

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
APRIL 16, 2024

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Goodhue County Boardroom, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Flanders, Majerus, Betcher and Greseth all present. The board met again in closed session at 11:30 a.m. for attorney client privilege to discuss threatened litigation with regard to contract #62416.

C/Greseth asked for any disclosure of interest. There were none.

- ¹ Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the April 2, 2024, County Board meeting minutes.
- ² Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the April 16, 2024, County Board Agenda.
- ³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

C/Betcher requested to move item #1 *Approve to apply for the Styrofoam Densifier Grant* from the consent agenda and add it under the Public Works Director's report.

- 1.
2. Approve the 2023 County Feedlot Officer Annual Report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Sexual Assault Awareness & Child Abuse Prevention Month. Assistant County Attorney, Erin Kuester, addressed the board and requested to recognize and proclaim the month of April 2024 as Sexual Assault awareness month and Child Abuse Prevention Month in Goodhue County.

- ⁴ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following proclamation in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month in Goodhue County:

Whereas, the issues of sexual violence and child abuse, have many connections. Both are part of overarching experiences of harm that contribute to the continued reproduction of trauma and oppression in society and across generations.

Whereas, nationally one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime and one in five girls and one in twenty boys is a victim of child sexual abuse; and

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month draws attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has implications for every community member; and

Whereas, Child Abuse Awareness Month is a time of recognition for the current issues affecting the safety, happiness, and wellness of children; and

Whereas, the purpose of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month is to raise public awareness about these issues, educate our community on how to prevent it and share resources available to those impacted by sexual assault and child abuse.

Whereas, both sexual violence and child abuse are preventable and there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence and child abuse through prevention education, increased awareness, and supporting families; and

Whereas, there are actions we can take within our communities, organizations, and families to address the root causes of child abuse and sexual violence; and

Whereas, ending child abuse and sexual violence is a community responsibility. We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent child abuse and sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

Whereas, anyone can be a leader in preventing and ending child abuse and sexual violence. As employers, educators, parents, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and fear; and

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Goodhue County Board, on behalf of all residents of Goodhue County, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse

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Prevention Month in Goodhue County, to keep our community members safe from these crimes and to stand with survivors and victims of sexual assault and child abuse

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CONSIDER: CUP Request for a Self-Service Storage Facility. Request for CUP, submitted by Breanna Kohn (Owner) for a new self-service storage facility with 70 storage units of varying size in 3 structures. Parcel 46.017.0300. 13450 HWY 61 BLVD Welch, MN 55089. The N 5 acres of the E ½ of the E ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 17 TWP 113 Range 16 in Welch Township. B (Business) Zoned District.

The Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval with conditions.

- ⁵ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Greseth and C/Majerus dissenting to approve to adopt the staff report into the record; adopt the findings of fact; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request submitted by Breanna Kohn (Owner, Back Country Properties LLC) for a new self-service storage facility with 70 storage units of varying sizes in 3 structures. Subject to the recommended conditions along with an additional condition that the only access point be from the east.

C/Flanders requested to hear from the property owners on their perspective on the additional condition of the east access point. Jacob Kohn commented that they would prefer to see the access point stay where it was planned.

C/Flanders questioned the motion made by C/Anderson. C/Anderson made a motion to reconsider.

- ⁶ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to reconsider the application Request for CUP, submitted by Breanna Kohn (Owner) for a new self-service storage facility with 70 storage units of varying size in 3 structures with the additional condition to use the east driveway.

- ⁷ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, motion failed (2-3-0) with C/Flanders, C/Greseth, and C/Majerus dissenting to approve to add a condition to the proposed permit that the east access be the only access used on the property.

- ⁸ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to adopt the staff report into the record; adopt the findings of fact; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request submitted by Breanna Kohn (Owner, Back Country Properties LLC) for a new self-service storage facility with 70 storage units of varying sizes in 3 structures. Subject to the following conditions:

1. The use shall be conducted according to submitted plans, specifications, and narrative unless modified by a condition of this CUP;
2. Applicant shall obtain Building Permit approvals from the Goodhue County Land Use Management Department prior to constructing the buildings;
3. Applicant shall obtain variance approval from the Goodhue County Board of Adjustment prior to constructing buildings that do not meet required setbacks;
4. Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to, Article 27 (Business District); and Article 11, Section 34 (Self-Service Storage Facilities); and
5. A grading and drainage plan shall be submitted for review to the Zoning Administrator. This plan shall show compliance with Article 11 Section 22. MnDOT District 6 and the Zoning Administrator shall approve this plan before grading and landscaping work commence on-site. This requirement shall not apply to excavation associated with septic installation.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

School Resource Officers Contract. Sheriff Kelly updated the board on the developments regarding the School Resource Officer (SRO) contracts with the city of Zumbrota-Mazeppa and Pine Island School Districts for the

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upcoming school year 2024/2025. The proposed proposal reflects a fee of \$70,000 for the school year from both districts. This adjustment aims to streamline the agreement process and ensure fairness and consistency across the board. Staff recommended approval of the proposed contract.

- ⁹ Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the proposed School Resource Officer Contract for the 2024/2025 school year with Zumbrota-Mazeppa and Pine Island School Districts.

Public Hearing- Body Worn Camera Program. Sheriff Kelly addressed the board regarding the Body Worn Camera Program. In compliance with Minnesota Statute, the county board must hold a public hearing and solicit public input on the proposed policy governing the program.

- ¹⁰ Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

C/Greseth asked three times for public comment. There was none.

- ¹¹ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

- ¹² Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve Body Worn Cameras and the Body Worn Camera Policy.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Personnel Committee Report. The Personnel Committee met on April 16, prior to the board meeting with the following items on the agenda:

Public Works- Solid Waste. Currently there is a solid waste official position that has been vacant since August of 2023. In addition, the solid waste coordinator has announced that he will be retiring the end of 2024 or first quarter of 2025. Staff recommended combining the two positions into one solid waste manager.

C/Majerus was in favor of working with the city of Red Wing to have one recycling center.

- ¹³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Majerus dissenting to approve the combine the solid waste official and the solid waste coordinator to have one solid waste manager at the recycling center.

Public Works Park and Trails position. This item was on the Personnel Committee on April 2. Discussion was tabled to the Committee of the Whole meeting which was held on April 16 prior to the county board meeting.

C/Betcher wanted to see the request come through the budget process. C/Majerus questioned the pay grade on the position and if the Parks and Trails should be in a different department. In addition, he suggested talking with Dakota County to see if they could do some of the work without creating a new county position.

- ¹⁴ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and motion failed (2-3-0) with C/Betcher, C/Flanders, and C/Majerus dissenting to approve to hire a Public Works Park and Trails position.

Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Flanders, to approve option 2 of the staff report to keep the current organizational structure, attempt to fill the current administration vacancies, and consider the Parks and Trails Manager position in the future and contract for the immediate work that needed to be done at Byllesby Park.

C/Majerus suggested the motion be removed for further study to determine what duties needed to be contracted out. C/Betcher and C/Flanders agreed. Motion was removed.

Land Use Management Succession. The committee recommended moving forward with option 5 of the staff report.

- ¹⁵ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve option #5 of the staff report to separate Land Use Management duties into two departments: County Surveyor/Recorder/GIS and Land Use Management and advertise internal/externally for a department head for each department.

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GCHHS New- Ongoing Public Health Foundational Responsibility Request. This issue will be addressed at the Health and Human Services Board meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Approve to apply for the Styrofoam Densifier Grant. This item was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. Assistant Engineer, Jake Rezac, addressed the board.

C/Betcher requested further information including costs associated with getting the new equipment, potentially needing additional space and employees for the new equipment and it not being clear if we had some place to bring the Styrofoam.

¹⁶ Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to table applying for the Styrofoam densifier grant to a future meeting to allow for staff to bring additional information including the costs associated with accepting the grant should it be awarded to the county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	• Mississippi Clean Up Challenge
Administrator Arneson	•

New Business. C/Greseth requested a Committee of the Whole to consider options for a transfer station in one of our communities.

Review and Approve the County Claims

¹⁷ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01- General Revenue \$266,113.73, 03-Public Works \$157,464.31, 11- Human Service Fund \$33,443.94, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$170.10, 34- Capital Equipment \$135,328.25, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$10,767.31, 72-Other Agency Funds \$00, 81-Settlement \$36.00, in the total amount of \$603,323.64.

11:30 a.m.- Closed Session

Attorney client privilege to discuss threatened litigation about contract # 62416

¹⁸ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to move to a closed session County Board Meeting.

¹⁹ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to open the County Board Meeting.

Adjourn

²⁰ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to adjourn the April 16, 2024, County Board Meeting.

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SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TODD GRESETH, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the April 2, 2024, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the consent agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness & Child Abuse Prevention Month. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved the CUP for Breanna Kohn in Welch Township. (Motion carried 3-2-0)
6. Approved to reconsider the CUP for Breanna Kohn in Welch Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Motion to add a condition to the CUP for Breanna Kohn in Welch Township. (Motion failed 2-3-0)
8. Approved the CUP for Breanna Kohn in Welch Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved the 2024/2025 School Resource Officers Contracts. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved the Body Worn Camera Program and Policy. (Motion carried 5-0)
13. Approved to hire a solid waste coordinator. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
14. Motion to hire a Parks and Trails Manager. (Motion failed 2-3-0)
15. Approved to split Land Use Management into two departments. (Motion carried 5-0)
16. Approved to table the application for the Styrofoam densifier grant. (Motion carried 5-0)
17. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
18. Approved to move to a closed session. (Motion carried 5-0)
19. Approved to move to open session. (Motion carried 5-0)
20. Approved to adjourn the April 16, 2024, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)