

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, June 02, 2020, in the Commissioners Room, at the Nobles County Government Center, Worthington, Minnesota.

The following Commissioners were in attendance in the Board Room: Justin Ahlers, Gene Metz, Robert S. Demuth, Donald Linssen and Matt Widboom.

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	
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of an addendum. Motion by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Widboom, Matt	
4.0 Consent Agenda	
4.1	May 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes <u>Attachments:</u> May 19, 2020 Draft Regular Board Meeting Minutes
4.2	Meetings & Conferences – Travel Expenses <u>Attachments:</u> Travel Expenses paid May 22, 2020
4.3	PCard/Auditor's Warrants <u>Attachments:</u> Accounts Payable Summary Auditor's Warrants
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to approve the Consent Agenda. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
5.0 Public Hearing	
5.1	Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Abatement Brandon and Lynsey Croat Parcel 14-0006-000 A. Open Hearing (<i>Action</i>) B. Proposed Abatement – Discussion C. Public Comment D. Close Hearing (<i>Action</i>) E. Decisions 1. Brandon and Lynsey Croat Parcel 14-0006-000 – Resolution 202027 (<i>Action</i>) <u>Attachments:</u> NHI Nobles County Guidelines Application information Resolution 202027

- A. A motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Justin Ahlers, it was duly passed to open the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing for Brandon and Lynsey Croat Parcel 14-0006-000
- B. Tom Johnson, Nobles County Administrator, reviewed the Nobles Home Initiative Application.
- C. No public comments were received.
- D. On a motion by Donald Linssen and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to close the Proposed Property Tax Abatement Public Hearing.
- E. On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Robert S. Demuth, it was duly passed to close and adopt Resolution 202027 approving tax abatement to Brandon and Lynsey Croat Parcel 14-0006-000 pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813..

VOTING

It was duly passed to adopt Resolution 202027
 Moved by: Metz, Gene
 Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

6.0 Department Presentations

6.1 (A) Designation of Surplus Property

Stephen Schnieder presented the board with information regarding the purchase of a new tandem axle truck. The old truck, T236 is a 2008 Sterling LT9500 and is no longer needed. Sale of property requires county board approval.

VOTING

It was duly passed to declare the T236 Sterling truck as surplus property.
 Moved by: Metz, Gene
 Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin

6.1 (B) CSAH 15 Bridge Priority for Funding

Attachments:
 Resolution 202026

A structure on County State Aid Highway 15, ¾ mile south of CSAH 16 is failing and needs to be replaced. The new structure will qualify as a bridge and be eligible for state bridge bond funding. The county board needs to establish this structure as a priority to be eligible to receive funding.

VOTING

It was duly passed adopt resolution 202026 to establish this bridge replacement as a priority for Nobles County.
 Moved by: Linssen, Donald
 Seconded by: Metz, Gene

6.4 Addendum Use of Roadway Right of Way for Business

The Governor is allowing restaurants and bars to open with outdoor seating. To meet the guidelines for safety and to allow for sidewalks to be open for their intended use, parts of the roadway may be permitted for use by businesses upon meeting certain conditions for safety. The applications to use the county road right of way for business purposes is issued by the county. The local unit of government would need to make the request for the business and support the closing of the parking area. Insurance coverage would be needed, and the county would be held harmless for any potential damages or legal action.

VOTING

There was no motion needed. It was decided to direct Mr. Schnieder to draft a policy to address the use of the right of way for restaurant and bar use to bring to a future meeting.

6.2 (A) Des Moines River Watershed Memorandum of Agreement

Attachments:
 Memorandum of Agreement

Mark Koster presented the board with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to collectively develop and adopt a coordinated watershed management plan for implementation in the Des Moines River Watershed. The agreement will be in effect until December 31, 2023 unless it is cancelled according to the provisions in the agreement. The purpose of this

agreement is to clarify the signing entities intent to work together to create and implement a comprehensive management plan for the Des Moines River Watershed.

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve the Des Moines River Watershed MOA.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.

Seconded by: Widboom, Matt

6.3 (A) | JD 8 Discussion

This item was tabled from the previous 5/19/2020 meeting. An e-mail from Kurt Deter was presented and explained that the work needed on the ditch would be considered a repair and not an improvement and work could be done without needing further approval.

VOTING

Commissioner Widboom recused himself from the vote

It was duly passed to remove the JD 8 discussion from the table.

Moved by: Linssen, Donald

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

No further vote was needed on this item.

7.0 Administration Presentation

7.1 | Project Bidding, Authorization to Advertise

Tom Johnson presented the board with three projects that are ready to be advertised for construction bids. The three projects are:

1. PJC entry walk with a snowmelt system
2. Finishing the Data Center
3. Courtroom C redesign

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve Administration to advertise for bids.

Moved by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

8.0 Inter-Agency Reports/Announcements

8.1 | Committee and Board Reports

District III - Commissioner Widboom – No Report.

District IV - Commissioner Demuth – Reported on the interview process for a new Executive Director for SW Mental Health.

District I - Commissioner Ahlers – Reported on HLWD discussions.

District II - Commissioner Metz – Reported on Energy Board and PACE meetings.

District V - Commissioner Linssen – Reported on Solid Waste meeting and expressed that COVID is slowing the process for many items.

County Administration – Tom Johnson reported that 2021 budget discussions are starting. He will also attend the District 8 meeting.

Bruce Heitkamp reported that COVID meetings are slowing as requests are lessening. Also reported on the scheduled protest in Worthington and certain precautions that are taking place around town.

**8.2 | Correspondence
Attachments:**

	Recruitment Update HLWD Meeting Agenda 6/2/2020
8.3	Calendar <u>Attachments:</u> June 2020 Calendar
9.0	Other / Future Business
10.0 Adjournment	
<u>VOTING</u> It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 A.M. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Metz, Gene	



(Chairperson)



(County Administrator)