

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

The County Board of Nobles County met in emergency session per Minnesota Statute 13D.04 Subd. 3 this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, in the Board of Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners were in attendance via phone conference: Justin Ahlers, Gene Metz, Donald Linssen, Matt Widboom and Robert Demuth Jr. Administrator Tom Johnson was in attendance in the Board of Commissioners Room.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ahlers at 9:00 A.M. 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 with the addition of the addendum.

Motion by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Widboom, Matt

Roll Call: Metz, Gene, Widboom, Matt, Demuth, Robert S., Linssen, Donald, Ahlers, Justin

**4.0 Property Taxes**

Discussion was held on options for citizens since property taxes are due on May 15<sup>th</sup>. With COVID-19 effecting citizens in a variety of ways it may be difficult for some to fully pay their taxes on time. Since there is no state wide consistent plan, plans from other counties were reviewed. It was decided that no matter the circumstance all citizens would be treated the same across the board. A motion was made to state that those who pay their property taxes between May 16 and June 30 will be assessed a 1% interest penalty, which is a reduction from the standard 2% interest. Individuals who delay payment until July 1-31 will be assessed a 2% penalty, which is a reduction from the standard 5% penalty.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to reduce the penalty to 1% to those who pay their property taxes between May 16<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. If payment is delayed between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> the penalty would be reduced to 2%.

Moved by: Widboom, Matt

Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin

Roll Call: Metz, Gene, Widboom, Matt, Demuth, Robert S., Linssen, Donald, Ahlers, Justin

**5.0 Opening of County Buildings – Initial Plan for the Public**

The issue of re-opening to the public was discussed by the commissioners. It was discussed that we should wait and see when the Stay at Home order is lifted by the Governor and not to rush into re-opening for the safety of the employees and citizens. Department heads are meeting to discuss their department needs and how each department could re-open safely. It was decided that department heads would submit plans and ideas to Administration and a plan would be brought to the board at a later date. No action was taken.

**5.1 Resolution 202024**

Resolution 202024 was brought to the board in support of Nobles County businesses and urging Governor Tim Walz to re-open Minnesota's economy in a manner that balances our economic viability and public health needs. Administrator Johnson read the resolution entirely to the board. The City of Worthington passed the same resolution on 5/11/2020.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to adopt Resolution 202024.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin  
Seconded by: Metz, Gene  
Roll Call: Metz, Gene, Widboom, Matt, Demuth, Robert S., Linssen, Donald, Ahlers, Justin

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 A.M..

Moved by: Linssen, Donald

Seconded by: Metz, Gene

Roll Call: Metz, Gene, Widboom, Matt, Demuth, Robert S., Linssen, Donald, Ahlers, Justin



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(Chairperson)



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(County Administrator)