

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN  
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

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The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Goodhue County Boardroom, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Flanders, Betcher, Majerus, Anderson and Greseth all present.

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

- 1 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the October 1, 2024, County Board meeting minutes.
- 2 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the October 15, 2024, County Board Agenda.
- 3 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the City of Dennison policing contract for 2025-2027.
2. Approve the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) Agreements for the City of Cannon Falls, Kenyon, Red Wing and Zumbrota.
3. Approve the Seal Coat Final Payment.

**LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Public Hearing- Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance.** Staff recommended the board conduct a public hearing and following approve the proposed Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance.

C/Anderson pointed out that the fees would be approved when the board approved the fee schedule in December.

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

Jeffery Zimmer, Red Wing, Ruth Greenslade, Red Wing, spoke in support the issue. Wade Otto, Red Wing spoke against the issue. Jay Hill, Red Wing submitted a comment through email.

C/Greseth asked three times if there were any further comments. There were none.

- 5 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.
- 6 Moved by C/Anderson seconded by C/Betcher and carried to approve the Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance as presented.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Service Awards Changes.** The county retention committee recommended the board make the following changes to the employee service awards retroactive to January 1, 2024:

- Double the current award amounts
- Add a tier for 5 years of service
- Change the awards to monetary rewards instead of Wild Wings or Chamber Bucks
- Recipients would be awarded 8 hours of us it or lose it vacation
- The addition of \$10,000 permanent annual funding for the Employee’s Committee

- 7 Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following changes to the employee service awards retroactive to January 1, 2024:

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**Land Use Management Organizational Study.** Staff reviewed the proposed organizational structure changes to the Land Use Management Department following the retirement of the LUM Director and the recent resignation of the Planning and Zoning Administrator. Staff requested direction from the board on how to proceed.

<sup>8</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve option 1 B of the staff report and hire two department heads but consolidate the roles of the Planning & Zoning Administrator with the LUM Director position and replace the Planning & Zoning Administrator with a Zoning Assistant.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Appointment of the County Assessor.** Staff recommended the board approve to appoint Lavon Vieths-Augustine as the County Assessor.

<sup>9</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to appoint the Lavon Vieths-Augustine as the Goodhue County Assessor for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2025.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**Contracted Services- LUM Director/Planning & Zoning Administrator.** Staff recommended the board approve the proposed contract with Megan Smith and Every River LLC, Land Use Consulting & Development, at a rate of \$75/hour.

<sup>10</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the proposed contract with Megan Smith and Every River LLC, Land Use Consulting & Development, at a rate of \$75/hour.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**New Business.** C/Anderson requested that the Juvenile Detention Facility issue be discussed at the next meeting. He supported adding money to the budget to contract for a bed in another facility versus spending any more time looking into creating a Juvenile Detention Facility in Goodhue County. C/Majerus agreed and suggested staff bring forward contracting options.

**Review and Approve the County Claims**

<sup>11</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$824,505.54, 03-Public Works \$1,065,487.26, 11- Human Service Fund \$188,209.47, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$553.03, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$161,914.73, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$23,136.29, 72-Other Agency Funds \$1,682.06, 81-Settlement \$6,531.85, in the total amount of \$2,272,020.23.

**Adjourn**

<sup>12</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the October 15, 2024, County Board Meeting.

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SCOTT O. ARNESON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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TODD GRESETH, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the October 1, 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 Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved the employee service awards. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved the Land Use Management restructure. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved to appoint the county assessor. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved the agreement with Megan Smith. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved to adjourn the October 15, 2024, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)