

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

2017 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET AND TAX LEVY PUBLIC MEETING

The County Board of Nobles County met in special session this 8th day of December, 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.

Chairperson Metz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., made introductions and explained the purpose of the informational meeting.

The following Department Heads were in attendance: Beth Van Hove, County Auditor-Treasurer; Kathleen Kusz, County Attorney; Jerry Vyskocil, Finance Director; Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director; Angelo Torres, Information Technology Director; Lynn Wilson, County Recorder; Joyce Jacobs, Emergency Management Director; Clint Wolthuizen, Library Director; Sue Luing, HR Director/Deputy County Administrator and Tom Johnson, County Administrator. One person from the Media (newspaper) was in attendance.

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, provided an overview of the 2017 budget process and major factors contributing to changes in the budget and tax levy.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to open the meeting for public comments.

No public comments were received.

On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Robert Demuth Jr., it was duly passed to close the meeting for public comments.

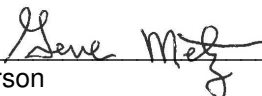
Commissioner Demuth extended his gratitude to the attendees in the audience.

Commissioner Zylstra stated there is confusion that many citizens think this meeting is a hearing for their property values and information based on the 2017 Not To Exceed Levy of 5.98%. Options were discussed for the Board's consideration that the Auditor-Treasurer could include a note with a better description of the meeting with the required mailings in November for an additional fee or that additional information could be placed in the public notice advertised in the paper.


Chairperson Metz announced the Board will meet Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to consider adoption of the levies for 2017.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to adjourn the public meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Attest:



Chairperson



County Administrator