

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 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 Widboom at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Call to Order	
2.0 Pledge of Allegiance	
3.0 Approval of Agenda	
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Metz, Gene	
4.0 Recognition	
4.1	Visitors & Guests Welcome
4.2	Awards: Recognition for Years of Service
	Christopher Janssen, Highway Maintenance Worker in Public Works, and Lori Walker, Deputy Auditor-Treasurer/Accounting in Auditor-Treasurer's office were in attendance and were recognized for their years of service with a presentation of their anniversary awards. Christopher Janssen was recognized for 10 years of service and Lori Walker was recognized for 35 years of service.
5.0 Consent Agenda	
5.1	February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes <u>Attachments:</u> February 5, 2019 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
5.2	Meetings & Conferences – Travel Expenses <u>Attachments:</u> Travel Expenses paid February 15, 2019
5.3	Auditor's and Commissioner's Warrants <u>Attachments:</u> Accounts Payable Summary Auditor's Warrants Commissioner's Warrants – General Revenue Commissioner's Warrants – Public Works Commissioner's Warrants – Family Service Fund
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	

6.0 Department Presentations	
6.1	Auditor/Treasurer – Joyce Jacobs
A.	2019 Township Road Allocation
	<p>Joyce Jacobs, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the Board with information and recommendation to approve payment to the Nobles County Townships for the 2019 road allocation. Per MN Statute § 162.081 Subd 4, money apportioned to a county from the town road must be distributed to the treasurer of each town within the county, according to a distribution formula adopted by the county board and must be made by March 1 annually, or within 30 days after receipt of payment from the Commission. Ms. Jacobs advised that this has been the 1st time there was a decrease in funds, which had decreased by \$5,845.95.</p> <p>Attachment: 2019 Town Road Allocation Proposal</p>
VOTING	
<p>It was duly passed approve payment to the Nobles County Townships based on the previously approved formula considering each town’s levy, population and road mileage. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.</p>	
7.0 Administration Presentation - Tom Johnson	
7.1	Petition for Forbidden Barrel
	<p>Abraham Algadi, on behalf of the Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation and Worthington Investment Network (WIN), presented the Board with information in the area of a request and recommendation to approve a petition for vacation of a portion of the right-of-way (ROW) to accomodate the widening of the Forbidden Barrel microbrewery exterior walls in order to meet current energy code and proposed building design.</p> <p>Attachments: WREDC Letter Petition form County owned parcel map</p>
VOTING	
<p>It was duly passed to approve the petition for Forbidden Barrel to encroach on the 9th Street right-of-way; and further, authorize the Chairperson to sign the petition, on behalf of Nobles County, recommending approval of vacating the right-of-way by the City of Worthington for the new business. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Linssen, Donald</p>	
7.2	Mediation Proposal with Splitrock Landscaping
	<p>Tom Johnson, County Administrator/Interim Emergency Manager, presented the Board with information and recommendation in the area of the mediation proceedings of the Government Center Site Improvements project with Splitrock Landscaping & Nursery Inc. The mediator was able to provide an agreeable solution, providing the Board approves, for the County to pay Splitrock an additional \$10,000 to the funds already paid and to release Splitrock from the contract. Commissioner Ahlers stated he believed it was the right decision but advised the Board the payment releases Splitrock from further obligation under contract, including liability. Commissioner Ahlers reminded the Board that at their November 20, 2018 meeting, the Board approved</p>

	payment application #3 in the amount of \$14,545.00, which was returned in December by Splitrock's legal council.
<u>VOTING</u>	It was duly passed to accept the mediation proposal to pay an additional \$10,000.00 to the funds already paid to Splitrock Landscaping and Nursery, Inc. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Metz, Gene
7.3	2019 Boards, Committees & Commissions – Citizen Appointment
	Mr. Johnson advised on an application received for the Travel Southwest Minnesota, Inc. Board. <u>Attachments:</u> Travel Southwest MN Inc. Application Nobles County Boards & Committees Listing
<u>VOTING</u>	It was duly passed to appoint Alicia Jensen, Worthington, to a three year term expiring December 31, 2021 on the Travel Southwest Minnesota Inc. Board. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Widboom, Matt
8.0 Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements	
8.1	Committee and Board Reports
	District I - Commissioner Ahlers reported on the Rinke Noonan Drainage & Water Conference. District II - Commissioner Metz reported on the Rural Minnesota Energy Board meeting and Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Conference. District III - Commissioner Widboom reported on the Rinke Noonan Drainage & Water Conference and Buffalo Ridge Regional Rail Authority meeting. District IV - Commissioner Demuth had no report. District V - Commissioner Linssen reported on the Solid Waste Regional Task Force. Management Team - Attorney Kathleen Kusz reported on recruitment for a Student Lawyer. County Administration – Administrator Tom Johnson reported on the 2019 Governor's Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) Conference and a 2019 MCIT Training seminar on August 8th for County Board Meetings: Open Meeting Law, Data Practices and Managing Conflict. <u>Attachments:</u> Heron Lake Watershed District December 18, 2018 Regular Mtg Minutes Nobles County Art Center Board February 5, 2019 Mtg Minutes Rock-Nobles Community Corrections Executive Board January 17, 2019 Mtg Minutes
8.2	Correspondence <u>Attachments:</u> Recruitment Update 2019 Appropriation Payment – Southwest Crisis Center

8.3	<p>Calendar Attachment: Commissioners Calendar – February 2019</p>
<p>9.0 Other / Future Business</p> <p>Public Sale of Tax-Forfeited Lands Tuesday, February 19, 2019 1:00 p.m. Farmers Rm, Government Center, 315 Tenth Street, Wgtn MN</p> <p>Worthington City Council/Nobles County Commission Special Joint Meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2019 4:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers, 303 Ninth Street, Wgtn MN</p> <p>Commissioners At Your Cafe Tuesday, February 26, 2019 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Hy-Vee Cafe, 1235 Oxford Street, Wgtn MN</p> <p>Board of Commissioners Work Session Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:30 a.m. Executive Conference Rm, Government Center, 318 Ninth Street, Wgtn MN</p>	
<p>10.0 Adjournment</p>	
<p><u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.</p>	


(Chairperson)


(County Administrator)