

Resolution No. 202041

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE-HALF PERCENT (0.5%) COUNTY LOCAL
OPTION SALES TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Nobles County's transportation infrastructure forms the backbone of the county's economy and has a direct impact on future economic development; and

WHEREAS, the County's Road & Bridge Construction Program identified \$63,000,000 in program funding shortfall; and

WHEREAS, funding for the highway systems in Minnesota has failed to keep pace with growing population and growing demands; and

WHEREAS, a one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax for transportation collected for Nobles County will stay in Nobles County; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 297A.993 authorizes the board of a county outside the metropolitan transportation area, as defined under section 279A.992, subdivision 1, by resolution following a public hearing, to impose a transportation sales tax at a rate of up to one-half of one percent (0.5%) on retail sales and uses; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 297A.993 further requires that the proceeds of the tax must be dedicated exclusively to payment of the capital cost of specific transportation projects designated by the County Board, and that the tax must terminate when revenues raised are sufficient to finance the projects; and

WHEREAS, the Nobles County Board of Commissioners desires to implement such a sales tax and have the State Department of Revenue collect the same; and

WHEREAS, the Nobles County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on August 18, 2020 to obtain public input on the use of transportation tax proceeds the identified list of projects: and

WHEREAS, the Nobles County Board of Commissioners has designated the following projects for funding by the County Local Option Sales Tax for Transportation:

- CSAH 4 from CSAH 5 to CSAH 21 \$5 million estimated cost
- CSAH 6 from Rock County to TH 91 \$2 million estimated cost
- CSAH 11 from CSAH 6 to TH 91 \$2 million estimated cost
- CSAH 15 from CSAH 16 to North County Line \$6.2 million estimated cost
- CSAH 13 from I-90 to CSAH 25 \$8.2 million estimated cost
- CSAH 4 from TH 60 to CSAH 5 \$6 million estimated cost
- CSAH 15 from CSAH 35 to CSAH 16 \$9 million estimated cost
- CSAH 15 for Iowa Line to CSAH 35 \$9 million estimated cost
- CSAH 16 from Rock County to Lismore \$5.5 million estimated cost
- CSAH 16 from Lismore to TH 91 \$0.5 million estimated cost
- CR 54 from CSAH 15 to CSAH 13 \$4 million estimated cost
- CR 60 from CSAH 35 to CSAH 14 \$3 million estimated cost

- CR 55 and park roads from Fury's Island to CSAH 18 \$3 million estimated cost

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Nobles County Board of Commissioners authorizes and imposes a one-half percent (0.5%) sales tax as provided for in Minnesota State Statute beginning in the first quarter of 2021 and continuing thereafter until December 31, 2036, and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 297A.99, subdivisions 4, and 6 thru 13 shall govern the imposition, administration, collection, and enforcement of the tax, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nobles County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Auditor/Treasurer to certify the one-half percent (0.5%) local option sales tax to the State Department of Revenue on or before October 1, 2020 for collection of the sales tax beginning in the first quarter of 2021.


CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
(SS
COUNTY OF NOBLES)

I, Tom Johnson, Administrator of said County of Nobles, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution adopted by the County Board on the 08 day of Sept, 2020, and now remaining on file and of record in my office and that the same is a correct transcript and of the whole of such original.

Witness my hand and official seal this
08 day of Sept, 2020.

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Tom Johnson, County Administrator
Nobles County, Minnesota