

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING of Nobles County met in special session on Thursday, July 12, 2018, in the Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Justin Ahlers, Gene Metz, Robert S. Demuth and Donald Linssen. Absent: Matt Widboom,

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Demuth at 4:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call meeting to order	
2. Pledge of Allegiance	
3. Approval of Agenda	
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Metz, Gene	
4. CPUi Tax Software Joint Powers Agreement	
4.1	Counties Providing Technology Joint Powers Agreement
	<p>Tom Johnson, County Administrator, advised the owner of the County's tax software vendor, CPUi, will be selling his business. Several counties have joined together in an attempt to make an offer to "buy out" the company and create a joint powers to be an owner of the software and manage the business. There are currently 29 counties utilizing the program, 6 counties have chosen not to join the joint powers but rather to pay whatever service fee is set by the joint powers or find an alternative software. Of the 23 remaining, Nobles County is the last to consider and approve the Joint Powers Agreement and the kick off meeting is on Monday, July 16th between the Joint Powers; thus, the reason for calling the special meeting. It is anticipated the pay back term would be approximately 5 to 10 years. Chairperson Demuth advised upon review of the agreement, there are outclauses provided.</p> <p>Beth Van Hove, Auditor-Treasurer, advised the current monthly payment to CPUi is \$3,600.00 per month, which is split between the offices of the Auditor-Treasurer and Assessor. An Amendment was approved earlier this year which will authorize payment of an additional \$10,000 per year for 5 years to upgrade the system from a "green screen" to a windows based platform. It is expected that if the Joint Powers Agreement is approved, the last payment of \$10,000 would go toward that funding. Mr. Johnson advised full pay back on investment is anticipated. The buy in cost for the Joint Powers venture is expected to be a little over \$150,000 per County and that Nobles County may have enough wind energy money that is uncommitted. An independent appraisal of the Company is being completed; therefore, the actual cost has not been determined. Mr. Johnson advised that it is expected that all the current staff of CPUi, with the exception of the owner and his wife, will stay and that Stevens County has agreed to be the fiscal agent. It is also anticipated that the Joint Powers will hire an Administrator or Director.</p>

	<u>Attachments:</u> Joint Powers Agreement
<u>VOTING</u>	It was duly passed to approve the Counties Providing Technology Joint Powers Agreement to provide for the development, operation and maintenance of technology applications and systems and to approve the use of funding from the Wind Energy Reserves; and further, appoint Gene Metz as delegate and Bob Demuth as the alternate to the Joint Powers Board. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Linssen, Donald
5. Adjournment	
	Chairperson Demuth adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.



(Chairperson)



(County Administrator)