Community Corrections	171,859.95
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	5,706.58
Anoka County Treasury Office	2,000.00
Association Of Minnesota Counties	17,590.00
Center Point Energy	2,102.36
Counties Providing Technology	7,580.00
Country Pet Foods	6,016.61
Countryside Public Health	78,164.50
Integrity Employment Benefits LLC	7,660.80
Johnson Controls, Inc.	7,023.90
Kris Engineering	8,294.79
Leads Online	2,304.00
Lincoln National Corporation	3,221.02

Maximus Inc	3,500.00
MN Sheriffs Association	5,180.59
Morris Electronics	10,662.00
Northland Trust Services	743,329.38
O'Malley & Kron Land Surveyors Inc	11,645.04
Pioneer Public Television	6,292.85
Prairie Five Rides	3,500.00
Renville County Sheriff's Dept	3,228.79
Ridgewater College	28,392.00
South O'Town Repair	2,088.28
Sun Life Financial-246468	2,222.27
Swift County GROW	2,500.00
Upper MN Valley RDC	19,234.00
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc Inc	3,003.75
93 Payments less than 2000	45,553.51
Final Total:	1,209,856.97

Commissioner P. Peterson had questions on a couple of the warrants for the Highway Department which were answered by Engineer Baumchen.

Commissioner Mahoney moved, and Commissioner E. Pederson seconded to approve the Commissioner Warrants and Auditor Warrants paid on 1/10/2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mahoney reported on the ETO Committee, Renewable Energy, Well-Being, and Chippewa River Watershed meetings. Commissioner E. Pederson reported on the SWCD and DAC meetings. Commissioner P. Peterson reported on the Policy Committee and Countryside Public Health meetings. Commissioner Hendrickx reported on the 6W Corrections, PrimeWest, RDC, and Building Committee meetings. Chairman Rudningen reported on Renewable Energy, the Prairie Lakes Youth Program, and the Swift Falls Park Community meeting.

There were no citizen comments.

Dan Enderson provided the board with an update on the Swift County Benson Hospital board.

Parks, Drainage, and Wetlands Supervisor Kody Fossum requested approval to set a Public Hearing for the County Ditch #8 repair project. Fossum asked if the board would like Rinke Noonan present at the meeting or to attend over Zoom. The board agreed to meet over Zoom. There was a brief discussion.

Commissioner Hendrickx moved, and Commissioner Mahoney seconded to approve holding the Public Hearing for the County Ditch #8 repair project on March 4, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

Jonathan with Wold Architects and Engineers presented plans for the Highway Shop and requested approval to start advertising for bids on the Highway Shop.

Commissioner P. Peterson moved, and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve advertising for bids on the Highway Shop Project. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote with

Commissioner Mahoney voting against.

George Eilertson with Northland Public Finance presented two bonding options that the board could use if they wanted or needed to for future capital projects. He also presented a comparison to neighboring counties; showing bond rating, debt limits, market value, outstanding debt, etc. The board used this as informational only at this time.

The board recessed at 10:58 AM.

The board reconvened at 11:04 AM.

Auditor/Treasurer Foley presented the Quarterly Financial Report to the board.

Administrator Tomaschett requested approval from the board to use board discretionary funds for the final payment of \$6,046.26 for the summer internships.

Commissioner P. Peterson moved, and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve the use of board discretionary funds up to \$6,046.26 for the summer internships if needed. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Tomaschett gave a brief ETO update and requested approval from the board to hold the Employee Recognition Lunch set for February 18, 2025, from 11 AM to 1 PM at Track Bar & Grill and use Employee Recognition funds for the meal.

Commissioner Hendrickx moved, and Commissioner E. Pederson seconded to approve holding the Employee Recognition Lunch at Track Bar & Grill on February 18, 2025, from 11 AM to 1 PM and to use Employee Recognition funds to pay for the cost of the meal. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote with Commissioner P. Peterson abstaining.

Chairman Rudningen informed the board that there was a scheduling conflict for Rinke Noonan with item (b) of the regular agenda to hold the Public Hearing for County Ditch 8 repair project. The March 18, 2025, board meeting at 9:30 AM would work for Rinke Noonan to attend.

Commissioner Hendrickx Amended his original motion to move the Public Hearing for County Ditch 8 repair project to the March 18, 2025, board meeting at 9:30 AM. Commissioner Mahoney seconded the Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no other business.

Chairman Rudningen shared that the next Board of Commissioners meeting is February 4, 2025, at 9 AM. Administrator Tomaschett requested to do her Annual Review at the February 4, 2025, meeting.

The board meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM

The board meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.

WITNESSED:

Eric Rudningen, Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

Tesa Tomaschett, Clerk of the Board

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