

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN**  
**MAY 7, 2024**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Kenyon City Council Chambers, 709 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kenyon, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Flanders, Majerus, Betcher and Greseth all present.

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

<sup>1</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the April 16, 2024, County Board meeting minutes.

<sup>2</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the May 7, 2024, County Board Agenda.

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

1. Approve the 2024 Federal Supplemental Boating Patrol grant contract.
2. Approve the On-Line Auction- Sale of Obsolete Items.
3. Approve the Sale of Vehicles Via Online Auction
4. Approve to Award 2024 Fall Box Culvert Contract.
5. Approve Township Bridge Replacement Agreements.
6. Approve the 2024 AIS Contracts

**LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Request for Map Amendment (Rezone). Request, submitted by Jon Heitman (Owner) to rezone 1.73 acres from A-3 (Urban Fringe District) to R-1 (Suburban Residence District). Parcel 32.200.0291. Territorial Road Lake City, MN 55041. Part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 31 TWP 112 Range 12 in Florence Township.

The Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval with conditions. This issue required a public hearing.

<sup>4</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

<sup>5</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

<sup>6</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, 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 map amendment request from Jon Heitman (Owner) to rezone 1.73 acres from A-3 (Urban Fringe District) to R-1 (Suburban Residence District).

**CONSIDER: CUP Request to Elevate a Dwelling within a Floodplain by Means Other than Fill.** Request submitted by Rose and Wayne Decklever (Owners) to elevate a proposed dwelling above the base flood elevation of a Floodplain area by means of a "tuck under" garage foundation. Parcel 32.130.0190. 29282 Lake Avenue Way Frontenac, MN 55026. Lot 1 Block 8 of the Town of Frontenac plat. R-1 (Suburban Residence) District.

The Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval with conditions.

<sup>7</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, 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 Rose and Wayne Decklever to elevate a proposed dwelling above the Base Flood Elevation of a Floodplain area by means of a "tuck under" garage foundation. Subject to the following conditions:

1. Activities shall be conducted according to submitted plans, specifications, and narrative unless modified by a condition of this CUP;
2. Applicants shall obtain all required Building and Environmental Health permits before beginning construction;
3. Applicants shall provide a preliminary Elevation Certificate prior to issuance of any building permits;

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- 4. Applicants shall provide an as-built Elevation Certificate verifying the first-floor elevation and all electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities meet or exceed the regulatory flood protection elevation (RFPE) of 683.0 feet mean sea level; and
- 5. Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to, Article 24 (Suburban Residence District), Article 31 (Shoreland Regulations), and Article 32 (Floodplain District).

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**State Park Road Funding for CSAH 28 Update.** Staff updated the board on funding for the paving of CSAH 28 in Frontenac State Park. County staff was made aware of a funding source through the MnDNR, and applied for those funds on CSAH 28, due to its nature as a park access road. On April 1, 2024, County staff received notice from the MnDNR that the project was awarded \$326,121.05 in funding through the State Park Road Account (SPRA). Due to the bid price of the CSAH 28 project being slightly higher than the estimate, the SRPA funds account for 49.3% of the costs for construction. Prior to the award of SPRA funds, staff was proposing to fund the paving of CSAH 28 with the County's allotment of State Aid funds. This was for information only.

**CSAH 11 Funding.** Early in 2024 Public Works staff worked on a funding application that was available for federal monies allocated to Mn/DOT's District 6. Public Works has been notified that Goodhue County will be receiving federal funding dollars for a planned grading project on CSAH 11 that will be happening in 2028. This was for information only.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Social Media Policy.** Outreach and Communications Coordinator, Briggs Topple addressed the board on behalf of the Communications Committee. Staff recommended the board approve the updated Social Media Policy.

C/Anderson requested an update on the issue in six months.

- <sup>8</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the updated Social Media Policy as presented with a review provided to the board in six months.

**Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Environmental Impact Study Comments.** The Department of Commerce (DOC) has begun the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the additional storage of spent nuclear fuel at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP). A proposed letter was included in the board packet and would be submitted as the County submission for the EIS.

**Parks and Trails Position- C/Flanders.** At the April 16, 2024, County Board Meeting, Public Works Director, Jess Greenwood, brought forward a request to add a Parks and Trails Manager position in 2024 and delay the replacement of the recently vacated Administrative Support Specialist until 2025. The board took a vote and declined the request (2-3-0) with C/Flanders, C/Betcher, and C/Majerus all voting in the negative. Since that time, C/Flanders, who originally voted in the majority, has met with staff and made a request that the Parks and Trails Position be added to the May 7, 2024, county board agenda for reconsideration.

- <sup>9</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to reconsider the issue to hire a Parks and Trails Position in 2024 and delay the replacement of the Administrative Support Specialist until 2025.

C/Flanders addressed the board regarding the reconsideration of the Parks and Trails position and suggested the position be titled project coordinator to allow for flexibility of duties. C/Betcher asked what immediate duties the position would be handling. County Engineer, Jess Greenwood addressed the board and went through a list of tasks the position would handle.

- <sup>10</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Majerus and C/Betcher dissenting to approve to hire a Parks and Trails Position in 2024 and delay the replacement of the Administrative Support Specialist until 2025 with review of the position duties in six months.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

C/Betcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amtrack train update. LEC lease update.</li> </ul>
C/Greseth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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C/Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) update.</li> </ul>
C/Majerus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
C/Flanders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadband update.</li> </ul>
Administrator Arneson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

**Review and Approve the County Claims**

<sup>11</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$672,447.20, 03-Public Works \$165,593.47, 11- Human Service Fund \$168,618.54, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$152,814.81, 35-Debt Services \$2,125.00, 61-Waste Management \$10,354.06, 72-Other Agency Funds \$110,711.63, 81-Settlement \$1,846.29, in the total amount of \$1,284,511.00

**Adjourn**

<sup>12</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the May 7, 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 16, 2024, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved the Map Amendment and Rezone for Jon Heitman, Florence Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved a conditional use permit for Rose and Wayne Decklever, Frontenac. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved the Social Media Policy. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved to reconsider the Parks and Trails Manager Position. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved to hire a Parks and Trails position. (Motion carried 3-2)
11. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved to adjourn the May 7, 2024, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)