



**GOODHUE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**Administration Conference Room**  
**January 12, 2024**  
**9:15 a.m.**

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Staff Present: Commissioner Todd Greseth, Commissioner Brad Anderson, Scott Arneson, Lucas Dahling, Jess Greenwood and Jonathan Huneke.

**Out of State Travel Requests.** The following out of state travel requests were discussed:

*Administration.* County Administrator, Scott Arneson requested approval to attend the following:

- National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference, July 15-16 in Hillsborough County, FL
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference, September 21-25 in Allegheny County, PA
- *County Board.* Staff recommended that one County Commissioner also attend the annual NACO conference July 15-16 in Hillsborough County, FL

*Public Works.* Staff requested approval for the County Engineer and three county staff to attend the Washington Fly-In in Washington DC on September 16-19, and for the County Engineer to attend the NACE Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, CA, April 15-18.

*Emergency Management.* Staff recommended the board approve to send Deputy Director of Emergency Management to Wausau, WI for basic academy training and an RBI (Response to Bombing Incidents) in New Mexico. Costs to cover both trainings will be paid for using the 2023-24 REP budget.

*E911 Training.* In late 2022, MN DPS's Emergency Communication Networks (ECN) announced that professional development trainings and conference opportunities related to dispatch operations are an approved use of E911 grant funds. Eligible staff would be the Sheriff, Chief Deputy, EM-Communications Captain, Public Safety Telecommunicators and PST Sergeants. All of these positions have a direct responsibility for the operation of our Emergency Communications Center (ECC). Staff recommended pre-approval of any announced or unannounced out-of-state travel for eligible staff.

*SAFECOM Training.* EM-Communications Captain Chad Steffen has served as an appointed SAFECOM Public Safety At-Large Member since 2018. In September of 2023, Captain Steffen was elected by membership as the Vice-Chair of SAFECOM's Education & Outreach Committee. Staff recommended the board approve out of state travel to attend any in person meetings committee meetings. Expenses would be paid for, the only commitment by the county would be salary.

*Health & Human Services.* Staff recommended the board approve to send the Community Engagement Specialist to participate in the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) 2.0 Training Pilot Test, January 29-30, in Washington, D.C. This event would be sponsored and paid for by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO).

Staff recommended the board approve to send Deputy Director, Kris Johnson, to NACCHO360 in Detroit, MI, July 23-26. Cost would be paid for using the COVID CDC Workforce Development Grant.

***The Budget Committee recommended approval of the 2024 Out of State Travel Requests.***

**2025 Equipment Order.** Staff recommended the board approve authorization to order a tandem plow truck from the 2025 capital plan to ensure delivery in 2025.

***The Budget Committee recommended approval to pre order a tandem plow truck from the 2025 Capital Plan.***