

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The County Board of Nobles County met in regular session this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, in the Board of Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Marvin Zylstra, Gene Metz, Matt Widboom, Robert Demuth Jr. and Donald Linssen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to approve the agenda.

On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Marv Zylstra, it was duly passed to approve the consent agenda.

- 5.1 May 3, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5.2 Master Subscriber Agreement & Minnesota Government Access Login Authorization (Sheriff)
- 5.3 Minnesota Government Access Login Authorization (Community Services)
- 5.4 Meetings & Conferences – Travel Expenses
- 5.5 Auditor's and Commissioner's Warrants

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Robert Demuth Jr., it was duly passed to open the public hearing to review, discuss and consider the proposed property tax abatement request for Mike Ahlers and Larry Davis.

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, reviewed the proposal for the tax abatement requests for construction of single family homes. No public comments were received.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Marv Zylstra, it was duly passed to close the hearing for Mike Ahlers.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to adopt the following resolution number 201635:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 469.1813 gives authority to the County of Nobles to grant an abatement of property taxes imposed by the County if certain criteria are met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the statutory requirements, the Nobles County has adopted the Nobles Home Initiative guidelines which must be met before an abatement of taxes will be granted for residential development; and

WHEREAS, Mike Ahlers is the owner of certain property within Nobles County, legally described as follows:

Parcel ID: 16-0073-000 SW ¼, Section 13, Seward Township, Nobles County

WHEREAS, Mike Ahlers has made application to Nobles County for the abatement of taxes as to the above-described parcel; and

WHEREAS, Mike Ahlers has met the statutory requirements outlined under Minnesota Statute 469.1813 Subdivision 1(1) and Subdivision 2(i) as well as the County's Nobles Home Initiative guidelines for tax abatement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. The Nobles County does, hereby grant an abatement of Nobles County share of real estate taxes upon the above-described parcel for the construction of a new single family home.
2. The tax abatement will be for no more than five years commencing on the first year of taxes payable for the assessed value(s) related to the capital improvements outlined in Paragraph 1.

3. The County shall provide the awarded abatement payment following payment of due real estate taxes annually. One single payment shall be made to the owner of record by December 30<sup>th</sup> of that calendar year.
4. The tax abatement shall be for the residential capital improvements only. Land values and the current base value are not eligible and will not be abated.
5. The abatement shall be null and void if construction is not commenced within 6 months of the approval of this resolution or if real estate taxes are not paid on or before the respective payment deadlines annually.

On a motion by Marv Zylstra and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to open the public hearing to review, discuss and consider the proposed property tax abatement request for Larry Davis.

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, reviewed the proposal for the tax abatement request for construction of single family home. No public comments were received.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Marv Zylstra, it was duly passed to close the hearing for Larry Davis.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to adopt the following resolution number 201636:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 469.1813 gives authority to the County of Nobles to grant an abatement of property taxes imposed by the County if certain criteria are met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the statutory requirements, the Nobles County has adopted the Nobles Home Initiative guidelines which must be met before an abatement of taxes will be granted for residential development; and

WHEREAS, Larry Davis is the owner of certain property within Nobles County, legally described as follows:

Parcel ID: (Portion of) 31-0611-000 SW ¼, Section 13, Davis Addition, Worthington, MN

WHEREAS, Larry Davis have made application to Nobles County for the abatement of taxes as to the above-described parcel; and

WHEREAS, Larry Davis have met the statutory requirements outlined under Minnesota Statute 469.1813 Subdivision 1(1) and Subdivision 2(i) as well as the County's Nobles Home Initiative guidelines for tax abatement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

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4. The tax abatement shall be for the residential capital improvements only. Land values and the current base value are not eligible and will not be abated.
5. The abatement shall be null and void if construction is not commenced within 6 months of the approval of this resolution or if real estate taxes are not paid on or before the respective payment deadlines annually.

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information and recommendations in the area of County Administration.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to approve resolution number 201637 to continue to participate in the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Renter Rehab Deferred Loan Program.

WHEREAS, the County of Nobles desires to continue to participate in the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Renter Rehab Deferred Loan Program (RRDL), and administer it in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, Nobles County originally resolved to participate in the program in 2011, and

WHEREAS, Nobles County has made significant progress in meeting the need for housing rehabilitation in the cities and rural areas of the county, and

WHEREAS, an unmet need remains for the repair and rehabilitation of rental housing units, and

WHEREAS, the Rental Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program, sponsored by Minnesota Housing (MHFA), may provide a means for rehabilitating rental housing units in Nobles County, and

WHEREAS, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership has been selected and found to have the capacity to administer the Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program for Minnesota Housing, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the County to participate in the Rental Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program, sponsored by Minnesota Housing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership is hereby approved to continue to act as the administrative body for the implementation of this program in Nobles County.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to approve the survey and landscape master plan for the Tenth Street entrance of the Government Center not to exceed \$5,300. A copy of the Agreement was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

Kent Wilkening, Sheriff, presented the Board with information on renewing the Work Release Contract with the State of Minnesota.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to authorize the County Board Chairperson and Administrator to sign, on behalf of Nobles County, the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota.

Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director/County Engineer, presented the Board with information and recommendations in the area of Public Works.

On a motion by Marv Zylstra and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to approve the City of Ellsworth Parade Permit.

On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Robert Demuth Jr., it was duly passed to award the CSAH 13 Surfacing Contract to Duinick Brothers, Inc., of Prinsburg, MN, the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost of \$1,509,028.22.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to set June 21, 2016, at 9:03 a.m., as the Information Meeting Date on Judicial Ditch 4 Cleanout.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to hold set July 5, at 9:13 a.m., as the Information Meeting Date on Judicial Ditch 12 Tile Replacement.

No action was taken on the clean out of Judicial Ditch 9 until the Engineering plans can be reviewed.

Public comment was accepted on Judicial Ditch 4.

Clint Wolthuizen presented the Board with information and recommendations in the area of the Library.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to approve full re-carpeting of the Nobles County Library (main floor of the War Memorial Building), with the top grade carpet, for \$33,667 from VanderStoep Furniture; the money will come from the capital improvement fund.

Clint Wolthuizen presented the Board an annual update on the Library.

Community Outreach Workers Fabio Lopez, Jesus Vega, and Owar Ojulu presented information on the Community Health Worker program. Terri Janssen, CHS Administrator, presented a proclamation that May 23-27, 2016, as Community Health Worker Week.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to authorize the County Board Chairperson and Administrator to sign, on behalf of Nobles County, an interpreter services agreement with Moe Zin and Owar Abala. A copy of the agreement was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to authorize the County Board Chairperson and Administrator to sign, on behalf of Nobles County, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Amendment of funding for Budget Period 5 beginning July 1, 2016, in the amount of \$34,224.00. A copy of the Grant Agreement was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to authorize Terri Janssen, CHS Administrator, to sign on behalf of Nobles County Community Services, to solidify our commitment to providing coordinated emergency preparedness services in the Southwest Region. A copy of the Statement of Cooperation was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to approve the following resolution:

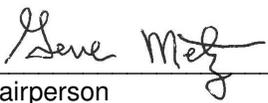
**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Board of Commissioners to appoint citizens to various Boards, Committees and Commissions of Nobles County.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, to appoint the following persons, for the term specified on Boards, Committees and Commissions as listed:

**Library Board:**  
**(3 year term expiring June 30, 2019)**  
Katherine Craun, Worthington  
Peg Faber, Adrian

On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Attest:

  
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Chairperson

  
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County Administrator