

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, November 02, 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 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>VOTING</b> It was duly passed to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7.4. Motion by: Paplow, Bob Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
<b>4.0 Recognition</b> Vilay Lunt, Legal Secretary, was recognized as the October Excellence in Performance recipient.	
<b>5.0 Consent Agenda</b>	
5.1	<b>October 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Draft</b> <u>Attachments:</u> October 19, 2021 Draft Minutes
5.2	<b>Meetings and Conferences – Travel Expenses</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Expenses paid October 22, 2021
5.3	<b>Auditor’s &amp; Commissioner’s Warrants</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Accounts Payable Summary Auditor’s Warrants
5.4	<b>Natural Resources Block Grant</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Agreement
<b>VOTING</b> It was duly passed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin	
<b>6.0 Special Presentations</b>	
6.1	<b>Government Obligated (G.O.) Water Revenue Refunding Bonds</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Resolution 202157
Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) has requested Nobles County’s assistance to refund existing water refunding bonds so LPRW can capitalize upon lower interest rates and costs. The effort to reduce the overall debt for LPRW will assist Nobles County constituents. The Board of Commissioners previously ordered a bond sale to assist LPRW refund the \$8,500,000 taxable G.O. water revenue bonds that were sold in 2010. There was recently \$6,785,000.00 of existing principal left on these bonds and, as stated, there is an opportunity to obtain better financing for this debt. Northland Securities and Financial Advisor George Eilertson is assisting LPRW and Nobles County to refinance this debt.	
<b>VOTING</b> It was duly passed to approve resolution 202157. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	

<b>7.0 Administration Presentation</b>	
7.1	<b>Overhead Door Installation</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Doubler Construction Quote Z Door Men Quote
Public Works has a storage building southeast of Worthington and just off of Highway 60. The existing doors are older bi-fold doors that have met their useful life. Staff often have to use equipment to chip away ice during winter months to open them. Overhead doors would operate with more effectiveness, save staff time, and avoid injuries. Two quotes were obtained for this project.	
<b>VOTING</b> It was duly passed to approve the Z Men Door quote for a total of \$10,495.00. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Linssen, Donald	
7.2	<b>108 Kentucky Avenue, Adrian, MN Sale</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Resolution 202158
The County acquired the 108 Kentucky Avenue property in Adrian, MN to remedy public health and public-protection concerns, respectively. The Board of Commission directed that staff remedy these concerns immediately after the property was acquired. Construction firms were called in to abate these issues and the property is now a bare lot. As directed, staff advertised the 108 Kentucky Avenue lot in Adrian, MN for resale. Jason and Amber Like of Adrian inquired and offered payment terms for the acquisition of this lot. The Like's terms were introduced to the Board of Commissioners during the October 19, 2021 Board Meeting. After discussion, the Board acted to accept amended terms which included the Like's paying closing costs and acknowledging assessments. Resolution 202158 was offered to acknowledge the sale events and terms. County Attorney Joseph Sanow has prepared sale documents. Jason and Amber Like are aware of the details of the sale and the purchasing requirements.	
<b>VOTING</b> It was duly passed to approve resolution 202158 and direct the Administrator to sign the purchase agreement on behalf of the county. Moved by: Paplow, Bob Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
7.3	<b>County Elected Officials 2022 Salary Request</b>
(A)	<b>County Attorney 2022 Salary Request</b> <u>Attachments:</u> 2022 Budget Narrative Resolution 202159
<b>VOTING</b> It was duly passed to set the County Attorneys 2022 salary at \$100,000. Moved by: Linssen, Donald Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	
(B)	<b>County Auditor-Treasurer 2022 Salary Request</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Resolution 202160
<b>VOTING</b> It was passed to set the County Auditor-Treasurer 2022 salary at \$91,192. Moved by: Paplow, Bob Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin In Favor: Linssen, Donald; Paplow, Bob; Metz, Gene; Ahlers, Justin Opposed: Demuth, Robert S.	
(C)	<b>County Recorder 2022 Salary Request</b> <u>Attachments:</u> Letter Resolution 202161

**VOTING**

Motion failed to set the County Recorder 2022 salary at \$76,548.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

In Favor: Paplow, Bob; Ahlers, Justin

Opposed: Demuth, Robert S.; Linssen, Donald; Metz, Gene

It was passed to set the County Recorder 2022 salary at \$77,750.

Moved by: Linssen, Donald

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

In Favor: Linssen, Donald; Demuth, Robert S.; Metz, Gene; Paplow, Bob

Opposed: Ahlers, Justin

(D) **County Sheriff 2022 Salary Request**

**Attachments:**

Resolution 202162

**VOTING**

Motion failed to set the County Sheriff 2022 salary at \$101,325.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

In Favor: Demuth, Robert S.; Linssen, Donald

Opposed: Metz, Gene; Paplow, Bob; Ahlers, Justin

Motion failed to set the County Sheriff 2022 salary at \$99,000.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin.

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

In Favor: Paplow, Bob; Ahlers, Justin

Opposed: Metz, Gene; Demuth, Robert S.; Linssen, Donald

It was passed to set the County Sheriff 2022 salary at \$100,000.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S

Seconded by: Linssen, Donald

In Favor: Linssen, Donald; Demuth, Robert S.; Metz, Gene; Paplow, Bob

Opposed: Ahlers, Justin

(D) **County Board 2022 Salary and Per Diem Request**

**Attachments:**

Resolution 202163

**VOTING**

Motion failed to set the County Board 2022 salary at \$20,259 and \$150/day per diem.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

In Favor: Paplow, Bob; Ahlers, Justin

Opposed: Metz, Gene; Demuth, Robert S.; Linssen, Donald

It was passed to set the County Board 2022 salary at \$20,816.34 and \$150/day per diem.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S

Seconded by: Linssen, Donald

In Favor: Linssen, Donald; Demuth, Robert S.; Metz, Gene

Opposed: Ahlers, Justin; Paplow, Bob

7.4 **AMC Voting Delegates**

(Addendum)

**Attachments:**

AMC Memo

Each year AMC requests a list of voting delegates who may vote at AMC meetings. AMC expects the Commissioners of each County be identified as voting delegates. In addition, they allow for 3 additional names of staff who would be

considered voting delegates. The past recent years the board has included the Administrator, the County Attorney, and the Deputy Administrator.

### **VOTING**

It was duly passed to set the appoint all 5 Commissioners, the County Administrator, the County Attorney and the Deputy County Administrator as AMC voting delegates.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Metz, Gene

### **8.0 Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements**

#### 8.1 Committee and Board Reports

Attorney – Joe Sanow – Attended the AMC regional meeting. Also reported a new legal secretary is starting soon.

District I – Commissioner Ahlers – Reported on the One Watershed One Plan.

District III – Commissioner Paplow – No Report, just attending regular meetings.

District II – Commissioner Metz – Reported that a new Plum Creek library director was hired.

District V – Commissioner Linssen – No Report.

District IV – Commissioner Demuth – No Report.

Administration – Reported that benefit enrollment is completed. ARPA continues to be an item of discussion.

#### 8.2 Correspondence

##### **Attachments:**

Recruitment Update

Nobles SWCD Profit/Loss Jan-Sep 2021

Nobles SWCD Meeting Minutes 9/15/21

Nobles SWCD Bills Payable as of 9/30/21

Nobles SWCD Agenda 10/20/21

#### 8.3 Calendar

##### **Attachments:**

November 2021

### **9.0 Other / Future Business**

**Board Meeting** – Tuesday November 02, 2021

9:00 a.m. Nobles County Board Room

**Work Session** – Wednesday October 27, 2021

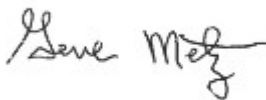
8:30 a.m. Nobles County Board Room

### **10.0 Adjournment**

It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Moved by: Linssen, Donald

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob



(Chairperson)



(County Administrator)

