

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
2024 Lead Water Service Line Replacement
Sauk Rapids, Minnesota
SEH No. SAUKR 176316

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City Administrator until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2024, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2024 Lead Water Service Line Replacement.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud: 2024 Lead Water Service Line Replacement Bid Opening Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. (CDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: https://teams.microsoft.com/j/1/meet-up-join/19%3ameeting_MGIyYzE2YmQtMzljYi00YTExLWJjMzUtMTg5OGIzYjU3NTMx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22642f4553-88f1-43dc-9a29-90842cd19d4c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2248472820-a408-4d5c-b262-d033b1c6fa20%22%7d
 Meeting ID: 298 377 549 31

Passcode: EY5W43
 +1 872-242-7640, 58718877# United States, Chicago
 Phone conference ID: 587 188 77#

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply.

Major quantities for the Work include:

54	SQ YD	Gravel Street Restoration
36	SQ YD	Bituminous Street Restoration
6	EACH	Prepare Finished Basement for Water Service Replacement
27	EACH	Connect to Existing Indoor Plumbing
6	EACH	Connect to Existing Water Service, Corp
23	EACH	Connect to Existing Water Service, Curb Box
6	EACH	1-Inch Curb Box
143	LIN FT	Indoor Plumbing to Relocate Water Meter, Copper
14	LIN FT	Indoor Plumbing to Relocate Water Meter, PEX
469	LIN FT	1-Inch PE Service Pipe Open Trench/Pull
748	LIN FT	1-Inch PE Service Pipe Horizontal Directional Drill
20	SQ YD	3-Inch Polystyrene Insulation
85	SQ FT	4-Inch Concrete Walk
32	LIN FT	Concrete Curb And Gutter Design B618
20	LIN FT	Salvage and Reinstall Fence (Chain-link)
2	SQ YD	Salvage and Reinstall Landscape (Rock)
25	EACH	Electrical Service Ground
110	EACH	Storm Drain Inlet Protection
100	LIN FT	Sediment Control Log Type Wood Fiber
92	SQ YD	Turf Establishment, Seeding Special

The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of SEH located at 2351 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 300, Sartell, MN 56377-2485, 320.229.4300, Jarod Griffith, PE, 320.229.4304, jgriffith@sehinc.com.

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 9102592 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated April 22, 2024.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$100.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with Federal and State requirements.

The City of Sauk Rapids, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the Owner.

Publish:
 Quest CDN: May 24, 2024
 Sauk Rapids Herald: May 25 and June 1, 2024

Ross Olson
 Administrator
 Sauk Rapids, MN

R-21-2B

PUBLIC NOTICE

SAUK RAPIDS-RICE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 6, 2024

A semi-monthly meeting of the Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD 47 Board of Education was called to order by Chair Butkowski Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (CDT) in the District Office Boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Members present included Butkowski, Dwyer, Hauck, Holthaus, Johnson, Loidolt, and Morse. Others present were Superintendent Bergstrom, Director of Teaching and Learning Boser, Director of Business Services Fiereck, Director of Technology Zimpel, SRRHS Principal Logrono, Rice Principal Bushman, PV Principal Froiland, PV Assistant Principal Magee, and SRRHS Student Council Representatives Rudolph and Tykwinski.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Chair Butkowski asked Clerk Loidolt to affirm there was a quorum in attendance. Clerk Loidolt affirmed there was a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

A motion was made by Holthaus, seconded by Johnson and unanimously carried to approve the meeting's "Agenda" as presented.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input at 7:08 p.m.

ACTION

APPROVAL OF THE CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT FOR THE 2023 – 2025 SCHOOL YEARS

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dwyer and unanimously carried to approve the Custodial Agreement for the 2023 – 2025 school years. The Board of Education's Non-Certified Staff Negotiations Committee reached a tentative contract agreement on 03.13.24 and the custodial unit of the SEIU 284 has since ratified the agreement.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR ASSESSMENT SUPPORT AT SRRHS/SRRMS FOR THE 2024 – 2025 School Year

A motion was made by Holthaus, seconded by Hauck and unanimously carried to approve the request for a 1.0 FTE special education teacher to support assessments at the high school for .5 FTE and the middle school for .5 FTE. This request aligns with the following Strategic Commitments; Culture of High Quality and Effective Instruction. This request is based on student need.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY 1:1 LEASE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Hauck, seconded by Morse and unanimously carried to authorize administration to enter into a lease agreement for replacement of 1,300 iPads and cases for Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School. The project cost is estimated at \$576,850. The lease is a four-year agreement with an estimated purchase price not to exceed \$438,700 to Apple Financial Services. Project costs include an estimated amount of \$45,000 budgeted for cases and \$93,150 for protection plans. Administration recommends approval of the attached resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business appearing before the Board, a motion was made by Holthaus, seconded by Morse and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lisa Loidolt,
 Board of Education Clerk
 Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD 47
 R-21-1B

CITY OF RICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Electronic Bids will be received by the City of Rice, Minnesota, on the QuestCDN.com website via the VirtuBid electronic bidding application. Only electronic bids will be accepted for this project. Bids will be received on the QuestCDN.com website, until 11:00 A.M., CDT on Monday, June 17th, 2024, at which time they will be opened electronically and reviewed for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and all else necessary for the following:

4th AVENUE NE STREET AND
UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

In general, and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 429, the work consists of the construction of sanitary sewer, watermain, and street construction with approximately the following quantities:

- 900 CY Common Excavation
- 215 LF 8” Sanitary Sewer
- 220 LF 8” PVC Watermain
- 335 CY Aggregate Base Class 5
- 320 LF Concrete Curb & Gutter
- 300 TN Bituminous Pavement

Along with erosion control, turf establishment and related appurtenances.

Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc

#9145600 on the website’s Project Search page.

Direct inquiries to Engineer’s Project Manager, Jeremy Mathiasen, at (320) 266-5232 and jeremy.mathiasen@Stan-tec.com. Instructions for viewing the bid opening will be made available through QuestCDN and posted on the City’s website.

The Engineer’s Estimate of Construction Cost for this Project is \$200,000.

Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of the amount of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

For this project, the City will only accept online electronic bids through QuestCDN. To access the electronic bid, download the project documents and click on the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right to retain the deposits of the 3 lowest Bidders for a period not to exceed 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids. No Bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and further reserves the right to award the Contract to the best interests of the Owner.

The successful bidder must be a “responsible contrac-

tor.” The term “responsible contractor” means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes a false statement under oath verifying compliance with the minimum criteria will be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project, and the submission of a false statement may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits the false statement. A prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Before execution of a construction contract, a prime contractor shall submit a supplemental verification under oath confirming that all subcontractors and motor carriers that the prime contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the prime contractor, through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer, that they meet the minimum criteria for a responsible contractor.

Julie Fandel, City Clerk
City of Rice, Minnesota

Published on May 25th and June 1st, 2024.

R-21-2B

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO
VERIFICATION OF THE
DEBT AND IDENTITY
OF THE ORIGINAL
CREDITOR WITHIN THE
TIME PROVIDED BY
LAW IS NOT AFFECTED
BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 4, 2018

MORTGAGOR : Nathaniel D Scott as Single Man.

MORTGAGEE : Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for American Heritage National Bank its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded May 25, 2018 Benton County Recorder, Document No. 429551.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to:

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC. Dated January 18, 2022 Recorded January 18, 2022, as Document No. 458186.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT’S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1002976-3000098090-8

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: American Heritage National Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 10029 Mayhew Lake Road Northeast, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 070007300

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The land referred to herein is situated in the state

of Minnesota, Benton County described as follows:

The North 141.0 feet of the South 256.0 feet of the East 130.5 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Thirty-seven (37) North, Range Thirty (30) West

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Benton

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$127,929.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$125,741.72

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been

instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Benton County Sheriff’s Office, 581 Highway 23 Northeast Foley, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys’ fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-

occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on January 27, 2025, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR (S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
“THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA

STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.”
Dated: May 20, 2024

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
131 - 24-003519 FC
IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

R-21-6B

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Sauk Rapids will meet in the Sauk Rapids Government Center—Council Chambers, 250 Summit Ave. N, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota 56379 at 6:00 p.m. on June 10, 2024, to conduct a public hearing for Liquor Licenses.

This public hearing is to consider an On-Sale Intoxicating License, Special Sunday License, Off-Sale 3.2 Beer License, and Seasonal Outdoor Sales within the City of Sauk Rapids for the License year of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Any person wishing to express an opinion on the matter is invited to do so in writing or orally at the time of the public hearing. Inquiries should be directed to Dana Furman, City Clerk, at 320-258-5303 during normal working hours or to:

Sauk Rapids Government Center
250 Summit Ave N.
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
R-21-1B

ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUOTES

Sealed Quotes will be received by:

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 47
SAUK RAPIDS-RICE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that sealed quotes for Refuse and Garbage will be received by the Office of the Director of Business Services at the ISD 47 District offices. Until Thursday, June 6th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Quotes will be opened in the District Business Office Board Room (Room E226). The District reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all quotes. Specifications for the quotes are available by contacting the District Business Office at 320-253-4703.

Independent School District 47
District Office Second Floor Door 2
1833 Osauka Road NE
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

R-21-2B

Date: April 19, 2024

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage dated September 28, 2015, executed by Alan Joshua Woggon and Ileen A. Woggon, husband and wife, as Mortgagors, to Liberty Bank Minnesota, successor in interest to Liberty Savings Bank, fsb, as Mortgagee, and filed for record September 30, 2015, as Document No. 412074, in the Office of the County Recorder of Benton County, Minnesota. The land described in the Mortgage is not registered land.

2. The Mortgage has not been assigned.

3. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$247,500.00.

4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof.

5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.

6. At the date of this Notice the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is \$211,761.86.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land located in Benton County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Lot Nine (9), Block Three (3), Mayhew Lake Preserve, Benton County, Minnesota will be sold by the County Sheriff of Benton County, Minnesota, at public auction on June 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Benton County Sheriff’s Department, located at 581 Highway 23, Foley, Minnesota.

8. To the best of Mortgagee’s information, the property being foreclosed has a property address of 1588 Peach Court NE, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota 56379, and has tax parcel identification number 190401300.

9. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagors or Mortgagors’ personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

10. The property must be vacated by 11:59 p.m. on December 11, 2024, provided the Mortgagors have not reinstated the Mortgage under Minnesota Statutes, Section 580.30 or redeemed the property under Minnesota Statutes, Section 580.23. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next

business day at 11:59 p.m.

11. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGORS, THE MORTGAGORS’ PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THE PURPOSE OF

THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

LIBERTY BANK MINNESOTA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LIBERTY SAVINGS BANK, FSB
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Attorneys for Mortgagee
R-17-6B

**BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2024**

The Benton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 7, 2024, in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN. Call to order by Chair Jared Gapinski was at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A roll call showed Commissioners Beth Schlangen, Steve Heinen, Jared Gapinski, Scott Johnson, and Ed Popp present.

County Administrator Montgomery Headley requested to amend the agenda to add Consent Agenda item # 9 to accept and file the Veteran’s Service Officer Quarterly Report; to add the discussion regarding the appointment of a County Attorney to serve the remaining unexpired term of County Attorney Karl Schmidt at 9:30 AM; to add the discussion to consider a Letter of Support for City of St. Cloud capital bonding request and TIF legislation at 9:30 AM; and to add the discussion to consider the addition of one Full-Time Public Health Nurse before Commissioner Meeting Updates around 10:05 AM. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Popp to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No one was present to speak under Open Forum. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Heinen to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 9: 1) approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024 and authorize the Chair to sign; 2) approve the contract with Odessa II for Bend in the River Phase 2 Legacy Grant Improvements and authorize the Chair to sign; 3) approve the agreement with Stearns-Benton employment and training for Payroll services provided by Stearns County and authorize the Chair to sign; 4) approve an application for County Combination On-Sale, and Off Sale & Sunday Sale Liquor Licenses and authorize the Chair to sign; 5) approve the application for 10 Special Event Permit requests by Deanna Rosa, dba Rolliies, LLC; 6) approve the 2024-2025 contract for Lighthouse Child and Family Services for a co-located therapist at Foley Schools and authorize the Chair to sign; 7) approve the assessing agreement with the Town of Gilmanton and authorize the Chair to sign; 8) approve the Special Road Use Permit for Rice Days and authorize the Chair to sign; 9) accept and file the Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Sheriff Troy Heck requested the County Board to approve the proclamation for National Police Week in Benton County. May 12th through May 18th, 2024 has been designated as National Police Week. This designation honors the men and women of our nation’s law enforcement agencies who work to ensure citizens may live their lives without fear of harm or loss. These dedicated men and women work under difficult and dangerous conditions dealing with violent, mentally ill and dangerous individuals. These law enforcement officers also work with citizens and community groups to act as a positive force in their communities. We are fortunate enough to have a talented and dedicated group of professional peace officers serving Benton County. Heck shared that Peace Officer Memorial Day will be held on May 15, 2024, at the Immaculate Conception Church cemetery in Rice, MN at 7:00 PM, which will honor those lives taken while protecting others in the community. Benton County had one member of it’s Sheriff’s Office that died while on duty for Benton County in 1931 and that was Deputy Frank McGregor.

Motion by Heinen and seconded by Johnson to approve the proclamation for Nation Police Week in Benton County May 12th through May 18th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Social Services Supervisor Nikki Knowles requested the County Board to consider the Cooperative Agreement for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homeless (PATH). Through the Community Adult Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI) the four-county area (Benton, Stearns, Sherburne, and Wright) applied for the PATH agreement through the Department of Human Services. The initiative was selected to receive the grant. This grant will serve persons with serious mental illness (SMI) or co-occurring SMI and substance use disorder to access needed housing, treatment, supportive services, and income support. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Johnson to approve the Cooperative Agreement for PATH. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Knowles requested approval of the 2023-2024 contract amendment with the Central Mental Health Center for clinical supervision to utilize a county computer to enhance services for document review and approvals. The amendment would allow the clinical supervisor to utilize a computer from Benton County to be able to access the electronic document management system (EDMS). This will enhance and improve clinical supervision for the worker and be completed efficiently through the existing program. Funding will be by a grant through the CAMHI. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Heinen to approve the 2023-2024 contract amendment with the Central Mental Health Center for clinical supervision to utilize a county computer to enhance services for document review and approvals. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Human Services Deputy Director Sandi Shoberg invited Mohamed Ali of Radiant Recovery and Wellness

Center to discuss proposed substance abuse treatment center and request for a written letter of need to the Department of Human Services. Minnesota Statute §254b.03 subdivision 2 requires that prior to opening a new substance abuse treatment center, the County be notified of these plans and asked to write a letter of support or denial. Benton County Human Services supports Radiant Health’s request to open an intensive outpatient treatment center in Sauk Rapids. Radiant Health plans to provide culturally responsive interventions tailored to meet the diverse needs of individuals in Benton County. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Johnson to approve the letter from the County Board indicating a need for additional substance abuse options and supporting Radiant Health’s request for licensure. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Land Services Director Roxanne Achman requested the County Board to consider an add-on agreement with Schneider Geospatial, LLC to integrate a payment gateway with Beacon and allow users to pay for subscriptions online. Subscribers have been paying via check or through a link to PayPal. PayPal has created issues for staff over the past few years, in addition, PayPal needed to be linked to a staff member using their personal information as security. Several past staff members have served as the staff member connected to the PayPal account and upon each of their departures it resulted in months of work to change the name associated with the account. Staff felt it was time to consider integration with our existing payment gateway even though there was cost associated with it. There is a one-time fee of \$6,400 for the integration. The integration will make it much easier for the public to pay for their subscription, it will reduce the risk to staff, and it will reduce the amount of staff time spent troubleshooting these issues we had with PayPal. The funds will come out of the technology fund, which holds the revenue generated from the Beacon subscribers. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Popp to approve the agreement with Schneider Geospatial, LLC to integrate a payment gateway with Beacon to allow users to pay for subscriptions online. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider an amendment to the agreement with SRF for design and project management services for the Bend in the River Phase 2 Legacy Grant project. Such services include additional design elements requested by the Park Commission, onsite project management and additional interpretive and directional signage design. The cumulative total represents work by SRF back to the initial step of applying for a Legacy grant, consulting with the Park Commission on final design elements, preparing the project manual for bidding, assisting with evaluating and selecting a contractor and onsite project management during construction. Back in 2022, the County Board set aside \$277,000 in the CIP, Park Operating Budget, and Park Dedication for the local cost, including the required 15% match for the grant and professional services. In 2022, not all final design elements were known, and hours needed were estimated. With this amendment, the local cost will be approximately \$273,000. Motion by Popp and seconded by Heinen to approve Amendment #3 to the contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for design and project management services for the Bend in the River Phase 2 Legacy Grant Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider revisions to the County Board policy manual to allow remote meeting participation. The County Board discussed remote participation in meetings at a Committee of the Whole on April 3, 2024. It was the consensus of the County Board to allow remote participation under certain conditions, reflecting the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting law and Board policy. The Board Policy Manual adds remote participation from a non-public location up to three times per calendar year when the Board member has been advised by a medical professional to avoid public places due to a personal or family health condition. The Policy Manual adds remote participation from a location that is publicly accessible not more than four times per year for Regular Board meetings and not more than four times per year for Committees of the Whole. In both instances, all Board members must be able to see and hear each other. All votes must be by roll call. For participation from the public location, such location must be published no less than three days prior to the meeting. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Popp to adopt the revised County Board policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider a Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Incorporated to allow the Sheriff to advance up to 40 hours of PTO to new hires. The Sheriff’s Office has requested flexibility to offer prospective new hires up to 40 hours of Paid Time Off banked on the first day of employment. New hires could use this PTO on or after the first day of employment subject to the conditions of PTO usage set forth in the LELS Collective Bargaining Agreement. Further, the new hire would not accrue additional PTO until a point in time when the employee would have normally accrued the amount of PTO front-loaded. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Johnson to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Incorporated to allow the Sheriff to advance up to 40 hours of PTO to new hires. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider an agreement with the City of Rice to grant American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a new City well. The County Board Resolution of March 5, 2024 committed \$300,000 form the County’s ARPA funds to this project. Motion by Popp and seconded by Schlangen to approve an agreement with the City of Rice granting \$300,000 in County ARPA funds for a new City well. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider an agreement with the City of Sartell to grant ARPA funds for water/sewer infrastructure to the Mill District property (former VERSO paper mill site). This would facilitate residential and commercial development on the vacant site. The Coun-

ty Board Resolution of March 5, 2024 committed \$450,000 from the County’s ARPA funds to this project. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Popp to approve an agreement with the City of Sartell granting \$450,000 in County ARPA funds to water and sewer infrastructure to serve as the Mill District site. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider an agreement with the City of Gilman to grant ARPA funds to help reduce the City’s sewer treatment system. The County Board Resolution of March 5, 2024 committed \$400,000 from the County’s ARPA funds to this project. This amount includes \$176,000 previously committed to the City of Gilman. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Popp to approve an agreement with the City of Gilman to grant \$400,000 in County ARPA funds for water and sewer infrastructure to serve new residential lots. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider the appointment of a County Attorney to serve the remaining unexpired term of County Attorney Karl Schmidt who was appointed by Governor Walz to a judge position in Benton County District Court. Per MN Statutes §382.02, vacancies in the office of County Attorney shall be filled by appointment by the County Board. Schmidt’s term of office runs through January 4, 2027. Headley proposed the County Board could survey for internal interest or conduct a department head recruitment. Headley anticipates the transition will happen in July, and there is internal interest. There was a consensus of the County Board to seek internal interest first. If the transition happens before a County Attorney is appointed, we could appoint an interim in the meantime.

Next, Headley requested the County Board consider the Letter of Support for City of St. Cloud capital bonding request and TIF legislation. The City of St. Cloud has requested letters of support for its request to the MN Legislature for capital bonding and the authority to create special purpose TIF districts, with the goal of creating new development and re-development of downtown areas of St. Cloud, including the East side. The Benton Economic Partnership (BEP) reviewed the City’s request and recommends supporting these initiatives. Motion by Popp and seconded by Heinen to approve the Letter of Support for City of St. Cloud capital bonding request and TIF legislation. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, County Engineer Chris Byrd requested to conduct a public hearing for Minor Alteration of County Ditch due to Road Construction Project. CSAH 7 is scheduled to be reconstructed this summer. As part of the reconstruction project, culverts under the road are to be replaced with new pipes. Some of these culverts convey County Ditches. The County Ditches affected include: County Ditch (CD) 9 Main Trunk Line; CD 9 Branch 1; CD 12; CD 13; CD 15 Branch 2. The public hearing opened at 10:07 AM. No one was present in-person or virtually to speak for the project. The public hearing closed at 10:08 AM. Byrd reported that there were no emails, letters or other communications to be read into the record. The Department has not received any comments or concerns from any State agencies, cities or townships.

No official action was required by an affected Township. Motion by Popp and seconded by Johnson to approve the Minor Alteration of County Ditch due to Road Construction Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Byrd requested the County Board to consider awarding a Construction Contract for seasonal gravel crushing to Hard Rock Screening LLC. The Highway Department used an online bidding site to receive bids in which they received 5 bids. Hard Rock Screening LLC was the Lowest Responsible Bidder with a total bid of \$92,700 for 30,000 cubic yards of crushed Class 5. Hard Rock has been awarded contracts in previous years and has provided good performance. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Popp to award a Construction Contract for Seasonal Gravel Crushing to Hard Rock Screening LLC in the amount of \$92,700. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Community Health Services Administrator Jaclyn Litfin requested the County Board consider approval of a Full-Time Public Health Nurse position. In follow-up to the May 6th Committee of the Whole meeting, Benton County Public Health (BCPH) requests approval of a full-time Public Health Nurse within the Healthy Families Unit of the Public Health Department. Total salary and benefits estimation for first year is \$107,860 to be budgeted out of Public Health funding. This position will assume Child and Teen Check-ups Coordination, and provide coverage within the Women, Infants and Children’s Program, Family Home Visiting, and Disease Prevention and Control backup support among other Public Health Nurse duties/roles. Litfin added that this position would be funded solely by Public Health Grant funding, and not by levy dollars. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Schlangen to approve the Full-Time Public Health Nurse position. Motion carried unanimously.

The County Board Meeting recessed at 10:26 AM to conduct a Community Health Board Meeting.

The County Board reconvened at 10:43 AM.

Next, Board members reported on recent meetings they attended on behalf of Benton County.

There were no additional comments under Comments by Commissioners.

Johnson/Heinen to set the Committee of the Whole Meetings: Monday, June 3, 2024 Spring Road Tour, beginning at the Benton County Boardroom, Foley, 9:00 AM; Monday, June 10, 2024, Association of Minnesota Counties District 5 Meeting at Chisago County, 313 North Main Street, Center City, MN 55012, 8:00 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Gapinski adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:53 AM.

Jared Gapinski, Chair
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator