

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, February 07, 2023, at the Government Center, in the Commissioner’s Board Room, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners attended: Robert S. Demuth, Justin Ahlers, Bob Paplow and Chris Dybevic.

Chairman Demuth 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: Ahlers, Justin Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	
4.0 Recognition	
4.1 Visitors and Guests Welcome	
4.2 Years of Service Recognition	
Angelo Torres, IT Director, was recognized for 10 years of service with the County.	
5.0 Consent Agenda	
5.1 (A)	January 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Draft <u>Attachments:</u> January 24, 2023 Draft Minutes
5.2	Meetings and Conferences – Travel Expenses <u>Attachments:</u> Expenses paid January 27, 2023
5.3 (A)	Auditor’s & Commissioner’s Warrants <u>Attachments:</u> Accounts Payable Summary Auditor’s Warrants
5.3 (B)	Auditor’s & Commissioner’s Warrants – Vendors paid over \$2,000 <u>Attachments:</u> Auditor’s Warrants
5.4 (A & B)	Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) Attorney Contracts <u>Attachments:</u> Original Legal Services Agreement 2023 Kinser Law Agreement 2023 Smith and Johnson Attorneys at Law Agreement
5.5	2023 Ditch Maintenance Assessments <u>Attachments:</u> Nobles County Ditch Funds
5.6	SW MN Private Industry Council Contract <u>Attachments:</u> Incumbent Worker Contract
5.7	Solid Waste and Recycle Hauling and Facility Permits for 2023
VOTING	
It was duly passed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Moved by: Paplow, Bob Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
6.0 Department Presentations	
6.1 (A)	County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting for the 2023 Assessment
The date for the 2023 County Board of Appeal and Equalization needs to be set. The board may meet on any 10 consecutive meeting days in June, after the second Friday in June. No action taken by the County Board of Appeal and	

Equalization after June 30th is valid, except for corrections that are clerical in nature or changes that extend homestead treatment until the tax extension date for that assessment year.

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve the 2023 County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for June 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the County Commissioner Board Room of the Government Center.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Dybevick, Chris

6.2 (A) | **PrimeWest Health Provider Participation Agreement**

Attachments:

PrimeWest Agreement

A Provider Participation Agreement with PrimeWest was presented to the board. This agreement will allow Community Services to bill the PrimeWest Health Plan for Care Coordination and other services provided by our Agency to PrimeWest covered members in the community.

Community Services will be a participating provider in the following services:

- Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management
- Child Mental Health Targeted Case Management
- Comprehensive Assessment / Health Risk Assessment
- Car Seat Education
- Nurse Home Visiting
- Care Coordination for MSHO / MSC+

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve the PrimeWest Provider Participation Agreement.

Moved by: Paplow, Bob

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

6.2 (B) | **Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Grant Contract Agreement – Child Care Expansion**

Attachments:

Grant Project Agreement

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Security issued requests for proposals late last year for a second round of funding aimed at expanding the availability of quality child care to support regional economic development. Through the application and approval process and with much help from Community Economic Development Associates, Community Services was awarded \$150,000 in grant funds. The Agreement presented represents the parameters under which the funding can be utilized. The funding will allow Community Services and CEDA to manage projects in Nobles County.

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve the grant project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Dybevick, Chris

6.3 (A) | **Wind Farm Repowering Agreement with Zephyr Wind, LLC**

Zephyr Wind, LLC (Developer), desires and intends to repower an existing wind farm in Nobles County (more specifically within Larkin and Summit Lake Townships) which consists of up to 15 wind turbines. The Developer needs to enter into a Repowering Agreement (Agreement) with the County to accomplish this. This Agreement has been reviewed and revised to reflect the needs and requirements of the County Engineer/Public Works Director and County Attorney. The form of Agreement is generally consistent with neighboring Counties in Minnesota. In general, the Developer has addressed and accepted all comments and language changes provided by the County.

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve the Wind Farm Repowering Agreement with Zephyr Wind, LLC.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

7.0 Administration Presentation

7.1 | **2023 Boards, Committees & Commissions – Citizen Appointments**

Attachments:

	2023 Nobles County Boards and Committees Listing Bridget Harberts Application
Bridget Harberts submitted an application for the Library Board.	
VOTING It was duly passed to appoint Bridget Harberts to the Library Board. Moved by: Paplow, Bob Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
7.2	Reading Sanitary Sewer District Focus Group Appointments Attachments: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Correspondence
The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) identified that Reading, Minnesota has substandard sanitary sewer systems in 2012 (Notice of Violation was included in the agenda). As a result, the County Commissioners held community meetings and established a Reading Sanitary Sewer District (the Board of Commissioners). Reading sanitary sewer solutions have been investigated since 2012 with no viable solution being identified, to date. The MPCA has recently elevated Reading, Minnesota’s sanitary issues up their priority list. MPCA officials are working with other State and Federal partners to identify solutions and possible funding. The topic was discussed during the January 31, 2023 Nobles County Board of Commission’s Work Session. It was suggested by MPCA that a local focus group be appointed to identify options and a viable remedy on behalf of the Sanitary Sewer District. The following members were suggested as potential focus-group participants: Commissioner Justin Ahlers, Commissioner Bob Paplow, Peter Miller with Stantec Engineering, Mark Koster with Nobles Environmental Dept., Al Madison a Reading-area resident and Bruce Heitkamp County Administrator	
VOTING It was duly passed to approve Commissioner Justin Ahlers, Commissioner Bob Paplow, Peter Miller with Stantec Engineering, Mark Koster with Nobles Environmental Dept., Al Madison a Reading-area resident and Bruce Heitkamp County Administrator to the Reading Sanitary Sewer District Focus Group. Moved by: Dybevic, Chris Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
8.0 Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements	
8.1	Committee and Board Reports
Attorney – Joe Sanow – Reported on the Law Library meeting and the possibility of moving the Law Library to a different location. District I – Commissioner Ahlers – No Report. District III – Commissioner Paplow – Reported on the Library Board meeting. District II – Commissioner Metz – No Report – Absent. District V – Commissioner Dybevic – Reported on the AMC New Commissioner meeting he attended. District IV – Commissioner Demuth – Reported on the CEDA meetings he has attending regarding daycare. Administration – Reported on several items: Reading sewer project, child care meetings, capital improvements (generator and boiler projects)	
8.2	Correspondence Attachments: Recruitment Memo Nobles County Art Center
8.3	Calendar Attachments: February 2023
9.0	Other / Future Business

Board Meeting – Tuesday February 21, 2023

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

AMC Legislative Conference – Tuesday February 22-23, 2023

InterContinental Hotel, St. Paul, MN

Work Session – Tuesday February 28, 2023

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

10.0 Adjournment

It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob



Nobles County Board Chair



Nobles County Administrator