# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN JANUARY 7, 2020

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Government Center, Red Wing, MN with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Nesseth, Drotos and Flanders were all present.

Administrator Arneson called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for the 2020 Goodhue County Board Chairman.

C/Flanders nominated C/Drotos as the 2020 Board Chair. C/Nesseth seconded the nomination.

Mr. Arneson asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations.

Moved by C/Anderson seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to appoint Commissioner Drotos as the 2020 Goodhue County Board Chairman.

C/Drotos asked for nominations for the 2020 Goodhue County Board Vice Chairman.

C/Majerus nominated C/Nesseth for the 2020 Goodhue County Board Vice Chairman. C/Flanders seconded the nomination.

C/Drotos asked three times if there were any further nominations for Vice Chair.

Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and moved to approve to appoint Commissioner Nesseth as the 2020 Goodhue County Board Vice Chairman.

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

- Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve the December 17, 2019, County Board Minutes.
- Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the amended January 7, 2020, County Board Agenda as amended:

Administrator Arneson requested to add the approval to appoint a new Driver's License Agent for the City of Cannon Falls due to a retirement as number 5 on the consent agenda.

- Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
  - 1. Approve 2020-2021 Ballot Board.
  - 2. Approve Authorization to Set Bid Dates.
  - 3. Approve the promotion for the position of Patrol Captain.
  - 4. Approve the 2020 Mileage Reimbursement Rate.
  - 5. Approve to appoint Cassie Zimmer as the Deputy Registrar and Driver's License Agent for the City of Cannon Falls.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Establish County Board Meeting Dates for 2020.** Minnesota Statutes 13D.04 outline the requirements for notice of public meetings. This statute requires that "a schedule of the regular meetings of a public body shall be kept on file at its primary offices." Staff recommended the Board set the time and location for all of its regularly scheduled meetings for 2020. Once the board approves the meeting dates, all dates are published on the county calendar on the front page of the website.

Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve that the county board meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. and the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Government Center, Red Wing with the exception of July and August. The Board will meet on July 1 at the Cannon Valley Fair and August 13 at the Goodhue County Fair. In addition the first meeting in May will be in Kenyon at 9:00 a.m. and the March 3 and November 3 meetings would start at 9:00 a.m. due to election

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requirements.

C/Majerus requested this item be on the agenda for the county board workshop.

Goodhue County's 2020 Official County Newspaper. Staff recommended the Board open the sealed bid from the Republican Eagle. Upon inspection and approval, staff recommended the designation of the Republican Eagle as the County's Official Publication for 2020.

Administrator Arneson opened the sealed bid. The rates for 2020 are as follows and represented approximately a 1% increase over the 2019 rates:

1<sup>st</sup> insertion: \$2.81 per line or \$25.29 per inch

Subsequent insertions: \$2.03 per line or \$18.31 per inch

Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to name the Republican Eagle as the County's Official Publication for 2020 at the following rates:

1<sup>st</sup> insertion: \$2.81 per line or \$25.29 per inch

Subsequent insertions: \$2.03 per line or \$18.31 per inch

**2020** Committee Structure. C/Nesseth commented that he was interested in participating in the Red Wing Ignite board. Staff will pass on the information to Red Wing Ignite.

Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve that the 2020 Committee Structure.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

2020 Elected Official Salary. Staff recommended the board set the salary for the County Attorney and the Sheriff.

Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to set the County Attorney's 2020 Salary at grade 90, step 9 at \$140,483.20 and the Sheriff at Grade 90, step 10 at \$146,556.80.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Pine Island TIF District.** The City of Pine Island will be conducting a public hearing on January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment on the establishment of a proposed TIF District. Staff did not see any issues with the proposed TIF. This item was for information only.

### PUBLIC WORK'S DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING for Solid Waste Designation. Greg Isakson reviewed the process the county has been working on for over a decade for the solid waste designation. It was discovered that a state statute required notice period concerning the public hearing was only advertised for one week, when the requirement is two weeks. Staff recommended the board restart the solid waste designation process and conduct another public hearing on February 18, 2020.

Allan Muller, West Ave, Red Wing requested that the meeting not be held on February 18 because he would be out of town.

C/Anderson made a motion to approve staff recommendation to hold a public hearing for the solid waste designation at the regularly scheduled county board meeting on February 18, 2020, and encouraged anyone who could not attend provide their comments to the county board ahead of time. C/Drotos seconded the motion.

C/Drotos questioned if pushing the meeting out an additional two weeks would detriment the process. Mr. Isakson stated that it would push out the entire process by two weeks.

C/Majerus felt it made more sense to conduct the public hearing at an evening meeting. C/Flanders agreed that an evening meeting might make it easier for the public to attend.

C/Anderson withdrew his motion to schedule a public hearing for the solid waste designation at the regularly scheduled

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county board meeting on February 18, 2020. C/Drotos withdrew his second to the motion.

Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to set the public hearing date for the solid waste designation on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Administrator Arneson commented that the March 3 board meeting needs to be a day meeting due to the presidential primary. The board could hold the meeting during the day or go back to the original staff recommendation.

- Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to rescind the motion to set the public hearing date for the solid waste designation on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to rescind the motion to approve to set the public hearing date for the solid waste designation on Tuesday February 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Review and Approve the County Claims**

Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Nesseth, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$375,601.21, 03-Public Works \$83,406.95, 11- Human Service Fund \$16,320.72, 21- ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$10,135.63, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$169,272.69, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$17,476.50, 62- Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$140,157.81, 81-Settlement \$1,825.77, in the total amount of \$814,197.28.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

C/Drotos	Attended Treatment Court.
C/Nesseth	Zumbro Watershed Meeting.
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Safe	•
Administrator Arneson	•

### **New Business.**

**Refugee Resettlement.** C/Majerus requested the board vote on the refugee resettlement issue that had been previously discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

C/Majerus clarified that a YES vote on this issue reaffirms the consensus of the Committee of the Whole meeting that staff will send a letter stating that Goodhue County would continue on with the current process and consent to initial refugee resettlement in Goodhue County until withdrawn.

- Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Nesseth, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Majerus and C/Nesseth dissenting to approve option 1: to send a letter stating that Goodhue County would continue on with the current process and consent to initial refugee resettlement in Goodhue County until withdrawn.
- Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to adjourn the January 7, 2020, County Board Meeting.

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#### **MINUTE**

- 1. Approved to Appoint Paul Drotos as the 2020 Board Chair. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 2. Approved to Appoint Barney Nesseth as the 2020 County Board Vice Chair. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 3. Approved the December 17, 2019 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 4. Approved the January 7, 2020 County Board Meeting Agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 5. Approved the Consent Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 6. Approved the 2020 County Board Meeting dates. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 7. Approved to name the Republican Eagle as the 2020 Official Publication. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 8. Approved the 2020 Committee Structure. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 9. Approved the 2020 Elected Official Salaries. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 10. Approved to conduct a public hearing on March 3, 2020 for the solid waste designation. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 11. Approved to rescind the motion to conduct a public hearing on March 3, 2020 for the solid waste designation. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 12. Approved to conduct a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2020 for the solid waste designation. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 13. Approved the County Claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 14. Approved option 1 of the staff report regarding refugee resettlement in Goodhue County. (Motion carried 3-2-0)
- 15. Approved to adjourn the January 7, 2020 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)