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Congratulations to the Win-E-Mac Class of 2024!



The Win-E-Mac Senior Class became the Class of 2024 as they received their diploma's during the Graduation Ceremony held on Saturday, May 25th at the Win-E-Mac School. Graduates included: Kiersten Faith Anderson, Camerson Edward Bergman, Joshua Carlson, Poma Cheremnov, Justin Courneya (Minnesota Honor Society) Wyatt J. Davis, Erich Robert Gensburger, Dylan Douglas Hagen, Alec Duane Haskett, Ava Ann Howard (Minnesota Honor Society), Ryan Kangas, Samson Kaya, Kailee Lauren Kramer, Kayleena Kutsev, Preston Lecy, Kori Lundy, Lilyan Alexa Wiseman Meyer, Oscar Moldstad (Honor Student), Alyssa Claire Morberg, Isabelle Eve Morinville, Alexis Ryanna Narlock, Emily Lou Olson, Jordon Parades, Christopher Michael Roragen, Jr., Annika Juliette Shimpa, Emily Helen Strom (Minnesota Honor Society), Luella Rose Strom (Minnesota Honor Society), Clare Stuhag, Kyra Olivia Stuhag (Honor Student), Jaime L. Stuhr (Minnesota Honor Society), Sydney Noelle Svalen, Kianna Lilly Tadman (Honor Student), Hana Kaye-Ann Thompson (Minnesota Honor Society), Brooke L. Tofstad and Jaron Zimmermann.



Win-E-Mac Class of 2024 Co-Valedictorian's Kyra Stuhag and Kianna Tadman and Salutatorian Luella Strom.

Little Bobby's Women of the Blues Festival this weekend

This weekend brings a celebration of women who sing the blues.

The Annual Women of the Blues Festival will be at Little Bobby's Bar and Grill in McIntosh.

On Friday, May 31st there will be a Blues Jam, hosted by the Laurie Morvan Band.

Saturday, June 1st there will be a breakfast brunch from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm with the proceeds going to the Win-E-Mac Alumni.

Starting at 1:00 pm there will be art and wine served. The art will be featured local and regional artists.

There will be a Walk of Fame ribbon cutting at 4:00 pm. Then the lineup for the nights music includes Dwa Brown at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm is



Amanda Fish and 8:00 pm is Shannon Curfman to complete the night of musical entertainment.

The event will be hosted by MC Lady J from KFAI 90.3 Fm in the Twin Cities.

There is camping available and you can reserve your site by calling 218-563-3043.

There will be a guitar drawing as well. The guitar is worth \$400 and was donated by Little Bobby. The tickets are \$5.00 each and all proceeds go to the Win-E-Mac Alumni Association. The drawing will take place June 1st at 10:00 pm at Little Bobby's.

Historical Memorial Day holiday weekend weather in MN

On Memorial Day, we recognize and honor military personnel who lost their lives in service to our country. Observed in northern states on May 30th from the 1860s through 1970, and nationally since 1971 on the final Monday in May, the weekend also is recognized as the unofficial start to summer. Minnesotans enjoy outdoor recreation, and so the weather of the extended Memorial Day weekend can be vitally important.

Memorial Day can occur as early as May 25 and as late as May 31. In the 54 years since its federal designation (1971-2024), this holiday has had just about every kind of weather, from washouts, to clear skies, to heat waves, to snow flurries, to severe thunderstorms.

At Minnesota's five first-order climate stations, Memorial Day temperatures since 1971 ranged from a lowest reading of 29 F at International Falls, to a highest reading of 100 F in the Twin Cities. Although the day remains dry 60-70% of the time, rainfall totals have been as high as 3.33 inches in Rochester. In the Twin Cities, every Memorial Day from 2011 through 2020 had at least a trace of precipitation. Incidentally, the hottest and wettest conditions at any of these five stations (since 1971) were observed in 2018 and 2019, respectively. 2021 was dry in the Twin Cities with a high of 78. The wettest Memorial day on record for International Falls was in 2022 with 2.25 inches. There was also some wild weather, including an outbreak of long-track tornadoes for Memorial Day 2022.

If we include the weekend leading up to Memorial Day, we see even more variability, because the additional days improve the odds of even more weather extremes. One climatological oddity of the record for all Friday-through-Monday Memorial Day weekends in the Twin Cities since 1971, is that is that Memorial Day is often the nicest, or at least the driest day of the weekend. That day has seen measurable precipitation (0.01" or greater) only 38% of the time. By contrast, 45% of Saturdays and Sundays during Memorial Day weekend have recorded measurable precipitation.

Average total rainfall for the month across the state is about 4 inches already but varies widely. For example, for example in northwestern Minnesota counties the average rainfall for the month is 2.90 inches, but in south-central Minnesota it is over 5.50 inches. Forecasts for the balance of the month suggest that we will see at least 3 or 4 more rainy days, which could push our statewide average rainfall for May to close to 5 inches. There have been only 12 years in history where May has brought a statewide average rainfall of 5 inches or greater (1896, 1902, 1905, 1908, 1938, 1944, 1959, 1962, 2004, 2012, 2015, and 2022). So, this May could end up being exceptionally wet with respect to our long-term climate history.

Drought has all but vanished from the Minnesota landscape with less than 9 percent of the state designated to be in Moderate Drought, primarily as a carry-over from last year. According to the NOAA Climate Prediction Center a wetter than normal weather pattern is expected to prevail across Minnesota through the first full week of June.



The Win-E-Mac Varsity boys golf team got 3rd place at our Sub-Section meet in Park Rapids. The boys from left to right are: Nathaniel Spry, Austin Langseth, Justin Courneya, Ryan Kangas, Joe Courneya and Daniel Boinoff.

RiverView Health's Senior Life Solutions shares importance of mental health awareness

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. RiverView Health's Senior Life Solutions (SLS) team is spending time in the community raising awareness of the critical role mental health plays in our lives and encouraging community members to take action toward protecting their mental health and overall well-being.

Mental health conditions are common, manageable, and treatable. According to Mental Health America, one in five people will experience a mental health condition in any given year, and about half of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their lives, with symptoms starting by age 14 for the majority of people.

Services regarding mental health are a significant component of the SLS program. SLS is an outpatient program designed to meet the unique needs of older adults experiencing depression and/or anxiety related to life changes that are often associated with aging or a chronic diagnosis.

"If you or someone you know is struggling with a decline in their mental health, our program wants you to know we are here to help," shared SLS



Lucas Shepherd and Charstyn Martinson participated in the recent Senior Resource Fair to share information on RiverView's Senior Life Solutions program.

Program Director Charstyn Martinson, RN. "Whether through our program or another service, our team works to identify and address the emotional needs of those in our community and provide support."

The program, started ear-

lier this year, is going well, according to Martinson, with many individuals participating in group and individual therapy at the SLS location on RiverView's Crookston campus or from the comfort of their homes through telehealth. While interest in the program

is strong, Martinson said the goal of SLS is to help as many seniors as possible within the community.

Martinson and Lucas Shepherd, office patient coordinator, recently presented on the program at the RiverView Auxiliary's Spring Luncheon

and again at the Senior Resource Fair. On May 22, SLS challenged all RiverView team members to wear green, the designated color for mental health awareness, as Martinson and Shepherd passed out green ribbons. SLS's final event for the month is bingo at the Golden Link Senior Center on May 24 at 1 pm.

The SLS Team suggests the following

Educate Yourself: Take the time to learn more about mental health conditions, their signs, symptoms, and treatment options. Understanding mental health can help reduce stigma and encourage seeking help when needed.

Connect with Others: Reach out to friends, family, or support groups for emotional support and social connection. Talking about your feelings and experiences can help reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness.

Limit Screen Time: Take breaks from screens and technology, especially social media, which can sometimes contribute to feelings of inadequacy or comparison. Instead, spend time engaging in activities that nourish your mind and body.

Build a Coping Toolbox: Creating your toolbox can be as simple as writing a list of what helps, like breathing exercises or going for a walk – this way when you start struggling with your mental health, you do not have to remember what to do or search for tips. You can also have a physical toolbox and fill it with things like a stress ball, written notes to yourself, and photos that make you happy.

"It's important to remember that working on your mental health takes time," Martinson stated. "Change won't happen overnight. Instead, by focusing on small changes, you can move through the stressors of modern life and develop long-term strategies to support yourself — and others — on an ongoing basis."

If you are a senior struggling with mental health issues or are not sure where to start on your mental health journey, talk to your primary care provider about options or call Senior Life Solutions at 281.9559 for information on services.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. May 29: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. May 31: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. June 2: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley; 3:00pm Divine merch Sunday, St. Mary's, Fosston

Wed. June 5: No Mass
Fri. June 7: 11:30am Adoration and Benediction 12:00pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. June 9: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley; 3:00pm Divine merch Sunday, St. Mary's, Fosston

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh Pastor Rene Mehlberg Synodical Authorized Minister Katie DeMarais

Sun. June 2: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. June 9: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, McIntosh will run church services on Channel 30 on Garden Valley Channel 30. They will also be available on YouTube on channel One in Spirit - The Journey. Our Saviors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sunday until further notice.

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel: Interim Pastor: Nathan Dalager

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 11:00am; Sunday School: 9:45am

Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am; Sunday School: 10:45am

Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent Gary Johnson, Pastor www.gosen-church.com Face Book: Gosen Church

Sun, June 2: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, June 4: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV-30

Wed, June 5: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Highways 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206. For information call 268-4242 or 687-3461.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh Pastor Lee Laaveg

Sun. June 2: 9:00am Worship

Sun. June 9: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sundays: 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH Winger

Sundays: 10:30am Coffee Fellowship; 11:00am Worship

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH- NALC Erskine Rev. Pam Thorson

Sundays: 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

Come early and enjoy fellowship and a good cup of coffee. It will also be available at the same time on Garden Valley Channel 30, Facebook and YouTube.

Thriving Life Church Erskine, MN

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The Junior Class Attendees for the Win-E-Mac 2024 Graduation Ceremony held last Saturday, May 25th at the Win-E-Mac School were: Colten Mandt, Evelyn Ryan, Shelby Mandt, and Sava Erofeeff.

Minnesota families urged to join WIC to benefit from long-standing program offerings

WIC's health and nutrition programs providing benefits for 50 years.

Minnesota is one of the top five states in the nation for eligible families enrolling in the federal supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, known as WIC, and there are still about 61,000 Minnesota families who could benefit by signing up today.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is encouraging these families to use WIC, which has successfully improved maternal and child outcomes for 50 years.

"We are committed to making sure Minnesota families have access to food benefits and support services from the moment they find out they're pregnant," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Brooke Cunningham. "Minnesota WIC has a high coverage rate of eligible Minnesota families, but we know there are more parents and young children who would benefit

from WIC and are not part of the program. We want every eligible family to know about the vital benefits WIC can give to their growing families and that it just takes a few minutes to apply."

Minnesota WIC program helps pregnant women, new mothers, babies, and young children get a healthy start through nutrition education, nutritious foods, breastfeeding and chestfeeding support, and referrals to health and social services in their community.

The WIC food benefit includes milk, cheese, yogurt, eggs, whole grains, cereal, peanut butter, beans and more. It also includes \$26-\$52 monthly for participants to buy fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables.

Families can apply for WIC online. Pregnant women, parents – including foster parents and guardians – with an infant or child younger than age 5 can apply. Families must be income eligible to apply and

live in Minnesota. Families do not need to be a U.S. citizen to receive benefits. Families who are already participating in programs like Medical Assistance or SNAP are automatically income eligible. Visit the Am I Eligible for WIC? webpage for the current income guidelines.

"These families have opportunities to provide their growing children with healthier starts," said Minnesota WIC Director Kate Franken. "All children deserve to have access to foods that will nourish their bodies and minds. The WIC program has a great selection of popular foods that are also specifically selected to provide key nutrients for health and child development."

Minnesota WIC covers 61.5% of eligible WIC families, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service's National and State Level Estimates of WIC Eligibility and Program Reach in 2021 report. Those

families have healthier diets thanks to the WIC food benefits supplementing their monthly groceries.

Minnesota WIC served an average of 106,000 women, infants, and children monthly in 2023, about 7,000 more than the 2022 monthly average. Nearly 92% of eligible Minnesota infants received WIC benefits in 2022.

People participating in WIC earlier in their pregnancy are more likely to breastfeed thanks to one-on-one breastfeeding education and support. That individualized support extends through the parent's entire breastfeeding journey to benefit the parent and baby. Local WIC agencies also refer families to other important resources and programs in their communities.

Learn more about the Minnesota WIC program and the positive impact it has on Minnesota families at www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/index.html.



Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. May 29:
Gordie Ostenaa

Thurs. May 30:
Patti Benson, *Patrick & Betsy Roed

Fri. May 31: Svea Carlson

Sat. June 1:
Rosann Burslie

Sun, June 2:
Bristol Vetteson, Evonne Hartel, Wade Farrell, Christine (Lee) Weber, *Curtis & Kris Johnson

Mon. June 3:
Clayton Bartz, Elena Boianoff

Tues. June 4:
*Megan & Nicolai Svenn, Morgan Voxland

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POLK COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

MAY 7, 2024
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., May 7, 2024. Members present: Commissioner Paul Reese, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee, and Commissioner Mark Holy. Others present: Samuel Melbye, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Members absent: Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the May 7, 2024, agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the May 7, 2024, consent items:

- 1.Approve the April 23, 2024, Board minutes.
- 2.Approve Auditor Warrants.
- 3.Approve payment to Johnson Controls, Fargo, ND, in the amount of \$620.01 for Materials and Fees for the Facilities Department.
- 4.Approve payment to Johnson Controls, Fargo, ND, in the amount of \$3,650.00 for AHU 5 Replacement Parts for the Facilities Department.
- 5.Approve payment to Palmer Masonry & Concrete, LLC, Crookston, MN, in the amount of \$2,400.00 for labor for tearing down a chimney at the Polk County Museum for the Facilities Department.
- 6.Approve payment to Stelter LLC, Bemidji, MN, in the amount of \$245,960.00 for 11.18 acres of wetland credits from Wetland Bank #1583 for the Polk County Landfill.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER
ISSUE FORUM

- 1.Commissioner Reese brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a. No meetings.
- 2.Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a.Disappointed in the font size used for the publication of the delinquent tax list.
 - b. No meetings.
- 3.Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a.Planning and Zoning Advisory Board meeting.
 - b.MRC virtual Meeting
- 4.Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended the following meetings:
 - a.Met with regional counties in Mahanomen to continue discussions on possible legislation regarding the White Earth and Red Lake Tribes.
 - b.Wild Rice Marsh River Watershed meeting.
 - c.Bid Letting for CR 202 and CR 203.
 - d.Received calls regarding items on the agenda for the meeting today that will be discussed as they come up.
- 5.Commissioner Holy brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a.Continuing to work with landowner in Higdem Township regarding issue with riverbank and land sliding into the river.
 - b.Concerns regarding road construction projects and issues with the State on road detours, closures, etc.

PLANNING & ZONING

Jacob Snyder, Assistant Environmental Services Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1.Preliminary Plat Approval – “Woodside Acres Addition”

The applicant proposes to plat Woodside Acres Addition, which will encompass a portion of land located in the agricultural district and shoreland overlay district in sections 34 and 35 of Woodside Township. The applicant is proposing twenty-one (21) residential lots from the existing Parcels #74.00269.00, 74.00270.00, 74.00279.00, and 74.00281.00. Mary & Doug Bratrud, Union Lake residents, expressed their concerns with the possible development. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by 4-1 vote of the Board to approve the Preliminary Plat “Woodside Acres Addition” with conditions with Commissioner Holy voting against the motion.

2.Approve Resolution (2024-25) Conditional Use Permit for Mike & Sarah Schley for a Self-Storage Unit Building

Resolution (2024-25) was offered by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Lee NAYS: Commissioner Holy (See Resolution (2024-25) on file in the Administrator’s Office.)

3.Approve Resolution (2024-26) Conditional Use Permit for Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. for the Construction and Operation of an Electrical Substation

Resolution (2024-26) was offered by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, Commissioner Lee NAYS: None (See Resolution (2024-26) on file in the Administrator’s Office.)

4.Approve Resolution (2024-27) Conditional Use Permit for Paul Sorenson to Locate a Grain Leg and Tower Support Built to a Max Height of 110 Feet

Resolution (2024-27) was offered by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite,

Commissioner Holy, Commissioner Lee NAYS: None (See Resolution (2024-27) on file in the Administrator’s Office.)

5.Approve Resolution (2024-28) Large Gathering Permit for River Bottom LLC at Maple Lake Pavilion for an Event on May 26, 2024, in the Shoreland Zoning District – Aimee Smith and Kayla Pederson
RESOLUTION (2024-28)
Large Gathering Permit for River Bottom LLC At Maple Lake Pavilion for an Event on May 26, 2024. In the Shoreland Zoning District

The following resolution (2024-28) was offered by Commissioner Reese:

WHEREAS, Polk County Zoning Ordinance, Section 20.0000 requires a Large Gathering Permit (LGP) for any public gathering of 1,000 or more persons at a location at any single time for the purpose of musical, racing, political, promotional, or social entertainment or other similar type of activity; and

WHEREAS, River Bottom LLC owns a parcel of land described as Block One, Subdivision of Reserve and King Edward’s Park Lots in Washington heights in Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 34, Twp., 149, N. of R. 43, W. parcel #32.00234.00; and

WHEREAS, River Bottom LLC’s plan meets all requirements of the Polk County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The Polk County Board of Commissioners find:

1.Applicants own a riparian lot on Maple Lake. The lot is approximately 3.4 acres.

2.The applicant is proposing to have a concert that will trigger the large gathering requirements of the PCZO section 20.0000 on May 26, 2024. The Johnny Holm Band event will run from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

3.The Maple Lake Pavilion building is approximately 4,700 square feet in size and has been in operation since 1928. The property was purchased by the “River Bottom LLC” in 2022. The main event that has been held annually, minus COVID years, has been the Johnny Holm Band concert that takes place over Memorial Day weekend.

4.The applicant has satisfied the requirements of the Polk County Zoning Ordinance including:

a.Certificate of Insurance for the Maple Lake Pavilion including the event.

b.Sanitary Facilities including bringing in 15 portable toilets provided by a licensed business will be set on site for the event.

c.Solid Waste Disposal is collected and disposed of by the owner.

d.Operational Plan and supplemental information received.

e.Clean-up Bond of \$25,000 coverage in place for the event.

f.Property perimeter will be fenced to control unauthorized entry into the event.

5.The applicant has vendors that have appropriate licensing from the Minnesota Department of Health for food served at the Maple Lake Pavilion, including the May 26th event.

6.The applicant has coordinated with the Sheriff’s Office and County Highway Department to address other parking and traffic concerns so that no roadways around the site are hazardous to event goers or block traffic around the event site.

7.The applicant is expecting 1,000 to 1,200 people for the May 26th event, which requires the LGP. The LGP will be specific to the May 26th, 2024, event. Any future events that exceed 1,000 people would require an additional LGP.

8.Concessions and alcohol will be provided for the May 26th event. The Shanty restaurant is licensed to provide food and alcohol for the May 26th event. No gambling activities will be allowed as part of the May 26th event. New to the event is an Axe-throwing vendor that will be set up within the fenced area of the event.

9.A Large Gathering Review Panel reviewed the request as required by the PCZO. The panel proposes conditions and safeguards for permits for Large Gatherings. The Large Gathering Review Panel considers the location of the proposed Large Gathering, the duration, available road accesses, whether or not alcohol may be present, the intended audience, surrounding land uses, the types of activities being proposed, the distance for available medical, fire and safety facilities, the availability and type of sanitation facilities and any other factors determined by the Panel to be an issue of concern to the health, safety and welfare of Polk County and the attendants at a Large Gathering.

10.It was determined by the Large Gathering Review Panel that the applicant should be allowed to host this event as the event last year ran smoothly, and the applicant has acted in good faith with the County to make sure that past events are safe to all event attendees.

11.The applicant will have the property perimeter fenced so as not to have unauthorized entry into the event. There will be private security from ASP of Moorhead INC. They will provide 8 people from 7pm to 1am to work the event. No parking will be allowed along any roadways around the event. Parking area is now owned by the applicants one block north of the pavilion and lighting will be set up for safety. Polk County Sheriff’s office will provide 3 deputies to work the May 26th event and the PCSO intends to continue to work with the applicant with maintaining public safety at the large dance events.

12.Mentor Fire and Rescue will be covering any fire or first responder calls during the May 26th event. The applicant reached out to the Mentor Fire Chief, Jay Anderson, that confirmed they will be available on the night of the event should anything be needed from their department.

a.All exits will be required to have locking hardware installed to secure the doors open during the May 26th event.

b.Emergency lighting is required at all exits.

c.The maximum allowed occupancy of the building for the May 26th event is 511 people, which is based on the standing room square footage of the pavilion event area.

13.The Maple Lake Improvement District has no concerns with the request.

14.The proposed use requires an LGP and is expressly designated in the ordinance.

15.The LGP will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish or impair property values within the immediate vicinity.

16.The approval of the LGP will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.

17.Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided.

18.Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use.

19.Adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners grant a Large Gathering Permit to River Bottom LLC for the Johnny Holm Band event on May 26th, 2024, with the following conditions:

1.The maximum number of persons allowed to assemble on the permitted premises for the event shall be 1,250. The applicant shall not sell tickets to, nor allow to assemble on the permitted premises, more than the maximum permissible number of persons stated in the permit.

2.The event hours shall be from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Event staff and security shall ensure the event ends and the event crowd leaves at midnight.

3.The maximum occupancy of the Maple Lake Pavilion during this event shall be 511 persons. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant or their employees to ensure the max occupancy of the structure is not exceeded at any time during the event. The applicant shall have at least 2 crowd managers during the event to ensure the max occupancy is not exceeded.

4.All exits in the Maple Lake Pavilion shall remain free of obstructions during the event.

5.As required by the PCZO the applicant shall obtain necessary insurance and bonding prior to the event.

6.The applicant shall fence the perimeter of the event grounds with fencing not less than 4 feet in height and of sufficient strength to prevent persons from gaining unauthorized access to the assembly area.

7.The applicant shall provide 15 portable toilets to be used during the event. The property, including parking grounds, shall be picked up of all solid waste, which shall be removed within forty-eight hours after the event.

8.Noise from the event shall not exceed levels listed in Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7030.

9.Security shall be provided as applied for and listed in the approved operation plan.

10.Under-age drinking shall be prohibited during the event and all persons shall be ID checked and banded before being served alcohol. Security and event staff shall roam the crowd to ensure those persons consuming alcohol have been ID checked and banded, and to identify those who are intoxicated. No re-entry to the event shall be permitted.

11.Limited parking shall be provided on site and additional parking shall be provided one block north of the Maple Lake Pavilion on parcel #32.00232.00. Parking areas shall be marked and monitored by security and/or the Sheriff’s Office.

Commissioner Holy seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, Commissioner Lee NAYS: None

6.Approve Resolution (2024-29) Conditional Use Permit for Jordan Olson and Sidney Williams for Construction of an Accessory Structure Over 800 Sq Ft and to Hook Up a New Septic System to the Accessory Structure (Parcel #27.00251.00)

Resolution (2024-29) was offered by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, Commissioner Lee NAYS: None (See Resolution (2024-29) on file in the Administrator’s Office.)

7.Approve Resolution (2024-30) Conditional Use Permit for Benedict Kuznia for Hooking Up a New Septic System to an Accessory Structure (Parcel #45.00552.00)

Resolution (2024-30) was offered by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, Commissioner Lee NAYS: None (See Resolution (2024-30) on file in the Administrator’s Office.)

8.Approve Resolution (2024-31) Conditional Use Permit for Daniel Bauer for Operation of a Farm-Related Business–Honeybee Farm Extraction (Parcel #28.00134.00)

Resolution (2024-31) was offered by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, Commissioner Lee NAYS: None (See Resolution (2024-31) on file in the Administrator’s

Office.)

HIGHWAY

Darin Carlstrom, Assistant Public Works Director/Assistant Engineer, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1.Award SAP 060-599-294, SAP 060-599-295 Hammond Township

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award SAP 060-599-294 and SAP 060-599-295 of Hammond Township to Gladen Construction, Inc. of Laporte, MN, in the amount of \$212,661.60 and allow the Administrator and Board Chair to sign the contract.

2.Award SAP 060-599-297, SAP 060-599-298 Russia/Brandsvold Townships

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award SAP 060-599-297 and SAP 060-599-298 of Russia and Brandsvold Townships to Gladen Construction, Inc. of Laporte, MN, in the amount of \$222,198.00 and allow the Administrator and Board Chair to sign the contract.

3.Award CP 118-202-1220, CP 118-203-1221 CR 202, and CR 203

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award CP 118-202-1220, CP 118-203-1221, CR 202, and CR 203 to Gladen Construction, Inc. of Laporte, MN, in the amount of \$1,188,227.37 and allow the Administrator and Board Chair to sign the contract.

4.CSAH 45 Railroad Crossing Agreement

The railroad crossing at TH 75 has deteriorated to a point where it needs to be replaced. The Polk County Highway Department has contracted Minnesota Northern Railroad to replace the crossing with concrete planks. A motion was made by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the agreement between Minnesota Northern Railroad and Polk County Highway Department and let the County Engineer sign the agreement.

5.MNDOT Work Order

Polk County has a Master Partnership Agreement 1050275 that the Board has approved with MNDOT. Polk County has had MNDOT paint our edge and center line paint stripes for the past 20+ years. MNDOT has a new process in which we need to approve a work order from them to perform the work. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the work order to allow MNDOT to paint Polk County Highways for 2024.

MINAKWA GOLF COURSE

Brandon Carlson came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Minakwa Golf Course:

1.Water Pumping Easement for Minakwa Golf Course

The Minakwa Golf Course currently receives its water from American Crystal Sugar, and they will no longer be able to supply water for the course. The water line runs parallel to TH 75 near Parcel 49.00112.00, which is owned by Polk County. Minakwa would like to construct a pumphouse and run a waterline across this parcel as shown on the attached map. A motion was made by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve allowing Minakwa Golf Course to construct a pumphouse and run a waterline across Parcel 49.00112.00 and have the County Attorney draft up a Water Pumping Easement for approval along with any additional Polk County parcels located near the pumphouse location needing to be added to the riparian lease to allow for 10 million gallons of water to be pumped per year to Minakwa Golf Course.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Sarah Reese, Public Health Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1.Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator – Job Description and Request to Hire

After internal review and consultation with the Human Resources Director and the County Administrator, request for one Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator position within PCPH for PCPH/PNM CHB. Request for two potential job descriptions (nurse or non-nurse) to identify the best candidate for this specialty area. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the job descriptions, advertisement and hiring of one Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator, and any subsequent vacancies, within Polk County Public Health.

CITY OF FERTILE

Stacy Erickson, City of Fertile Deputy Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the City of Fertile:

1.Fair Meadow Nursing Home – Request for Polk County ARPA Funds

Discussion was held with the Board regarding Fair Meadow Nursing Home, the largest employer in the City of Fertile, which employs between 90 and 100 full-time and part-time employees, along with being the current home to 42 residents in the nursing home and 19 in assisted living. Fair Meadow is currently facing financial struggles due to a lack of cash reserves, changes in administration and key office positions, high cost of medical supplies, and an increase in expenses for travel staff due to workforce shortages, among other reasons. Fertile’s City Council has been working diligently to ensure that Fair Meadow remains open, exploring options such as third-party management, outsourcing facility operations in a lease agreement, or possibly selling the facility. All of

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these options take time, and given the current financial challenges faced by Fair Meadow, additional financial support is needed for the health and stability of the organization while longer term solutions are explored. The Fertile City Council on behalf of Fair Meadow is respectfully requesting up to \$500,000 from the ARPA funds that Polk County has available.

2.Agassiz Environmental Learning Center – Request for Polk County ARPA Funds

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the Aassiz Environmental Learning Center in Fertile. Stacy Erickson was joined by Craig Englestad, Chairman of the Board for the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center, to address the Board. For the past two years, the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center Board and the City of Fertile has been diligently working to craft the best plans for an addition on the building known to some as the Nature

AUDITOR WARRANTS 04/02/2024	
Vendor Name	Amount
Bert's Truck Equip Of Moorhead	268,518.00
CPS Technology Solutions	9,500.00
Enervex Minnesota LLC	5,985.00
Johnson Controls	18,600.00
Norman County Public Health	18,118.70
Peterson Sheet Metal Inc	8,621.35
Polk County Public Health	20,297.45
RTVision Inc	13,750.00
Tri County Community Corr	1,542,559.00
9 Payments less than 2000	4,518.48
Final Total:	1,910,467.98

AUDITOR WARRANTS 04/03/2024	
Vendor Name	Amount
1 Payments less than 2000	15.00
Final Total:	15.00

AUDITOR WARRANTS 04/04/2024	
Vendor Name	Amount
1 Payments less than 2000	796.58
Final Total:	796.58

AUDITOR WARRANTS 04/09/2024	
Vendor Name	Amount
Crookston Driftbusters	5,346.22
Dynamic Infrastructure Inc.	70,000.00
East Grand Forks City	22,420.74
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	5,125.85
H & S Mfg Inc	16,900.00
Lepier Oil Company Inc	4,020.23
Liberty Business Systems Inc	6,415.18
Marshall County Coop	4,625.90
Northdale Oil Inc	20,041.55
Pro West & Associates Inc	9,850.00
Regents Of The Univ Of Mn	41,524.95
RnC Consulting P.A.	3,955.20
Sandhill Snowcruisers	13,795.54
Titan Machinery	138,380.00
TriTech Software Systems	2,911.16
US Bank Voyager Fleet Sys	4,033.60
16 Payments less than 2000	10,658.92
Final Total:	380,005.04

AUDITOR WARRANTS 04/09/2024	
Vendor Name	Amount
3 Payments less than 2000	45.00
Final Total:	45.00

AUDITOR WARRANTS 04/16/2024	
Vendor Name	Amount
AMP Robotics Corporation	6,179.67
City of McIntosh	5,486.10
East Grand Forks City	7,053.87
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	16,386.50
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	26,002.20
Fertile Oil Company	22,682.80
Fischer/Hallie	3,973.75
Fosston Municipal Utilities	58,259.33
Fosston Municipal Utilities	3,178.28
Great Plains Natural Gas Co	12,023.44
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc	50,107.91
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc	5,657.77
Ottertail Power Co	10,099.79
Pemberton Law PLLP	4,248.50
Polk County	6,740.00
Polk County	67,194.10
Union Lake Sarah Improvement Dist	40,000.00
University Of North Dakota	6,377.40
Verizon Wireless	3,703.39
25 Payments less than 2000	19,353.09
Final Total:	374,707.89

AUDITOR WARRANTS 04/17/2024	
Vendor Name	Amount
3 Payments less than 2000	45.00
Final Total:	45.00

AUDITOR WARRANTS 04/23/2024	
Vendor Name	Amount
Acom Solutions Inc	3,445.00
Altru Health System	2,653.00
AT&T Mobility	2,755.55
Lake Agassiz Regional Library	74,830.00
Mn UI Fund	2,688.56
Norman County Public Health	26,864.38
Otis Elevator Company	4,469.04
Ottertail Power Co	2,903.33
Pix4D Inc	9,184.00
Polk County	13,629.00
Polk County Highway Department	7,244.19
Polk County Public Health	64,925.94
26 Payments less than 2000	12,372.72
Final Total:	227,964.71

AUDITOR WARRANTS 04/30/2024	
Vendor Name	Amount
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	5,662.15
Cole Papers Inc	3,007.70
Crookston Water Department	3,874.25
HP INC	5,029.14
Mn State Treasury	5,751.50
RJ Zavoral & Sons Inc	125,022.37
20 Payments less than 2000	4,306.04
Final Total:	152,653.15

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Three Win-E-Mac golfers advanced to the Section Golf meet in Bemidji. Left to right is Justin Courneya, Ryan Kangas and Joe Courneya.



The Win-E-Mac Class of 2024 chose Polk County Sheriff Jim Tadman to be the guest speaker for their Commencement Ceremony that took place on Saturday, May 25th at the school.

Summer learning ideas from the University of MN

Keeping kids engaged and learning over the summer can help prevent learning loss over the extended break from school.

Lisa Von Drasek, curator of the Kerlan Collection of Children's Literature, and Lesa Clarkson, professor in the College of Education and Human Development, answer questions about different strategies to keep kids engaged in reading and math over the break.

Q: How much time should kids spend reading or practicing math?

Von Drasek: There is no set time for summer reading. The most important thing is making time in our busy schedules. We are building literacy skills by reading, writing, listening and speaking. Families need to model taking time to read every day and everything counts: listening to audiobooks, reciting nursery rhymes or poetry, singing, rapping, reading aloud sports knowledge and news of the day, looking up facts about the planets, selecting and making recipes, telling elephant jokes, etc.

Clarkson: Consider consistency and the quality of the time, rather than the amount of time. We often put away formal math lessons all summer and begin thinking about refreshing those skills in August, just before school starts. Summer is a great time to see math come to life — replace formal instruction with math that makes a difference. Practicing basic skills is often thought of as dull and boring but keep reading to learn about a more interesting strategy to sharpen basic skills. Summer is the ideal time for families to engage in recognizing patterns in the world around them and demonstrate how they use mathematics in their daily lives.

Q: How can families make reading and math fun?

Von Drasek: Think about what is fun about reading for us. Is it finding out about things we didn't know? Look for the series "Scientists in the Field" and learn about how actual scientists are saving animal species or adding to our knowledge of insects like in "The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe." Do we want to time

travel? How about a big historical novel like Adam Gidwitz's "Max in the House of Spies"? Or try a new series — I am loving Lisa Yee and Dan Santat's "The Misfits." Does your family have a silly streak? How about "Laugh-out-loud Jokes for Kids: the Big Book of Knock-knock Jokes." Have we been watching "Top Chef Junior"? I have been looking forward to trying the recipes in "Priya's Kitchen Adventures Cookbook for Kids: With Recipes That You (yes, You!) Can Make."

Clarkson: One way to remain engaged in mathematical thinking and problem solving is to play games. Several card games encourage strategic thinking and cards can also be used to build fact fluency. Fact fluency is knowing that $2+3=5$ and $7 \times 3=21$. Games and puzzles can be fun ways to build skills and strategies, too. When using puzzles or games, start with “easy” levels so your children first build confidence. Increasing the difficulty level helps them learn to persist when doing difficult things. Another way to make math fun is to actually use it and include the family in those experiences. Make a budget for a trip. Include everyone in the kitchen when doubling or halving a recipe. Roll foam number cubes or dice to make more interesting fact fluency problems.

Q: What materials are useful to keep kids learning over the summer?

Von Drasek: A library card! Your local public youth librarians are geniuses in matching the right book with the right kid. Engaging, free and low-cost activities are also available at the library and community centers like parks and recreational centers. My favorite place near my home is The Raptor Center on the

University of Minnesota campus where we can visit with Bubo, the great horned owl. Families could even prepare for a visit by reading "Greta the Great Horned Owl: A True Story of Rescue and Rehabilitation." If you are looking for a comprehensive list of new titles, I highly recommend Bank Street College of Education's Best Books of the Year. This list includes more than 600 titles sorted by age group

and topics. Don't forget to finish the summer at the Minnesota State Fair visiting the Alphabet Forest and Math on a Stick.

Clarkson: Families don't need special materials for summer math activities. We are surrounded by opportunities to explore mathematical concepts — we just need to help each other recognize them. For early learners, a trip on the elevator can provide the opportunity to have them recognize and count the numbers on the buttons. Asking a child to place three red apples in a bag is an ideal one-to-one correspondence lesson. For eight to twelve-year-olds, fact fluency is an essential skill we don't want them to lose.

Families can practice arithmetic facts with a regular deck of playing cards. Sums is an easy-to-play card game that is usually played in pairs. Older children can play this same game with multiplication facts. Take this to the pre-algebra level by using spades and clubs as positive numbers and hearts and diamonds as negative numbers. Face cards can be left out or be assigned a number like 11 (jacks), 12 (queens) and 13 (kings).

Q: What are the benefits of incorporating reading and math over summer break?

Von Drasek: Summer reading is a crucial step in beating the summer slide. Research from the Children's Literacy Initiative suggests students who do not read during the summer months can fall two years behind by fifth grade. It is important to provide access to reading materials for each individual. School teachers, school librarians and public librarians can provide recommendations directly and from comprehensive reading lists sorted by grade level. Beware of a short list of recommendations that promote stale "classics." Don't forget your local, independent bookstores are staffed by experts in high-interest reading.

Clarkson: We often think summer reading and math literacy take a back seat or are given no thought at all, but summer is a good “no pressure” time to help children and young adults see math in their everyday lives and the world

around them. Playing board games and working on jigsaw puzzles or print and electronic games like sudoku and Number Sums helps children develop strategic thinking and cultivate tenacity.

Q: What resources does the U of M have for keeping kids engaged this summer?

Von Drasek: I am an advocate of real-life experiences as part of the reading adventure. Taking a road trip this summer? Let's read and make maps. U of M campuses across the state are abundant in experiential learning. University of Minnesota Extension can help a family start a garden, strengthening not only reading but science and math skills. I recommend Writing Boxes: The Reading/Writing Connection in Libraries for literacy-related writing activities. The recommended titles can all be found at Minnesota public libraries and the book can be downloaded for free. Ebooks Minnesota is a free service provided by Minitex, a program of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and University Libraries, that covers a wide variety of subjects for readers of all ages.

Clarkson: Science, technology, engineering and math ex-

periences are available at the U of M throughout the year, including summer experiences from the College of Science and Engineering, Bell Museum and Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. During the school year, middle and high school students are encouraged to participate in Prepare2Nspire. This community program provides tiered tutoring and mentoring to increase mathematics proficiency and confidence among students who need it the most.

Lisa Von Drasek is the Miranker Family Curatorial Chair of the Kerlan Collection of Children's Literature in the University of Minnesota Libraries. The Kerlan, an internationally recognized resource in the field of children's literature, contains six core collections and several smaller collections. Von Drasek has lectured on the topics of reading/writing connection in libraries, emergent literacy, diversity in children's literature, comics and literacy, the new adult, what makes an award-

POLK COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

Name of County
Polk County, Minnesota

Date of Meeting
April 16, 2024, Convened at 8:00
A.M. - Adjourned at 9:03 A.M.

Board Members Present
Gary Willhite - Chair
Mark Holy - Vice Chair
Joan Lee - Commissioner
Warren Strandell - Commissioner
Paul Reese - Commissioner
Paula Waters - Secretary

Board Members Absence
Cathy Gutterud - Board Member

Staff Present
Karen Warmack, Director
Betty Solie, Support Services
Supervisor
Victoria Ramirez, Social Services
Manager
Jon Street, Financial Assistance
Supervisor
Angela Holloway,
Social Services Supervisor

Daniel Strandquist, Social Worker
CPS

Others Present
Chuck Whiting, County
Administrator
Minutes
A motion was made by
Commissioner Reese, seconded
by Commissioner Strandell, and
adopted unanimous vote of the Board
to approve the Minutes from the
March 19, 2024, Polk County Social
Service Board Meeting.

Agenda
A motion was made by
Commissioner Lee, seconded by
Commissioner Holy, and adopted
by unanimous vote of the Board to
approve the meeting Agenda for April
16, 2024, Polk County Social Service
Board Meeting.

Review of the Cases and Claims
A motion was made by Commissioner
Holy, seconded by Board Member
Waters, and adopted by unanimous
vote of the Board to approve the
Cases and Claims as follows:

Admin	
Medicare Part B	\$7,162.70
Employee & Board	\$2,596.49
Administration	\$72,185.17
<u>Non-Public</u>	
Payroll Pay Date 3-29-24	\$314,813.41
POS 3-29-24	\$162,786.57
1 st of the Month	\$7,430.73
Payroll Pay Date 4-12-24	\$391,348.18
Special Run 4-11-24	\$450.00
POS ACH 4-19-24	\$3,472.90
POS 4-19-24	\$579,785.73
MA Insurance	\$10,467.82
Medical Transportation	\$7,222.19
Special Run 4-16-24	\$50.00

Warrants for Publication	
Warrants Approved on 04/16/2024 for Payment 04/19/2024	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DHS-SWIFT	\$18,150.22
Polk County IS Department	\$22,097.54
Polk County, MN	\$ 4,134.40
Stenshoel-Houske	\$ 5,300.00
Tri Valley Heartland Express	\$ 2,000.00
Verizon Wireless	\$ 6,625.47
WEX Bank	\$ 2,804.16
35 Payments less than 2000	\$11,073.38
Final Total:	\$ 72,185.17

Warrants Approved on 04/16/2024 for Payment 04/05/2024	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Always There Staffing	\$2,742.57
Enterprise FM Trust	\$3,164.64
1 Payment less than 2000	\$1,523.52
Final Total:	\$7,430.73

Warrants for Publication	
Warrants Approved on 04/16/2024 for Payment 04/11/2024	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 Payment less than 2000	\$450.00
Final Total:	\$ 450.00

Warrants for Publication	
Warrants Approved on 04/16/2024 for Payment 04/19/2024	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 Payment less than 2000	\$ 50.00
Final Total:	\$ 50.00

Personnel
The Director informed the Board regarding the Resignation of Frances Kanneh, Office Support Specialist, effective April 26, 2024. Request for replacement was approved at County Board on April 2, 2024.

The Director informed the Board regarding the Resignation of Heather Chaput, Eligibility Worker, effective April 12, 2024. Request for replacement was referred to County Board on April 16, 2024.

The Director informed the Board regarding the Resignation of Ashley Glass, Social Worker CPS, effective May 22, 2024. Request for replacement was referred to County Board on April 16, 2024.

The Director informed the Board regarding the Resignation of Sheila Razmyslowski, Social Worker CPS, effective May 2, 2024. Request for replacement was referred to County Board on April 16, 2024.

The Director informed the Board regarding the Resignation of Angela Holloway, Social Services Supervisor, effective June 3, 2024. Request for replacement was referred to County Board on April 16, 2024.

The Director informed the Board regarding the Resignation of Chelsey Shykes-Folkert, Social Worker, effective May 3, 2024. Request for replacement was referred to County Board on April 16, 2024.

The Director informed the Board regarding the End of Probationary period of Darci Walsh, Eligibility Worker, effective April 2, 2024.

The Director informed the Board regarding the End of Probationary period of Chelsey Cariveau, Eligibility Worker, effective April 24, 2024.

The Director informed the Board regarding the End of Probationary period of Ashley Bachmeier, Office Support Specialist, effective April 30, 2024.

The Director reviewed with the Board the Personnel Organizational Chart dated April 16, 2024.

Budget
The Director reviewed with the Board the following Budget Reports: Social Services Budget Report - March 2024.

Social Services Month End Fund Balance Summary - 2002 through March 2024.

County Board Information
The Director informed the Board regarding the 2024 contract with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council to provide Housing Services and housing stabilization services from April 16, 2024 through December 31, 2024. This contract was referred to the County Board on April 16, 2024.

The Director and Jon Street, Financial Assistance I, informed the Board regarding the Amendment with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council to adjust the transportation rate in the contract effective January 1, 2024. This contract was referred to the County Board on April 16, 2024.

The Director informed the Board regarding Out of State travel request for Victoria Ramirez, Social Service Manager, to attend the national "Member Convening" for Family Support Networks in Washington DC on May 7th through May 10th of 2024.

Program Information
MARecoveries/Estate Recoveries - March 2024.

Burial Expense Report- March 2024.

Income Maintenance Unit Report - March 2024.

Out of Home Placement Report- March 2024.

Screened in Child Protection Report - March 2024.

Angela Holloway, Social Services Supervisor, spoke to the Board regarding April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month. The Polk County Family Resource Center will be having several family activities throughout the month of April.

Angela Holloway, Social Services Supervisor, Daniel Strandquist, Social Worker CPS, shared information with the Board regarding the Child Protection program.

The Director and Angela Holloway, Social Services Supervisor, spoke to the Board regarding the restructuring of the Child Protection team meetings. Angela Holloway, Social Services Supervisor, shared information with the Board regarding "No Hit Zone". A No Hit Zone sets a precedent within the community and establishes a commitment to the promotion of effective parenting techniques.

Karen Warmack, Director
Polk County Social Service Center

Gary Willhite
Chairman, County Social Service Board

Attest: Paula Waters
Secretary County Social Service Board

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winning book, and Children's Choice Awards. She also conducts community workshops on creative writing, reading aloud and selecting books for children and young adults.

Lesa Clarkson, is a professor of mathematics education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education and Human Development. Her research focuses on teaching and learning mathematics in the urban classroom, specifically identifying successful strategies

that increase student achievement primarily among under-represented student groups. Dr. Clarkson developed a community-engaged research program called Prepare2Nspire to increase mathematics proficiency and confidence among students. This research is aligned with her personal and professional mission to give a voice to the urgency of preparing teachers and schools for attracting and serving all students.