

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN**  
**MARCH 4, 2025**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Goodhue County Boardroom, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Flanders, Betcher and Greseth all present.

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

<sup>1</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the February 18, 2025, County Board meeting minutes.

<sup>2</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the March 4, 2025, County Board Agenda as amended:

- Administrator Arneson added the attorney contract with Gorman Lodermeier to number 4 on the consent agenda.
- C/Anderson requested discussion on the snowmobile trail agreement and LUP that was approved at the previous board meeting under the Public Works Director's report.

<sup>3</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the 2025-28 Renewal Land Leases.
2. Approve Auction Items
3. Approve the resolution to support federal reimbursement of vests for all first responders.
4. Approve the 2025-2027 Court Appointed Attorney Contracts.
5. Approve gambling permit application Bellechester Lions

**FINANCE AND TAXPAYERS SERVICES REPORT**

**City of Zumbrota TIF Proposal.** The Finance Department received notice of a proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District No. 1-20 from the City of Zumbrota on February 14, 2025. Staff does not see any issues with the proposed TIF; however, the Board should inform staff if they have any significant comments, they would like relayed to the City of Zumbrota regarding the use of their proposed TIF.

**Potential Community Energy Transition (CET) Grant.** Staff recommended applying for the CET Grant for the remaining available balance of \$499,750. The purpose would be to restart and expand the building permit reimbursement program. The enhanced program would allow permit reimbursements for new construction for all commercial, industrial, and residential buildings as well as sewer access charges (SAC) and water access charges (WAC) fees associated with these structures.

<sup>4</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve applying for the CET Grant for the remaining available balance of \$499,750.

**GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.** Staff announced that the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Goodhue County for the annual comprehensive financial report (audit) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. This was the fifth consecutive year that Goodhue County has achieved this award.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Schedule a Public Hearing to Discuss Variance Request for Access.** Staff recommended the County schedule a public hearing at the April 1, 2025, county board meeting, to discuss a variance request for the property at 35220 County 14 Boulevard in Leon Township.

<sup>5</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to conduct a public hearing on April 1, 2025, to discuss a variance request for the property at 35220 County 14 Blvd in Leon Township.

**Snowmobile Trail Agreement and LUP.** C/Anderson noted that he was contacted by the Snowmobile Association and the resolution the board approved regarding the trails at the February 18, 2025, county board meeting, had an insurance requirement of \$1.5 million. The trails current insurance was for \$1 million. The cost to add the additional

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\$500,000 would cost each club approximately \$800 each. C/Anderson asked if the board was willing to lower that requirement for only this year to \$1 million.

<sup>6</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to lower the insurance requirements for the Snowmobile Trail Agreement and Limited Use Permits to \$1 million for the current snowmobile season.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Broadband proposals for FY26 Community Project Funding.** Staff recommended the board consider to approve the submission of the Nuvera and Mediacom proposals for FY26 Community Project Funding to provide rural broadband in Goodhue County.

<sup>7</sup> Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Greseth and C/Majerus dissenting to approve the submission of the Nuvera as the first project and Mediacom as the second proposal for FY26 Community Project Funding to provide rural broadband in Goodhue County.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

C/Betcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LEC Committee update.</li> </ul>
C/Greseth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
C/Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract Meeting update.</li> </ul>
C/Majerus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
C/Flanders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AMC Public Safety Committee update. League of MN Cities recruitment and retention presentation update.</li> </ul>
Administrator Arneson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

**Review and Approve the County Claims**

<sup>8</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$418,994.53, 03-Public Works \$295,915.75, 11- Human Service Fund \$80,326.62, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$892.95, 34-Capital Equipment \$53,032.65, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$1,547.52, 72-Other Agency Funds \$89,070.28, 81-Settlement \$5,986.90, in the total amount of \$945,767.20.

**Adjourn**

<sup>9</sup> Moved by C/, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to adjourn the March 4, 2025, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**MINUTE**

1. Approved the February 18, 2025, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the March 4, 2025, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)

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3. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved to apply for the Community Energy Transition Grant. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved to schedule a public hearing on April 1,2025, board meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved to modify the insurance requirement for the Snowmobile Trail Agreement/LUP's. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved the submissions from Nuvera and Mediacom for FY26 Community Project Funding to provide rural broadband in Goodhue County. (Motion carried 3-2)
8. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved to adjourn the March 4, 2025, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)

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