



GOODHUE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Administration Conference Room/Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting
May 6, 2020
8:00 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 May 6, 2020 at 8:00 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/455338141> or calling [1 877 568 4106](tel:18775684106) beginning at 8:00 a.m. or any time during the meeting." Access Code: 455-338-141

Staff Present: County Administrator Scott Arneson, Brian Anderson, Andrea Benck, Stacy Lance, Stephen O'Keefe, Paul Drotos, Barney Nesseth, Brad Anderson and Linda Flanders.

Property Tax Penalty Abatement Application and Process. This meeting was scheduled as a follow up to the May 5, 2020, County Board Meeting, where the board gave direction that the application and final process be sent to the budget committee for review and finalization.

The Committee discussed the proposed policy and form developed by staff and determined the following:

- Applications to apply for the abatement were due by May 31, 2020.
- Finance Director will review applications as quick as possible and determine if the applicants meet the qualifications for abatement.
- The program itself goes through June 30, 2020, and reverts back to regular penalty on July 1, 2020.
- Those paying through escrow, or are utility or railroad, must pay taxes by May 15, 2020.
- Final approval of all will be brought to the board.

The Finance Director will revise the proposed form and add a question regarding partial shutdown.

Administrator Arneson noted that staff would send out the press release and the final policy would be brought to the board for formal approval at their next county board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.