

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the Government Center, in the Commissioner’s Board Room, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners attended: Gene Metz, Justin Ahlers, Robert S. Demuth, Donald Linssen and Bob Paplow.

Chairperson Linssen called the meeting to order 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. Motion by: Demuth, Robert S. Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin	
4.0 Recognition	
4.1 Visitors and Guests Welcome	
4.2 Years of Service Recognition Joyce Jacobs, Auditor-Treasurer was recognized for 10 years of service. Scott Simpson, Deputy Sheriff was recognized for 10 years of service.	
5.0 Consent Agenda	
5.1 (A)	July 05, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes Draft Attachments: July 05, 2022 Draft Minutes
5.2	Meetings and Conferences – Travel Expenses Attachments: Expenses paid July 15, 2022
5.3	Auditor’s & Commissioner’s Warrants Attachments: Accounts Payable Summary Auditor’s Warrants
5.4	2022 Data Access Policy Update Attachments: MN Statute 13.025 Attorney Inventory of Not Public Data on Individuals 2022 Classification of Data Individual Data Subjects Public Information
VOTING It was duly passed to approve the consent agenda. Moved by: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Metz, Gene	
6.0	Department Presentations
6.1 (A)	Retainage of Lockridge Brindal Nauen PLLP Attachment: Resolution 202245
Community Services in collaboration with the other counties of region 6 & 8 completed a review of health plan responses to serve medical assistance eligible populations in Nobles Count beginning in 2023. Nobles County informed the Department of Human Services that we recommended providing health care services to seniors, People with Disabilities, and Families and Children through a single source County Based Purchasing arrangement. The Department of Human Services did not approve that, and informed us instead that three provider health plans were being invited to contract to serve seniors, two provider health plans to serve persons with disabilities, and that two plans had been invited to provide services to families and children. Included in the notice from DHS was a statement that our scores had not been utilized in making these determinations but rather statewide average scores derived from all other counties that evaluated the	

proposals was used due to what they determined to be a significant undefined variation in scores. Community Services has submitted letters requesting mediation and objecting to these decisions by the Department of Human Services as have the other 23 counties in western and southern rural Minnesota. These decisions by DHS challenge the County's fundamental authority to choose its providers after reviewing all proposals and appear to be an attempt to impose systems that may be effective in the metro area on rural counties. Because PrimeWest is a legally established Joint Powers entity of the 24 counties seeking mediation, we are able to choose to enter the mediation as a group of counties which makes sense considering many of us completed the review process together and have the same case and arguments against the DHS process. If all 24 counties agree to engage Lockridge Grinadal Nauen PLLP they would represent us in the mediation with the Department of Human Services as they did previously in 2019. PrimeWest will utilize surplus dollars from their non-Minnesota Health Care Programs business activities to cover the legal costs on behalf of the 24 counties. Commissioners fully supported the request for mediation.

VOTING

It was duly passed to adopt resolution 202245.

Moved by: Linssen, Donald

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

6.2 (A) Election Security and Integrity Presentation

Joyce Jacobs, Auditor-Treasurer and Cathy Roos, Chief Deputy Auditor-Treasurer presented the board with information on election security and integrity. They provided a presentation of election machines, their security, and how they work. They also reported on myths of the voting process. This was an information item only.

7.0 Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements

7.1 Committee and Board Reports

Attorney – Joe Sanow – Reported that the law library is in need of a new custodian. Reported on the new THC/edibles laws in Minnesota and is looking for more guidance on them.

District I – Commissioner Ahlers – Reported on RNCC and their need for a new work truck.

District III – Commissioner Paplow – No Report.

District II – Commissioner Metz – Reported on the NAcO meeting he attended.

District V – Commissioner Linssen – Reported on the E.O. Olson Trust meeting and the LEC meeting.

District IV – Commissioner Demuth – Reported on the E.O. Olson Trust meeting and how they allocated some funds to help pave a parking lot next to the lake, install and fish and boat cleaning station.

Administration – Reported on the opioid settlement, budget work continues and finishing touches to the data center agreements are taking place.

7.2 Correspondence

Attachments:

Recruitment Update

HLWD Agenda 7/20/22

HLWD Acting as Drainage Authority for Project 4 Meeting Minutes 6/15/22

HLWD Acting as Drainage Authority for Project 84-4A Meeting Minutes 6/15/22

7.3 Calendar

Attachments:

July 2022

August 2022

8.0 Other / Future Business

Special Board Meeting – Wednesday July 27, 2022

8:30 a.m. Government Center, Worthington, MN

Board Meeting – Tuesday August 02, 2022

9:00 a.m. Government Center, Worthington, MN

9.0 Adjournment

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

Moved by: Paplow, Bob

Seconded by: Metz, Gene



Nobles County Board Chair



Nobles County Administrator