

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 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 Demuth at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>1.0 Call to Order</b>	
<b>2.0 Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
<b>3.0 Approval of Agenda</b>	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
<b>4.0 Recognition</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Visitors &amp; Guests Welcome</b>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Recognition for Years of Service</b>
	Michael Harberts, Sign Worker, was recognized for 10 years of service with Nobles County.
<b>5.0 Consent Agenda</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> September 4, 2018 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Child and Teen Checkup Program Grant Amendment for 2019</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement CTC 2019 Budget
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Minnesota Department of Health – Grant Project Agreement</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> MDH Grant Project Agreement
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Meetings &amp; Conferences - Travel Expenses</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Travel Expenses paid September 14, 2018
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Auditor's and Commissioner's Warrants</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Accounts Payable Summary Auditor's Warrants Commissioner's Warrants – General Revenue Commissioner's Warrants – Public Works Commissioner's Warrants – Family Service Fund

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Widboom, Matt

**6.0 Public Hearing**

- 6.1**      **Proposed Property Tax Abatement – Nobles Home Initiative  
(Nate Grimmus Parcel 31-2084-940)**  
**A. Motion to open Public Hearing (Action)**  
**B. Proposed Abatement – Discussion**  
**C. Public Comment**  
**D. Motion to Close Public Hearing (Action)**  
**E. Decision – Resolution 201843 (Action)**

- A.** On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to recess the regular Board meeting and open the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing.
- B.** Abraham Algadi, Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation, was present to discuss the proposed property tax abatement and answer questions of the Board. Mr. Algadi stated that parcel 31-2084-941 may be split between the owner of 31-2084-942 and Grimmus.
- C.** No public comments were received.
- D.** On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to close the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing and resume the regular Board meeting.
- E.** On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201843 approving tax abatement for parcel 31-2084-940 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.

**7.0 Department Presentations**

- 7.1**      **Community Services – Stacie Golombiecki**

- A.**      **Community Wellness Grant – Wrap Up Presentation**

Christine Bullerman, Casey Borgen and Darlene Dewitt presented the Board with the priorities and outcomes of the Community Wellness Partners' (Cottonwood, Jackson, Nobles) \$1.2 million Community Wellness Grant during 2014 to 2018.

- 7.2**      **Public Works – Stephen Schnieder**

- A.**      **Nobles 2 Wind Farm Development Agreement**

Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director/County Engineer, Scott Seier, Tenaska's Strategic Development and Acquisitions Group, and Brad Harberts, Drainage Sytem Coordinator, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of the Nobles 2 Wind Farm Development Agreement. Mr. Schnieder advised a meeting was held on September 17<sup>th</sup> by the Joint Ditch Authority of the counties of Nobles and Murray for Judicial Ditch #12 and the agreement was reviewed and approved. Suggestions for language changes to Section 5, which was reserved to Cooperation Regarding Future Public Drainage System Improvements and Maintenance, and to section 9.10, Obligations Surviving Termination, were discussed.

**Attachments:**  
Development Agreement

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve the passage of the Development Agreement by and between Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC, Nobles County, Minnesota; and Joint Powers Board of Nobles and Murray Counties for Judicial Ditch 12 with the modifications as discussed to sections 5 and 9.10.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Metz, Gene

**8.0 Administration Presentation – Tom Johnson**

**8.1**

**Proposal for Additional Construction Observation Services - INSPEC**

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information and a recommendation to approve payment for additional construction observation services for the 2017 Reroofing and Exterior Wall Rehabilitation Project at the Prairie Justice Center. The site visit will be charged back to the Contractor through the last Change Order for the project.

**Attachments:**

INSPEC Proposal

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve the Proposal for Additional Construction Observation Services with Inspec for the 2017 Reroofing and Exterior Wall Rehabilitation Project for the additional fee not to exceed \$1,950.00.

Moved by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

**8.2**

**Application and Certificate for Payment No. 4 – Ideal Landscape and Design Inc.**

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information and a recommendation to accept the request of Ideal Landscape to release the final retainage to close the Nobles County Government Center Foundation Repairs Project. Discussion was held on the decision Ideal Landscape had made to reuse the original backfill in place of the pea rock in areas and that no cost relief was given to the County. Ideal Landscape had been present at the April 17, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting to answer questions.

**Attachments:**

Application and Certificate for Payment No. 4 – Ideal Landscape and Design, Inc.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve the request of Ideal Landscape to release the final retainage of \$10,000 to close the Nobles County Government Center Foundation Repairs Project.

Moved by: Linssen, Donald

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

In Favor: Linssen, Donald; Demuth Robert S.; Metz, Gene; Widboom, Matt

Opposed: Ahlers, Justin

**8.3**

**Application for Payment No. 3 – Gag Sheet Metal, Inc.**

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information on a final payment for work completed on the Public Works partial reroofing project.

**Attachments:**

Application for Payment No. 3 - Gag

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve Gag Sheet Metal Application for Payment No. 3, as presented, in the amount of \$5,110.25 for work completed on the Public Works partial reroofing project.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Widboom, Matt

<b>8.4</b>	<b>Application and Certification for Payment No. 2 and Final – Zahl Equipment</b>
	<p>Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information on a final payment for work completed on the Nobles County Government Center Underground Fuel Tank Replacement Project.</p> <p>Commissioner Linssen questioned if the results of the soil testing were available. Mr. Johnson advised he is waiting for the 2 firms contacted to send their proposals for the investigation.</p> <p><b>Attachments:</b> Application and Certification for Payment No. 2</p>
<p><b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to approve Application for Payment No. 2 as Final Payment in the amount of \$12,729.15 to Zahl Equipment Service, Inc. for work completed on the Nobles County Government Center Underground Fuel Tank Replacement project. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin</p>	
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Request for Payment – Graham’s Concrete</b>
	<p>Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information on a final payment for work completed on the Adrian Library for the parking pad.</p> <p><b>Attachments:</b> Graham’s Concrete Invoice</p>
<p><b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to approve final payment to Graham’s Concrete in the amount of \$14,196.00 for completion of the concrete work on the Adrian Library Renovation project. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Metz, Gene</p>	
<b>8.6</b>	<b>2018 Boards, Committees &amp; Commissions – Citizen Appointments</b>
	<p><b>Attachments:</b> Application – Johnson 2018 NC Boards &amp; Committees Listing</p>
<p><b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to appoint Scott Johnson of the Avera McKennan Behavioral Health Center/Southwestern Mental Health Center, to a 2 year term expiring December 31, 2019 on the Community Services Advisory Committee. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.</p>	
<b>8.7</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Preliminary Budget Highlights</b>
	<p>Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with a summary of the 2019 proposed budget, including an 8.46% increase in the tax levy over 2018 for the not-to-exceed amount of \$14,763,231 for the Board’s consideration. Jerry Vyskocil, Finance Director, advised of adjustments to personnel requests and that the Budget Committee will be meeting to find ways to decrease the proposed levy amount. Mr. Johnson advised he is confident that the Budget Committee will be successful in decreasing the proposed levy amount.</p> <p><b>Attachments:</b> 2019 Budget Summary by Fund General Revenue Fund Budget Summary Public Works Budget Summary</p>

	Community Services Budget Summary 2019 Budget Elected Salary Requests 2019 Temporary Part Time Proposed Positions 2019 Budget Proposed Positions
<b>B.</b>	<b>2019 Not To Exceed Levy – Resolution 201842</b>
	<b>Attachments:</b> 2019 Not To Exceed Levy – Resolution 201842
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	
It was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201842, the not-to-exceed, proposed tax levy in the amount of \$14,763,231 for collection in 2019 as presented. Moved by: Widboom, Matt Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
<b>9.0 Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Committee and Board Reports</b>
	District I - Commissioner Ahlers reported on the Rock-Nobles Community Corrections Executive Board and Nobles County Historical Society meetings.  District II - Commissioner Metz reported on Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council (S.M.O.C.), Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Fall Policy Conference and the upcoming AMC District 8 meeting.  District III - Commissioner Widboom reported on the Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council (S.M.O.C.) and Buffalo Ridge Regional Rail Authority (B.R.R.R.A.) meetings.  District IV - Commissioner Demuth reported on the 2017 Audit Exit Interview meeting.  District V - Commissioner Linssen reported on the Chief Elected Officials Board (C.E.O.B.) and Park Board meetings.  Management Team - Attorney Kathleen Kusz was not present.  County Administration – Administrator Tom Johnson reported on the upcoming Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Meeting, the recommendation of the State of MN DVS to close License Centers at 3:30 p.m. and updates on the Government Center Site Improvements project. <b>Attachments:</b> Heron Lake Watershed District July 24, 2018 Regular Mtg Minutes Nobles SWCD August 15, 2018 Regular Mtg Minutes
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> <b>Attachments:</b> Recruitment Update Notice of Public Hearing for Frontier Communications Customers Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance
<b>9.3</b>	<b>Calendar</b> <b>Attachments:</b> Commissioners Calendar – September 2018 Commissioners Calendar – October 2018

**10.0 Other / Future Business**

**Board Work Session**

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 8:30 a.m.

Executive Conference Room, Government Ctr, 318 9th Street, Worthington MN

**11.0 Adjournment**

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Metz, Gene



(Chairperson)

  
(County Administrator)