

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
OCTOBER 21, 2025

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Government Center, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Flanders, Betcher, Majerus, and Greseth all present.

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

- 1 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the October 7, 2025, County Board meeting minutes.
- 2 Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the October 21, 2025, County Board Agenda.
- 3 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve Vacation Request Period Letter of Understanding, LELS 91

2. Approve Vacation Request Period Letter of Understanding, LELS 92

3. Approve Resolution for MnDOT Detour Agreement No. 1061445

4. Approve Auction Items

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Access Variance Request- CR 42 Zumbrota. This issue was discussed by the board at the September 16 and October 7 County Board Meetings. County Engineer Jess Greenwood reviewed the staff report with the board.

C/Greseth commented that the board did not have all the facts and information prior to those meetings, and his concern was that everyone follow the permitting process. C/Anderson agreed. The county has an ordinance, and the board is charged with following the ordinance. If the board doesn’t like the ordinance, then they should change it, but at this point that has not been done.

The applicant, Josh Betcher, addressed the board and talked about his concerns with the process.

John Huneke, a neighbor to the applicant, addressed the board in support of the variance request.

The board asked County Attorney Steve O’Keefe to outline available options to consider. Mr. O’Keefe explained that if the board takes no action today, the previous decision remains in effect, meaning the variance is approved. The board could also make a motion to rescind its prior action which would restart the process from the beginning. If the board decided to do nothing today and go forward with the variance approval, Public Works would need to work with the property owner to fix the driveway defects as it stands and that would be part of the process.

C/Betcher felt that was the best solution to keep the process moving forward. The board could approve fixing the new driveway and bringing it up to code and the landowner would have to understand that as part of the conditional use permit process, it may or may not be required to move the other driveway. Mr. O’Keefe agreed. Land Use Management Director, Megan Smith, also agreed. Mr. Betcher stated that he would leave that for the board to determine during the conditional use process.

Mr. O’Keefe stated that if the board wished to pursue it in that regard, it wouldn’t require any action today because the board had already approved the variance, so it would go through Public Works and the permitting process to make sure the driveway was built to code.

C/Betcher felt that it was a solution that was respectful to Mr. Betcher and respectful to the county ordinance and to the Public Works Department.

The board took no action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	LEC meeting.
C/Greseth	City of Pine Island meeting with staff to discuss data center project.

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C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	• Red Wing Housing Summit.
Administrator Arneson	•

New Business. C/Majerus requested that the driveway ordinance be added to the next agenda for review.

Review and Approve the County Claims

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- Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$160,801.87, 03-Public Works \$166,587.76, 11- Human Service Fund \$65,499.94, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$2,500.00, 34-Capital Equipment \$144,466.70, 35-Debt Services \$2,175.00, 61-Waste Management \$12,029.88, 72-Other Agency Funds \$00, 81-Settlement \$91,052.72, in the total amount of \$645,113.87.

Adjourn

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- Moved by C/Majerus, and C/Flanders, carried to approve to adjourn the October 21, 2025, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1.
- Approved the October 7, 2025, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2.
- Approved the October 21, 2025, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3.
- Approved the October 21, 2025, consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4.
- Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
5.
- Approved to adjourn the October 21, 2025, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)