

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, July 23, 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.

<b>1.0 Call to Order</b>	
<b>2.0 Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
<b>3.0 Approval of Agenda</b>	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to approve the agenda as amended, adding 7.2.B. Nobles 2 Wind Project Letter of Credit. Motion by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
<b>4.0 Recognition</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Visitors &amp; Guests Welcome</b>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Retirement Recognition</b>
	Kris Ray, Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer, was acknowledged for her service to Nobles County and its citizens for 35 years and was presented with a retirement gift.
<b>5.0 Consent Agenda</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> July 2, 2019 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Meetings &amp; Conferences – Travel Expenses</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Travel Expenses paid July 5, 2019 Travel Expenses paid July 19, 2019
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Auditor's Warrants</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Accounts Payable Summary Auditor's Warrants
<b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
<b>6.0 Public Hearing</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Abatements</b> John Strouth Parcel 23-0298-000 Todd Schwebach Parcel 31-3267-005

	<p>Dan Krueger Parcel 31-3156-100  Adam Johnson Parcel 31-3406-250  Tom &amp; Darcy Busch Parcels 23-0146-000, 23-0147-000 &amp; 23-0148-000</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Open Hearing (<i>Action</i>)</li> <li>B. Proposed Abatements – Discussion</li> <li>C. Public Comment</li> <li>D. Close Hearing (<i>Action</i>)</li> <li>E. Decisions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strouth Parcel 23-0298-000 – Resolution 201941 (<i>Action</i>)</li> <li>2. Schwebach Parcel 31-3267-005 – Resolution 201942 (<i>Action</i>)</li> <li>3. Krueger Parcel 31-3156-100 – Resolution 201943 (<i>Action</i>)</li> <li>4. Johnson Parcel 31-3406-250 – Resolution 201944 (<i>Action</i>)</li> <li>5. Busch Parcel 23-0146-000 – Resolution 201945 (<i>Action</i>)</li> <li>6. Busch Parcel 23-0147-000 – Resolution 201946 (<i>Action</i>)</li> <li>7. Busch Parcel 23-0148-000 – Resolution 201947 (<i>Action</i>)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	<p><b><u>Attachments:</u></b>  NHI Nobles County Guidelines  Strouth Parcel 23-0298-0000 Application Information  Resolution 201941  Schwebach Parcel 31-3267-005 Application Information  Resolution 201942  Krueger Parcel 31-3156-100 Application Information  Resolution 201943  Johnson Parcel 31-3406-250 Application Information  Resolution 201944  Busch Parcel 23-0146-000 Application Information  Resolution 201945  Busch Parcel 23-0147-000 Application Information  Resolution 201946  Busch Parcel 23-0148-000 Application Information  Resolution 201947</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to open the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing for John Strouth, Parcel 23-0298-000; Todd Schwebach, Parcel 31-3267-005; Dan Krueger, Parcel 31-3156-100; Adam Johnson, Parcel 31-3406-250; Tom &amp; Darcy Busch, Parcel 23-0146-000; Tom &amp; Darcy Busch, Parcel 23-0147-000; Tom &amp; Darcy Busch Parcel 23-0148-000.</li> <li><b>B.</b> Abraham Algadi, Executive Director of WREDC, reviewed the Nobles Home Initiative Applications and recommended approval.</li> <li><b>C.</b> No public comments were received.</li> <li><b>D.</b> On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to close the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing.</li> <li><b>E.</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.</b> On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Robert S. Demuth, it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201941 approving tax abatement to John Strouth for Parcel 23-0298-000 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.</li> <li><b>2.</b> On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201942 approving tax abatement to Todd Schwebach for Parcel 31-3267-005 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.</li> <li><b>3.</b> On a motion by Robert S. Demuth and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201943 approving tax abatement to Dan Krueger for Parcel 31-3156-100 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.</li> <li><b>4.</b> On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201944 approving tax abatement to Adam Johnson</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>for Parcel 31-3406-250 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.</p> <p>5. On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Robert S. Demuth, it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201945 approving tax abatement to Tom &amp; Darcy Busch for Parcel 23-0146-000 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.</p> <p>6. On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Justin Ahlers, it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201946 approving tax abatement to Tom &amp; Darcy Busch for Parcel 23-0147-000 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.</p> <p>7. On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Donald Linssen, it was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201947 approving tax abatement to Tom &amp; Darcy Busch for Parcel 23-0148-000 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.</p>
<b>7.0 Department Presentations</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Library Board – Marlene Greve</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Nobles County Library Board Guiding Document for the W.E.L.L. Project</b>
	<p>Marlene Greve presented information and answered questions of the Board regarding the Guiding Document for the W.E.L.L. Project. Marjorie Ferguson, Library Director, and Kathy Craun were also in attendance.</p> <p><b><u>Attachments/Handout:</u></b> Guiding Document for the W.E.L.L. Project MPCA Q&amp;A</p>
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Public Works – Stephen Schnieder</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>County Road 56 Restoration</b>
	<p>Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director/County Engineer, presented the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of County Road 56 Restoration.</p> <p><b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Henning Construction Invoice</p>
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	
<p>It was duly passed to not pay for any of the restoration costs since the work was not authorized and payment was not agreed. Moved By: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Metz, Gene</p>	
<b>B.</b>	<b>Nobles 2 Wind Project Letter of Credit</b>
	<p>Stephen Schnieder presented the Board with information and a recommendation on the Nobles 2 Wind Project Letter of Credit.</p>
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	
<p>It was duly passed to approve the US Bank, Minneapolis, MN, letter of credit and allow it to be split between Tenaska and Allete. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Metz, Gene</p>	
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Human Resources – Sue Luing</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>County Attorney Appointment Process</b>
	<p>Discussion was held with Sue Luing, Deputy County Administrator/Human Resources Director, regarding the process for conducting interviews for the County Attorney opening.</p>
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	
<p>It was duly passed to approve the full Board of Commissioners will participate in the County</p>	

<p>Attorney interview process.  Moved by: Ahlers, Justin  Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.</p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Administration Presentation – Tom Johnson</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Nobles County Government Center Site Corrections – Progress Payment #1/Invoice 3509</b>
	<p>Tom Johnson, County Administrator, provided the Board with information and a recommendation in the area of the request for payment.  <u><b>Attachments:</b></u>  Progress Payment #1/Invoice 3509</p>
<p><b><u>VOTING</u></b>  It was duly passed to approve Progress Payment #1/Invoice 3509 to Ideal Landscape in the amount of \$80,000.00.  Moved by: Metz, Gene  Seconded by: Linssen, Donald</p>	
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Application and Certificate for Payment No. 18-000900006 (Final) – Roadside Developers</b>
	<p>Mr. Johnson provided the Board with information and a recommendation for payment for the replacement of AHU #4 and final punchlist items have been completed.  <u><b>Attachments:</b></u>  Application and Certificate for Payment No. 18-000900006 (Final)</p>
<p><b><u>VOTING</u></b>  It was duly passed to approve application and certificate for payment No. 18-000900006 in the amount of \$8,140.01 to Roadside Developers Inc. as presented to close out the AHU #4 Replacement project.  Moved by: Ahlers, Justin  Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.</p>	
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Deputy County Administrator/Emergency Manager Recruitment Process</b>
	<p>Mr. Johnson provided the Board with information that in the reposting of the Deputy County Administrator/Emergency Manager position, six applications were received: four qualified applicants, two minimally qualified applicants. Discussion was held on process the board would like to use to interview.</p> <p>A motion was made by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Robert S. Demuth that the Deputy County Administrator/Emergency Manager position with six candidates be screened by a committee of Chair, Vice Chair, Administrator, one Department Head, and a list of finalists be forwarded to the board for a final round of interviews with the full board.</p> <p>Human Resources Director, Sue Luing, was called to the presenter table for further discussion. Commissioner Ahlers amended his motion to clarify Human Resources should be included in the interviews; Commissioner Demuth seconded.</p>
<p><b><u>VOTING</u></b>  The motion made by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Robert S. Demuth that the Deputy County Administrator/Emergency Manager position with six candidates be screened by a committee of Chair, Vice Chair, Administrator, Human Resources, one Department Head, and a list of finalists be forwarded to the board for a second round of interviews with the full board failed.  In Favor: Ahlers, Justin; Demuth, Robert S.  Opposed: Widboom, Matt; Metz, Gene; Linssen, Donald</p>	
	The board held further discussion on the recruitment process.
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	

It was duly passed that the Chair, Vice Chair, Human Resources, Administration, and one Department Head move forward with the process of Deputy County Administrator/Emergency Manager recruitment, same process as last time.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Widboom, Matt

In Favor: Ahlers, Justin; Widboom, Matt; Linssen, Donald; Demuth, Robert S.

Opposed: Metz, Gene

**9.0 Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements**

<b>9.1</b>	<b>Committee and Board Reports</b>
	<p>District I - Commissioner Ahlers reported on the Nobles County Historical Society, Nobles Rock Community Corrections, Drainage Authority, and Nobles County Extension meetings.</p> <p>District II - Commissioner Metz reported on the One Watershed One Plan meeting.</p> <p>District III - Commissioner Widboom reported on the Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council meeting.</p> <p>District IV - Commissioner Demuth reported on Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation (WREDC).</p> <p>District V - Commissioner Linssen reported on the Park Board, Solid Waste, Southwest EMS meetings.</p> <p>Management Team – County Attorney Kathleen Kusz, no report.</p> <p>County Administration – Tom Johnson reported a mailbox drop box was placed at the Government Center, Counties Providing Technology (CPT) meeting, Scott Rall would like to present a tour on the Pollinator Project at a work session.</p> <p><b><u>Attachments:</u></b>          Nobles County Joint Powers Transit Authority Meeting Minutes April 25, 2019          Park Board Minutes June 3, 2019          Rock Nobles Community Corrections Executive Board Minutes June 20, 2019          KLR Watershed District Regular Mtg Minutes June 20, 2019</p>
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<p><b><u>Attachments:</u></b>          Recruitment Update          HLWD District Administrator’s Activity Report June 2019          Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC – Nobles 2 Wind Project</p>
<b>9.3</b>	<p><b>Calendar</b>  <b><u>Attachments:</u></b>          Commissioners Calendar – July 2019          Commissioners Calendar – August 2019</p>
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Minnesota Rural Counties</b>
	<p>Dan Larson, Executive Director, provided information on the Minnesota Rural Counties Membership. No action taken.</p>
	<p><b>11.0 Other / Future Business</b>  <b>County Employee Picnic</b>          Friday, July 26, 2019 5:00 p.m.</p>

Centennial Park, Worthington MN

**W.E.L.L. Project Joint Boards Mtg**

Tuesday, June 30, 2019 7:00 p.m.

High School Media Center, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington MN

**Board of Commissioners' Work Session**

Wednesday, July 31, 2019 8:30 a.m.

Executive Conference Rm, Government Center, 318 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Worthington MN

**Notice of Hearing on Viewer's Report for Redetermination of Benefits for Murray-Nobles Judicial Ditch No. 11**

Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Room of the Murray County Government Center, 2500 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Slayton MN

**Nobles Economic Opportunity Network (N.E.O.N.)**

Thursday, August 1, 2019 5:30 p.m.

BioTechnology Advancement Center, 1527 Prairie Drive, Worthington MN

**Continuation of JD #13 Hearing**

Monday, August 5, 2019 9:30 a.m.

Farmers Room, Government Center, 315 Tenth Street, Worthington MN

Chairperson Widboom announced County Employee Picnic is on Friday, July 26, W.E.L.L. Project Joint Board Meeting is corrected to July 30, at 7:00 p.m.

**12.0 Adjournment**

**VOTING**


It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.

Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin



(Chairperson)



(County Administrator)