

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 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 Ahlers at 9:00 A.M. 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 with the addition of item 6.1. Motion by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Widboom, Matt	
<b>4.0 Recognition</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Visitors &amp; Guests Welcome</b>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Excellence in Performance</b> Dan Diekmann, Nobles County Highway Maintenance Worker was presented the January 2020 Excellence in Performance award.
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Community Services Staff Recognition</b> Community Services staff were recognized based on reviews done by oversight agencies. Staff included: Chemical Dependency Assessments: Darci Goedtke, Kristin Habben and Rachel Ellison Child Support Services: Stephani Diekmann, Colleen Houselog, Geralda Pedersen and Sara Henderson Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Michelle Ebbers, Peter Ekadu and Cindy Fredrickson.
<b>5.0 Consent Agenda</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> January 21, 2020 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Meetings &amp; Conferences – Travel Expenses</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Travel Expenses paid January 31, 2020 Travel Expenses paid Board January 31, 2020
<b>5.3</b>	<b>PCard/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. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	

<b>6.0 Special Presentation – Randy Thompson</b>	
Randy Thompson, Executive Director of Worthington Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) presented the board with information regarding the HRA program and administrative funding gaps that are being experienced.	
<b>6.1 Special Parking Request – Josh Dale</b>	
Josh Dale, Activities Director at ISD518, presented the board with a request to lift the no parking restriction along Crailshiem Road in front of the Learning Center/Gymnastics Facility on February 15 <sup>th</sup> because of a regional gymnastics meet that will bring hundreds of spectators to the area. The parking lot at the Learning Center is not big enough to hold all of the anticipated vehicles. It was requested to lift the current No Parking along the road to allow vehicles to park and walk to the facility.	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	
It was passed to allow parking on Saturday February, 15 <sup>th</sup> along Crailshiem Drive. Moved by: Widboom, Matt Seconded by: Metz, Gene In Favor: Widboom, Matt; Metz, Gene; Demuth, Robert S.; Ahlers, Justin Opposed: Linssen, Donald	
<b>7.0 Department Presentation</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Public Works/Highway – Stephen Schnieder</b>
<b>7.1 (A)</b>	<b>Concrete Pavement Adrian Shop</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Advertisement for Bids
Stephen Schnieder presented the board with information regarding advertising for bids for replacement concrete at the Adrian Public Works shop. The existing pavement is in poor condition and in need of replacement. It was recommended to the board to approve the advertisement for bids.	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	
It was duly passed to approve the advertisement for bids for paving at the Adrian Shop Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Community Services – Stacie Golombiecki</b>
<b>7.2 (A)</b>	<b>Request for Temporary Increase to Full Time Status</b>
Stacie Golombiecki presented the board with a request to increase two registered nurses who are currently 4/5 <sup>th</sup> time employees to full time due to staff shortages. The two employees are agreeable to the temporary change which would be for approximately two months each – February 24-April 17 and April 20-June 12, 2020.	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	
It was duly passed to approve the request and temporarily increase to full time status for two 4/5 <sup>th</sup> time nursing positions. Moved by: Widboom, Matt Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Administration Presentation – Tom Johnson</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Accountant Office Space</b>
Tom Johnson, Administrator, presented the board with a quote from Woodbury Construction to create an office for the Accountant in the Finance Department.	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	
It was duly passed to award the contract to Woodbury Construction for the amount of \$2,273.00. Moved by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Metz, Gene	
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Out of State Travel Approval</b>
Mr. Johnson presented information regarding Commissioner Metz traveling to Washington, D.C. on behalf of the BRRRA board with Ellis & Eastern Rail.	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b>	

Commissioner Metz recused himself for the vote.  
It was duly passed to approve the out of state travel for Commissioner Metz.  
Moved by: Linssen, Donald  
Seconded by: Widboom, Matt

**9.0 Inter-Agency Reports/Announcements**

**9.1 Committee and Board Reports**

District V - Commissioner Linssen – Reported on the Solid Waste meeting and how the glass recycling market is down. Also reported on was the Transit board – where it was discussed that Avera had donated an amount of money to purchase city bus tokens.

District IV - Commissioner Demuth – Nobles County Historical Society Steering Committee met and is working on fundraising. WREDC has hired a firm to re-assess their needs and goals.

County Administration – Bruce Heitkamp reported on a Mutual Aid grant that was applied for and was successfully awarded for \$25,000.

District I - Commissioner Ahlers – Reported on the HLWD board and their interest to increase their levy authority.

District II - Commissioner Metz – Reported on the SMOC meeting and their interest to create a schooling system for migrant workers in the area. The Rural MN Energy board and their discussions on garbage burning facilities that create energy.

District III - Commissioner Widboom – No Report.

**9.2 Correspondence**  
**Attachments:**  
Recruitment Update

**9.3 Calendar**  
**Attachments:**  
Commissioners Calendar February 2020

**10.0 Other / Future Business**

**NEON**  
Thursday February 6, 2020 - 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Biotechnology Advancement Center – 1527 Prairie Drive Worthington, MN 56187

**Commissioners at your Café**  
Tuesday February 25, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Ecumen Meadows – 1807 College Way Worthington, MN 56187

**11.0 Adjournment**

**VOTING**  
It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 A.M.  
Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.  
Seconded by: Metz, Gene



(Chairperson)



(County Administrator)

