

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY,
MINNESOTA**

2018 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET AND TAX LEVY PUBLIC MEETING

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Nobles County met in special session on Thursday, December 07, 2017, in the Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Justin Ahlers, Gene Metz, Matt Widboom, Robert S. Demuth and Donald Linssen.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linssen at 6:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions
Chairperson Linssen introduced the Board of Commissioners, members of the Budget Committee and the following Department Heads in attendance: Joyce Jacobs, Emergency Management Director; Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Lynn Wilson, County Recorder; Jerry Vyskocil, Finance Director; Val Ruesch, County Assessor; Clint Wolthuizen, Library Director; Stacie Golombiecki, Community Services Director; Beth Van Hove, County Auditor-Treasurer; Sue Luing, Human Resources Director/Deputy County Administrator; Kia Harries, Regional Director U of M Extension; and Kathleen Kusz, County Attorney. One person from the Media (newspaper) was in attendance. Chairperson Linssen explained the purpose of the informational meeting is to improve the transparency of the County's budget process and encourage the citizens of Nobles County to participate in the budgeting process of Nobles County. Notices of this meeting were mailed out as a part of the preliminary tax statement to each landowner on November 15, 2017 as required by Minnesota Statutes.
4. Presentation
Tom Johnson, County Administrator, provided an overview of the 2018 budget process and major factors contributing to changes in the budget and tax levy. He further explained this is not the meeting where individual property taxes are discussed.
5. Public Comment
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.
No public comments were received.
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

6. Discussion by County Board

Commissioner Demuth advised, as a member of the Budget Committee, that no equipment or necessary items were taken out of the budgets in order to reduce the levy. Commissioner Linssen extended his gratitude to the Department Heads for their part in reducing the levy. Commissioners Ahlers, Metz and Widboom extended their gratitude to the Budget Committee.

7. Final Adoption Date of 2018 County Budget December 19, 2017 at the regular Board mtg

Chairperson Linssen announced the Board will meet Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to consider adoption of the levies for 2017.

10. Adjournment

VOTING

It was duly passed to adjourn the public meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.

Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin



(Chairperson)



(County Administrator)