

Watonwan COUNTY COURTS

FELONY CONVICTIONS

Fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle: Jay J. K. James, Windom, \$1,080, commit to Minnesota adult correctional facility in St. Cloud for 12 months, one day, stay for three years, local confinement 60 days, credit for time served 34 days, work release privileges per jail policy, defendant may perform Sentence to Service while in custody, must report to jail drug and alcohol free, supervised probation three years, obtain and maintain employment, complete updated comprehensive assessment if original is no longer valid, complete diagnostic assessment, attend and successfully complete a diagnostic evaluation, follow all recommendations and pay all fees, attend and successfully complete cognitive skills programming as recommended by probation agent, no possession of alcohol or drugs or alcohol/controlled

substance use, abstain from the use and possession of alcohol and all mood-altering chemicals unless prescribed by a licensed physician, including but not exclusive to non-alcohol beer and wine products and energy drinks containing alcohol, submit to random drug testing at request of probation agent or law enforcement, any diluted sample or refusal to submit will be considered positive and a violation of your probation, obtain permission from agent before leaving the state, follow all state and federal criminal laws, contact your probation officer as directed, tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime, if you change your address, employment, or telephone number or if you have contact with law enforcement, 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, give a DNA sample when directed, do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives, attend and successfully complete outpatient chemical dependency treatment program as recommended in comprehensive assessment completed at Agape Counseling Center in Windom and follow all aftercare recommendations, and pay all fees, may perform Sentence to Service/community work service hours that may be credited against the fine of \$1,000, should the defendant decide to complete Sentence to Serve/community work service for the fine this work service must be completed within one year; this is separate from hours ordered

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Speeding: Jessi Ramirez, Madelia, \$380; Sadi L. Fieldsend, Sioux Falls, \$120; Parnell N. Gitau, Shakopee, \$120; Alvin W. Kollie, Worthington, \$130; Joshua P. Morse, Maple Grove, \$140; Abel, C. Nowon, Buffalo, \$130, Daniel J. Avila, St. James, \$130; Maxine J. Olson, Waverly, \$130; Daniel T. Stephenson, Long Lake, \$120
Operated commercial motor vehicle without CDL that meets standards of state or jurisdiction of domicile/no Minnesota registration: John A. French, Sibley Iowa, \$380
Driving after revocation/no proof motor vehicle insurance: Theresa M. Sletto, Brandon, \$480
Cannabis open packaging possess in motor vehicle—opened or seal broken: Mason D. Sternquist, Sioux Falls, \$180
Failure to stop at stop signs or stop lines at

entrance lines to through highway: Deanna F. Conley, Splendora, Texas, \$130
Assault in fifth degree: Pedro Esqueda, St. James, \$580, local confinement 30 days, stay 30 days for six months, unsupervised probation six months, no same or similar, follow all state and federal criminal laws
Driver fails to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk: Brandy M. Hardisty, Odin, \$180
Dog running at large prohibited: Ernesto Montemayor, St. James, \$180
Endanger child-situation could cause harm or death: Jay J. K. James, Windom, \$700, local confinement 364 days, stay 304 days for two years, credit for time served 34 days, may have work release pending jail policy, Sentence to Service may be completed while in custody, must report drug and alcohol free, supervised probation two years, comply

with all terms and conditions set forth on Count 1, may perform Sentence to Service/community work service hours that may be credited against the fine of \$700, should the defendant decide to complete Sentence to Service/community work service for the fine this work service must be completed within one year of the date, this is separate from hours ordered on Count 1
Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type: Kevin R. Marroquin Pablo, St. James, \$180
Driver involved fails to stop for collision-driven or attended vehicle: Lee H. Stewart, St. James, \$380, local confinement 30 days, stay 30 days for one year, unsupervised probation one year, follow all state and federal criminal laws, no traffic-related convictions of misdemeanor or greater, restitution reserved to remain open for 30 days

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Cottonwood County
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Norm Holmen, Larry Anderson, Tom Appel, Donna Gravley, Kevin Stevens; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Carolyn Rempel, Kathy Marsh, Becky Buchholz, Alex Schultz, Dylan Oeltjensbruns, Jason Purrington, Sherry Sevcik, Bruce Sevcik, 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 February 20, 2024, regular meeting and the minutes of the February 26, 2024, special meeting; to approve March warrants in the amount of \$106,830.49 and broken down as follows: County Revenue Fund—\$21,023.86; Ditch Fund—\$23,433.01; Road and Bridge Fund—\$43,241.34; Waste Abatement/

SCORE—\$65.00, Landfill Enterprise Fund—\$19,067.28; adjournment.

Personnel Items—approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to move Katie Jenkins, Deputy Recorder, to permanent full-time status effective March 11, 2024, after successfully completing her probationary period; to approve advertising for a full-time County Attorney to fulfill the remainder of the term; to approve resolution 24-03-05C 2024 Cottonwood County Sheriff Salary Resolution, which sets the salary at \$125,803; to approve resolution 24-03-05E 2024 Cottonwood County Recorder Salary Resolution, which sets the salary at \$87,000; to approve resolution 24-03-05D 2024 Cottonwood County Attorney Salary Resolution, which sets the salary at \$130,000; to approve resolution 24-03-05F 2024 Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer Salary Resolution, which sets the salary at \$99,500; to change the County Engineer's 2024 salary to \$138,976.16 and make retroactive to December 18, 2023.

Additional Action Items—approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to approve resolution 24-03-05 Clean Water Part-

nership SSTS Loan Project 2.0; to approve the FY2023 Feedlot Annual Review and Financial Report; to recess as the County Board and to convene as the Ditch Authority; to approve low bid from Noomen Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$199,066.23 for the repair of County Ditch #21; to adjourn as the Ditch Authority and to reconvene as the County Board; to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for FY 2024 Cottonwood County Landfill Services in an amount not to exceed \$39,840; to approve resolution 24-03-05A DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant—Attachment A.; to approve resolution 24-03-05B HSEM Hazard Mitigation Plan Process Update; to notify the Minnesota Department of Health that Cottonwood County will utilize their services beginning in 2025; to approve the Agreement between Cottonwood and Jackson Counties for Services of a Victim Witness Coordinator.

S/Carolyn Rempel, Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer S/Norman Holmen, Board Chair S/Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator

Mt. Lake

POLICE REPORT

March 18

•9:24 a.m. An officer assisted the State Patrol with a report of a wrong-way driver on Highway 60. The vehicle in question was located after it had self-corrected. The officer stopped the vehicle and issued a verbal warning.

March 20

•12:20 p.m. An officer received a call expressing concern that a home owner had not been seen in months and an animal may be in the home. The officer confirmed the resident was in assisted living and family was caring for the animal in question.

March 22

•7:58 a.m. The MLPD K9 unit assisted the Windom Police Department and Windom school officials with luggage checks for a high school band and choir trip.

•5:43 p.m. An officer responded to a report of possible animal neglect. The officer was able to confirm that the animal was being cared for.

•6:54 p.m. An officer assisted the ambulance department with a medical call. The patient was transported to the hospital.

•11:52 p.m. A traffic stop was made on County Road 1 for speeding and a possible arrest warrant. The driver was issued a verbal warning for speeding after the warrant was verified to not match the driver or the vehicle owner.

•10:13 a.m. An officer assisted the State Patrol with a report of a wrong-way driver on east-bound Highway 60. The vehicle had apparently corrected, as the officer was unable to locate a wrong-way driver

•10:08 p.m. An officer assisted the State Patrol with a report of an accident on Highway 60 near County Road 1.

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Speeding: Khaled Abdiquadir, Hopkins, \$175; Jordan T. Anderson, St. James, \$120; Torrie L. Boehmer, Cambridge, \$120; Keanu J. Feuerstein, Hastings, \$220; Teresa L. J. Gross, Greenwood, \$130; Lance A. Hanson, Eau Claire, Wis., \$140; Reid Y. Olsen, Shakopee, \$220; Ruby A. Schlegel, Brookings, S.D., \$140; Mark A. Spurgeon, Elkhon, Neb., \$130; Andrew B. Kutz, Newville, Penn., \$130

Speeding/driving after revocation: Telesforo Lopez-Ramos, Worthington, \$320

Speeding/no insurance driver: Grace J. Paul Das, Dallas, Texas, \$420

Driving after revocation/unsafe load: Antulio J. Agustin, Worthington, \$340

No Minnesota driver's license: Foster E. Chokai, Windom, \$180; Leonardo Lopez Martinez, Spencer,

Iowa, \$180

Window tint (less than 50% light transmittance)/windshield restrictions-windshield tinted or glazed: Xandy A. Dirks, Jeffers, \$180

Hands-Free law-hold wireless communications device with one or both hands: Julia C. Schmoker, Jackson, \$130

Abandon motor vehicle on public/private property without consent of property owner: Ryan A. Conway, Wilder, \$380

Assault-fifth degree-infract or attempt bodily harm: Rachell M. Gednalske, Marshall, \$835, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year, supervised probation one year, follow all state and federal criminal laws, contact your probation officer as directed, tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new

crime, if you change your address, employment or telephone number or if you have contact with law enforcement, sign releases of information as directed, do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives, if prohibited by law participate in individual counseling, attend support groups as directed by probation

Driving after revocation: Mason T. Dziuk, Bloomington, \$280

Motor vehicle registration-operate vehicle with expired registration: Shauna C. T. Goodman, Windom, \$110

Driving after suspension: Amilcar J. Lopez Temaj, Mt. Lake, \$280; Terrell R. Teasley, Windom, \$280

Uninsured vehicle-owner violation: Freddie R. Martinez, Wilder, \$280

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2024
5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chad Pedersen at 5:34 p.m. Roll call conducted by School Board Clerk, Chad Eken.

Members present: Matt Gohr, Ramont Harder Schrock, Carolyn Karschnik, Audi Nickel, Tom Fast, Chad Eken, Chad Pedersen

Others present: Michelle Larson, Brandon Henning, Annette Kunkel, Dmitry Bucklin, Kathryn Wassman, Isabelle Penner, Laurie Bartsch, Joel Alvstad, Martha Standerwick, Lori Southivong, Stephanie Willaby, Elisabeth Harder Schrock, Paige Harder, Joan Raabe, Kurt Jahnke, Joanne Karschnik, Noelle Henning
That the Proposed Agenda be approved as presented. Motion by Gohr. Second by Eken. Approved.

That the Consent Agenda be approved as presented: minutes from previous meeting, monthly bills, donations and open enrollments. Motion by Gohr. Second by Fast. Approved.

The following reports were available for school board member review and comment: Meet and Confer dates, Upcoming School Board meetings, Driver's Education Annual Report, Safety Committee Report, Operating Referendum Options for FY '24, Negotiations Committee Report, Athletic Invitation from Tomahawk/Valley Conference, Superintendent Years of Service Correction.

Motion: To approve the School Board Recommendations for reductions in programs and positions for school year '24-'25 for a total

of \$660,771. Motion by Gohr. Second by Nickel. Approved. Voting in favor of the motion by roll call were: Gohr, Harder Schrock, Karschnik, Nickel, Fast, Eken, Pedersen.

Motion: To approve the resignation of Jehu Coronado as part-time custodian. Motion by Fast. Second by Eken. Approved.

Motion: To approve the resignation of Noel Rodriguez as part-time custodian. Motion by Nickel. Second by Gohr. Approved.

Motion: To approve the resignation of Tim Kirk as Head Baseball Coach for the 2024 season. Motion by Eken. Second by Karschnik. Approved.

Motion: To approve the resignation of Shawn Naas as Head Softball Coach for the 2024 season. Motion by Nickel. Second by Gohr. Approved.

Motion: To approve the resignation of Lila Penner as Part-time HS Secretary / Part-time Paraprofessional. Motion by Gohr. Second by Eken. Approved.

Motion: To approve the resignation of Kearney Wall as Paraprofessional. Motion by Nickel. Second by Fast. Approved.

Motion: To approve the retirement of Karen Hildebrandt as English teacher at the end of the '23-'24 school year. Motion by Gohr. Second by Nickel. Approved.

Motion: To approve the posting for head baseball coach for the 2024 season. Motion by Nickel. Second by Karschnik. Approved.

Motion: To approve the posting for head softball coach for the 2024 season. Motion by Gohr. Second by Eken. Approved.

Motion: To approve the posting for 2024 part-time

summer helpers. Motion by Nickel. Second by Gohr. Approved.

Motion: To post for Part-time (.5 FTE) Occupational Therapist for the '24-'25 SY. Motion by Fast. Second by Nickel. Approved.

Motion: To approve the hire of Jaylee Lugo as a paraprofessional. Motion by Nickel. Second by Karschnik. Approved.

Motion: To approve the hire of Noel Smith as a .5 FTE Occupational Therapist for the '24-'25 school year. Motion by Fast. Second by Karschnik. Approved.

Motion: To approve coaches/advisors for the '23-'24 Spring sports. Motion by Fast. Second by Nickel. Approved.

Motion: To approve the Achievement and Integration Budget for FY '25. Motion by Gohr. Second by Nickel. Approved.

Motion: To approve the retirement/resignation of Cheri Strom effective at the end of the '23-'24 school year. Motion by Eken. Second by Gohr. Approved.

Motion: To approve the resignation of Lindsey Brockberg, Agricultural Educator and FFA Advisor with last day of June 30, 2024. Motion by Gohr. Second by Nickel. Approved.

Motion: To approve the resignation of Kjell Eken as Assistant Softball Coach. Motion by Eken. Second by Nickel. Approved.

The board wishes to Thank all employees and coaches listed above for their service to the district.

Motion: That the school board meeting be adjourned. Motion by Gohr. Second by Eken. Approved. Time: 6:09 p.m.

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