

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

TAX-FORFEITED LAND CLASSIFICATION PUBLIC MEETING

The County Board of Nobles County met in special session this 7th day of March, 2017, in the Board of Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Justin Ahlers, Gene Metz, Matt Widboom, Robert Demuth Jr. and Donald Linssen.

Chairperson Linssen called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

Beth Van Hove, Auditor-Treasurer, explained the purpose of the public meeting and provided the Board with information in the area of classifying the tax-forfeited parcels as Non-Conservation or Conservation.

On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to declare all 9 of the tax-forfeited properties presented as Non-conservation. The parcels included were 01-0073-600, 21-0029-000, 21-0199-000, 25-0014-000, 25-0028-000, 25-0069-000, 28-0259-000, 29-0087-000 and 31-2658-000.

Ms. Van Hove informed the Board that all cities and townships were notified of the meeting. No letters of interest were received for acquisition of any properties.

Bruce Heitkamp, City of Adrian, advised the Board that the City has been maintaining the tax-forfeited parcels. The City of Adrian does not wish to compete with Bidders on a sale, but would take over if the parcels were not sold.

No other public comments were received.

The Board discussed Parcel 01-0073-600 in Bigelow Township, a triangular lot by new housing that might be a holding pond for the subdivision. The Board directed the Auditor-Treasurer to check with Wayne Smith, Environmental Services Director.

The Board questioned if Parcel 31-2658-000 was a sellable lot and if the County should forego assessments as done on a parcel in 2015. The Auditor-Treasurer advised that the Board did not set precedence in foregoing the assessments on the City of Ellsworth property; the City of Ellsworth had approached the County with the request.

On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Justin Ahlers, it was duly passed to sell all 9 of the tax-forfeited properties presented at public auction.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Robert Demuth Jr., it was duly passed to waive all assessments before forfeiture on all parcels with the exception of Parcel 31-2658-000 as only the City of Worthington can authorize waiver of the assessment.

On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to set the basic sale price of all tax-forfeited parcels for \$1.00.

Ms. Van Hove advised the Board of changes to the terms for the sale of tax-forfeited land in Nobles County by adding the Bidders-Prospective Purchasers paragraph.

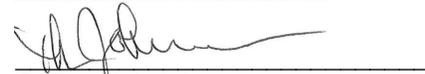
On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to include "The County reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids" in the terms of sale before sending to the County Attorney for review.

On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Robert Demuth Jr., it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201717 to set the public sale date, time and location for Tax-Forfeited Land in Nobles County as Wednesday, April 19th, 2017, 9:00 a.m. in the Farmers Room of the Government Center, 315 Tenth Street, Worthington MN.

On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Matt Widboom it was duly passed to adjourn the public meeting at 11:06 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest:


County Administrator