



GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

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GOODHUE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER, RED WING
APRIL 28, 2020
8:30 A.M.

Virtual Meeting Notice

“Due to concerns surrounding the spread of COVID-19, it has been determined that in-person meetings or meetings conducted under Minn. Stat. 13D.02 a are not practical or prudent. Therefore, meetings that are governed by the Open Meeting Law will temporarily be conducted by telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021.”

“The Goodhue County Budget Committee will be conducting a meeting pursuant to this section on April 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Administration Conference Room. The County Administrator and/or staff will be present at the meeting location. All County Commissioners attending will appear by telephone or other electronic means. The public may monitor the meeting from a remote site by logging into <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/856923925> or calling [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679) beginning at 8:20 a.m. or any time during the meeting.” Access Code: [856-923-925](tel:856923925)

1. Tax Due Date (Class 3a businesses that were closed or significantly reduced due to the Governor's order)
 - a. Extensions
 - b. Delayed Penalties

[Property Tax Penalty Abatement Report](#)

2. 2021 Budget Direction
 - a. Focus on a 0% levy
 - b. Consider **all** capital budgets and look at alternatives
 - c. Consider all areas of the budget that will be prone to reductions due to economic impacts
 - d. Consider county wide salary direction for 2021
 - e. Review vehicle utilization in light of new meeting technology trends
 - f. Consider all tax saving measures

3. Property Acquisition- 621 West 4th Street, Red Wing
Documents:

[Bremseth.pdf](#)



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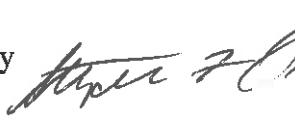
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Goodhue County Budget Committee

FROM: Stephen F. O'Keefe, Goodhue County Attorney 

RE: Property Acquisition: 621 West Fourth Street, Red Wing, Minnesota
(Bremseth Property)

DATE: April 24, 2020

Merchant's Bank and Goodhue County entered into a Purchase Agreement on December 18, 2018, with regard to the above property. 621 West Fourth Street has two parcels associated with it, 55.005.2060, the main parcel where the home is located, and 55.005.2020, a 2 foot X 80 foot strip of property that runs adjacent to the larger parcel on the west side. Due to unresolved contingencies contained in that agreement, the transaction has not finalized. In particular is the contingency required by the County that Merchant's Bank obtain permission from the City of Red Wing to demolish the existing home. Attempts were made; however, the City has not granted that permission. Therefore, the Bank has indicated it intends on cancelling the purchase agreement and market the property for sale.

One complicating factor is the 80 foot X 2 foot strip (Parcel 55.005.2020) that runs along the west side of the home between the Bank owned property and the corner lot owned by Goodhue County. This parcel is scheduled to tax forfeit to the County in mid May. There are issues with this parcel that, if under County ownership, will affect the marketability of the parcel containing the home. To resolve this issue and to cancel the existing purchase agreement, we are asking the Board for authorization to pursue and enter into an agreement with the Bank that will accomplish the following:

- 1) Cancellation of the existing purchase agreement.
- 2) Return of the earnest money to Goodhue County.
- 3) Allow Goodhue County to transfer the tax forfeited two foot parcel to the Bank upon payment of outstanding taxes due and owing on that parcel and an agreement to give Goodhue County the right of first refusal regarding any future purchase offers.

This agreement will allow for return of the \$10,000 earnest money, will allow the Bank to place the property for sale on the open market without any title issues relating to the two foot strip, and will leave open the possibility of the County purchasing the property at a later date after it reassesses its position with regard to needed contingencies.

SFO/dad