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Nursing Director Marissa Hetlund, Auditor Allen Paulson, and Attorney Al Rogalla came to the recent County Board meeting to discuss the changing status of the Corona virus and current steps that are recommended by the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health, as well as changes at the Court House.

County will follow recommendations by CDC & Public Health for safety regarding Coronavirus

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on March 17, 2020.

Coronavirus: Nursing Director Marissa Hetlund, Auditor Allen Paulson, and Attorney Al Rogalla came to discuss the Personnel Committee update and information on the changing status of the Corona virus, and current steps that are recommended by the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health, as well as changes at the Court House and restrictions of services in some departments.

"There are no known cases of the virus north of Stearns County (St. Cloud)," stated Nurse Hetlund as of the time of this meeting date.

"There would still be open court," stated Attorney Rogalla. "We would be limiting some warrants in some cases." He said the Sheriff has the ultimate authority on inmates who stay or go.

"Everything is very fluid, and may change tomorrow," Auditor Paulson said. "We could hold an emergency meeting to close the Court House."

The Veterans Service Office and the Attorney offices are remaining open at this time.

Commissioners Mark Titera and Neal Illies expressed the desire and likelihood that the Drivers License Department would stay open for residents of Clearwater County.

"After a thorough discussion

by all present, it is understood that Clearwater County will continue to follow leads and communication by the Public Health Administrator and Emergency Manager on future developments for safety, County operation procedures and dissemination of information to County employees and the Public," states the results of the meeting.

In addition, the Board passed work related guidelines as precautions which include: "If any employee is sick, to stay home. Non-emergency workers that have district enrolled students aged 12 and under can use sick time to care for the students. Keep social distancing and wash hands often."

A motion to accept the changes to the update was made by Commissioner Mark Larson, seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera and passed by the Board. A press release will be forthcoming through local media.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox received approval to grant a free one year extension on sales that will expire on April 26, 2020 and October 30, 2020 because of adverse surface conditions due to a wet summer and early snow load in 2019. The Damaged Timber policy will not apply to any of the sales extended due to this action.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé announced the awarding of construction bids which were opened last week as follows: To

award the bid for grade widening and culvert replacement on County Road 2 to R.J. Zavoral Sons Inc. of East Grand Forks, Minn. in the amount of \$1,349,138.17; to award the bid for pavement markings to Traffic Marking Services, Inc. of Maple Lake, Minn. in the amount of \$125,071.30; and to award the bid for regravelling and surfacing to Vogts Dirt Service of Bemidji in the amount of \$199,355.14.

"Regravelling is under \$10 per yard, which is lower than last time," the Engineer stated.

Quotes for purchase of a pickup, and equipped snowplows were approved. The Engineer said it takes a year to build the snow plows.

Fahey Auction will be held May 9 for the sale of excess equipment.

County Auditor Allen Paulson reported that revenue from the Casino for the past year amounted to \$83,000; this is up from the total of \$73,000 the previous year.

A step increase for Jamie Halverson was approved, effective April 1.

The Auditor was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$46,384 for the County Revenue Fund and \$14,000 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Commissioners present at the meeting were Neal Illies, Mark Larson and Mark Titera.

County Limiting Public Access to All County Buildings

March 20, 2020-Under the authority of the Emergency Declaration issued by the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners on March 20, 2020 and through consultation with Clearwater County Public Health and Emergency Management, Clearwater County will be limiting access to all public buildings effective at 8:00 a.m. on March 23, 2020 and until further notice.

Exterior doors will be locked at all county facilities. Solid Waste will continue essential operations. The courthouse will be open only for persons that have essential business with the court. Anyone visiting the courthouse must identify the purpose of their visit and will go through a screening process. While the buildings will be closed to the public, services and operation hours will continue to be provided to the citizens through phone, email and by appointment if deemed necessary by the department. Clearwater County offers many on-line services. Citizens are encouraged to explore these options and utilize them whenever possible. Citizens should call prior to visiting any county facility to ensure department/staff availability. A listing of department/agency contacts is available online and will be posted at each door.

In implementing these measures, Clearwater County will be following guidelines presented by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Executive Order of Governor Walz and recommendations of President Trump on social distancing. Providing for the wellbeing and limiting exposure to our employees and the general public is of the utmost importance to the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners. Due to the fluidity of information regarding COVID-19 it is anticipated that further updates will be provided. The Clearwater County website (www.co.clearwater.mn.us) will be updated and can be utilized by the public for new announcements, press releases, preparedness recommendations, along with local closure information.

Coronavirus has really put everything on hold in the area

The COVID-19 Pandemic Virus will continue to impact the population of Clearwater County and due to the significant disruption of public services essential to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Clearwater County. Precautions related to the COVID-19 virus will include limiting foot traffic in the Clearwater County Courthouse. They will be providing Driver's License Service to Clearwater County residents only, they are encouraging email and telephone calls to their County Departments instead of foot traffic. Tax payers are encouraged to pay property taxes by mail. Clearwater County Commissioner feel these precautions will allow them to continue to provide services and protect the health and wellbeing of county staff and residence. The Clearwater County Commissioners will continue to evaluate how services are provided in the county.

Beauty Shops, gas stations and many other business places in the area have different hours. If you are wondering please them a call before you venture out.

Border State Bank

A Message from Border State Bank CEO David L. Felch to our customers, and the communities we serve regarding COVID-19.

Border State Bank has nine locations throughout Minne-

sota. Currently, lobby access at their branches remain open for business. The Clearbrook Branch number is 776-3151 or www.borderstatebank.com

Northern State Bank

The Northern State Bank of Gonvick is open from 8:30 to 4 each day in the lobby Monday through Friday. They are not open on Saturday. Only the drive through can be used. Their telephone number is 487-5244 if you have any questions.

K and K's Cafe

K and K's Restaurant in Clearbrook will be open to orders To-Go Please call ahead we will have them ready to take to you curbside or pick up!! 218-776-2195!! Thank you for you Business! Our Hours will be as of now 8:00-1:00

Kandi's Cafe

Kandi's Restaurant in Gonvick. Monday will be her last day for awhile due to her health issues can't take the chance of getting the virus. She messaged Matt and The Trap will be there for your Lunch needs. Thank you and stay safe.

Dudley's Cafe

Dudley's Cafe in Leonard will be open from 9 am to 2 pm. Call in or curb side service. They are still preparing their Sunday dinner special. Call 968-2300. Thank you during this time.

Side Track Tap

The Side Track Tap in Leon-

ard will be open from Noon-8pm Off-Sale and To-Go Orders. Their telephone number is. 218-968-2304

The Trap

The Trap Bar and Grill in Gonvick will be closing with the exception of off sale and to-go food orders to stay in compliance with the government. Matt Bergman said, "I have called our state representative and went over a few options for him to bring up to try shorten this time up or eliminate the closer. The support in me trying to stay open but I think it is in my best interest to play ball for now to stay in good standing with the governing agencies whom I have licenses through. Thank you and please support our businesses through this so we can recover quickly when able!" 487-5224

Sportsmans Lodge

Sportsman's Lodge on Pine Lake will be open at noon for takeout food orders and off-sale!!!! Marnie says she will try keep everyone posted on specials and hours of business but as of now their plan is 12-8 pm. Thank you everyone for your support 218-487-5295

Clearbrook Municipal

The Clearbrook Municipal Store will not be open for Sunday Sales but they will be open for off sale and take out orders. Call 776-9984. Thank you.

National Women's History Month topic at First Lady event

wanted to share with you:

He wrote "For many years we have been arguing whether women have sense enough to vote. The argument has at last become so wearisome at Washington that it has ended in a victory for the affirmative. There is some justification for it. Some women have sense."

He goes on to talk about how men have sense too and are better informed than many. It would be absurd to not let men vote. And "Some women are equally informed and equally well qualified to vote- more of them than you think. It seems strange that they have only just acquired a privilege which has been held promiscuously by drunks who did not know whether Longfellow was a cocktail or suit of underwear."

Basically he's saying that if drunkards can vote, he guesses women should be able to as well.

So I wasn't feeling very generous toward Mr. W.W. Jones after this editorial, but he redeemed himself with a second untitled editorial in March of 1920.

"Some day women of the county will enjoy equal suffrage with men. They will have votes in every contest in which men have a vote. They will be the equals of men in every respect, as they are now the superiors of men in many. Only a few years ago woman was considered a frail thing to be coddled and protected from all contact with the sterner side of life. Today she is a fixture in business, her voice is heard in every mark of trade, and her influence is felt in every movement of importance that concerns public weal. The evolution of woman in the past few years has been more rapid and more far reaching than any other phase of human life. She is coming into her own."

Now we are talking Mr. Jones! Outside of the topic of right

to vote, I scanned the news for any glimpse of everyday lives of women that might appear in the paper. The gossip columns were a large part of the local news and Mrs. Anderson or Mrs. Olson (they rarely had a first name) were often "seen on the streets conducting business," or they travelled to visit relatives, or had relatives visiting them. It was astounding to me how often women traveled to visit; nearly always by train, and very often for weeks at a time. Another common report was of the teachers who came and went from the various schools in the county. Most teachers were a Miss someone or other who came from other towns, often miles away, to teach in a small country school. They went home to visit family on weekend and over holidays, and of course left for the summer, sometimes coming back to teach again. Sometimes moving to another school.

Women were travelling and moving about all over.

Young girls travelled to go to high school. Grace and Helen Clark attended high school in Minneapolis, but in 1920 came home to attend school in Bemidji so they could be closer to family in Gonvick.

Miss Emma Tharaldson travelled to Trail to take instruction in the Snow system of dressmaking. She was there for 6 weeks.

Mrs. George Bottineau went on a ten-day buying trip. She was ran a millinery shop in Gonvick.

Mae Barness, county superintendent of school and Miss Annie Shelland, the state rural school inspector made their rounds in northern part of the county. The two women travelled to Winsor, Shevlin, Minerva and several other schools over a 4-day period.

First Lady..

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Clearbrook Senior Center changes meal delivery system

By Bonnie Kirchman

Good sanitation techniques like frequent handwashing and wearing gloves when serving food are nothing new to the staff at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. They follow these guidelines every day when preparing and serving meals for the people who eat at the Center or receive meals-on-wheels. But the limits on social gatherings and recommendations for social distancing have turned the normal routine for everybody involved in the Center's meal program upside-down.

As of Wednesday, March 18th, meals can no longer be served at the Center. At the current time, meals can be picked up between 11:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Those who would like a meal should call the Center before 9:00 a.m. at 776-3154.

Eating lunch at the Senior Center is an important social connection time that will be missing for the foreseeable future. The morning coffee time at the Senior Center is also cancelled until further notice. Only staff who prepare the food for delivery and

the people who deliver meals-on-wheels should come to the Center in the morning.

The people who work at the Senior Center will continue to follow the regular sanitation techniques. They have added social distancing, trying to stay six feet away from each other whenever possible.

The staff is scrambling to adjust to the rules, and the rules are changing frequently. On Friday, March 20th, they sent out 40 meals. They also prepared frozen meals for delivery next week. As of today, they are planning to send frozen meals out on Monday, March 23rd to last their clients for three days.

The length of time these changes will be in effect is not known at this time. The staff will continue to adjust to the new requirements they must follow.

For many people who receive meals-on-wheels, the interaction with their meal delivery person is the only social contact they have on many days. If you have friends or neighbors in this situation, please keep in touch with them.



Participants at the grand march for the Father-Daughter dance put on by the Clearbrook Fire Department. Shown are Cedric Gustafson and daughter Stella.



Tamara Edevold presented a plate to Marilyn Ames the 2020 First Lady of Clearwater County. See story in the Tri County Canary this week.

Community Calendar

Shooting Star Casinos closing
BAGLEY -- Shooting Star Casinos are temporarily closing their two casinos in Mahanomen and Bagley. That started on March 18. Their reopening date is still pending at this time. For more information or questions, call (800) 453-7827.

Lindfors Agency
The Lindfors Agency in Clearbrook will not be open to customers except by appointment only until at least April 13th. You can contact the office by calling 218-776-3161 or 218-435-6585.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., March 25 - Chicken Rice Pilaf, Carrots, Peach Halves, Pie, Bread and Milk.

Thurs., March 26 - Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cinnamon Apples, Bread and Milk.

Fri., March 27 - Chili, Cheese Sandwich, Beets, Bar, Banana and Milk.

Mon. March 30 - Egg Bake/Sausage, Oven Baked Potatoes, Apricots, Coffee Cake, Bread and Milk.

Tues., March 31 - Pork on Bun, Macaroni Salad, Broccoli Florets, Fruit Cocktail, Dessert and Milk.

Wed., April 1 - Chicken & Noodles, Candied Carrots, Fruit, Sherbert, Dinner Roll and Milk.
Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Effective Immediately, we will not be doing fingerprinting for civil issues for the next 14 days. We will reevaluate after that time to decide if we will resume that service. In addition, if it is not an emergency, please avoid coming to our lobby. If you have questions, you can call or email our office and we will assist you. We realize this is an inconvenience and hopefully the COVID-19 crisis will subside and we can continue business as usual. Until then, please bare with us during this unique time.



Lloyd Engen and Eleanor Hall are two people who deliver meals-on-wheels curbside and other wise from the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. See story on the front page.

Recycling Saves YOU Disposal Fees

If you think that recycling isn't worth the bother, think about what it costs you to throw your recyclables in the trash. Clearwater County pays tipping fees by the ton for trash hauled to the Fosston Incinerator. As the tonnage increases, the costs also increase. A state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) recovers recyclables from trash, but the MRF operates more efficiently if it's separating mixed recyclables only, rather than recyclables from trash. Some of the recyclables aren't pulled out and end up in the landfill. Not only that, but the tipping fee for mixed recyclables is ZERO, which saves the county money!

You can reduce the volume of rubbish by recycling your paper, cardboard, plastic food and beverage containers, steel cans and, of course, aluminum and glass containers! Take them to the recycling bins located by the County Highway Department in Bagley. Thank you! Need pointers? Call us at 218-694-6183.

Clearwater County Environmental Services



Allison Cease on the left presented two songs at the Clearwater County First Lady event that was held. Elaine Johnson, the 2019 First Lady of the County gave her thoughts on her year.

First Lady..
Continued from front page
Acquina Kolb, a college girl from Bagley, who was living in Gonvick, took a job in Clearbrook at the First National Bank there. She planned to spend the summer working at the bank, traveling by train each day from Gonvick to Clearbrook.

In July 1920, a party of young girls left on a Monday for Clearwater Lake. Mabel Green, Judith and Inez Malmo, Vivian, Grace and Helen Clark planned to do some camping and would return Friday.

As Mr. W.W. Jones stated in his editorial: "Only a few years ago woman was considered a frail



Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals are sealed for curbside deliver.

thing to be coddled and protected from all contact with the sterner side of life. Today She is coming into her own."

It is empowering to hear women's stories, both personally and in a larger context. Remembering and recounting tales of our ancestors' talents, sacrifices, and commitments inspires today's generations. This month, and all year long, we celebrate countless pioneering women and the victories they won, and we continue our work to build a society where our daughters have the same possibilities as our sons.

Spring NELL programs Cancelled
Northern Exposure to Life-long Learning (NELL) has made the difficult decision to cancel the Spring Season of NELL programming.

The Minnesota Governor and the CDC have suggested limiting close contact with people for at least 8 weeks; specifically groups of 10 or more are discouraged from meeting. This 8-week time frame unfortunately coincides with our planned spring program time frame.

The populations most at risk are the elderly and those with existing medical conditions. As you may be aware, COVID-19 is spreading with close person-to-person contact. These parameters, elderly and possibly with existing medical conditions, are exactly who our audience is made of.

The health of our many friends is of the utmost importance to NELL and we hope that by making this decision to cancel, you will stay safe and well as we navigate this emergency.

The NELL board of directors will evaluate the Fall programming later this summer, and hopefully bring a longer and more robust Fall Season in September.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Families and Community Members

I want to give you a quick update on operations of the school right now and how we are preparing to operate for the future. We have no cases confirmed of Covid-19 in the Clearbrook-Gonvick district at this time. We will continue to monitor and inform you of any updates.

We have been going through a lot of information and meetings from the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Department of Health, County Health, and Center for Disease Control. At this time our school is closed for most students. Teachers are working on E-learning plans at this time in case a longer closure is necessary. We will be prepared if schools are closed longer than March 27th. We will follow the school calendar for food service and emergency Personnel care as we move forward. This means we will be closed on March 27th as that was not a scheduled school day.

Emergency Personnel Care- Right now we are operating care services for students aged 4-12 of emergency personnel in our area. For bussing please contact Stein's Bus Service, 218-243-2629. Care services run on our normal school schedule and times. Transportation is available for these students at this time. Early out Wednesdays times are still in place at this time.

Food Service- We are operating food service for those in need at this time. These meals are free of charge. We offer delivery services for those in need and grab and go meals at the school. For the meals we give out a lunch for that day and a breakfast for the next day. Please contact us if you are in need of a meal for any student age 0-18 who lives within our district. Most districts in the area are offering meals for any student who lives within their borders no matter where they attend. Our Red Lake meals are delivered to the St. Mary's Mission School from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Student Materials- We are getting materials out to students who were not in school on Monday 3/16 or Tuesday 3/17. We are getting textbooks, class resources, and computers out for those who do not have them. We have a pickup spot at the school for that. Please contact us if you have a student that needs essential materials or resources to set up a scheduled pick-up time.

E-Learning- Teachers are preparing E-Learning materials in the event we are closed longer than March 27th. If E-learning is to happen, it will start on March 30th. Teachers would send out notifications of how to access materials at the end of next week. We will be using electronic platforms for different grade levels. At this time 4-12 would be using a Schoology platform and K-3 would be using the Seesaw app. We are setting up teacher call times, academic support, and other things at this time. We will have more detailed instructions next week on access to these programs.

Internet- If you do not have internet, we have been made aware that those who need internet services are being helped.

Food Shelf
Clearbrook-Gonvick Kindness Squad is pleased to take part in the food drive for the Clearwater County Food Shelf via the Mustardseed Homes March Campaign! During the month of March, we will have boxes set out in the hallways to collect non-perishable food which will be donated to our local food shelf at the end of the month.

History center
The History Center in Shevlin will be closed at least until April 3 in response to the COVID19 pandemic. The membership meeting and outlook supper set for March 31 has also been cancelled. Future evening programs are still being evaluated. For more information call the history center 218-785-2000.

Clearbrook game card winners 2020
3/19/20-Josie Kubiak 50.00
3/20/20-Brad Borene 50.00
3/23/20-Betty Johnson 50.00
3/24/20-James Kumpula 50.00
3/25/20-Randy Wetenkamp 50.00

vice at this time should contact Garden Valley Technologies at 800-448-8260. GVT is offering special assistance to those families in their serving district with students K-12 who currently do not have Internet service at their residence. A 50/50 Mbps Internet speed connection will be made available free of charge, including managed Wi-Fi services, if needed. Please contact them as it will be much easier to have the internet if we have to move to E-Learning. Those who do not have internet will receive instructional materials delivered from buses during food service routes.

Events- At this time all events and after school activities are cancelled. We will have more information in the future as we evaluate

all events and what the status of the school and the community is at those times. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter. We will make decisions on specific events as we move forward.

I want to thank the Clearbrook-Gonvick staff and community for all their work and support at this time. I have seen many go above and beyond in this short amount of time. We are facing changes to the way we operate, but will evolve to the situation. In challenging times we will work together to make sure that we meet the needs of the students, staff, and community with safety as a priority.

Thank you,
Jeff Burgess
Superintendent

Church News

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Our Savior's
Notified by Pastor Bob Kirchman who had a meeting with Bishop Tesch. All ELCA church services in the synod have been called off, effective immediately. Services and other items can be reached at www.gslcclearbrook.com.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Wed., March 25: 9:30am- Women's Bible Study
Sun., March 29: 9:30am- Sunday School; 10:30am- Worship/Fellowship.
Schedule is subject to change as new information is released about the coronavirus.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7
Lenten & church services canceled until further notice.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

CLEARBROOK SITE:
Shop-at-the-Top: closed. Call 218-776-2789
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7:00 PM, Thursday, 2nd floor of CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW.
Youth Connection: Cancelled until students return to school. ABE sites closed until further notice.

GONVICK SITE:
Grow It! Basket Parties: Fri. & Sat., March 27 & 28, 9:00 AM to 12:00. Instruction on-going as you arrive. Available space for social distancing. Cost based on container & choice of plants. Use Oak St. entrance.
Bidding on the MSH Building Trades House is open through April 3. Sealed bid envelopes are available at either CWLC site. Tours are available M-W-Th-Fri, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM or by appointment. Call 218-776-2789 to schedule, if you can't make it during regular business hours.

Adult Day Services closed through March 25. Caregivers can certainly visit with us via phone or e-mail about openings for new clients, 18 & over when we reopen. Licensed facility & professional staff. Call Marilyn at 218-487-5290, Ext. 1.
Transportation Service: Call Karen 24 hours in advance at 218-776-2223 or 218-637-0509 to schedule your ride.

Connection Mondays:
Pickleball: Cancelled until further notice.
Hours: Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8-4, Tues.-Fri. Gonvick, 226 Elm St., M-W-F, 9-3.

www.clearwaterslife.org, www.adultdaysservicesgonvick.org, or www.mustardseedhomes.org and "like" us on Facebook pages.

As a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, CWLC is able to provide a variety of free or low cost services to our area thanks to generous financial donors just like you. Be a part of making a difference, join our team. All donations to CWLC re tax-deductible

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
All Public worship services at Elim Lutheran Brethren Church will be cancelled until further notice.

Pastor Adam Krog will continue to prepare and preach the Word during this season. It will be available on the internet at Soundcloud.com and search Adam Krog. Also you can listen on our weekly radio broadcast at 8:30am on Sunday mornings on 96.7FM.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Pastor Adam at 218-776-3750 or 218-556-5760.

Let us all join together in pray for each other and for our nation. May the God of all grace and peace be with you all.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
All churches in the Clearwater Parish (Mt. Olive, Nazareth, St. Petri and Oak Park) are closed the rest of March.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com
A lot has changed in a week! With face to face gatherings now being limited to 10 people it drastically changes the way we will operate as a church family moving forward.

We will be doing church remotely for the foreseeable future. I have created a blog where I will post sermons via YouTube, along with prayer requests, announcements, articles, etc. Here is a link to our blog, where for now, you will find a welcome post and a link to an article. https://newjourneyfosstonblog.blogspot.com/

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
No Services of Confirmation classes until further notice.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
We are moving online! Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services will be available via live video on Facebook only, until further notice. We will also have a radio program at 8:00am each Sunday morning on 96.7 FM.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: richards@gvtel.com

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- Use seat belts while operating all farm equipment especially tractors.
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- To prevent entanglements don't wear loose clothing when entering confined spaces such as grain bins, silos and hoppers.
- Be alert, be aware, be alive.

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CLEARWATER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

February 11, 2020

The February meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on February 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Illies presiding and Commissioners Nelson, Titera, Newland and Larson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Agenda with changes.

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the minutes for the month of January with corrections.

Land Department – Bruce Cox presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Resolution to approve the sale of the tax forfeited parcel, on file, to the City of Bagley. This parcel will be sold for \$200.00 plus the following fees: 3% Assurance Fee of \$6.00, Deed Fee of \$25.00, Deed Tax of \$1.65, and Recording Fee of \$46.00; for a total of \$278.65.

Sheriff – Darin Halverson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Board Chair to sign the 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$15,849.00 and to have the Clearwater County Sheriff Co-sign the agreement.

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to accept the proposal dated February 3, 2020 from Wenck Associates, Inc. for engineering and consulting services related to the demolition landfill. This motion also rescinds the motion dated 11/12/2019 to approve a task order from Terracon Consultants, Inc. for a hydrogenologic work plan related to the demolition landfill. Total contract price would be \$7,500 to come out of account #20-392-6261.

Engineer – Dan Sauvé presented the bills, financial statement and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$153,064.03 for the County

Revenue Fund and \$52,201.73 for the Nursing Service Fund.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve and sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Clearwater County and Minnesota Nurses Association Home Health Care Registered Nurses. Salary schedule increases as follows: New Scale and .50% increase for 2019, 2.50% increase for 2020 and 2.50% for 2021.

Second Amendment Sanctuary County Discussion – Sam and Caren Smith and Sheriff Darin Halverson and Deputy Vern Wittenburg were present to discuss passing a resolution and/or ordinance in support of Clearwater County becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Several private citizens were present for this discussion. After the discussion, the following people were appointed to a committee to work on a resolution and ordinance: Commissioner Newland, Commissioner Illies, Darin Halverson, Al Rogalla, Sam Smith and Caren Smith. They will be meeting on February 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Open – The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, and failed for lack of a second to allow up to 5 US Fish & Wildlife easements per year.

After discussion, the following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, that Clearwater County allows US Fish & Wildlife to bring forward 2 wetland or habitat easements per year.

Ayes: Titera, Newland & Illies
Nays: Nelson & Larson

Recess – The meeting recessed at 10:21 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on February 18, 2020

February 18, 2020

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on February 18, 2020 with Chairman Illies presiding and Commissioners Larson, Titera and Newland present.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Second Amendment Sanctuary County – The Second Amendment Sanctuary County Committee presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to adopt the Resolution declaring Clearwater County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, Resolution on file.

Headwaters Regional Transportation Coordination Council – Bryan McCoy from Headwaters Regional Development Commission was present to discuss the Headwaters Regional Transportation Coordination Council.

Environmental Services –

Dan Hecht presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the Resolution Designating Orange Hawkweed and Yellow Hawkweed as County Noxious Weeds.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve of purchasing warning signs related to preventing dumpster fires for solid waste collection sites from JAG Signs, Bagley, at the quoted price of \$1,020.00 for 14 signs.

Auditor-Treasurer – Emily McDougall presented the bills, month end financials and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$31,454.00 for the County Revenue Fund and \$5,098.15 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Dated: March 10, 2020
Neal Illies, Board Chairman
Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

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DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Westrum at 7:01 p.m.. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Jeff Westrum, Tracy Imle, Tom Stenzel, Richard Hetland. Absent: James Galloway (deceased, November 2019), Corey Petterson, and Kris Snyder. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess, Principal Dugstad, Board Member Elect Dudley Wishard (Will take office at march meeting), 5 staff members, and 3 community members, and 2 students

1. Town Hall Meeting (Odd Number Months)

4 Community Comments – A request was made by a parent that the District consider a co-op with RLCC for wrestling.

5 Spotlight on Education – Ms. Goudge presented events that have taken place since the last board meeting. The scheduling committee requested that the board consider a CRT (Common Resource Time) in place of study halls for the 20-21 school year. A 5 day trial has been run.

6 Approval of Agenda – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve agenda as amended, Item 11.6 – Marianne Trcka Advisor resignation & 11.7 – Judy Engebretson – FMLA Request. MCU

7 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve minutes as presented. MCU

7.1 1/22/2020 - Regular Meeting

8 Informational Items

8.1 Principal Report –Principal Dugstad discussed the following items: 1) FFA Week –FFA week is this week. Mrs. Hjort is in the lead to kiss a pig at the end of the week.. 2) Speaker –A speaker will be in the building on February 26th. The topic will be Set Backs and Bouncing Back. 3) Snow Week Dance – The dance was very successful. Thank you Mr. Bettin for running such successful event. 4) Baskets in Gym –New baskets and backboards have been installed in the gym. These baskets were generously donated by the Clearbrook Community Club. I would like to express my thanks for that donation. 5) AIPAC/JOM/Indian Ed Meeting – The first Parent meeting was held tonight. Budgeting and plans are in the works. 6) Judy Engebretson - She is a valuable and she is greatly appreciated. 7) CRT –Mr. Dugstad is in favor of switching to CRT, but is concerned about the contractual issues if everyone is on an extended day.

8.2 Superintendent Report – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: 1) Educational –A) Wrestling Co-Op - Parents have requested that we consider forming a co-op with RLCC for wrestling. He is currently looking into the possibility B) Calendar – We have done a survey for the upcoming calendar. A second survey was sent last week. We should be able to present/approve a calendar at the March board meeting. 2) Building – A) New adjustable backboards have been installed in gym. These have been donated by the Clearbrook Community Club. I'd like to thank the Community Club for the generous donation. B) Floors have been re-done in the gym. We are happy with the results & plan to schedule some time for this next year. C) There have been some

pressure drops in our boiler. Lowell is doing a good job of keeping up with the system. 3) Financial – A) Comparison Reports – They are on track, The Food Service budget is currently in the red. This will adjust at the next board meeting, as state aid payments were not received this month. B) We need to schedule a finance meeting. We have been working on fine tuning our finances to be more accurate. We are finishing up some portions now. We are waiting for some of the revenue projections to come out. C) Comparison reports were discussed, specifying areas that have increased from last year. 4) BRIC – A) A strategic plan for BRIC has been presented. The focus is on current structure and how to maintain stability. Negotiations have been completed for BRIC teachers with a 2% and a 2.25% salary increase. There were some changes to leave calculations from days to hours. 5) Building Project – A) We are in preliminary planning stages. We have a planning meeting with contractors on February 25th. 6) Personnel – A) With the resignation that is in your packet, we have begun advertising. We are looking at doing interviews the first week in March. During that time Jenetta will still be doing payroll. We have already met as office staff to assign other essential duties during this time. B) Judy has been out for an extended period of time. Tiffany Kroulik is handling the onsite items, and Judy is working from home.

8.3 Committee Report – NA

9 Consent Calendar – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented (including Student Activity) Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings

68016-68057/Wires
Payroll Checks
0030453 – 0030460
February Bills
Voucher Numbers: 57163 – 57248
Check Numbers: 68058 – 68101

Total Payroll/Expense Checks
Approved: \$420,249.90

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

9.4 Approval of Student Activity

10 Old Business –

10.1

11 New Business

11.1 Technology Infrastructure Plan – Supt Burgess discussed the process we have gone through. We currently are considering two different bids. We will have a recommendation for the March board meeting.

11.2 VPK Approval – Supt Burgess discussed the Voluntary Pre-K application process. MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve VPK application. MCU

11.3 NWMF Grant Approval – Supt Burgess discussed an available grant through NWMF. It offers a scholarship to students to consider going into early childhood, childcare positions or education. MMS Imle/Hetland to approve the application. MCU

11.4 Approve Resignation Jenetta Weems-HR – MMS Stenzel/Imle to approve resignation MCU Supt Burgess thanked Jenetta for her work for the district and wished her well.

11.5 MSEA Letter of Intent to Negotiate – Supt Burgess presented the MSEA request to negotiate. No action is required.

11.6 Approval of Resignation-Marianne Trcka - Jr Class/Prom Adviser – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve resignation. MCU

11.7 Approval FMLA Leave – Judy Engebretson – MMS Imle/Hetland to approve leave. MCU

12. Action Items for March Meeting –

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13. Adjournment – MMS Imle/Hetland to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. MCU
Next Regular Meeting – Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. RIC

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Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative Postpones Annual Meeting

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We feel it is important to be proactive, so effective March 19th, 2020, until further notice,

our lobby will be closed to the public. The closure will have minimal effect on our day-to-day operations.

Clearwater-Polk continues to monitor updates from local, state and federal government agencies and health officials. We are implementing these plans to help stop the spread of COVID -19 to our members and employees so we can continue to provide safe and reliable electric service. We still have many options to pay your bill online, by phone, mail or use our drop box at the south end of our parking lot. If you are having issues paying your bill, please give us a call. 694-6241.

Clearbrook Fire Department Daddy-Daughter Dance



BJ Engen and his daughters.



Faith and Grace Gunning with their dad Mark Gunning.



Chris Basinger and his daughters.



Dan Gazelka and his daughters.



Gus Vettleson and Vicki Granley.

February 2020 Claims Over \$2,000

Anderson Disposal	11,702.08	Solid Waste
Bagley Co-op Association	13,094.80	R & B
Bagley Co-op Association	2,913.24	Forfeited Tax, County Revenue
Bagley Co-op Association	11,226.49	R & B
Beltrami County Treasurer	3,954.00	County Revenue
Cease Family Funeral Home Inc	2,981.50	Human Services
City of Clearbrook	3,556.36	R & B
Clearbrook-Gonvick School-ISD 2311	2,404.35	Solid Waste
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	57,296.27	R & B
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	12,330.37	Human Services
Clearwater Day Activity Ctr	2,869.52	Human Services
Clw Trailblazers Snowmobile Club	17,642.06	County Revenue
CMRS-POC	5,000.00	County Revenue
Community Oil Company, Inc	5,649.21	R & B
Dell Marketing, LP	8,408.57	County Revenue
Dell Marketing, LP	7,857.00	County Revenue
Department of Human Services		
SWIFT	12,882.82	Human Services
Evergreen House	3,150.00	Human Services
Everything2go.com	3,010.00	County Revenue
Fleet Pride	2,264.64	R & B
Garden Valley Technologies	3,414.04	Solid Waste, County Revenue
Goroski / Michael & Heather	2,203.48	Human Services
Impact Proven Solutions	2,095.00	County Revenue
Itasca State Park	12,600.00	County Revenue
JAG Body Shop	3,712.62	County Revenue
Kris Engineering Inc	2,157.38	R & B
Lake Agassiz Regional Library	26,497.50	County Revenue
Lakeshirts, Inc	6,162.68	County Revenue
Les Janssen Construction, LLC	2,882.98	County Revenue
Listrom's Disposal	13,517.38	Solid Waste
MEND Correctional Care, PLLC	5,024.28	County Revenue
Minnesota Secretary of State	12,192.41	County Revenue
MSOP - MN Sex Offender Program 462	6,700.65	Human Services
MV Sport	2,874.30	County Revenue
North Homes Inc	42,459.26	Human Services
North Woods Technologies	2,400.00	R & B
Northwest MN HHW Management	6,222.42	Solid Waste
Polk County Solid Waste	21,581.95	Solid Waste
Postmaster	3,738.00	Human Services
Prairie St John	5,017.56	Human Services
Prime Health	88,290.20	County Revenue
Public Utilities Commission	4,435.21	Forfeited Tax, County Revenue
Rural Minnesota Cep Inc	7,645.21	Human Services
Sanford Bemidji Medical Center	3,923.61	Nursing Service
SHI International Corp	2,190.00	County Revenue
Speedy Van, LLC	16,304.00	Human Services
Summit Food Service, LLC	9,571.02	County Revenue
Terracon Consultants Inc	2,000.00	Solid Waste
TriMin Systems Inc	11,487.00	County Revenue
Wilcor International Inc	2,768.36	County Revenue
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09:29 Information Only; 03/20/20 16:31 911 Hang Up, 3:03 Welfare Check, 14:48 Domestic

Greenwood - Total 1
03/17/20 18:29 Traffic Stop

Holst - Total 3
03/18/20 09:55 Traffic Stop; 03/19/20 02:56 Motor Vehicle Crash, 03:48 Medical

Itasca - Total 1
03/16/20 21:51 CIVIL PROCESS

LaPrairie N - Total 6
03/17/20 09:28 Traffic Stop, 5:29 Transport; 03/18/20 15:31 Information Only, 6:18 Property Damage, 18:15 Sexual Conduct; 03/20/20 13:11 Traffic Stop

Leon - Total 2
03/16/20 07:39 ASSIST; 03/20/20 09:00 Crimes Against Family

Long Lost Lake - Total 1
03/17/20 09:36 Alarm

Minerva - Total 6
03/16/20 08:08 Animal Related; 03/18/20 07:37 Animal Related; 03/19/20 17:20 Medical; 03/20/20 07:19 Traffic Stop, 08:10 Traffic Stop, 08:46 Traffic Stop

Moose Creek - Total 1

03/17/20 03:48 Medical

Nora - Total 6
03/16/20 11:59 Animal Related, 21:25 Traffic Complaint; 03/17/20 11:04 Traffic Stop; 03/18/20 06:57 Animal Related, 18:10 Traffic Stop; 03/20/20 17:06

Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
03/15/20 05:24 Warrant Arrest

03/18/20 11:34 911 Hang Up

Pine Lake - Total 3
03/17/20 13:30
03/18/20 07:41 Animal Related
03/21/20 19:22 Civil Complaint

Popple - Total 4
03/16/20 08:11 Vehicle Lock Out
03/16/20 13:34 Suspicious Activity
03/18/20 20:34 Traffic Complaint
03/19/20 13:10 Suspicious Activity

Rice - Total 1
03/19/20 12:07 Medical

Shevlin - Total 4
03/15/20 06:41 Traffic Stop, 07:28 Traffic Stop, 08:10 Traffic Stop; 03/20/20 09:29 911 Hang Up

Sinclair - Total 2
03/17/20 08:18 Traffic Stop
03/20/20 14:28 Traffic Stop

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City of Bagley - Total 11
03/15/20 08:33 Medical, 12:59 Welfare Check, 15:38 Medical, 15:42 ASSIST; 03/17/20 00:20 Traffic Complaint; 03/18/20 09:28 Transport, 4:53 Transport, 19:41 Warrant Arrest; 03/19/20 12:24 Suspicious Activity, 12:41 Traffic Stop; 03/21/20 14:39 Traffic Stop

City of Clearbrook - Total 9
03/15/20 03:35 Medical, 7:26 911 Hang Up; 03/16/20 20:15 911 Hang Up, 21:38 Disturbance; 03/17/20 00:52 Suicide Related, 19:11 ASSIST; 03/18/20 14:20 Traffic Stop; 03/21/20 02:40 Trespass, 11:17 Motor Vehicle Crash

City of Gonvick - Total 6
03/15/20 00:37 Juvenile Misc, 6:33 Disturbance; 03/17/20 11:48 Information Only; 03/20/20 05:05 911 Hang Up, 13:08 Medical, 13:24 Traffic Stop

City of Leonard - Total 1
03/18/20 15:19 Traffic Stop

City of Shevlin - Total 1
03/20/20 12:28 Harassment

Copley - Total 4
03/15/20 13:28 Animal Related; 03/16/20 14:23 Civil Complaint; 03/17/20 13:41 Juvenile Misc; 03/20/20 11:29 Information Only

Falk - Total 5
03/16/20 10:07 ASSIST; 03/18/20

The Friends In The Kitchen Class in the Bagley American Legion for March 25 will be **CANCELED**.

The 2nd Annual Pet Wellness Expo that was being put on by Clearwater County Humane Society has been **canceled**. The event was planned for Saturday, March 28.

As of now, the Defensive Driving classes at Clearbrook-Gonvick for April 6 & 7, are suspended until further notice.

Restaurants and bars in the area are closed and will be having curb service. See more information on the front page this week.

The Home Show that was to be held in Thief River Falls on April 4 and 5 has been canceled.

Host Fest in Minot, North Dakota has been canceled for this year and will be held again on September 30 to October 2, 2021.

Joke Time - Ole and Lena's neighbor, Claye Overleen, has been going steady with Tina for several years. Then, Tina broke off the relationship. But, suddenly, one day Tina wrote Claye a letter which said, "Dearest Claye, Words cannot express how much I regret having broken off our engagement. Will you please come back to me? Your absence leaves a space no one can fill. Please forgive me and let us start all over again. I need you so much. Your Forever, Tina PS, by the way congratu-

lations on winning the four million dollar lottery."

Not sure of events as they come up will put them in this area each week.

Good Shepherd Blood Drive at the Wes Westrum Gym on Wednesday, April 8 in Clearbrook.

Letter to the Editor

Here we are again in crisis mode. This time the enemy is a virus which is forcing us into isolation and separation. I'm wondering how we can spend our time productively and overcome cabin fever which is sure to set in. With that in mind and in light of the fact that life seems a bit unsure at this time, perhaps it is a good time to ask the question, "Where am I going to spend eternity?" Right now, we are placed in a serious situation to consider our future. I have a booklet which is actually the Gospel of John and the Book of Romans in which the passages concerning the path to eternal life are clearly marked. Since the information is not my idea or your idea, but God's Word, perhaps we can all benefit from considering it. I would be happy to send a free copy to anyone who will give me their address. Good luck with that cabin fever. Let's encourage and support each other in this crisis!

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