

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 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.

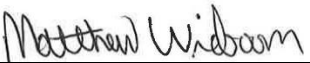
1.0 Call to Order	
2.0 Pledge of Allegiance	
3.0 Approval of Agenda	
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
4.0 Recognition	
4.1	Visitors & Guests Welcome
4.2	Excellence in Performance
	Amy Dysktra, Accountant, was acknowledged as the recipient of the Nobles County Excellence in Performance award for August 2019.
5.0 Consent Agenda	
5.1	August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes <u>Attachments:</u> August 20, 2019 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
5.2	Meetings & Conferences – Travel Expenses <u>Attachments:</u> Travel Expenses paid August 30, 2019 Travel Expenses paid Board August 30, 2019
5.3	Auditor's Warrants <u>Attachments:</u> Accounts Payable Summary Auditor's Warrants
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin	
6.0 Public Hearing	
6.1	Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Abatement LeWayne & Marsha Kopplow Parcel 12-0072-000

	<p>A. Open Hearing (Action) B. Proposed Abatement – Discussion C. Public Comment D. Close Hearing (Action) E. Decisions 1. Kopplow Parcel 12-0072-000 – Resolution 201952 (Action)</p>
	<p><u>Attachments:</u> NHI Nobles County Guidelines Kopplow Parcel 12-0072-000 Application Information</p>
	<p>A. A motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Robert S. Demuth, it was duly passed to open the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing for LeWayne & Marsha Kopplow, Parcel 12-0072-000. B. Tom Johnson, Nobles County Administrator, reviewed the Nobles Home Initiative Application. C. No public comments were received. D. On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to close the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing. E. On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to close and adopt Resolution 201952 approving tax abatement to LeWayne & Marsha Kopplow for Parcel 12-0072-000 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.</p>
	<p><u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201952 approving tax abatement to LeWayne & Marsha Kopplow for Parcel 12-0072-000 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813. Moved By: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Metz, Gene</p>
7.0	Department Presentations
7.1	Public Works – Stephen Schnieder
A.	Revised Trunk Highway 264 and County Road 62 Maintenance Agreement
	Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director, presented the Board with an updated maintenance agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
	<p><u>Attachments:</u> MnDOT Contract No: 1034434 State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and Nobles County Snow and Ice Removal Maintenance Agreement. Resolution 201951</p>
	<p><u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve Resolution 201951. It is resolved that Nobles County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1034434 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes: To provide for snow and ice removal by the County upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 264 and 271st Street, the limits of which are defined in said Agreement. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Metz, Gene</p>
8.0	Administration Presentation – Tom Johnson
8.1	2019 Boards, Committees & Commissions – Citizen Appointments
	<p>Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information in the area of citizen appointments. <u>Attachments:</u> 2019 Board & Committee Appointments Citizen Advisory Committee/Board Appointment Application for Adam Henning</p>

	Recommendation letter from John Shea
<u>VOTING</u>	
It was duly passed to appoint Adam Henning to the Kanaranzi Little Rock Watershed Board of Managers. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
8.2	W.E.L.L. Project Board Appointments
	Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information that two delegates need to be appointed to the W.E.L.L. Project Board.
<u>VOTING</u>	
It was duly passed to appoint Commissioners Matt Widboom and Robert S. Demuth to the W.E.L.L. Project Board and the rest of the Board as alternates. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
7.3	Human Resources – Sue Luing
A.	County Attorney Appointment
	Sue Luing, Human Resource Director, presented the board with information on the appointment of Joseph M. Sanow to County Attorney effective October 1, 2019. <u>Attachments:</u> Resolution 201953
<u>VOTING</u>	
It was duly passed to approve and adopt Resolution 201953 appointing Joseph M. Sanow to County Attorney effective October 1, 2019. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin	
B.	Catastrophic Leave
	Sue Luing, Human Resource Director, presented the Board information on the Counties Catastrophic Medical Leave Sharing Bank. There was a request from an employee for use of the bank (160 hours). Currently there are enough left over hours in the bank to cover this request. Sue is requesting authorization to open the donation period if another request comes in before the next board meeting. Sue stated the donation period, if opened, would be open about a week. Tom Johnson reminded that all catastrophic leave requests first go through the Catastrophic Leave committee for approval.
<u>VOTING</u>	
It was duly passed to approve Sue permission to open the catastrophic leave bank if another request comes in. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
C.	PEIP – Public Employee Insurance Program
	Sue Luing, Human Resource Director, presented the Board information with the 2020 health insurance plan. 6 Union groups and 1 Non-Union group voted to switch to PEIP January 1, 2020. 1 Union group (Public Health) voted no.

	<p>The Board needs to decide if they will approve those groups who voted yes to switch, or if no one will switch.</p> <p>Should the Board vote to have those who voted yes switch, they can give the Public Health Union the option to vote again.</p> <p>The last option would be to not allow any groups to switch to PEIP and remain with the COOP.</p> <p>Motion was made by Robert S. Demuth that the County Board approve all employees except the Public Health Union to move to PEIP effective January 1, 2020 seconded by Gene Metz.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Justin Ahlers brought up previous discussions of making it an all or nothing move.</p>
<p><u>VOTING</u></p> <p>It was approved to move all employees except the Public Health Union to PEIP effective January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Linssen, Donald In favor, Widboom, Matt; Linssen, Donald; Demuth, Robert S.; Metz, Gene Opposed: Ahlers, Justin</p>	
	<p>Motion was made by Gene Metz to allow the Public Health Union to re-vote on switching to PEIP and if so, they would join the rest of the county on January 1, 2020 seconded by Donald Linssen</p>
<p><u>VOTING</u></p> <p>It was duly passed to approve the Public Health Union to re-vote on switching to PEIP and if so, they would join the rest of the county on January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Linssen, Donald</p>	
<p>7.2</p>	<p>Finance – Jerry Vyskocil</p>
	<p>Jerry Vyskocil, Finance Director, presented the Board with information from the budget committee along with Joyce Jacobs, Auditor/Treasurer. Asking if the Board needs any clarification or further input or direction to give the committee before setting the Not To Exceed.</p>
<p>8.3</p>	<p>Ellis & Eastern – Letter of Support – Dan Kippley</p>
	<p>Dan Kippley, Ellis & Eastern, presented the Board with information on the need to update 6 miles of rail line between Adrian, MN and Magnolia, MN. Due to the Fast Act signed in 2015 the weight of cars carrying Ethanol will be increased. That line of rail needs to be updated to accommodate the heavier cars and in order to be safer and more efficient. Dan is seeking Nobles County to sign a letter of support to assist them in seeking grants and or loans.</p> <p><u>Attachments:</u> Letter of Support Minnesota Rail Service Improvement Program; Rail Like Rehabilitation, Capital Improvement Loans Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration; Notice of Funding Opportunity for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements</p>
<p><u>VOTING</u></p> <p>It was duly passed to approve to support the Ellis & Eastern railroad with a letter of support on page 126 in Board agenda.</p> <p>Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Widboom, Matt</p>	

9.0	Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements
9.1	Committee and Board Reports
	<p>District V - Commissioner Linssen reported on Park Board. New equipment is installed.</p> <p>District IV - Commissioner Demuth reported on number of meetings for Nobles County support of Prime West.</p> <p>County Administration – Tom Johnson welcomed new Administrative Assistant; CliftonLarsonAllen completed an assessment on all of the counties accounting positions.</p> <p>Kathleen Kusz, County Attorney, no report.</p> <p>District I - Commissioner Ahlers, reported on Huron Lake Watershed District and changes to drainage authority.</p> <p>District II - Commissioner Metz reported on CPT, Counties Providing Technology, and possible reimbursements in the coming years.</p> <p>District III - Commissioner Widboom reported on Fair Board post Fair meeting.</p>
8.2	<p>Correspondence Attachments: Recruitment Update Kanananzi – Little Rock Watershed District Minutes – July 18, 2019 Kanananzi – Little Rock Watershed District Public Hearing Meeting – September 2, 2019 Kanananzi – Little Rock Watershed District Agenda – September 5, 2019 King Turkey Day Hospitality Bags King Turkey Day Turkey Cut Out</p>
8.3	<p>Calendar Attachments: Commissioners Calendar – September 2019</p>
9.0 Other / Future Business	
None	
10.0 Adjournment	
<p><u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin</p>	



(Chairperson)



(County Administrator)