PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION August 12, 2025

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COUNTY OF STEELE }

The Steele County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session at 4:00 p.m. on August 12, 2025 with Commissioner's Krueger, Brady, Glynn, Prokopec, and Abbe present. Also present were Also present were Human Resources Director Gina McGuire, Finance Director Candi Lemarr, IT Director Dave Purscell, County Assessor Brian Anderson, Assistant County Attorney Campbell Housch, and County Administrator Renae Fry.

Benya Kraus, SMIF President/CEO, introduced herself and provided a summary of her professional experience locally and nationally prior to accepting the position with SMIF. Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Vice President of Philanthropy & Community Vitality, presented a summary of initiatives funded by SMIF in Steele County and thanked the Board for its support.

Dave Purscell reported that the current IT services agreement with MNPrairie will be expiring at the end of 2025 and presented the Board with a draft agreement to extend the contract through 2026 . The new contract will include services to support the transition of IT to another company when Steele County exits MNPrairie. The Board moved this matter to its regular meeting for formal consideration.

HMA presented to the Board and provided a summary of their recommendations for initial structure of the county's new human services division. The new department would have as its base structure, the regulative business model, but in time, the department could evolve into the collaborative business model, the integrative and eventually the generative business model. This structure was adopted in Olmstead County as well as nationally, Operations would be structed around the three general service categories, and HMA will be working on a program inventory. The county will have the opportunity to determine how those services will be provided and what additional programs the county wants to offer. HMA provided a proposed timeline for the onboarding of a new director and staff and explained the work they are doing with liaisons from HHS and DCYF to gather data regarding the client mix and the types of services being provided to the clients. They will be working on a second statement of work, describing the services to be rendered during the second phase of their master services contract.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

James Brady
Chairman

ATTEST: Renae F
Administrator