

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
JANUARY 2, 2024

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Goodhue County Boardroom, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Flanders, Betcher and Greseth all present. C/Betcher appeared from 30133 Lakeview Ave, Red Wing, MN. All votes would be roll call votes.

Administrator Arneson called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for the 2024 Goodhue County Board Chair.

C/Majerus nominated C/Greseth for the 2024 Goodhue County Board Chair.

¹ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to close nominations and appoint Commissioner Greseth as the 2024 Goodhue County Board Chair.

C/Greseth asked for nominations for the 2024 Goodhue County Board Vice Chair.

C/Majerus nominated C/Brad Anderson for the 2024 Goodhue County Board Vice Chair.

² Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to close nominations and appoint Commissioner Anderson as the 2024 Goodhue County Board Vice Chair.

C/Greseth asked for any disclosure of interest.

³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the December 21, 2023, County Board meeting minutes.

⁴ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the January 2, 2024, County Board Agenda.

⁵ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda as amended:

1. Approve Election Emergency Plan
2. Approve Emergency Polling Place Designation Agreements
3. Approve 2024 Mileage Reimbursement Rate Policy
4. Approve Bid Date Authorization 2024
5. Approve Mailbox Support Policy Update
6. Approve Setting a LOST Public Hearing Date
7. Approve the 2024 Federal Boating Safety Supplement Equipment grant contract.
8. Approve the sale of a kitchen food mixer via Public Surplus.
9. Approve the Gambling Permit for Frontenac Sportsman Club for February 10, 2024 at the Frontenac Pond.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING: Consider Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance Updates - Floodplain Repetitive Loss
Proposed amendments to Article 32 (Floodplain District) to add Repetitive Loss language.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed updates.

⁶ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

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

⁷ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

⁸ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation and adopt the staff report into the record; accept the testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the amendments to Article 32 (Floodplain District).

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PUBLIC HEARING: Consider Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance Updates - Solid Waste Transfer Facilities Proposed amendments to Article 10 (Definitions), Article 11 (Performance Standards), and Article 20 (Table of Uses) to allow Solid Waste Transfer Facilities.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed updates.

⁹ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

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

¹⁰ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

¹¹ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation and adopt the staff report into the record; accept the testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the amendments to Articles 10 (Definitions), 11 (Performance Standards), and 20 (Table of Uses) regarding Transfer Stations.

COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT

Finance Director Replacement. This issue was discussed at a previous board meeting with action postponed until further information could be discussed with county commissioners as well as input from the Management Team. Following those discussions, it is recommended that the board approve the current delivery model for the Finance and Taxpayer Services Office and initiate the internal only posting of the Finance Director position at this time. In the event an internal candidate is selected to fill the role, the recommendation is to promptly backfill any vacated position.

¹² Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to approve the current delivery model for the Finance and Taxpayer Services Office and initiate the internal only posting of the Finance Director position at this time. In the event an internal candidate is selected to fill the role, the recommendation is to promptly backfill any vacated position.

2024 County Board Meeting Dates. Minnesota Statutes 13D.04 outline the requirements for notice of public meetings. This statute requires that "a schedule of the regular meetings of a public body shall be kept on file at its primary offices." Staff recommended the Board set the time and location for all of its regularly scheduled meetings

¹³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to conduct 2024 county board meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Goodhue County Board Room. The 1st meeting in May will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. at Kenyon City Hall, Kenyon and the first meeting in July and August will take place at the Cannon Valley Fair and the Goodhue County Fair.

2024 Official Publication. Minnesota Statute 375.12 requires County Boards to let an annual contract to a qualified newspaper for publication of its official proceedings. This must be approved at the first regular session of the board in January each year. The newspaper will also be designated as the official newspaper for the County's other public notices. Three bids were received. Staff recommends that the County Board open the sealed bids and designate the County's Official Publication for 2024 to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bids received: The Kenyon leader rate was \$3 per inch for each insertion; The News Record rate was \$5.25 per inch for each insertion and Republican Eagle rate was \$4 per inch for each insertion.

¹⁴ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to name the lowest responsible bidder, The Kenyon leader as the 2024 Goodhue County Official Publication at the following rate:

First insertion \$ 3 per column inch.

Subsequent insertions \$ 3 per column inch.

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2024 Committee Structure Appointments. Staff recommended the board approve the proposed 2024 Committee Structure as presented. Administrator Arneson noted that there were three committees that still needed to be filled.

C/Betcher offered to sit on the Insurance Committee and the MN Inner City Passenger Rail Forum. C/Greseth offered to sit on the SELCO Committee.

¹⁵ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the 2024 Committee Structure Appointments as presented.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

County Canvassing Board Appointments. Staff recommended the board approve which commissioners would participate in the 2024 canvassing board meetings. The board discussed the issue and determined:

- C/Flanders and C/Anderson for the Presidential Nomination Primary- March 5, 2024
- C/Anderson and C/Majerus for the State Primary Election- August 13, 2024
- C/Anderson and C/Majerus for the State General Election- November 5, 2024

¹⁶ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the following County Canvassing Board Appointments:

- C/Flanders and C/Anderson for the Presidential Nomination Primary- March 5, 2024
- C/Anderson and C/Majerus for the State Primary Election- August 13, 2024
- C/Anderson and C/Majerus for the State General Election- November 5, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

New Business. C/Majerus noted that the State of Minnesota has redesigned the state flag and seal. C/Majerus made a motion to not spend any time or money on updating the flag unless we are told we must. C/Greseth seconded the motion. Administrator Arneson noted that staff planned to follow any appeals and follow suite if and when the legislature does anything. After that point in time, the county would need to follow the law and any sunset provisions on using the old flag versus the new.

C/Majerus withdrew his motion knowing that no dollars would be spent until the county receives legal direction from the state legislature on the issue. C/Greseth withdrew his second.

Review and Approve the County Claims

¹⁷ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$811,381.15, 03-Public Works \$70,578.48, 11- Human Service Fund \$53,311.44, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$149.90, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$135.00, 34-Capital Equipment \$80,179.77, 35-Debt Services \$302.58, 61-Waste Management \$1,665.17, 72-Other Agency Funds \$147,640.60, 81-Settlement \$60,546.56, in the total amount of \$1,225,890.65.

Adjourn

¹⁸ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to adjourn the January 2, 2024, County Board Meeting.

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SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TODD GRESETH, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the December 21, 2023, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved to appoint Todd Greseth as the 2024 County Board Chair. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved to appoint Brad Anderson as the 2024 County Board Vice Chair. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved the county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved the consent agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved the County Zoning Ordinance Updates- Floodplain Repetitive Loss. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved the County Zoning Ordinance Updates- Solid Waste Transfer Facilities. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved to replace the vacant Finance Director position. (Motion carried 5-0)
13. Approved to set the annual 2024 county board meeting dates. (Motion carried 5-0)
14. Approved the Kenyon Leader as the 2024 Official Publication. (Motion carried 5-0)
15. Approved the 2024 Committee Appointments. (Motion carried 5-0)
16. Approved the 2024 Canvassing Board Commissioner Appointments. (Motion carried 5-0)
17. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
18. Approved to adjourn the January 2, 2024, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)