

**SWIFT COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

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

All members were present except Ed Pederson.

Also present: Administrator Tesa Tomaschett, HRA/RDA Director Leanna Larson, Auditor/Treasurer Katie Foley, and members of the public.

There were no citizen comments.

Commissioner Hendrickx requested to add an item (c) Tax Classification, to Other Business.

Commissioner Rudningen moved, and Commissioner Mahoney seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of item (c) Tax Classifications to Other Business. The motion carried unanimously.

- Consider approving the November 5, 2024, board minutes.
- Consider approval of the 2025 Contract for Family Based and Adoption Services – Sara Barber.
- Consider approval of the 2025 Semi-Independent Living Services – Swift County Homes.
- Consider approval of the 2025 Semi-Independent Living Services – New Beginnings.
- Consider approval of the 2025 Heartland Girls Ranch – Host County Contract.
- Consider approval of Daycare Grand for Prairie Playhouse for \$3,464.58 for Safety issues in the Gymnasium regarding wall padding.

Chairman P. Peterson asked that there be an addition to the board minutes to add George Duckwitz of Holloway, MN to the sentence of Chairman P. Peterson read a letter from a concerned citizen.

Commissioner Hendrickx moved, and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve the consent agenda with the change to the November 5, 2024, board minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Warrants are as follows:

526,157.32	County General Revenue
82,111.87	Solid Waste Fund
125,308.82	County Road & Bridge
28,482.58	County Ditches Fund

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp.	75,509.19
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	5,706.58
Alex & Tabitha Benson	16,600.00
Anoka County Treasury Office	2,875.00
Axon Enterprise Inc	2,195.20
Brennan Construction of MN Inc.	289,346.83
Counties Providing Technology	8,270.00
DDA Human Resources Inc	10,300.00

Domat's Family Foods	2,090.44
Dude's Tiling LLC	20,545.08
Granicus	4,530.03
Jared Krieger & Thonvold Excavating, LLC	14,800.00
John Deere Financial	2,604.54
Lincoln National Corporation	3,073.36
MN Pollution Control	15,966.10
Morris Electronics	4,137.50
Nuss Truck Group Inc.	6,072.68
Pflipsen Trucking LLC	17,258.72
Pioneerland Library System	39,275.00
Rinke Noonan	7,437.50
Sun Life Financial-246468	2,068.01
Swift County Environmental Services	4,000.00
Swift County Human Services	5,767.71
Treasurer, City Of Danvers	2,954.67
Up! Outside	9,379.50
Waste Management Of WI-MN	11,774.07
West Central Roofing Contractors, Inc.	99,046.98
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc Inc	12,112.45
Wold Architects & Engineers	27,060.00
Zero Abuse Project	2,101.46
Ziegler Inc.	4,665.36
80 Payments less than 2000	32,536.63
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>762,060.59</b>

Commissioner Rudningen moved, and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve the Commissioner warrants and the Auditor Warrants Paid on 11/8/2024 and 11/13/2024. The motion carried unanimously.

HRA/RDA Director Leanna Larson and Stephen Kowal requested approval from the board for a merger request for the HRA & RDA Boards.

Commissioner Hendrickx moved, and Commissioner Rudningen seconded to approve HRA/RDA Director to notify all local government units and development agencies within the county of the intention to grant the Housing and Redevelopment Authority the economic development authority powers. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rudningen moved, and Commissioner Hendrickx seconded to approve to delegate the Director to make recommendations for selection of the members of the local committee which would then be presented to the county board for formal approval. The Motion carried unanimously.

HRA/RDA Director Leanna requested approval for Swift County Internship Program Agreement. Carrie Bendix from Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council presented information regarding Internship programs to the county board in March 2024. The ARPA Committee approved to utilize \$31,046.26 in funds to participate in the Swift County Summer Internship Program administered by PIC. This will fund internships for 4 students up to 29 hours per week at a wage of \$17.00 per hour for an average of 12 weeks. See the attached

workplan for more information. The Swift County RDA will assist in marketing the program.

Commissioner Rudningen moved, and Commissioner Mahoney seconded to approve the Swift County Internship Program Agreement utilizing the ARPA funds of \$31,046.26. Commissioner Hendrickx wanted to inform the board and public that he is a part of the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council but does not receive financial benefits if Swift County participates in the program. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Tomaschett brought the 2024-01 Cannabis Oriented Business and Land Use Ordinance draft to the board for review.

Administrator Tomaschett brought the 2025 budget to the board for review.

Commissioner Rudningen reported on 6W Corrections, Building Committee, and Renewable Energy meetings. KMS High School Drama team put on a play "Clue".

Commissioner Hendrickx reported on PrimeWest, 6W Corrections, Building Committee, Insurance Collaborative, and AMC meeting. Commissioner Mahoney reported on PrimeWest and Renewable Energy, Canvassing Board, and Chippewa River Watershed meetings. Commissioner P. Peterson reported on the Countryside Public Health and HRA/RDA board meeting.

Administrator Tomaschett reported on the Department Head meeting, MACA, Building Committee, DDA, Pathways, Insurance Collaboration, Renewable Energy meetings, and the AMC Conference.

Auditor/Treasurer Foley presented the tax forfeiture sale information to the board.

Commissioner Mahoney brought to the board for discussion his concerns on a few abandoned cemeteries in the county and them being maintained. Mahoney asked if there is a state statute on if there is a U.S. War Veteran in that cemetery the county is in charge of keeping that cemetery maintained.

Commissioner Hendrickx informed the board that an individual called regarding his pasture land tax classification. Because of a past classification change, the due date was changed. The notice was printed correctly based on the classification in the system but ended up realizing it was wrong based on the use of the property. The landowner was asking for the penalty to be waived. The general consensus of the board was not to waive the penalty. The classification is being changed to match the use of the property.

Chairman P. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 10:21 AM.

WITNESSED:  
Peter Peterson, Board Chair

ATTEST:  
Tesa Tomaschett, Clerk of the Board

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