OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The Board of Commissioners of Nobles County met in regular session on **Tuesday, October 6th, 2026** at the Government Center, in the Commissioner's Board Room, Worthington, Minnesota.

The following Commissioners attended: Chris Dybevick, Robert S. Demuth, Bob Paplow, Gene Metz & Justin Ahlers

County Commissioner 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 w/ Addition of 7.2	
VOTING It was duly passed to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by: Paplow, Bob Seconded by: Metz, Gene	
4.0 Recognition	
4.1 Visitors and Guests Welcome	
4.2 Excellence in Performance – Cody Blehr	
5.1	**September 22nd, 2026 Regular Board Meeting** Attachments: September 22nd, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
5.2	**Meetings and Conferences – Travel Expenses** Attachments: Expenses paid October 6th, 2026
5.3	**Auditor's & Commissioner's Warrants** Attachments: Auditor's Warrants Vendors paid totaling more than $2,000
Voting It was duly passed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Demuth, Robert S.	
6.0 Department Presentations	
6.1	**Double D Truck Wash LLC – C.U.P 11-2026**
Double D Truck wash LLC Adrian, MN, a request for the addition of a 50' x 96' storage 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 CUP and all procedures shall apply as if a new permit were being issued. This parcel of land is located on the SW1/4, Section 22, Township 101 North, Range 42W, Little Rock Township.	
Voting It was duly passed to Approve Double D Truck Wash LLC – C.U.P 11-2026. Moved by: Metz, Gene Seconded by: Paplow, Bob	

6.2	Contract 25004 Final Acceptance - 2025 Township Bridge Replacements

Henning Construction, Inc. has completed the projects and the work has been inspected by the County Highway Department. The final payment of $53,789.14, which represents the remaining 5% retainage on the contract, requires board approval. The final pay request, the prime contractor's certification of acceptance, the certificate of final acceptance by the County Board (to be completed), and contractor affidavit (IC-134) for the prime contractor and subcontractors

Voting

It was duly passed to Approve Resolution Number 202632 accepting the work completed for Contract 25004 and authorize final payment in the amount of $53,789.14 to Henning Construction, Inc.
Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.
Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

6.3 (A)	Consideration To Approve a Child Care Provider Fund Grant – Applicant 36

A newly licensed family child care provider has applied for a grant to purchase equipment for a special family child care program. The equipment to be purchased will support learning, play, rest, and meals and many of the items will improve the safety and functionality of the space. A computer is also included which will be used to order supplies, submit required documentation to state and county agencies, maintain records, and manage daily operations. Family child care providers may apply for a one-time grant of up to $4,000. The proposed materials and equipment total $5,043.02, and the applicant has requested the maximum grant amount of $4,000.

Voting

It was duly passed to Approve the request for a $4,000 Child Care Provider Grant for Applicant – 36.
Moved by: Paplow, Bob
Seconded by: Metz, Gene

6.3 (B)	Consideration To Approve an Expansion & Capacity Fund Grant – Applicant 37

The owner of a newly constructed host site for family childcare providers has applied for a grant to purchase equipment for their facility. The equipment will support creating a safe and functional space for childcare providers to operate their businesses. Item's to be purchased include completion of fencing for an outdoor space and generators to ensure consistent power sources. Host sites for family child care providers may apply for up to $35,000 in grant funding. The proposed materials and equipment in this initial application total $21,115.44, leaving a balance of up to $13,884.56 for future needs.

Voting

It was duly passed to Approve the request for a $21,115.44, Expansion & Capacity Grant for Applicant – 37.
Moved by: Demuth, Robert S.
Seconded by: Metz, Gene

6.4	2027 Insurance Renewal

We have received our health insurance renewal information for the 2027 plan year. We are bringing the renewal to the Board for discussion so we can review the changes, understand the financial impact, and consider the options available to us. PEIP, our health insurance carrier, has provided the renewal rates for the 2027 plan year. After three years of single digit percentage increases, we were given a 25% increase on all offered plans. There are no changes to the actual plans offered.

Voting

It was duly passed to Table this to the Next Board Meeting.
Moved by: Metz, Gene
Seconded by: Paplow, Bob

7.0 Administration Presentations

7.1	Mental Health Short-Term Crisis Stabilization Center - Exterior Privacy Fence Options

Nobles County is working with other counties and mental health consortium partners to establish a mental health short term crisis stabilization center in Worthington. A grant is obtained which already retrofitted a stabilization center space within the Nobles County Prairie Justice Center. Staff are seeking Commissioner approval to use the grant funds to now install a 6' privacy fence on the exterior of this site. The belief is this will make it more presentable to all who visit the center.

Voting

It was duly passed to Approve Boltjes Incorporated Quote of $7,730.00 for the Fencing Project.
Moved by: Paplow, Bob
Seconded by: Metz, Gene

7.2	Government Center Sanitary Plumbing Repairs

The Nobles County Government Center is commonly recognized in two segments: 9th Street Side and 10th Street Side. The 10th Street Side sanitary plumbing has experienced multiple sanitary sewer failures within the past few years. Several different remedies have been attempted but public restrooms and other plumbing fixtures have been shut down on multiple occasions.

Voting

It was duly passed to Adopt by resolution 202633 as a utility emergency for the Government Center.
For: Demuth, Paplow & Mets
Against: Dybevick

Closed Session

8.0 Inter-Agency Reports

8.1	Committee & Board Reports

Commissioner, District 1, Justin Ahlers: Absent.
Commissioner, District 2, Gene Metz: No Report.
Commissioner, District 3, Bob Paplow: Plumbing Update.
Commissioner, District 4, Robert S. Demuth: No Report.
Commissioner, District 5, Chris Dybevick: Solitary Waste Meeting Update.
Attorney, Braden Hoefert: New Proposed Legislative Bill Update.
Administration, Bruce Heitkamp: Project Updates.

8.2	Correspondence
8.3	Calendar

9.0 Other / Future Business

Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 20th, 2026
9:00 a.m. Government Center Board Room, Worthington, MN
Work Session – Wednesday, October 28th, 2026
8:30 a.m. Government Center Board Room, Worthington, MN

10.0 Adjournment

It was duly passed to adjourn the meeting @ 10:06 a.m.
Moved by: Paplow, Bob
Seconded by: Metz, Gene

Nobles County Board Chair

Nobles County Administrator