

Cottonwood
COUNTY COURTS

Speeding: Jamar L. Cadejuste, Chicago, Ill., \$130; Kimberly A. Hendrickson, Lakeville, \$140; Brent W. Jacobsen, Worthington, \$130; Candy L. Parrott, Macclenny, Fla., \$140; Chase A. Winter, Estherville, Iowa, \$120

Speeding/driving after revocation: Juan P. Hernandez-Soriano, Burnsville, \$340

Failure to drive in single lane: Richard L. Welton, Storden, \$130

Unsafe lane usage on laned highway: Emily A. Elston, Windom, \$130

No Minnesota driver's license: Teodolo Herrera Rios, Windom, \$180

No proof motor vehicle insurance: Alyssa L. Martinson, Fairmont, \$280

Displayed expired registration: Ryan J. Taylor, Darfur, \$110

Driving after revocation: Brent C. Tesch, St. Peter, \$280; Javier Cisneros, Windom, \$280; Brenda L. Mariscal Jimenez, Heron Lake, \$280; Justin D. Vanacker, Lakefield, \$280

DWI-fourth degree-operate motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance: John H. Bell, Windom, \$310, local confine-

ment 90 days, stay 90 days for one year, supervised probation one year, no alcohol/controlled substance use or possession with the exception of prescribed medications, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, pay for and complete within 60 days and follow all recommendations, serve 30 days in jail starting October 1, 2022, jail segment may be waived by court order upon probation recommendations, may have work release and Community Work Service if qualify, follow all state and federal criminal laws, contact your probation officer as directed, tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement, are charged with any new crime or if you change your address, employment or telephone number, cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer, sign releases of information as directed, random testing as requested by law enforcement or probation

Damage to property-fourth degree-intentional

damage-other circumstances: Thomas D. Clipperton, Windom, \$480, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year, supervised probation one year, complete and pay for a comprehensive assessment within 60 days of sentencing and follow all recommendations in a timely manner, defendant must sign all releases for assessor to obtain collateral information from assigned probation agent(s), assigned social worker(s) if any, mental health treatment provider(s) if any, relevant family/household members and recent treatment providers as part of their assessment, defendant must successfully complete the level of treatment and aftercare recommended rather than choosing a lesser level of care, contact your probation officer as directed, remain law-abiding, no violations of law misdemeanor or greater

Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type: Mario E. Gutierrez Toj, Windom, \$180

Driving after revocation/uninsured vehicle-driver violation: Ashtin J. Johnson, Lakefield, \$480

Falsely reporting crime: Brian K. Koerner, Windom, \$480, restitution \$98, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year, supervised probation one year, pay restitution before fines, fees and surcharges, pay restitution for dismissed case 17-CR-23-385 pursuant to plea agreement \$98, remain law-abiding, no violations of law misdemeanor or greater, contact your probation officer as directed

Trespass-return to property within one year: David J. Lefray Jr., Windom, \$380, local confinement 90 days, stay 79 days for one year, credit for time served 11 days, unsupervised probation one year, no trespassing, do not return to Perkins Creek Apartments unless Perkins Creek consents in writing that defendant may return to the property

Fish and game-take raccoon between sunset and sunrise in illegal: Wyatt M. Haugen, Windom, \$380

Fish and game-lend, borrow or transfer a license tag or seal, use license tag seal: Peter J. Meidl, Prior Lake, \$280

Driving after revocation: Timothy C. Clarke, Lake Crystal, \$280

Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type/hold wireless communications device with one or both hands: Jose M. Enriquez Soria, Madelia, \$230

Seat belt violation: Gerald L. Tande, Madelia, \$105

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Speeding: Oscar R. Aguiniga Cabrera, Hutchinson, \$140; Karissa D. Campbell, Ft. Myers, Fla., \$140; Esther Ramirez, St. James, \$120; Christopher D. Sandy, Spirit Lake, Iowa, \$120; Ashley N. Vogt, Sioux Falls, \$120; Kelsey M. Brison, Eagan, \$120; Kaled F. Zagre Jr., Mankato, \$160

Speeding/driving without a valid license for

vehicle class or type: Erick G. Mendoza Rojas, Sioux Falls, \$240

Disorderly conduct: Spencer S. Anderson, Fairmont, \$280, local confinement 30 days, stay 30 days for one year, unsupervised probation one year, follow all state and federal criminal laws

Failure to stop at stop signs or stop lines

at entrance to through highway: David J. Elg, Butterfield, \$130; Bradley S. Todnem, St. James, \$80

Driving after revocation/no insurance owner: Abelino G. Garcia, Madelia, \$480

Improperly worn seatbelt/no proof motor insurance: Ellynor A. Klosterbuer, Rock Rapids, Iowa, \$305

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COTTONWOOD COUNTY

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
January 16, 2024
Cottonwood County
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Larry Anderson, Tom Appel, Donna Gravelly, Norm Holmen, Kevin Stevens; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/Treasurer Donna Torkelson, Kathy Marsh, Dylan Oeltjenbruns, Alex Schultz, Paul Johnson, Simoine Bolin, Jon Erichson, Mitch Froehlich, and Joel Alvstad.

Routine Items—approved

by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to approve the agenda as amended; to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular meeting and the January 9, 2024, work session; to approve January warrants in the amount of \$207,408.34 and broken down as follows: County Revenue Fund—\$31,063.86; Ditch Fund—\$11,547.52; Taxes and Penalties Fund—\$2,400.00, Road and Bridge Fund—\$159,137.41, Waste Abatement/SCORE—\$1,397.00, Landfill Enterprise Fund—\$1,862.55; adjournment.

Personnel Items—approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to accept the resignation from Wyatt Krick, part-time Jailer/Dispatcher, with appropriate payout of

benefits effective January 24, 2024.

Additional Action Items—approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to approve the Conditional Use Permit submitted by Ulland Brothers for a mining pit in Selma Township with conditions; to recess as the County Board and to convene as the Ditch Authority; to approve the 2024 ditch assessments after Commissioners from Districts 1, 4, and 5 have met with the Ditch Inspector and approved their district's ditch assessments; to make a final payment of \$97,261.86 to the sinking ditch fund to zero out the account; to adjourn as the Ditch Authority and to reconvene as the County Board; to approve adding

an assessment for the clean-up expense of \$50,911.37 on the 2024 payable property taxes for parcel 05-027-0401; to assign the funding from the Local Homeless Prevention Aid to DVHHS to use in their Emergency Assistance Eligibility Programs for the entirety of the Local Homeless Prevention Aid program; to declare that County offices were officially closed at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024, due to the inclement weather conditions and in accordance with County Policy No. 420.

S/Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer
S/Norman Holmen, Board Chair
S/Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator

Mt. Lake
POLICE REPORT

Feb. 12
•7:32 a.m. An officer assisted the Watonwan County Sheriff's Office with a report of an accident with injuries on Highway 30 north of Butterfield.
•8:36 p.m. An officer issued a parking warning.

Feb. 13
•8:45 a.m. An officer checked on a report of a truck driver slumped over in their vehicle. The driver was sleeping and was OK.

Feb. 14
•5:40 p.m. An officer checked on a possible suspicious vehicle at the intersection of Box Elder Street and 13th Street. The vehicle was unoccupied.

Feb. 16
•2:19 a.m. Officers issued six parking warnings.
•11:16 a.m. An officer responded to a report of a dog at large. The owner was cited for no dog license and allowing dog at large.

Feb. 17
•9:44 a.m. An officer responded to a report of a dog at large. The dog was impounded at the vet clinic in Windom.

•1:18 p.m. A hit-and-run accident was reported on East County Road 27. An unknown vehicle struck a city of Mt. Lake light pole, causing moderate damage. The matter is under investigation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Advertisement for Bids for 10/14 MVA Transformer with LTC "5KV Metal Clad indoor switchgear" With Battery Bank Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities Mountain Lake, MN

Notice is hereby given that the Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities of the City of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed Bids at the Mountain Lake City Hall until 4:00 PM day of March 18, 2024, and will publicly open and read aloud at 6:00 PM day of March 18, 2024 such Bids on the following equipment:

"10/14 MVA Transformer with LTC" "5KV Metal Clad indoor switchgear" "with Battery Bank

Proposals shall be properly endorsed and delivered in an envelope marked, "Mountain Lake Substation" and shall be addressed to: Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities of the City of Mountain Lake, 930 3rd Ave., P.O. Box C, Mountain Lake, MN 56159.

All proposals shall be submitted in duplicate on the Bidder's own letterhead in facsimile of the Proposal Form enclosed in the Specifications, or by utilizing the Proposal Form enclosed with the Specifications by typing the official name of the Bidder at the top of the form.

Each proposal should be accompanied by a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check or Certified

Check, made payable to the Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities of the City of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the proposed Contract and provide a Performance Bond and Payment Bond after his Bid shall have been accepted.

The successful Bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price to the Owner prior to the approval of the Contract.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid or Proposal for a Period of thirty (30) days after date of opening of Bids.

At the aforementioned time and place, or at such later time and Place as the Owner then may fix, the Owner will act upon Proposals received and with its sole discretion may award Contract(s) for the furnishing of said equipment.

Specifications and Plans are available by contacting Qualus Services, LLC, 9200 75th Ave. N. Suite #100, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55428. Tel. No. (763)-585-3925.

The Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities of the City of Mountain Lake, Minnesota reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or bid irregularities.

By Michael Mueller, City administrator
Date 1-31-2024
(281—Feb. 21, 2024)

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