

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN  
JANUARY 7, 2025**

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The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Goodhue County Boardroom, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Majerus, Flanders, Betcher and Greseth all present. C. Anderson was absent.

Her honor, First Judicial Judge Tori Stewart gave the oath of office for County Commissioner Susan Betcher, Todd Greseth, and Linda Flanders.

Administrator Arneson called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for the 2025 Goodhue County Board Chair.

C/Majerus nominated C/Anderson for the 2025 Goodhue County Board Chair.

<sup>1</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to close nominations and appoint Commissioner Anderson as the 2025 Goodhue County Board Chair.

Administrator Arneson asked for nominations for the 2025 Goodhue County Board Vice Chair.

C/Flanders nominated C/Betcher for the 2025 Goodhue County Board Vice Chair.

<sup>2</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to close nominations and appoint Commissioner Betcher as the 2025 Goodhue County Board Vice Chair.

C/Betcher asked for any disclosure of interest.

<sup>3</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the December 17, 2024, County Board meeting minutes.

<sup>4</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the January 7, 2025, County Board Agenda.

<sup>5</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the contract of temporary contract employee to fulfill the Patrol Major vacancy.
2. Approve the 2025 Vehicle Allowance
3. Approve the 2025 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant
4. Approve 2025 Mileage Reimbursement Rate
5. Approve the 2025 County Commissioner Committee Appointments
6. Approve County Administrator Performance Evaluation - 2024
7. Approve Planning Advisory Commission Appointment
8. Approve Board of Adjustment Appointment
9. Approve Authorization to Set 2025 Bid Dates
10. Approve the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Project List Public Hearing

**COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR’S REPORT**

**Introduction of Nick Lemmer, Outreach and Communications Specialist.** County Administrator, Scott Arneson, introduced the newly hired Outreach and Communications Specialist to the board.

**2025 County Board Meeting Dates.** Minnesota Statutes 13D.04 outline the requirements for notice of public meetings. This statute requires that “a schedule of the regular meetings of a public body shall be kept on file at its primary offices.” Staff recommended the Board set the time and location for all its regularly scheduled meetings

<sup>6</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to conduct 2025 county board meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Goodhue County Board Room. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in May will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. at Kenyon City Hall, Kenyon and the first meeting in July and August will take place at the Cannon Valley Fair and the Goodhue County Fair.

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**2025 Official Publication.** Minnesota Statute 375.12 requires County Boards to let an annual contract to a qualified newspaper for publication of its official proceedings. This must be approved at the first regular session of the board in January each year. The newspaper will also be designated as the official newspaper for the County's other public notices. Two bids were received. Staff recommended that the County Board open the sealed bids and designate the County's Official Publication for 2025 to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bids received: The Kenyon leader rate was \$3 per inch for each insertion and Republican Eagle rate was \$5 per inch for each insertion.

<sup>7</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to name the lowest responsible bidder, The Kenyon leader as the 2025 Goodhue County Official Publication at the following rate:

First insertion \$ 3.00 per column inch.

Subsequent insertions \$ 3.00 per column inch.

**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER'S REPORT**

**2025 Per Diem Rates.** The civilian and commissioner per diem rate is currently \$100 per day. Staff was looking for direction on the rate for 2025. Once the per diem rate is set by the Board for 2025, it cannot be changed during the year. Consensus was to look at adding a general wage adjustment to the per diem rates annually.

<sup>8</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the 2025 Per Diem Rate at \$100.

**LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Public Hearing: Review Re-Zoning Application from A3 to R1 for 33355 Territorial Road Lake City, MN.**

The request is submitted by Sarah Rohr (Applicant) on behalf of Jeffrey Rohr (Owner) to rezone 3.96 acres from A-3 (Urban Fringe District) to R-1 (Suburban Residence District). The Planning Commission recommended approval.

<sup>9</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to open the Public Hearing.

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

<sup>10</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to close the Public Hearing.

<sup>11</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the Planning Commission recommendation and adopt the staff report into the record; adopt the findings of fact; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the map amendment request from Sarah Rohr (Applicant) on behalf of Jeffrey Rohr (Owner) to rezone 3.96 acres from A-3 (Urban Fringe District) to R-1 (Suburban Residence District).

**Review Interim Use Permit Application for Sawmill Business at 38193 County 8 Blvd Goodhue MN, 55027.**

The request for an Interim Use Permit is submitted by Titus Byler (Owner) to operate a Sawmill business on property zoned A-1 (Agricultural Protection).

<sup>12</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the Planning Commission recommendation and adopt the staff report into the record; adopt the findings of fact; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request from Titus Byler (Owner) for an IUP to establish a Tier 3 Home Business for a sawmill business. Subject to the following conditions:

1. Activities shall be conducted according to submitted plans, specifications, and narrative unless modified by a condition of this IUP;
2. Hours of operation shall be between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM daily;
3. On-street parking, loading, and off-loading shall be prohibited;
4. Compliance with all necessary State and Federal registrations, permits, licensing, and regulations;
5. Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to Article 21 A-1, Agricultural Protection; and

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6. This IUP shall expire upon the sale of the property.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**New Business.**

**Review and Approve the County Claims**

<sup>13</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$655,027.25, 03-Public Works \$881,089.80, 11- Human Service Fund \$151,133.41, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$2,498.92, 34-Capital Equipment \$213,806.72, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$13,335.09, 72-Other Agency Funds \$166,156.67, 81-Settlement \$11,486.44, in the total amount of \$2,094,534.30.

**Adjourn**

<sup>14</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the January 7, 2025, County Board Meeting.




SCOTT O. ARNESON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the December 17, 2024, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 4-0)
2. Approved to appoint Brad Anderson as the 2025 County Board Chair. (Motion carried 4-0)
3. Approved to appoint Sue Betcher as the 2025 County Board Vice Chair. (Motion carried 4-0)
4. Approved the county board agenda. (Motion carried 4-0)
5. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 4-0)
6. Approved to set the annual 2025 county board meeting dates. (Motion carried 4-0)
7. Approved the Kenyon Leader as the 2025 Official Publication. (Motion carried 4-0)
8. Approved the 2025 Per Diem Rates. (Motion carried 4-0)
9. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 4-0)
10. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 4-0)
11. Approved the map amendment/rezone for Sarah and Jeffrey Rohr, Florence Township. (Motion carried 4-0)
12. Approved an Interim Use Permit for Titus Byler, Belle Creek Township. (Motion carried 4-0)
13. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 4-0)
14. Approved to adjourn the January 7, 2024, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 4-0)