

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN  
DECEMBER 3, 2024**

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The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Goodhue County Boardroom, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Flanders, Betcher, Majerus, Anderson and Greseth all present.

C/Greseth asked for any disclosure of interest. There were none.

<sup>1</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the November 19, 2024, County Board meeting minutes.

Administrator Arneson noted the minutes should include that the employer will pay the tax on the \$80 employee credit in the store.

<sup>2</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the December 3, 2024, County Board Agenda.

<sup>3</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Approve 2025 HHS Building Lease
3. Approve the Radiological Emergency Response Plan.
4. Approve Final of 2024 Spring Box Culvert Contract S.A.P. 025-599-134 & 025-599-136
5. Approve the Pine Bend Plat.
6. Approve the Appointment of Adam Callstrom to the Belle Creek Watershed District Managers.
7. Approve Award of Pine Island Bridge Replacement Contract S.P. 025-597-004

**LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Public Hearing: Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance Revisions for Cannabis.** Interim director, Megan Smith reviewed the proposed ordinance revisions with the board. Land Use Management staff recommends the Planning Advisory Commission adopt the staff report into the record and recommend the County Board of Commissioners **APPROVE** the amendments to Articles 10 (Definitions), 11 (Performance Standards), and 20 (Table of Uses) to add definitions and performance standards for cannabis businesses and to add cannabis license types to the Table of Uses.

<sup>4</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

<sup>5</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

<sup>6</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation to adopt the staff report into the record and **APPROVE** the amendments to Articles 10 (Definitions), 11 (Performance Standards), and 20 (Table of Uses) to add definitions and performance standards for cannabis businesses and to add cannabis license types to the Table of Uses.

**Update on Cannabis Delegation Agreements.** Interim Director, Megan Smith, updated the board on the proposed Cannabis Delegation Agreements which would be on the December 17, 2024, board agenda.

**COURT SERVICES DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Restorative Practices Grant.** Court Services Director, Rhonda VanSchoonhoven requested the board approve the application for the MN Department of Public Safety 2025 Restorative Practices Initiatives Grant in the amount of \$479,978.

<sup>7</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve applying for the MN Department of Public Safety 2025 Restorative Practices Initiatives Grant in the amount of \$479,978.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Consider purchase of Motor Grader Roller.** Staff recommended the Board approve the purchase of a locally available, used motor grader roller/compactor, utilizing dollars available in the current 2024 public works budget.

<sup>8</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the purchase of a locally available, used

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motor grader roller/compactor, utilizing dollars available in the current 2024 public works budget.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**County Surveyor Interview Process and Selection.** The county interviewing panel unanimously recommended the appointment of Mr. Jeff Ekblad to fill the vacant County Surveyor position. Considering the ongoing review with DDA of the County Surveyor grade and Mr. Ekblad's salary expectations, staff recommended the following options for his placement: • If the grade remains at 117 (post-appeal): Mr. Ekblad would be placed at Step 10. • If the grade increases to 118 (post-appeal): Mr. Ekblad would be placed at Step 9.

- <sup>9</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to appoint Jeff Eckblad as the County Surveyor with salary placement as follows:
- If the grade remains at 117 (post-appeal): Mr. Ekblad would be placed at Step 10.
  - If the grade increases to 118 (post-appeal): Mr. Ekblad would be placed at Step 9.

**2025 Non-Union Compensation.** The County Board has agreed to a 3% general wage adjustment for 2025 for all positions covered by a collective bargaining agreement. This general wage adjustment takes effect on December 21, 2024. Staff recommended the board approve the same 3% general wage adjustment for all non-union employees effective December 21, 2024.

- <sup>10</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve a 3% general wage adjustment for all non-union employees effective December 21, 2024.

**COUNTY RECORDER**

**County Surveyor/County Recorder Oath of Office.** Jeff Eckblad took the Oath of Office for the Goodhue County Surveyor and the Goodhue County Recorder.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**AMC Update.** County Administrator, Scott O. Arneson announced to the board that Goodhue County will be receiving the BWSR Conservation Award at this year's AMC Conference for its work with the Mighty Mississippi Clean Up.

**REPORTS:**

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

**Review and Approve the County Claims**

- <sup>11</sup> Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$333,268.83, 03-Public Works \$554,207.46, 11- Human Service Fund \$66,988.00, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$94,559.70, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$8,482.94, 72-Other Agency Funds \$163,995.31, 81-Settlement \$24,266,872.90, in the total amount of \$25,488,375.14.

**Adjourn**

- <sup>12</sup> Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to adjourn the December 3, 2024, County Board Meeting.

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SCOTT O. ARNESON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



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TODD GRESETH, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the November 19, 2024, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved the Zoning Ordinance Revisions for Cannabis. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved to apply for the Restorative Practices Grant. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved to purchase the Motor Grader Roller. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved to appoint Jeff Eckblad as the county surveyor and county recorder. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved the 2025 general wage adjustment for non-union employees. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved to adjourn the December 3, 2024, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)