

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
APRIL 2, 2019

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Government Center, Red Wing, MN with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Nesseth, Drotos and Safe all present.

C/Anderson asked if there were any disclosures of interest. There were none.

¹ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the March 19, 2019, County Board Minutes.

² Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the April 2, 2019, County Board agenda as amended:

Items #2 and #3 under Land Use Mgmt. Director Report – Applications have been withdrawn.

³ Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve Out of State Travel.
2. Approve Sale of Surplus Computer Equipment.
3. Approve Authorization to Set Bid Date for Cannon Valley Trail Bridge Project.
4. Approve the Land Use Management Travel Training Request.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AMC Transportation Funding Resolution. Staff recommended the board approve and submit to AMC the proposed resolution requesting the State Legislature increase funding for the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund.

⁴ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve and submit to AMC the following resolution requesting the State Legislature increase funding for the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund:

WHEREAS Minnesota Counties maintain 30,742 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) roads and 14,141 miles of county roads, totaling over 30% of the state's roadways; and

WHEREAS the total annual need is near \$1billion annually over the next 25 years just to maintain the current CSAH and county road system, not including expansion; and

WHEREAS the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive and sustainable transportation solution should include robust funding for roads, bridges, and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state; and

WHEREAS increased funding for Minnesota's Highway User Tax Distribution Fund would provide additional, stable funds for MnDOT, all 87 counties, all cities with a population of 5,000 or more, and townships across the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2, 2019 Personnel Committee Report. The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, prior to the board meeting with the following items on the agenda:

Summer student and intern pay increase. The Personnel Committee recommended that the Board be more consistent with others around us and did agree with the plan. Everyone would start at \$13.00 this year, \$13.50 for year two, \$14.00 for year three.

C/Nesseth felt this would drive up the wages for local businesses and was not in favor of an increase. Ms. Cushing

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noted that she researched other local businesses in the area and the \$13/hr starting was in line with what they paid.

⁵ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Safe, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Nesseth dissenting to approve the increase to the summer students and intern pay to \$13 for year one, \$13.50 for year two, \$14.00 for year three of returning students.

Zoning Assistant/Permit Technician Replacement. Staff recommended to backfill the Zoning Assistant/Permit Technician (ZA/PT) position that was vacated when Ms. Pierret took the open Zoning Assistant position and replace it with a Permit Technician position. This position also assists the City of Cannon Falls Zoning and the county bills them accordingly.

⁶ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Safe, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Nesseth dissenting to approve to backfill the Zoning Assistant/Permit Technician (ZA/PT) position that was vacated when Ms. Pierret took the open Zoning Assistant position and replace it with a Permit Technician position. This would be a full time position replacing a half time position due to personnel contract with the City of Cannon Falls.

Request to hire a Communications Captain. Ms. Cushing noted that there was a discussion at the personnel committee and tabled until the next meeting to get additional information.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Solar Energy Systems Discussion. At the March 19, 2019 County Board meeting, the topic of placing a moratorium on solar projects within the County was raised. This topic was generated from the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) the night before. At this time, staff does not see a need to initiate a moratorium on solar projects. With the workshop scheduled, we believe it is in everyone's interest to listen to the presentations and get more information on the process. If a moratorium is enacted, we will need to follow the statute (MS 394.34 Interim Zoning).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Solid Waste Hauler Delivery Agreements. Barney stated that he met with two haulers and asked for an addendum for the wait times in the hauler agreement. The City of Red Wing states that nobody in the industry has anything like that. Haulers are concerned that time is money. Mr. Isakson commented that if the county chose to add that language, then City could add that the hauler would need to be there at scheduled times. Drafts were sent out to all haulers looking for feedback.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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| C/Drotos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam Veteran Day – well attended. |
| C/Nesseth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| C/Anderson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiawatha Valley Mental Health open house – cards distributed. May 16th CEDA Annual Meeting- Round Barn in Red Wing. |
| C/Majerus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| C/Safe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Administrator Arneson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |

New and Old Business

C/Nesseth distributed a spreadsheet on tipping fees. His concern was with how the residents will be treated in his commissioner district and thought that it was unfair. He suggested staff investigate how we can recoup the solid waste tax. He questioned if the City of Hastings was getting a better deal than county residents? Also suggested an equalization fund to equalize it for everyone in the County. C/Anderson commented that it has never been equal.

Mr. Isakson would be contacting the City of Red Wing and would schedule the solid waste committee 2-3 weeks out for a meeting.

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Review and Approve the County Claims

- 7 Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$2,140,343.28, 03-Public Works \$24,305.15, 11- Human Service Fund \$23,655.41, 21-ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$66,781.14, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$9,224.75, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$71,914.68, 81-Settlement \$1,178.96, in the total amount of \$2,337,403.37.
- 8 Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to adjourn the April 2, 2019, County Board Meeting.



SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the March 19, 2019 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the April 2, 2019 County Board Meeting Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the Consent Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved Transportation Funding Resolution. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved Summer Intern Salary. (Motion carried 4-1)
6. Approved Zoning/Permit Technician replacement. (Motion carried 4-1)
7. Approved the County Claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved to adjourn the April 2, 2019 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)