

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in special session on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at the Government Center, in the Commissioner’s Board Room, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners attended: Gene Metz, Donald Linssen, Bob Paplow and Justin Ahlers and Robert S. Demuth. Chairperson Metz called the meeting to order at 8:31 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| <b>1.0 Call To Order</b>   |   |
| <b>2.0 Pledge of Allegiance</b>  |   |
| <b>3.0 Approval of Agenda</b>  |   |
| <b>VOTING</b><br>It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented.<br>Motion by: Ahlers, Justin<br>Seconded by: Paplow, Bob   |   |
| <b>4.0 Ditch Update</b><br>Zach Reker provided the board with a county ditch update.   |   |
| <b>5.0 Nobles Soil Water Conservation District</b>   |   |
| A.   | Nobles Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) continues to monitor soil & water resource conservation practices on behalf of Nobles County and the State of Minnesota. District Manager John Shea offered an update of the SWCD events and some of their budgetary concerns going into 2022.   |
| <b>6.0 Library Project Update</b>  |   |
| A.   | David Bradford gave an update on the Library remodel project. This item was information only.   |
| <b>7.0</b>   | <b>5 Year Road Plan – Possible Amendment</b>  |
| It is the time of the year when the County’s Public Works-Engineering Staff inspect bridges. This year bridges were inspected on County Road 54 (CR54). It was found that bridge improvements are required upon two bridges located on CR54. An asphalt roadway improvement is planned for CR54 in 2022. The 5-Year Road Plan, approved on June 8, 2021, included a substantial improvement on CR54. The recent bridge inspection creates a scenario where it would likely be better to delay that improvement until the bridges can be remedied. Public Works Director Aaron Holmbeck discussed the issue and solutions with the Commissioners. A solution included a proposed amendment to the 5-Year Road Plan. |   |
| <b>VOTING</b><br>It was duly passed to remove County Road 54 construction from the 5 year road plan until the bridge can be completed.<br>Moved by: Ahlers, Justin<br>Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.   |   |
| <b>8.0 Data Center Update</b>  |   |
| A.   | Angelo Torres, IT Director, gave Commissioners an update on the process of the Data Center. This item was information only.   |
| <b>9.0 Administration Presentation</b>   |   |
| A.   | <b>ARPA Project Requests</b><br>Local units of government who are participating in ARPA funding have received their funds, or soon will. Project planning can commence regarding these participating entities. Administrator Heitkamp briefed the board on new opportunities that will continue to be identified as planning commences.   |
| B.   | <b>2022 Appropriations</b><br>Many portions of the 2022 Budget have been discussed. The preliminary levy has been set at 10%. The Board now continues to investigate new sources of revenue and the necessity of expenses. Appropriations and economic development practices within the County are part of the process. The Commissioners reviewed appropriation during a prior meeting. Discussion commenced regarding a deeper review of the appropriation requests, and the increase of some of those requests. Letters have been offered to explain the appropriations requests. Below are the funds that were discussed:<br>Arts & Humanities: Leave at \$1,250<br>Worthington Cemetery: \$15,000<br>WREDC: \$20,000 |

South West Initiative Foundation: \$4,708

Ambulance: \$45,569

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve the 2022 appropriations as discussed during the meeting.

Moved by: Paplow, Bob

Seconded by: Linssen, Donald

**10.0 Other / Future Business**

Senate Finance Committee Tour – Wednesday October 27, 2021

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Minnesota West, Worthington MN

District 8 Fall Meeting – Thursday October 28, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Worthington Event Center, Worthington MN

Nobles County Board Meeting – Tuesday November 2, 2021

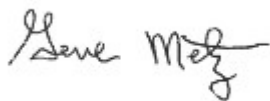
9:00 a.m. Commissioner Board Room

**11.0 Adjournment**

It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob



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(Chairperson)

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(County Administrator)