

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
DECEMBER 15, 2020**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:41 p.m., immediately following the Budget and Tax Public Comment meeting, by virtual meeting with the County Administrator appearing from the County Board Room of the Government Center, Red Wing, MN with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Drotos, Nesseth 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 December 1, 2020, County Board Minutes.

² Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the December 15, 2020, County Board Agenda.

Administrator Arneson added the reappointment of Steve McNamara to the Belle Creek Watershed District to the consent agenda for a three-year term.

³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda as amended:

1. Approve the 2020 List of Donations.
2. Approve Designation of Financial Institutions as Depositories
3. Approve Authorized Agents for Designation
4. Approve 2021 EFT Delegation Request
5. Approve the request for Special Assessment for a Public Health Nuisance Abatement.
6. Approve the Summit Food Service contract amendment for the Goodhue County Adult Detention Center.
7. Approve 2020 Personnel Policy Updates.
8. Approve 2021 Leave Without Pay Policy.
9. Approve Non-union Wages - 2021.
10. Approve Per Diems - 2021.
11. Approve Vehicle Allowance - 2021.
12. Approve Holden Township Bridge Replacement Agreement.
13. Approve the appointment of Steve McNamara to the Belle Creek Watershed District for a three-year term from 1/1/2020-12/31/2023.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

December 15, 2020 Personnel Committee Report. The personnel committee met on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, with the following item on the agenda:

Treatment Court Coordinator Position Move to Full Time. The personnel committee recommended approval to move the treatment court coordinator position to full-time. The cost of this position is covered by a grant.

⁴ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve to move the Treatment Court Coordinator position to a full-time position.

County Administrator's Annual Employee Evaluation. Ms. Cushing reported that the county administrator's annual employee evaluation was returned by the board members and his evaluation exceeded expectations.

Commissioner Wages. Per Minnesota Statute 375.055, the County Board shall, by resolution, set the annual salary for Board members to be effective January 1 of the next year. The resolution shall contain a statement of the new salary on an annual basis.

C/Majerus made a motion to maintain the 2020 salary level, but include the cost of health care benefits to flatten and equalize all commissioner's compensation, excluding per diems and mileage. C/Nesseth seconded the motion.

Administrator Arneson cautioned the board and wanted to make sure they understood what they were voting on. C/Majerus pointed out that they are elected officials and not regular county employees. He felt commissioners should pay for their own health care. Mr. Arneson suggested the issue be discussed at the next board workshop.

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C/Majerus withdrew his motion. C/Nesseth withdrew his second.

⁵ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Nesseth, motion failed (2-3-0) with C/Anderson, C/Flanders, and C/Drotos to freeze salaries at \$10.92/hour which is the 2020 level, and if the commissioner participate in county health care, they would pay for it on their own.

⁶ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Nesseth, and carried to approve to move the following commissioner wages for 2021:

	2021 Wages	Annual
Anderson, Brad	\$10.92	\$22,713.60
Drotos, Paul	\$10.92	\$22,713.60
Linda Flanders	\$10.92	\$22,713.60
Majerus, Jason	\$10.92	\$22,713.60
Nesseth, Byron	\$10.92	\$262.08 (1/1/21 – 1/4/21)
Greseth, Todd	\$10.92	\$22,451.52 (1/5/21 – 12/31/21)

COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT

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

Out of State Travel requests. The budget committee recommended approval of the 2021 out of state travel requests.

⁷ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the following out of state travel requests for 2021:

Public Works

Washington Fly-In located in Washington DC.

NACE Annual Meeting located in Palm Springs, CA.

Sheriff's Department

SAFECOM Program meetings.

Annual Sheriff's Conference.

2021 Final Levy Report. The 2021 Budget and Tax public discussion meeting was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The final levy must be certified to the State Auditor's Office no later than December 28, 2020. Staff recommends the board consider the proposed options and approve the resolution adopting the 2021 Budget and Levy and proposed Capital Plan.

C/Nesseth made a motion to zero the levy and use fund balance to cover the shortfall. C/Majerus seconded the motion. C/Anderson pointed out that we were already using \$500,000 in debt service fund balance to reduce the levy.

⁸ Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Majerus, motion failed (2-3-0) with C/Flanders, C/Drotos, C/Anderson dissenting to approve to have a zero increase in the 2021 levy and use fund balance to make up the difference.

⁹ 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 approving the 2021 Budget, Levy and Capital Plan:

WHEREAS, The Goodhue County Board and Department Heads have conducted a lengthy, detailed budget planning process, and;

WHEREAS, The County Board has considered all correspondence regarding the same, and has again reviewed said proposed budget to determine that it does in fact represent fiscally responsible county government;

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Budget		
FUND	2021 Expenditures	2021 Revenues
General Fund	\$ 29,148,150	\$ 9,275,589
Public Works	\$ 21,766,471	\$ 16,208,349
Health and Human Services	\$ 18,294,386	\$ 10,450,142
ISTS & Well Loan Program	\$ 17,568	\$ 17,568
EDA	\$ 40,078	\$ 2,325
Capital Plan	\$ 2,523,134	\$ 10,900
Debt Services	\$ 1,949,905	\$ 437,000
Waste Management	\$ 872,180	\$ 310,890
2021 Levy		\$ 37,899,109
Total	\$ 74,611,872	\$ 74,611,872

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed 2021 Goodhue County Budget be approved as presented

AND

WHEREAS, Goodhue County Department Heads have submitted 2021 proposed department budgets which include 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, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the State of Minnesota the following proposed property tax levy:

Levy	
Fund	2021 Final Levy
General Fund	\$ 19,872,561
Public Works	\$ 5,558,122
Health and Human Services	\$ 7,844,244
ISTS & Well Loan Program	-
EDA	\$ 37,753
Capital Plan	\$ 2,512,234
Debt Services	\$ 1,512,905
Waste Management	\$ 561,290
Total	\$ 37,899,109

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer hereby certify the above-referenced levy to the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

1st County Board Meeting of 2021. According to Minnesota Statute 375.07, the County Board must affirm the date, time and location for the first meeting of 2021. The meeting is to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in 2021 is January 5, 2021. Staff recommends the County Board approve January 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., as the first official County Board meeting of 2021. 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 Board of Commissioners will be conducting a county board meeting pursuant to this section on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room. The County Administrator and/or County Attorney 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/371440837> or calling 1 877 309 2073 OR 1 646 749 3129 any time during the meeting.” Access Code: 371-440-837. At that

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meeting, staff will ask the board to set the time and location for all of its regularly scheduled meetings for 2021.

- ¹⁰ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve January 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., as the first official County Board meeting of 2021. 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 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 Board of Commissioners will be conducting a county board meeting pursuant to this section on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room. The County Administrator and/or County Attorney 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/371440837> or calling 1 877 309 2073 OR 1 646 749 3129 any time during the meeting.” Access Code: 371-440-837.

Xcel Energy Resolution of Support. Representatives from Xcel Energy presented to the board at a previous Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution supporting integrated resource plan (IRP).

- ¹¹ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the following resolution supporting Integrated Resource Plan (IRP):

Whereas Xcel Energy is a critical piece of the economy in Goodhue County as they are the largest taxpayer and one of the largest employers, and

Whereas Goodhue County supports activities that sustain the large tax base and workforce that Xcel Energy provides within Goodhue County, and

Whereas Goodhue County supports reducing carbon emissions in our electric system and expanding clean energy, and

Whereas, Goodhue County knows reliable electricity is critical to meeting the needs of our customers and communities,

Whereas Goodhue County agrees with Xcel Energy’s plan to reduce carbon emissions, expand renewable energy, and deliver reliable electricity is an affordable plan to accomplish these goals, and

Whereas Goodhue County supports Xcel Energy’s plan to retire its coal plants in the Upper Midwest, expand wind and solar energy, continue operating its carbon-free nuclear plants, and build a natural gas plant in Becker to ensure continued electric reliability,

Goodhue County urges the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to approve the Xcel Energy Upper Midwest Energy Plan/Integrated Resource Plan and to submit this resolution of support to:

<https://mn.gov/puc/consumers/speak-up/public-comments.jsp>; Reference: Docket number 19-368.

SEMMCHRA

2021 Final Levy Report. Buffy Beranek, SEMMCHRA Executive Director, recommended the board approve the SEMMCHR HRA budget and 2021 levy request of \$397,480.

- ¹² Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following resolution approving the final 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 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

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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 final 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 final 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 final 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.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Goodhue County CARES Act Funding Program Update. Finance Director, Brian Anderson, updated the board on the CARES Act Funding Program approved previously by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: deferred

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

Old business. C/Drotos and the entire county board thanked C/Nesseth for his time serving on the county board.

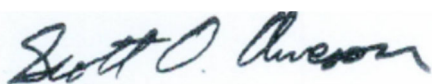
Review and Approve the County Claims

¹³ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$478,350.74, 03-Public Works \$137,064.74, 11- Human Service Fund \$23,818.07, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$2,626.55, 21-ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$141,573.27, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$6,968.14, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$17,178.50, 81-Settlement \$21,324,798.83, in the total amount of \$22,132,378.84.


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Adjourn

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



SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



PAUL DROTOS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the December 1, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approve the December 15, 2020 County Board Meeting Agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the Consent Agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved to increase the Treatment Court Coordinator position to full-time. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Motion failed to set the 2021 Commissioner Wages. (Motion failed 2-3-0)
6. Approved the 2021 Commissioner Wages. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved the 2021 Out of State Travel Requests. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Motion failed to freeze the 2021 Final budget, levy and capital plan. (Motion failed 2-3-0)
9. Approved the 2021 Final budget, levy and capital plan. (Motion carried 3-2-0)
10. Approved the first board meeting of 2021 to be on January 5, 2021. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved the resolution of support for Xcel Energy. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved the 2021 SEMMCHRA Levy. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
13. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
14. Approved to adjourn the December 15, 2020 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)