

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
JANUARY 5, 2021**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 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, Drotos, Greseth and Flanders all present and appearing by virtual meeting.

Administrator Arneson called the meeting to order and His Honor, First Judicial District Judge, Kevin Mark conducted the Oath of Office for C/Paul Drotos, C/Linda Flanders and C/Todd Greseth.

Administrator Arneson asked for nominations for the 2021 Goodhue County Board Chairman. C/Majerus noted that based on the normal rotation, he would be in line next to be board chair. Due to the challenges with virtual meetings and his technology issues, he would waive his turn and nominate C/Anderson. C/Drotos seconded the nomination.

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

¹ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve to appoint Commissioner Anderson as the 2021 Goodhue County Board Chairman.

C/Drotos thanked staff and welcomed Brad Anderson as the 2021 Board Chair.

C/Anderson asked for nominations for the 2021 Goodhue County Board Vice Chairman.

C/Flanders, nominated C/Majerus for the 2021 Goodhue County Board Vice Chairman. C/Majerus seconded the nomination.

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

² Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and moved to close nominations and appoint Commissioner Majerus as the 2021 Goodhue County Board Vice Chairman.

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

³ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the December 15, 2020, County Board Minutes.

⁴ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the January 5, 2021 County Board Agenda.

⁵ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda as amended:

1. Approve the 2021 Inspection Agreements.
2. Approve Authorization to Set Bid Dates.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2021 County Board Meeting Dates. 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 have been temporarily conducted by telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021. Staff recommends the board continue with virtual county board meetings at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room on the first and third Tuesday of each month. 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 the GoToMeeting or by calling the phone number provided on each meeting agenda. Historically, the board has participated in out county meetings in Kenyon during the month of May and at both the Cannon Valley Fair and the Goodhue County Fair during the summer months. If it is determined that these events will be held and it is safe to meet in person, staff recommends the board conduct their meetings at these events as they have in the past. All meeting dates and times will be posted to the county website once scheduled.

⁶ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve virtual county board meetings at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room on the first and third Tuesday of each month with the possibility of meeting at

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Kenyon City Hall the first meeting in May, and meeting at the Cannon Valley Fair and the Goodhue County Fair if it is determined that these events will occur.

2021 Official Publication. 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 2021.

Administrator Arneson opened the sealed bid. The rates for 2021 are as follows and represented 0% increase over the 2020 rates:

1st insertion: \$2.81 per line or \$25.29 per inch
Subsequent insertions: \$2.03 per line or \$18.31 per inch

⁷ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve to name the Republican Eagle as the 2021 Official Publication.

LANDUSE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Advisory Commission member Appointment. Staff recommended the County Board approve the appointment of Carli Stark to the open Commissioner District 5 PAC vacancy.

⁸ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the appointment of Carli Stark to the open Commissioner District 5 PAC vacancy.

Ms. Hanni noted that C/Nesseth's position on the Planning Commission would also need to be filled.

⁹ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, to appoint Commissioner Todd Greseth to the Planning Commission effective immediately.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Elected Official Salaries. Staff recommended the board approve the 2021 salary for elected officials.

¹⁰ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to set the County Attorney's 2021 Salary at grade 90, step 10 at 150,217.60 and the Sheriff at grade 90, step 11 at \$153,254.40.

C/Greseth noted the he would support the salary increase, however, struggled with amount of money employees were making. Melissa Cushing noted that she could provide comparable data for salaries in other counties for C/Greseth to review.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Goodhue County Business and Nonprofit Business Assistance Program. Staff recommended the board approve the Goodhue County Business and Nonprofit Relief Grant Program and the Contract for Professional Services with CEDA in the amount of \$22,358.44.

¹¹ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the policy criteria for the Goodhue County Business and Nonprofit Relief Grant Program and application with the amendment to reduce it to experience an overall 25% reduction in sales from Q2/Q3 2019 to Q2/Q3 2020 and the Contract for Professional Services with CEDA in the amount of \$22,358.44.

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:

C/Drotos	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•

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C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

Review and Approve the County Claims

- 12 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$899,911.69, 03-Public Works \$591,692.81, 11- Human Service Fund \$145,132.70, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 21-ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$2,994.00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$50,621.45, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$30,186.89, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$218,831.51, 81-Settlement \$351.82, in the total amount of \$1,939,722.87.

Adjourn

- 13 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve to adjourn the January 5, 2021, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved to appoint Brad Anderson as the 2021 County Board Chair. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved to appoint Jason Majerus as the 2021 County Board Vice-Chair. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the December 15, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approve the January 5, 2020 County Board Meeting Agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved the Consent Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved the 2021 County Board Meeting Dates. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved the Republican Eagle as the Official Publication for 2021. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved the Planning Advisory Commission Member Appointment. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved to appoint Todd Greseth to the Planning Commission effective immediately. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved the 2021 Salary for the County Attorney and Sheriff. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved the Goodhue County Business and Nonprofit Business Assistance Program as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
13. Approved to adjourn the January 5, 2021 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)