

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The County Board of Nobles County met in regular session this 2nd day of August, 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, Robert Demuth Jr. and Donald Linssen. Absent: Matt Widboom.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to approve the amended agenda adding item 6.7 A. Replacement of Deputy Auditor-Treasurer/Payroll Administrator and item 7.2 Government Center Landscape Plan.

Linda Bakkene, Social Worker, was acknowledged as the recipient of the Nobles County Excellence in Performance Award.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Robert Demuth Jr., it was duly passed to approve the consent agenda.

- 5.1 July 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5.2 Meetings & Conferences - Travel Expenses
- 5.3 Auditor's and Commissioner's Warrants

Jason Overby, Jerry Lonneman and Brent Feikema, Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water, presented the Board with the auditor's report for the year ending December 31, 2015 stating a net position of \$83,834,787 and an annual update for their organization.

Beth Van Hove, Ron Ringquist and Gary Ewert presented the Board with the Benefits and Damages Statement for the redetermination of County Ditch No. 11 totaling a net benefit of \$6,045,523.93. Mr. Ringquist explained Nobles County Ditch #11 is divided in to a North system, a Central system and a Southern system that all outlet into Judicial Ditch #11B. Mr. Ringquist requested that the Board direct the Viewers to present separate reports for the Northern, Central and Southern systems due to the improvement of solely the North system.

Kurt Deter, Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law, was present and advised he was there on behalf of the petitioner.

Terry Ragan, Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources, was present and requested that the Board approve the Design Report for Reinvestment in Minnesota (RIM) Wetland Restoration for the Summit Lake/JD #11/Gruis Trust Project. The Board advised that as the County Ditch #11 Redetermination had been requested as an informational item, no action could be taken but that it could be added to the August 23rd meeting. Mr. Ragan advised that waiting until August 23rd would push the project back to the next year. The consensus of the Board was to set up a special meeting the following week to have Mr. Ragan present the information by phone so that action could be taken.

Clint Wolthuizen, Library Director, presented the Board with the health insurance survey results on behalf of the Employee Empowerment Team. Mr. Wolthuizen explained the intent of the survey was to identify employees' opinions and concerns regarding the current health insurance plans and recommended the Board utilize the information to shape future discussions and decisions on the insurance offered by Nobles County.

Clint Wolthuizen, Library Director, presented the Board with a library building project timeline that was developed and approved by the Nobles County Library Board. Katherine Craun, Library Board Chair, was present and addressed the Board regarding their concerns about delaying the project. Commissioner Demuth expressed that while endorsing the concept, he had concerns with whether a building site could be finalized by May 30, 2017.

A motion was made by Marvin Zylstra to approve the Library Building Project Timeline of Action as presented. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Linssen expressed support for the project but that finalizing the site has proven to be difficult and invited Mr. Wolthuizen to come back when all members of the Board were present.

Mr. Wolthuizen asked the Board if he should focus his efforts on site development. Commissioner Metz responded by encouraging Mr. Wolthuizen to seek other partners and to return after the budget process. Commissioner Metz also advised Mr. Wolthuizen it would be beneficial to prepare information on the operational costs of the concept.

Joyce Jacobs, Emergency Management Director, presented the Board with information in the area of an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Marvin Zylstra, it was duly passed to authorize the County Board Chairperson and Administrator to sign, on behalf of Nobles County, an Emergency Management Performance Grant for 2016 in the amount of \$22,713.00. A copy of the grant agreement was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

Val Ruesch, County Assessor, presented the Board with information and recommendations in the area of a Remote Edit Additional Remote Service Contract and License Agreement.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to authorize the County Assessor to sign the Remote Edit Additional Remove Service Contract and License Agreement. A copy of the Service Contract and License Agreement was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

Beth Van Hove, Auditor-Treasurer, and Jerry Vyskocil, Finance Director, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of personnel.

On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to approve the increase of an additional 1/5 creating a full time position to assist in the Finance Department and maintain all the Payroll Administrator duties.

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the areas of a final payment for the Nobles County War Memorial/Library HVAC replacement and the approval of the Government Center Landscape Plan Addendum.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Robert Demuth Jr., it was duly passed to approve final payment in the amount of \$22,176.22 to Schwickert's Tecta America, LLC for the completion of the Nobles County War Memorial/Library HVAC replacement.

On a motion by Robert Demuth Jr. and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to approve the Government Center Landscape Plan Addendum from Stockwell Engineering as presented.

Committee and Board reports were received from the following:

District I-Commissioner Zylstra reported on a Joint Powers Transit Authority meeting.

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District III-Commissioner Widboom was absent.

District IV-Commissioner Demuth reported on legislation involving Granny Pods from Planning and Zoning.

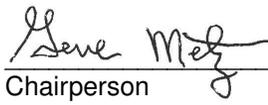
District V-Commissioner Linssen had no report.

Management Team-Kathleen Kusz reported on legislation involving Granny Pods from Planning and Zoning.

County Administrator-Tom Johnson had not report.

On a motion by Marvin Zylstra and seconded by Robert Demuth Jr., it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Attest:



Chairperson



County Administrator