

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 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 9:02 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Call to Order	
2.0 Pledge of Allegiance	
3.0 Approval of Agenda	
VOTING It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
4.0 Recognition	
4.1	Visitors & Guests Welcome
5.0 Consent Agenda	
5.1	September 03, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes Attachments: September 03, 2019 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
5.2	Child and Teen Checkup Program Grant Amendment for 2020 Attachments: Amendment No. 2 To Grant Contract GRK%134579
5.3	Department of Natural Resources 2019 Boat and Water Safety Grant Attachments: 2019 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement Resolution 201957
5.4	Natural Resources Block Grant Attachments: FY 2020 and 2021 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement
5.5	Meetings & Conferences – Travel Expenses Attachments: Travel Expenses paid September 13, 2019 Travel Expenses paid Board September 13, 2019
5.6	PCard/Auditor's Warrants Attachments: Accounts Payable Summary Auditor's Warrants

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Linssen, Donald

Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin

6.0 Women of Vision – Anne Foley

Anne Foley, District 518 Community Education.

Darlene Macklin, Executive Director at Worthington Chamber of Commerce.

Julie Foote, MVTW Wireless.

All presented information regarding discussions held with female members of Nobles County. The group presented a power point that included wants / needs and included collaborative solutions for items these members felt were needed in our community. The group wanted to inform the Board that these discussions are ongoing and are trying to bring forth ideas and solutions.

7.0 Public Hearing

**7.1 Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Abatement
Dan Wagner Parcel 31-2658-000**

A. Open Hearing (Action)

B. Proposed Abatement – Discussion

C. Public Comment

D. Close Hearing (Action)

E. Decisions

1. Wagner Parcel 31-2658-000 – Resolution 201955 (Action)

Attachments:

NHI Nobles County Guidelines

Wagner Parcel 31-2658-000 Application Information

Resolution 201955

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 Dan Wagner Parcel 31-2658-000

B. Tom Johnson, Nobles County Administrator, reviewed the Nobles Home Initiative Application.

C. No public comments were received.

D. On a motion by Robert S. Demuth and seconded by Gene Metz, it was duly passed to close the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing.

E. On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Don Linssen, it was duly passed to close and adopt Resolution 201955 approving tax abatement to Dan Wagner Parcel 31-2658-000 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813.

VOTING

It was duly passed to adopt Resolution 201955 approving tax abatement to Dan Wagner Parcel 31-2658-000 pursuant to Minnesota Statue 469.1813.

Moved By: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Linssen, Don

8.0 Department Presentations

8.1 Public Works – Stephen Schnieder


A. Bridge Replacement Bids

Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director, presented the Board with information regarding two bids that were received for several bridge replacements within the county. Both bids were at least 36% over the estimated cost. It was the recommendation to the Board to reject the bids and start the process over in a future date. It was also discussed

	to separate the projects into individual projects and wait for possible state aid bonding money to help fund the projects.
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to reject all bids for bridge replacement. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Widboom, Matt	
B.	Final Payment for Contract No. 19003 <u>Attachments:</u> Contract No. 19003
	Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director, presented the board with the final contract for McCuen Construction for work done at the Public Works lot. Final cost was \$551 under the estimated cost. Presented Resolution 201956 to accept the completed project and authorize final payment of \$15,429.08.
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve resolution 201956 final payment to McCuen Construction Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Linssen, Don	
9.0 Administration Presentation – Tom Johnson	
9.1	CareerForce Day
	Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the board with a proclamation for September 19, 2019 to be observed as CareerForce day in Nobles County. <u>Attachments:</u> Nobles County Proclamation Open House Flier
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the proclamation for CareerForce day. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin	
9.2	2019 Boards, Committees & Commissions – Citizen Appointments
	Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information in the area of citizen appointments. <u>Attachments:</u> Citizen Advisory Committee/Board Appointment Application for Rolf Mahlberg
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to reappoint Rolf Mahlberg to the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed Board of Managers. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
9.3	Historical Society Steering Committee Appointment
	Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information that a new committee has been formed by the Nobles County Historical Society. They are requesting a commissioner be appointed as a representative. Commissioner Demuth has volunteered.
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to appoint Commissioner Robert S. Demuth to the Nobles County Historical Society Steering Committee. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Metz, Gene	

9.4	2020 Proposed Budget, Not To Exceed (NTE) Summary
	<p>Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information and highlights from the budget committee.</p> <p>Jerry Vyskocil, Finance Director, clarified that if the County will no longer be using Prime West that would not affect the levy because the funding for Prime West was used solely from reserves.</p> <p>Attachments: 2020 Proposed Budget, NTE Summary Resolution 201954</p>
<p><u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the NTE at 7.35% for the 2020 budget year and approve resolution 201954. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.</p>	
9.5	2020-2023 Recommended Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board Appointees
	<p>Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the board with information on two terms expiring 12/31/2019 on the LPRW Board. Bill Ufkin and Mitch Kling - both current board members are seeking to be reappointed.</p> <p>Attachments: 2020-2023 Recommended LPRW Board Appointees Biographical Information Resolution 201958</p>
<p><u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve Resolution 201958. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Metz, Gene</p>	
10.0 Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements	
	Committee and Board Reports
	<p>District V - Commissioner Linssen reported on the CareerForce re-branding.</p> <p>District IV - Commissioner Demuth reported on changes coming with Prime West, several upcoming meetings to determine next steps.</p> <p>County Administration – Tom Johnson reported on Mutual Aid, NEON and Rail and DNR meetings.</p> <p>District II - Commissioner Metz reported on AMC (Association of Minnesota Counties) meeting – legalizing marijuana and the upcoming decisions that may need to be made regarding that. Also discussed the upcoming Census and having a Complete Count Committee</p> <p>District I - Commissioner Ahlers, reported on Rock-Nobles Community Corrections and well as Nobles County’s clean audit report. Also reported on</p> <p>Kathleen Kusz, County Attorney, no report.</p> <p>District III - Commissioner Widboom – No report.</p>

10.1	Correspondence <u>Attachments:</u> Recruitment Update Tall Grass Guitar Class Benefit Concert Rock Nobles Community Corrections 09/12/19 Agenda Rock Nobles Community Corrections 8/8/19 Executive Board Meeting Minutes Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District 9/8/19 Agenda Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District 8/21/19 Board Meeting Minutes Heron Lake Watershed District 9/17/19 Agenda Heron Lake Watershed District 7/23/19 Regular Meeting Minutes Heron Lake Watershed District 8/1/19 Special Meeting Minutes Heron Lake Watershed District August Activity Report
10.2	Calendar <u>Attachments:</u> Commissioners Calendar – September & October 2019
11.0 Other / Future Business None	
12.0 Adjournment	
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Metz, Gene	



(Chairperson)



(County Administrator)

