

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. by virtual meeting with the County Administrator appearing from the County Board Room of the Government Center, Red Wing, MN with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Nesseth, Drotos and Flanders all present and appearing by virtual meeting.

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

- ¹ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the September 1, 2020, County Board Minutes.
- ² Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Nesseth, and carried to approve the September 15, 2020, County Board Agenda.
- ³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the FY2021 CVSO Operational Improvement Grant.
2. Approve the promotion of Jeff Davis in the ADC.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 15, 2020 Personnel Committee Report. The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, September 15, with the following items on the agenda:

Human Resources Request For Summer Help 2021. The Personnel Committee recommended approval to hire a summer student in the Human Resource Department beginning the summer of 2021.

- ⁴ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to hire a summer student beginning the summer of 2021.

HHS Reclassification Request. This issue will be addressed at the Health and Human Services Board meeting.

Public Works Staffing Needs. The Personnel Committee had a split recommendation on this issue.

C/Nesseth questioned that if this was approved, \$200,000 in consultant fees would be removed from the 2021 budget. Mr. Isakson clarified that the money would not come out of the budget, but rather shift from consultant fees to employee expenses.

- ⁵ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Majerus and C/Nesseth dissenting to approve to hire a Project Engineer in the Public Works Department.
- ⁶ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve and carried (3-2-0) with C/Majerus and C/Nesseth dissenting to approve to revise the Administrative/Accounting Assistant Responsibilities and hire an Administrative Support Specialist in the Public Works Department.

Approve Opting out of the Payroll Tax Holiday. In August, the President issued a Presidential Memorandum and IRS Notice 2020- 65 allowing certain payroll taxes to be deferred. The Memorandum directed the Department of Treasury to act under its emergency authority to issue guidance that would allow employers to defer the withholding and payment of the Social Security taxes. The Notice provides that employers may defer withholding the 6.2% employee portion of the Social Security tax for certain wages paid to employees between September 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020.

There are several problematic tax implications for employees if Goodhue County implements this program. With so many unknowns, staff recommended the Board pass a resolution that would not implement the Payroll Tax Deferral program.

- ⁷ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Nesseth dissenting to approve to opt out of the Payroll Tax Deferral Program.

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FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CARES Act Funding Disbursement Program Budget Amendment. Finance Director, Brian Anderson, addressed the board with an update on the CARES Act Funding Disbursement Program and budget.

- ⁸ Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to amend the CARES Act Funding Disbursement Program with items #3-8 on the staff report.
- ⁹ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Nesseth and C/Majerus dissenting to approve to amend the CARES Act Funding Disbursement Program with items #1-2 on the staff report.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2021 Preliminary Levy Report. Staff reviewed the current budget and levy request with the board and recommended the board set the 2021 preliminary levy.

C/Nesseth was in favor of option 4 which, to approve a 0% levy increase over the 2020 approved levy. C/Anderson was in favor of option 1, which was a levy of \$37,932,778 and was the current levy need. He felt that would give the county some flexibility and could always be lowered in December. C/Flanders agreed and noted that she was in favor of not having the spikes in the tax levy. C/Majerus agreed with C/Nesseth and wanted to see no increase in the levy. C/Drotos favored flexibility.

- ¹⁰ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Nesseth and C/Majerus dissenting to approve the following resolution establishing the 2021 Preliminary Levy for Goodhue County:

WHEREAS, Goodhue County Department Heads have submitted proposed 2021 department budgets which included anticipated revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, The County Administrator has compiled all 2021 funding requests, revised, and presented said requests to the County Board; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, That the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the County Auditor-Treasurer and the State of Minnesota the proposed preliminary property tax levy for 2021:

Total Levy	\$37,932,778
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer hereby certify the above referenced Preliminary levy to the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

Goodhue County Equity Review Committee Appointment. Staff recommended that the Goodhue County Equity Review team be added to the list of standing committees of the board, and that two commissioners be appointed to sit on the committee.

C/Anderson and C/Drotos volunteered.

- ¹¹ Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Majerus dissenting to approve to appoint C/Anderson and C/Flanders to the Goodhue County Equity Review Committee.

SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA MULTICOUNTY HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

2021 Preliminary Levy. Buffy Beranek reviewed the proposed 2021 preliminary levy request for SEMMCHRA.

- ¹² Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following resolution approving the Preliminary Special Benefit Tax Levy of Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.033, Subd. 6 and approving a budget for fiscal year 2021:

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") was created by action of the Boards of Commissioners of Dodge, Goodhue, Wabasha and

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Winona Counties (collectively referred to as the "Counties") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.004; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such action on the part of the Counties and Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 to 469.047 (the "Act"), the Authority was granted all of the same functions, rights, powers, duties, privileges, immunities and limitations as are provided for housing and redevelopment authorities created for cities under the Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 469.033, subd. 6, of the Act permits the Authority to levy and collect a special benefit tax of up to .0185% of taxable market value upon all taxable property, both real and personal, within the Authority's area of operation; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that the Board of Commissioners of Goodhue County approve the preliminary levy of such a special benefit tax in the amount of \$397,480.00 to be levied upon all taxable market value of taxable property within the Authority's area of operation contained within Goodhue County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Goodhue County has considered such request by the Authority and believes that consenting to such a preliminary special benefit tax levy by the Authority is in the best interests of Goodhue County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is also required pursuant to Section 469.033, subd. 6, of the Act to, in connection with the levy of such a special benefit tax, formulate and file a budget in accordance with the budget procedures of the Counties in the same manner as required of executive departments of the Counties and the amount of the tax levy for the following year shall be based upon that budget and approved by the Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has presented to the Board of Commissioners of Goodhue County a copy of a proposed budget for its operations for fiscal year 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Goodhue County as follows:

Section 1. That the budget for fiscal year 2021 for the operations of the Authority as presented for consideration by the Board of Commissioners of Goodhue County is hereby in all respects approved.

Section 2. That the levy of a preliminary special benefit tax pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.033, subd. 6, is hereby consented to with respect to taxes payable in calendar year 2021 in the amount of \$397,480.00 to be levied upon all taxable market value of taxable property within the Authority's area of operation within Goodhue County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Drotos	•
C/Nesseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

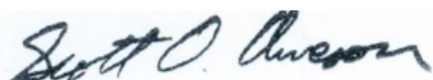
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Review and Approve the County Claims

- 13 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Nesseth, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$1,047,101.92, 03-Public Works \$1,228,626.21, 11- Human Service Fund \$30,769.56, 21-ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$2,800.00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$1,974.32, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$10,902.29, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$4,100.00, 81-Settlement \$5,566.69, in the total amount of \$2,331,840.99.

Adjourn

- 14 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Nesseth, and carried to approve to adjourn the September 15, 2020, County Board Meeting.



SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



PAUL DROTOS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the September 1, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approve the September 15, 2020 County Board Meeting Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the Consent Agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved to hire a summer student in the Human Resources Department. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved to hire a Project Engineer in the Public Works Department. (Motion carried 3-2-0)
6. Approved to revise the Administrative/Accounting Assistant Responsibilities and hire an Administrative Specialist. (Motion carried 3-2-0)
7. Approved to Opt Out of the Payroll Tax Holiday. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
8. Approved the revised CARES Act Funding Budget with items 3-8 in the staff report. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved the revised CARES Act Funding Budget with items 1-2 in the staff report. (Motion carried 3-2-0)
10. Approved the 2021 Preliminary Levy. (Motion carried 3-2-0)
11. Approved the appointments to the Goodhue County Equity Review Committee. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved the 2021 Preliminary Levy for SEMMCHRA. (Motion carried 5-0)
13. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
14. Approved to adjourn the September 15, 2020 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)