

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on Tuesday, June 06, 2023, at the Government Center, in the Commissioner’s Board Room, Worthington, Minnesota. The following Commissioners attended: Robert S. Demuth, Justin Ahlers, Gene Metz, Bob Paplow and Chris Dybevic.

Chairman Demuth called the meeting to order at 9:01 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: Dybevic, Chris	
4.0 Recognition	
4.1 Visitors and Guests Welcome	
4.2 Nobles County Internship Program Recognition Maria Peters, Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, introduced some of the interns participating in the 2023 summer internship program.	
5.0 Consent Agenda	
5.1 (A)	May 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Draft <u>Attachments:</u> May 23, 2023 Draft Minutes
5.2 (A)	Meetings and Conferences – Travel Expenses <u>Attachments:</u> Expenses paid June 06, 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	Southwest Health and Human Services Fraud Prevention Cooperative Agreement Renewal 2023-2025 <u>Attachments:</u> Cooperative Agreement
VOTING It was duly passed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Moved by: Paplow, Bob Seconded by: Metz, Gene	
6.0 Special Presentations	
United States Congressman Brad Finstad Representative David Wing, Staff Member	
David Wing, District Outreach Representative for US Congressman Brad Finstad addressed the Board regarding any concerns or questions they had for Mr. Finstad.	
7.0 Department Presentations	
7.1	Paul Langseth – Langseth Lodge – Worthington, MN – CUP #05-2023 <u>Attachments:</u> Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes Information Presented at the 5/24/23 Planning and Zoning Meeting
Paul Langseth, Langseth Lodge, Worthington MN requested to amend existing condition #5 to read: The applicant is responsible for applying dust control on 280th Street consisting of calcium chloride or any other environmentally friendly	

dust control product prior to ~~May 1~~ June 15th annually. The dust control substance must be applied on 280th Street from a point beginning 1,130' west of the intersection of Sundberg Avenue and 280th Street and continuing west for a total distance of 830'. This includes the 630' frontage, plus 100' to the east and 100' to the west of the existing 760' x 630' acreage.

Planning and Zoning board met and recommended that the dust control be applied on or before the Friday before Memorial Day each year. Discussion was had on the reasons for the date extension. The Commissioners felt the Friday before Memorial Day was a good compromise as well.

VOTING

It was passed to approve the amendment to CUP #05-2023 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning board.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Metz, Gene

8.0 Administration Presentations

8.1 (A) | **Crailsheim Drive / County State Aid Highway 10. Worthington School District Concerns With The 2022 Roadway Design and Construction**

Worthington School District Representatives were asked to attend the June 6, 2023 Board of Commissioner Meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the 2022 design and construction of County State Aid Highway (C.S.A.H.) 10, also known as Worthington's Crailsheim Drive. Superintendent John Landgaard's recently shared his frustrations with the finished product resulting from 2022 C.S.A.H. 10/Crailsheim Drive design and construction at the "City, County, College, School" meeting. The Commissioners recently asked if Mr. Landgaard and County Engineer Aaron Holmbeck could be present to discuss the topic during the June 6, 2023 Board Meeting. Mr. Holmbeck was present. Mr. Landgaard was not able to attend the June 6, 2023 Board Meeting. In lieu of Mr. Landgaard's inability to attend, I.S.D. 518 representatives Stephen Schnieder and David Skog attended. Background regarding the situation was discussed; Worthington's ISD 518 Intermediate School opened in August, 2022. Nobles County bid roadway C.S.A.H. 10/Crailsheim Drive improvements in 2022 with those bids being received at 75% more than the Engineers cost estimate. Those bids were subsequently denied by Nobles County leaving limited construction options before school opened. The present design and construction was performed by Nobles County Public Works using the available timeline and resources. Mr. Holmbeck subsequently reported to the County Board of Commissioners that other improvements could be considered after ongoing and future development was known for this C.S.A.H. 10/Crailsheim corridor. Engineer Holmbeck stated pedestrian safety was the number one priority while making improvements to the roadway, which is what he feels was completed. If the school feels there should be more lanes of traffic or turn lanes, that is not adding to pedestrian safety. Commissioners stated that the school needs to prioritize money to the project as the County has hundreds of miles of roads they need to maintain. While Commissioner Demuth stated he does not intent to abandon CSAH 10, he felt the County did a good job with the work that has been completed. Commissioner Ahlers stated he did not want the issue to come up at every City, County, College, School meeting. At this time the County would not focus any more projects on CSAH 10.

VOTING

It was passed to not consider further improvements to CSAH 10 at this time, but the issue could be re-examined in the future if deemed necessary by the County Engineer.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

In Favor: Ahlers, Justin; Paplow, Bob; Dybeveck, Chris; Metz, Gene

Opposed: Demuth, Robert S.

8.2 | **Public Works Added Electrical Infrastructure**

Attachments:

Fulda Electric Quote

Walker Electric Quote

The current electrical infrastructure within the Worthington Public Works Building will not support a plasma cutter that is required for shop employees. Quotes were attached for review to upgrade the electrical to support the equipment.

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve the quote from Fulda Electrical Service, Inc. for \$14,066.69.

Moved by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

8.3 | **Prairie Justice Center – Evidence and Impound Storage**

The current law enforcement plan for storing impounded vehicles is to park them around the south and then eastern portions of the Prairie Justice Center. A new plan is recommended by the Law Enforcement Committee to address this issue and to create additional space for evidence and possibly Corrections and Maintenance Department Storage, respectively. The Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) comprises of two Nobles County Commissioners, the County Sheriff, and County Administrator. The City of Worthington is represented by two City Councilmembers, the Police Chief, and the City Administrator. One at large community member also participates. The LEC met on Thursday, June 1, 2023 to discuss this topic, offer recommendations, and to act upon the following quotes and the resulting Total Estimate:

	60 x 80	60 x 120
Building Quotes	\$107,193.00	\$139,663.00
Fence Quote	\$48,758.00	\$48,758.00
Cement Quote	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00
Electric Quote	\$7,000.00	\$10,000.00
Site Prep	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Total Estimate	\$292,951.00	\$343,421.00

The LEC acted to recommend to respective Boards the quotes pertaining to the “60x120” Total Estimate. Ongoing discussion regarding other project scenarios took place prior to Committee Action. The County and City will now individually act upon the LEC’s recommendation. Discussion was had on cost sharing with the City of Worthington but ultimately the Commissioners felt they did not have enough information to vote. The item was tabled until the June 20, 2023 meeting.

VOTING

It was duly passed to table the Prairie Justice Center Evidence and Impound Storage discussion until the June 20, 2023 board meeting.

Moved by: Dybevick, Chris

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

8.4 Enterprise Fleet Management – Leased Vehicles

Attachments:

Sheriff Vehicle Quote

Car Pool Quote

Sheriff Ryan Kruger and Administrator Bruce Heitkamp both addressed vehicle acquisition items with the Commissioners during the May 31, 2023 Board Work Session. Enterprise Fleet Management (“Enterprise”) have provided lease quotes to address these vehicle acquisition items.

Staff have investigated and compared county purchase and excess property-sale practices with options offered through Enterprise. A lease arrangement through Enterprise currently offers comparable advantages to current practices. A lease through Enterprise also offers remedies relating to the inability to acquire vehicles in a timely manner.

Two Open-End Lease Rate Quotes are offered by Enterprise for the following vehicles and correlating Departments:

Administration Department (Carpool) 2023 Chevy Malibu

Sheriff Department 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility

VOTING

It was duly passed to approve the lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility.

Moved by: Ahlers, Justin

Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

It was duly passed to approve the lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2023 Chevy Malibu.

Moved by: Metz, Gene

Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.

9.0 Inter-Agency Reports / Announcements

9.1 Committee and Board Reports

Attorney – Joe Sanow – No Report.

District I – Commissioner Ahlers – No Report.

District III – Commissioner Paplow – No Report.

District II – Commissioner Metz – No Report.

District V – Commissioner Dybevic – No Report.

District IV – Commissioner Demuth – No Report.

Administration – Reported on planning Coffee with Commissioners in Ellsworth. Also reported on planning a meeting on the legalization of cannabis with local cities.

9.2	Correspondence Attachments: Recruitment Memo
9.3	Calendar Attachments: June 2023
10.0	Other / Future Business
AMC District Meeting – Thursday June 8, 2023 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Generations Event Center, 105 S. Estey Street, Luverne, MN County Board of Appeal & Equalization – Tuesday May 13, 2023 6:00 p.m. Government Center Board Room, Worthington, MN Board Meeting – Tuesday June 20, 2023 9:00 a.m. Government Center Board Room, Worthington, MN Work Session – Wednesday June 28, 2023 8:30 a.m. Government Center Board Room, Worthington, MN	
11.0 Adjournment It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	



Nobles County Board Chair



Nobles County Administrator