

RESOLUTION
Kittson County Board of Commissioners
Hallock, Minnesota 56728

Date February 16, 2021 Resolution No. #21-05
Motion by Commissioner Gillie Seconded by Commissioner Johnson

COUNTY ENGINEER QUALIFICATIONS

WHEREAS Minnesota Statutes section 163.07 subdivision 1 requires the county board of each county to appoint and employ a county highway engineer; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 163.07 subdivision 2, the county highway engineer must be a citizen and resident of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS approximately 40% of Minnesota counties border adjacent states and/or countries, and Kittson County, in particular, borders both an adjacent state and country, thereby eliminating otherwise qualified individuals from employment as a county highway engineer; and

WHEREAS Minnesota counties are finding it increasingly difficult to compete with private industry for the services of registered highway or civil engineers; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statutes Chapter 163 does not provide Minnesota counties the same flexibility afforded to other local government units in acquiring the services of a registered highway or civil engineer, though competitive and cost-effective options for contracted engineering services are readily available to make and prepare the surveys, estimates, plans, and specifications as required pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 163.07 subdivision 1; and

WHEREAS the combination of these conditions and limitations has resulted in direct, negative, impacts to the citizens of Kittson County by increasing property taxes and reducing funding for highway construction and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kittson County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the amendment of Minnesota Statutes section 163.07 subdivision 2 by striking the fourth sentence of the subdivision, thereby eliminating residency requirements for the position of county highway engineer.

VOTING AYE

Commissioners Kraulik X Gillie X Johnson X Olson X Younggren X

VOTING NAY

Commissioners Kraulik _____ Gillie _____ Johnson _____ Olson _____ Younggren _____

ABSTAINING


Commissioners Kraulik _____ Gillie _____ Johnson _____ Olson _____ Younggren _____

State of Minnesota
County of Kittson

I, Dillon Hayes, County Administrator for the County of Kittson, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Kittson County Board of Commissioners held on the 16th day of February, 2021.

Witness my hand and official seal at Hallock, Minnesota the 16TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

(Seal)



Dillon Hayes
Kittson County Administrator