

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

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, July 05, 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.

<b>1.0 Call To Order</b>	
<b>2.0 Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
<b>3.0 Approval of Agenda</b>	
<b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by: Paplow, Bob Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
<b>4.0 Recognition</b>	
<b>4.1 Visitors and Guests Welcome</b>	
<b>4.2 June Excellence in Performance</b> Gracia Maldonado-Soto, Deputy Auditor-Treasurer / License Center Technician was recognized as the June Excellence in Performance recipients.	
<b>5.0 Consent Agenda</b>	
5.1 (A) (B) (C)	<b>June 14, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes Draft</b> <b>June 14, 2022 Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes Draft</b> <b>June 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Draft</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> June 14, 2022 Draft Minutes June 14, 2022 BOE Draft Minutes June 21, 2022 Draft Minutes
5.2	<b>Meetings and Conferences – Travel Expenses</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Expenses paid July 01, 2022
5.3	<b>Auditor’s &amp; Commissioner’s Warrants</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Accounts Payable Summary Auditor’s Warrants
5.4	<b>Housing Support Agreements – Group Settings</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> 1. Sunrise View Assisted Living 2. Ecumen Worthington The Meadows 3. Habilitative Services 4. Prairie House
5.5	<b>Local Collaborative Time Study Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Time Study Agreement
5.6	<b>Nobles &amp; Jackson County Judicial Ditch No. 9 – Bid Package #1 – Pay Application #2</b> <b><u>Attachments:</u></b> Pay Application
<b><u>VOTING</u></b> It was duly passed to approve the consent agenda. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Special Presentation</b>
6.1	<b>Southwestern Mental Health Center Updates – Luke Comeau</b>
6.2	<b>Creative Healing Space, Inc. – Mental Health Promotion – Sureporn Sompamitwong</b>

Sureeporn Sompamitwong presented the board with information regarding the Creative Healing Space and their ideas for the future. It was presented to the board that a community center be made out of the old West Elementary building. Commissioners stated the County did not own the building, but that the school did so the County could not donate the building. Suree asked for the Commissioners support of the idea. Commissioner Ahlers stated he would like to see a business model for the project before formally committing to anything. All Commissioners were in agreement with this but stated they could support the idea.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to endorse the concept of Creative Healing Space in their endeavor to create a community center with no financial commitment.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

**7.0 Department Presentations**

**7.1 (A) R & R Their Feedlots, Inc. – CUP #09-2022**

**Attachment:**

Planning and Zoning Minutes 6/29/22

R & R Thier Feedlots, Inc., Rushmore, MN requesting a conditional use permit for a 55' x 245' vaccination building. Public hearing is required under Section 505.2 any change involving structural alterations, enlargement, intensification of use, or similar change not specifically permitted by the conditional use permit issued shall require an amended conditional use permit. This parcel of land is located in the East 478.48' of the South 747' of the SW ¼ and the West 1,171.52' of the South 747' of the SE ¼, Section 22, Township 102, Range 42, Olney Township.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve CUP #09-2022 for R & R Feedlots, Inc. as presented.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

**7.1 (B) Sirimingalar Dhamma Center – CUP #08-2022**

**Attachment:**

Planning and Zoning Minutes 6/29/22

Sirimingalar Dhamma Center, Worthington, MN, applicant and David Vander Kooi, Worthington, MN, landowner, requesting a conditional use permit to utilize an existing home as a temple for worship and religious gatherings. Public hearing is required under Section 603.4 (6) Conditional Use Permits – Churches of the Nobles County Land Use Ordinance. This parcel of land is located on a 5.75-Acre Tract in the NE ¼, Section 30, Township 101, Range 39, Indian Lake Township.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve CUP #08-2022 for Sirimingalar Dhamma Center as presented.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.

Seconded by: Metz, Gene

**7.2 (A) Deputy Coroner Pay (Chief Deputy & Sergeants)**

Sheriff Ryan Kruger presented the board with a request to approve coroner pay for the Chief Deputy and Sergeants to have the same benefits as the deputies. This pay is requested to be retro back to 1/1/22.

**VOTING**

It was passed to approve coroner pay for the Chief Deputy and Sergeants retroactive to 01/01/2022..

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.

Seconded by: Metz, Gene

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

Opposed: Ahlers, Justin

**7.3 (A) Update Investment Policy**

**Attachments:**

Investment Policy With Revisions

Investment Policy Revised

The Investment Policy has not been updated since 2017 and parts of the policy are out-of-date and/or need revisions. Joyce Jacobs presented the board with requested revisions.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve the revised Investment Policy as presented.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.

Seconded by: Ahlers, Justin

7.4 (A) **Mutual Aid Agreement – Murray and Nobles County**

**Attachments:**

Agreement

Nobles County has a number of projects contracted this construction season that require inspection personnel that have various MnDOT certifications. Due to current vacancies within the Nobles County Engineering Department, there will likely be intermittent need for assistance with our inspection duties. Murray County Engineer Randy Groves, has offered the assistance of the Murray County Highway Department dependent upon their availability. Mr. Groves proposed the attached agreement to formalize the arrangement which Murray County previously utilized with Lyon County.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve the mutual aid agreement with Murray County.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

7.4 (B) **City of Brewster Parade Permit**

**Attachments:**

Parade Application

The City of Brewster is applying for a parade permit to celebrate Brewster Fun Days to be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Board policy requires that the permit be approved by the county board to close a county highway for a parade or special event. The City of Brewster has held this celebration in the past with no record of problems or complaints. A certificate of insurance has been issued naming Nobles County as an additional insured on the policy. County State Aid Highway 1 (Tenth Street) and County State Aid Highway 14 (Second Ave) will be closed with a controlled detour.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to approve the parade permit for the City of Brewster.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

7.4 (C) **CSAH 10 Engineering and Traffic Investigation (Speed Study)**

**Attachments:**

Resolution 202243

CSAH 10 (N Crailsheim Rd) runs along the west side of Worthington and was originally constructed as a bypass route around the city of Worthington. In recent years, new housing developments have been constructed along this corridor, and most recently, a new intermediate school. As a result of the development and the new school, an engineering and traffic investigation (speed study) should be accomplished to determine the most appropriate speed along the corridor. Minnesota Statue 169.14, Subdivision 5 requires Nobles County to request that the Commissioner of Transportation (Commissioner) authorize, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation (speed study) the erection of appropriate signs designating a reasonable and safe speed limit. A resolution was attached requesting the Commissioner to complete a speed study on CSAH 10 from CSAH 12 to CSAH 35 to determine the reasonable and safe speed limit for the roadway.

**VOTING**

It was duly passed to adopt resolution 202243 requesting a speed study to be done on CSAH 10.

Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

**8.0 Administration Presentation**

8.1 **County Surplus – Investment Considerations**

**Attachments:**

Letter Sent to Cities/Townships

City/Township Requests

Nobles County received \$4,201,180.00 in American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The Commissioners then applied the Standard Allocation approach in proclaiming the aforementioned funds as “lost revenue”. The proclaimed fund use is payroll reimbursement. With that being stated, there is an unbudgeted surplus of funds if “special projects” are being

considered by the Commissioners. The Commissioners discussed allocation and investment opportunities during the June 29, 2022 Work Session. The opportunity to defer future levies by investing in Nobles County's own capital improvement & infrastructure was discussed. Commissioners opinions differed in how to allocate the monies. Each Commissioner stated their thoughts. After lengthy discussion Commissioner Metz suggested setting aside \$1,000,000 for outside entities. How exactly to split that money up will be discussed at a special board meeting.

#### **VOTING**

It was passed to approve \$1,000,000 for cities, townships and private entities located or operating in Nobles County.

Moved by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

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

Opposed: Ahlers, Justin

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

##### 9.1 Committee and Board Reports

Attorney – Joe Sanow – Reported that the law library purchased new computers for the public to use. Eckberg Lammers has started helping with cases and seems to be going smoothly.

District I – Commissioner Ahlers – No Report.

District III – Commissioner Paplow – No Report.

District II – Commissioner Metz – Reported on CPT and SMOC needing a new Executive Director and the telecommuting policy being almost ready.

District V – Commissioner Linssen – Reported on the telecommuting policy, the ongoing Prime West lawsuit and mental health issues.

District IV – Commissioner Demuth – No Report.

Administration – Reported that the daycare needs are being addressed with the new CEDA employee. Budget discussions are starting and insurance updates are coming.

Attorney – Joe Sanow – Reported on the agreement with Eckberg Lammers.

##### 9.2 Correspondence

###### Attachments:

Recruitment Update

##### 9.3 Calendar

###### Attachments:

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#### **10.0 Other / Future Business**

**Board Meeting** – Tuesday July 19, 2022

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

**Work Session** – Wednesday July 27, 2022

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

#### **11.0 Adjournment**

It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob



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Nobles County Board Chair



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Nobles County Administrator