

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN  
AUGUST 15, 2023**

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The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Government Center County Board Room, Red Wing, with Commissioner Majerus, Flanders, Betcher, Anderson and Greseth all present.

C/Flanders asked for disclosures of interest. C/Flanders noted that she works for Hope Coalition and does work with people who are homeless. After consulting with the County Attorney's Office, it was determined that she would not need to recuse herself from voting on the Housing Trust Fund Ordinance under SEMMCHRA's Reports.

<sup>1</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the August 15, 2023 County Board Agenda.

<sup>2</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve CPA Firm Letter to State Auditor
2. Approve the sale of surplus computer equipment via public auction

**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER'S REPORT**

**2024 Dental Insurance.** The Goodhue County Insurance Committee met on August 8, 2023, to review the group dental insurance renewals for January 1, 2024. The Blue Cross Blue Shield dental plan renewal rates will be at a 1.59% increase over the current rates. The committee recommended approval.

<sup>3</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the Insurance Committee recommendation and renew with Blue Cross Blue Shield dental plan for 2024.

**2024 Health Insurance & HSA.** The Goodhue County Insurance Committee met on August 8, 2023, to review the health insurance renewal information for 2024. As part of the RFP process in 2021, Blue Cross Blue Shield had given Goodhue County a rate guarantee for 2024 of not more than 7.5%. In addition the deductible, out of pocket maximums and the Health Savings Account contributions would all be increasing.

The Insurance Committee recommended approval.

<sup>4</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the following changes for the 2024 employee health insurance program:

Minimum Value Plan (MVP) Plan 2

Deductible:

Single \$8,050

Family \$16,100

Out of Pocket Maximum:

Single \$8,050

Family \$16,100

Health Savings Account

Plan 1: Single \$1,600; Family \$3,200

Plan 2: Single \$4,025; Family \$8,050

**2024 Voluntary Insurance Plans.** The Goodhue County Insurance Committee met on August 8, 2023 to review the January 1, 2024 renewals for insurance plans. The Insurance Committee reviewed renewal proposals for the basic life insurance plan which is a County paid benefit. Additionally, the Committee reviewed proposals for voluntary (employee paid) insurance plans which include vision, supplemental life insurance as well as short- and long-term disability. The Goodhue County Insurance Committee recommended approval.

<sup>5</sup> Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the voluntary insurance renewals for 2024.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Highway-Goodhue County 24 Project.** Staff recommended the Goodhue County Board approve the settlement and authorize payment to the rightful parties in exchange for the signing of Quit Claim Deeds in favor of the County and dismissal of the pending court proceeding. The other option would be to continue with the court proceedings which would include a Commissioners' hearing and the attendant costs. This hearing order can be appealed to the District Court which would involve witness costs and further attorney fees. By agreeing to this proposal, the county would avoid further costs and expenses and time commitments by staff.

6 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the settlement and authorize payment to Brent A. Moline and Anita Moline and Moline Enterprises Inc. for the signing of Quit Claim Deeds in favor of the County and dismissal of the pending court proceeding for the County 24 project.

**SEMMCHRA REPORT**

**Public Hearing- Housing Trust Fund Ordinance.** Buffy Beranek, Executive Director of SEMMCHRA addressed the board and recommended the board hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund Ordinance and approve the ordinance.

7 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

C/Flanders asked three times for public comment. There were no comments.

8 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

9 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund Ordinance as presented.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**2022 Financial Statement Audit Report.** Doug Host with Clifton Larson Allen reviewed the 2022 Financial Statement Audit Report with the County Board. Staff recommended the board approve accept the 2022 Financial Audit.

10 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the 2022 Financial Statement Audit Report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	• South East Communications Board meeting update.
C/Anderson	• South Country Health Alliance Update. County Fair recap/update.
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

**Review and Approve the County Claims**

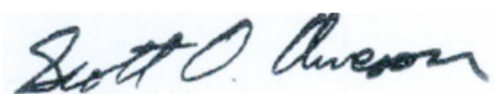
11 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$914,725.23, 03-Public Works \$9,049,287.43, 11- Human Service Fund \$56,349.95, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$482.82; 20- National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$1,566.00, 34-Capital Equipment \$249,543.00, 35-Debt Services \$182,526.25, 61-Waste Management \$29,292.81, 72-Other Agency Funds \$00, 81-Settlement \$00, in the total amount of \$10,562,144.25.

**Adjourn**

12 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to adjourn the August 15, 2023, County Board Meeting.

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SCOTT O. ARNESON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



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LINDA FLANDERS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the 2024 Dental Insurance renewal rates. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved the 2024 Health Insurance Rates, Out of Pocket Maximums, and Health Savings Account contribution. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved the 2024 Vision, Life and Disability Insurance renewals. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved the agreement for eminent domain proceedings regarding County 24 project. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund Ordinance. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved the 2022 Financial Statement Audit. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved to adjourn the August 15, 2023 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)