
Staff Present: Commissioner Brad Anderson, Commissioner Sue Betcher, Scott Arneson, Andrea Benck, Lucas Dahling, Teresa Reisdorfer, Jake Rezac, Jess Greenwood, Nick Lemmer, Heather Poncelet, Jonathan Huneke, Kristine Holst, and Nina Arneson.

Out of State Travel Requests. The following out of state travel requests were discussed:

Administration. County Administrator, Scott Arneson requested approval to attend the following:

- National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference, July 11-14 in Philadelphia, PA
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference, October 25-29 in Tampa, FL

2025 Lifesavers Conference. Staff recommended the county board authorize Corporal Wallerich of the Sheriff's Office to attend the LifeSaver Conference on Road Safety in Long Beach, CA, March 9-11. Costs of the conference are reimbursed by the State.

SAFECOM Training. EM-Communications Captain Chad Steffen has served as an appointed SAFECOM Public Safety At-Large Member since 2018. Staff recommended the board approve sending Captain Steffen to SAFECOM's bi-annual in-person meetings. All costs are covered by the SAFECOM.

E911 Training. Staff recommended the board give a blanket approval for appropriate staff to attend trainings and/or conferences eligible for E911 grant funding.

Emergency Management. Staff recommended the board approve to send Malloree McCarthy and Earl Merchlewitz to the National Emergency Management Basic Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In addition, staff recommended approval to send Earl Merchlewitz to the National Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Conference on April 21-April 24, 2025. All costs associated with both trainings are covered by grant funding.

Health & Human Services. Staff recommended the board approve to send Jill Ekstrom, GCHHS Case Aide to participate in the NACCHO preparedness summit on April 29-May 2. All costs associated with the conference are covered by grant funds.



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Public Works. Staff requested approval for the County Engineer and three county staff to attend the Washington Fly-In in Washington DC on September, and for the County Engineer to attend the NACE Annual Meeting in Schaumburg, IL.

The Budget Committee recommended approval of the 2025 Out of State Travel Requests.