

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The County Board of Nobles County met in regular session this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2016, in the Board of Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Marvin Zylstra, Gene Metz, Matt Widboom, Robert Demuth Jr. and Donald Linssen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to approve the agenda as amended, deleting 7.2 Auditor/Treasurer Year End Reports and 7.3.B. Worthington Community Garden, which will both be delayed to the next meeting.

Shirley Rempel, Social Worker, was acknowledged as the recipient of the Nobles County Excellence in Performance Award.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to approve the consent agenda.

- 5.1 January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5.2 Meetings & Conferences – January 22, 2016 Travel Expenses
- 5.3 Auditor's and Commissioner's Warrants

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to open the public hearing to review, discuss and consider the proposed property tax abatement request for Steve Lohr.

The proposed tax abatement request for construction of a single family home was reviewed. No public comments were received.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to close the hearing.

On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to adopt the following resolution number 201610:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 469.1813 gives authority to the County of Nobles to grant an abatement of property taxes imposed by the County if certain criteria are met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the statutory requirements, the Nobles County has adopted the Nobles Home Initiative guidelines which must be met before an abatement of taxes will be granted for residential development; and

WHEREAS, Steven Lohr is the owner of certain property within Nobles County, legally described as follows:

Parcel ID: 04-0204-000; SECT-35 TWP-103 RANG-40, 6.11 Acres in SW Corner of NW ¼, 21428 Paul Ave, Worthington Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Steven Lohr has made application to Nobles County for the abatement of taxes as to the above-described parcel; and

WHEREAS, Steven Lohr has met the statutory requirements outlined under Minnesota Statute 469.1813 Subdivision 1(1) and Subdivision 2(i) as well as the County's Nobles Home Initiative guidelines for tax abatement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. The Nobles County does, hereby grant an abatement of Nobles County share of real estate taxes upon the above-described parcel for the construction of a new single family home.
2. The tax abatement will be for no more than five years commencing on the first year of taxes payable for the assessed value(s) related to the capital improvements outlined in Paragraph 1.
3. The County shall provide the awarded abatement payment following payment of due real estate taxes annually. One single payment shall be made to the owner of record by December 30<sup>th</sup> of that calendar year.
4. The tax abatement shall be for the residential capital improvements only. Land values and the current base value are not eligible and will not be abated.
5. The abatement shall be null and void if construction is not commenced within 6 months of the approval of this resolution or if real estate taxes are not paid on or before the respective payment deadlines annually.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to approve the following solid waste and recycling permits for 2016:

<p>Waste Management, Mankato, MN Schaap Sanitation, Worthington, MN</p> <p>Larson Crane Service, Worthington, MN Reker Construction Co., Adrian, MN</p> <p>Ketterling Services Inc., Luverne, MN Denny's Sanitation, Rock Rapids, IA Henning Construction, Adrian, MN</p> <p>Duinink Inc. Dba Worthington Excavating, Worthington, MN</p>	<p>Solid Waste Hauling Recycling Hauling License Wood-Brush Chipping &amp; Recycling – Sect. 34, Wgtn Township Yard Waste Composting – Sect. 34, Wgtn Township Recycling Center – Sect. 34, Wgtn Township Solid Waste Facility (Landfill) – Sect. 4, Dewald Township Solid Waste Hauling Concrete Recycling Concrete Recycling – Sect. 7, Olney Township Solid Waste Hauling Solid Waste Hauling Concrete &amp; Asphalt Recycling – Sect. 28, Westside Township Concrete Recycling – Sect. 34, Wgtn Township</p>
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**City Burn Sites for 2016**

Adrian City	Round Lake City	Ellsworth City	Wilmont City
Rushmore City	Bigelow City	Lismore City	Kinbrae City
			Dundee City

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to authorize the County Board Chairperson to sign, on behalf of Nobles County, the MPCA County Feedlot Program Work Plan. A copy of the grant was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

Wayne Smith, Environmental Services Director, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of a conditional use permit.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #01-2016 to Dave Dobernecker, Adrian MN, for operation of a gun repair and sales shop located on the E 1/2 of W 1/2 of NE 1/4, Section 24, TWP 101, Range 43 (Grand Prairie Township) with the condition that there not be more than 75 guns on the premises as recommended by the Nobles County Planning Advisory Commission.

Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director/County Engineer, requested the County Board set an informational meeting date for Judicial Ditch 9 Cleanout to inform benefited property owners of proposed maintenance projects. The estimated cost to cleanout Judicial Ditch 9 is around \$10,000.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to set March 22, 2016 as the Information Meeting Date on Judicial Ditch 9 Cleanout.

Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director/County Engineer, presented the Board with information on the Speed Limit Study Results in the City of Worthington. The County Board requested the MN/DOT speed study in 2014 due to the recent construction and design changes. Commissioner Widboom expressed concern that cars are traveling too fast in front of the ball diamonds on County Road 10. Mr. Schnieder advised that the State determines necessary changes from the study and signing will be updated as directed by the Commissioner of Transportation.

Stacie Golombiecki, Community Services Director, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of an agreement with Western Community Action for the provision of volunteer driver services.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to authorize the County Board Chairperson, County Administrator and the Community Services Director/Human Service Director to sign, on behalf of Nobles County, the 2016 Western Community Action Transportation Agreement Renewal. A copy of the Contract renewal was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information and recommendations in the area of continued and increased additional duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Assessor.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to approve an increase in pay for the Deputy Assessor of \$213.08 per pay period retroactive to January 1, 2016, on top of the current pay.

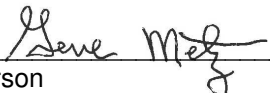
On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to table the Board of Equalization meeting date and time until the next County Board meeting.

No Inter-Agency Reports/Announcements were given.

The Board discussed the Worthington Regional Economic Development's (WREDC) quarterly appropriations and expressed their desire to have the WREDC present the County Board with an update on what they are doing as public funds are being spent. Commissioner Linssen and Commissioner Demuth requested that the WREDC's conflict of interest policy be reviewed and signed by all members of WREDC and stressed the importance of WREDC Board Members abstaining from discussion and voting if they have a conflict of interest. The consensus of the Board was to withhold future appropriations until an update is received from WREDC.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Attest:

  
Chairperson

  
County Administrator