

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, in the Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Justin Ahlers, Gene Metz and Robert S. Demuth. Absent: Matt Widboom and Donald Linssen.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Ahlers 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: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Metz, Gene	
4.0 Recognition	
4.1	Visitors & Guests Welcome
4.2	Excellence in Performance
	Kris Ray, Chief Deputy Auditor-Treasurer; Diane Vogt, Deputy Auditor-Treasurer/Administration; and Lori Walker, Deputy Auditor-Treasurer/Accounting were acknowledged as the recipients of the Nobles County Excellence In Performance Award.
5.0 Consent Agenda	
5.1	February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes <u>Attachments:</u> February 19, 2019 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
5.2	Airline Travel
5.3	Meetings & Conferences – Travel Expenses <u>Attachments:</u> Travel Expenses paid March 1, 2019
5.4	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: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	

6.0 Department Presentations	
6.1	Cooperative Farmers Elevator – Rob Jacobs, CEO
A.	Proposed project for grain storage - Bigelow
	<p>Rob Jacobs, CEO, and Dave Muilenburg, COO, Cooperative Farmers Elevator, presented the Board with information in the area of a 3 million bushel flat storage facility designed with speed and space in mind to replace the current facilities at Bigelow due to age. No additional employees would be added at this time. Mr. Jacobs advised CFE would be interested in applying for Tax Abatement not Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Commissioner Ahlers advised Mr. Jacobs to meet with County Administrator Johnson for guidelines and Mr. Johnson advised that they would also need to meet with the Public Works Director/County Engineer if a driveway is needed.</p> <p><u>Attachments/Handouts:</u> CFE Flat Storage Facility Preliminary Site Layout</p>
6.2	Southwest Crisis Center – Allen Bakke and Kari Voss Drost
A.	Strengthening Our Community Response to Sexual Violence and Abuse
	<p>Allan Bakke and Kari Voss Drost, Southwest Crisis Center, and Kevin Flynn, Worthington Police Department, presented the Board with information in the area of collaborative efforts to strengthen our community response to sexual violence and abuse through a 2 year grant. Research shows there are improvements to response to be made. Worthington Police Captain Flynn stated there is always room for improvement to do a better job.</p> <p>Kathleen Kusz, County Attorney, advised the Crime Victim Coordinator’s grant will be coming up for renewal and that this position has brought success to responses from victims.</p> <p>Ms. Voss Drost invited the Commissioners to the March 29th Project Kickoff Lunch and Partners Roundtable at the Minnesota West Community College Worthington Campus and the May 11th 6th Annual Faces of Hope Banquet at the Worthington Event Center.</p> <p><u>Attachments/Handouts:</u> March 29, 2019 Project Kickoff flyer 6th Annual Faces of Hope Banquet invitation</p>
6.3	Public Works – Stephen Schnieder
A.	Resolution to Prioritize Bridge #53504 for Bond Funding – Resolution 201906
	<p>Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director/County Engineer, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of Bridge Number 53504 on County State Aid Highway 19 (south of CSAH 32) being declared a priority for the county to replace in order to qualify for bond funding. The bridge has timber piling that is deteriorating resulting in the bridge being posted for a weight restriction, which creates a significant disruption in the movement of traffic on the west side of the county. Mr. Schnieder stated that the project most likely could not be completed this year.</p> <p><u>Attachments:</u> Resolution 201906</p>
<u>VOTING</u>	
It was duly passed to adopt the following Resolution Number 201906:	

WHEREAS, Nobles County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal supplied by local citizenry and local units of government, and

WHEREAS, Nobles County has identified this bridge is a high priority and that requires replacement, rehabilitation or removal within the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following deficient bridge is a high priority and Nobles County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove this bridge as soon as possible when funds are available,

<u>Old Bridge Number</u>	<u>Road Number</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>Township or State Bridge Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Local or State Aid Funds</u>	<u>Proposed Construction Year</u>
53504	CSAH 19	\$875,000	\$800,000		\$75,000	2020

Moved by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

Vice-Chairperson Ahlers advised he has heard a lot of good comments about the County's snowplowing. Mr. Schnieder advised Nobles County has the most miles for a Maintenance Worker in southern Minnesota. Yesterday the County had blowers and plows out as things continue to blow back in and it becomes a balancing act. Mr. Schnieder also advised the prioritization for plowing is higher volume roads, communities, secondary paved roads then gravel roads. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the Public Works staff.

Mr. Schnieder advised he had a brief discussion with Rob Jacobs of CFE after the presentation and will work with him on a driveway permit.

For information for the township meetings, bridge projects will start mid-August dependent on the Topeka Shiners.

7.0 Administration Presentation

7.1 Application and Certificate for Payment – Roadside Developers

Tom Johnson, County Administrator/Interim Emergency Manager, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of the 5th payment for the Air Handler Unit #4 Replacement Project. The project has gone well and the balance of retainage will then be 5% to finish loose ends.

Attachments:

AIA Document – Application and Certificate for Payment

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve Roadside Developers Inc. Bisbee Plumbing & Heating Application and Certificate for Payment No. 18-000900005 for the AHU #4 Replacement Project in the amount of \$2,707.50.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Metz, Gene

7.2 2019 Boards, Committees & Commissions – Citizen Appointment

Mr. Johnson advised on an application received for the Joint Planning Commission representing Worthington Township.

Attachments:

2019 Nobles County Boards & Committees Listing

Joint Planning Commission – Hill Application

VOTING

It was duly passed to appoint Bruce Hill, Worthington, to a three year term expiring December 31,

2021 on the Joint Planning Commission as a representative of Worthington Township.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.

Seconded by: Metz, Gene

8.0 Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements

8.1 Committee and Board Reports

District I - Commissioner Ahlers had no report.

District II - Commissioner Metz reported on the Plum Creek Library System (PCLS), Kanaranzi-Little Rock (KLR) Watershed, buffer compliance with the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Counties Providing Technology (CPT).

District III - Commissioner Widboom was absent.

District IV - Commissioner Demuth reported on the Planning Commission Public Hearing on setbacks with the next meeting to occur March 22nd.

District V - Commissioner Linsen was absent.

Management Team - Attorney Kathleen Kusz reported on the Board of Adjustment and Planning & Zoning proposed changes to setbacks and that there will be another public hearing.

County Administration – Administrator Tom Johnson reported on the 2018 Audit with CliftonLarsonAllen.

Attachments:

Nobles County Park Board Meeting Minutes December 3, 2018

8.2 Correspondence

Attachments:

Recruitment Update

Invitation to Nobles County Corn & Soybean Growers Annual Mtg

SW MN Arts Council 2019 Appropriation Payment

8.3 Calendar

Attachment:

Commissioners Calendar – March 2019

9.0 Other / Future Business

Nobles Economic Opportunity Network

Tuesday, March 7, 2019 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

BioTechnology Advancement Center, 1527 Prairie Drive, Worthington MN

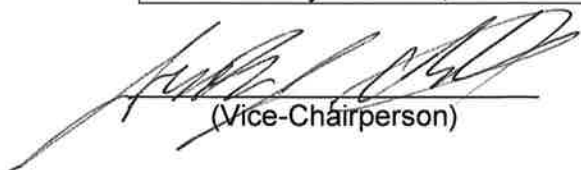
10.0 Adjournment

VOTING

It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Moved by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.


(Vice-Chairperson)


(County Administrator)