

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
MAY 6, 2025

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Kenyon City Hall Council Chambers, Kenyon, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Flanders, Betcher, Majerus, and Greseth all present.

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

- 1 Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the April 15, 2025, County Board meeting minutes.
- 2 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the May 6, 2025, County Board Agenda.
- 3 Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the list of Sheriff's Office items ready for Public Surplus auction.

2. Approve MN DNR Snowmobile Trail Grant Resolution

3. Approve the State of MN Institution Community Work Crew (ICWC) contract for 7/1/25-6/30/27.

4. Approve the list of County Items for sale via Public Surplus Website

5. Approve the Tuition Reimbursement Request for H. Carlson, IT Department.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WOJ Farm Addition Preliminary and Final Plat Review. A request has been submitted by LandProz, on behalf of Duane Wojcik, 34399 County 2 Boulevard, Red Wing, MN, for a preliminary and final plat review of the proposed WOJ Farm Addition, comprising approximately 235 acres to facilitate the sale of the property. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 17, 2025.

Dave Rapp, Land Surveyor for the applicant, addressed the board.

Staff recommended approval.

- 4 Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the staff recommendation and adopt the staff report into record; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request for a Preliminary and Final Plat of the WOJ Farm, with the following condition:
1. The platted lands include a registered feedlot parcel. The new owners will need to update the feedlot permits with the SWCD.

Consider Request for Conditional Use Permit for Feedlot Expansion, Bombay Dairy. An application has been submitted by Bombay Dairy, 5492 County Road 30 Blvd, Kenyon MN, to construct a manure storage facility that will store over 500,000 gallons of manure. The proposed dimensions of the concrete pit are 150 feet by 250 feet and would store up to 3 million gallons of manure. The pit will be pumped in the fall of each year and spread onto land that has been approved for such application of manure. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 21, 2025, and recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

- 5 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to adopt the staff report into record; to accept the Planning Advisory Commissions recommendation, findings of fact, and conditions, and to approve the conditional use permit request for a feedlot expansion submitted by Bombay Dairy subject to the following Conditions of Approval:
1. A building permit mut be approved for the new lagoon
2. The feedlot must comply with all necessary state and federal permits and licensing, including Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance: Article 13 confined feedlot regulations, and Article 21, agricultural protection district,
3. The owners will cooperate with inspections of the facility in coordination with Land Use staff.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Amend Five-Year Construction Program and Approve Township Bridge Replacement Agreement. Staff recommended the County Board amend the Five-Year Bridge Construction Program and approve of the proposed standard agreement with Leon Township, detailing the roles and responsibilities of the Township and the County for the reconstruction of culverts on 357th Street.

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6 Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the agreement with Leon Township and amend the 2025 Five-Year Bridge Program as presented:

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2025, the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners approved the Five-Year Bridge Construction Program; and

WHEREAS, the approved Five-Year Bridge Construction Program included a project to replace a structure on 357th Street in Leon Township in 2029; and

WHEREAS, the existing structure consists of two 48” metal culverts, and is not considered a bridge as defined by the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, recent inspections of the two 48” culverts on 357th Street have indicated deficiencies in the structure and have resulted in the Township restricting travel along the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the County, in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, are proposing to replace the existing pipes with two 72” round culverts, which meets the definition of a bridge, as defined by the State of Minnesota, and can be constructed in 2025; and

WHEREAS, an agreement between the County and Leon Township is necessary to outline roles and responsibilities of each agency related to the reconstruction of this structure; and

WHEREAS, Leon Township has signed the agreement; and

WHEREAS, County staff recommends amending the 2025 Five-Year Bridge Construction Program and approving the agreement with Leon Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2025 Five-Year Bridge Construction Program to include the structure on 357th Street in Leon Township for construction in 2025 as shown below:

Old Bridge Number	Road Name	Crossing	LPI	Total Project Cost	Township / State Funds Requested	Federal Funds	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Construction Year
25516	CSAH 8	BELLE CREEK	32	\$1,539,131	\$620,167	\$708,000	\$210,964	2025
25530	CSAH 7	STREAM	49	\$1,000,000	\$800,000		\$200,000	2025
L0549	WELCH TRAIL	STREAM	51	\$275,000	\$275,000			2025
R0901	GOODHUE AVE.	STREAM	45	\$250,000	\$250,000			2025
NO# (LT-10)	357 TH STREET	STREAM	N/A	\$50,000	\$50,000			2025
L0415	CSAH 7	STREAM	35	\$400,000	\$320,000		\$80,000	2026
L0416	CSAH 7	STREAM	51	\$400,000	\$320,000		\$80,000	2026
L0679	370 TH STREET	WELLS CREEK	47	\$350,000	\$350,000			2026
L0740	195 TH AVE.	PINE ISLAND CREEK	45	\$375,000	\$375,000			2026
L0612	325 TH STREET	STREAM	54	\$275,000	\$275,000			2026
25573	CR 43	DRY RUN CREEK	55	\$1,000,000		\$714,000	\$286,000	2027
L0544	CR 56	STREAM	39	\$500,000	\$400,000		\$100,000	2027
97629	460 TH STREET	STREAM	43	\$300,000	\$300,000			2027
L6387	430 TH STREET	LITTLE CANNON RIVER	18	\$300,000	\$300,000			2027
25J07	360 TH STREET	STREAM	40	\$325,000	\$325,000			2027
L0470	CSAH 12	SPRING CREEK	50	\$400,000	\$320,000		\$80,000	2028
25534	CSAH 14	BUTLER CREEK	53	\$1,000,000	\$800,000		\$200,000	2028
6169	320 TH STREET	STREAM	44	\$300,000	\$300,000			2028
L9646	GOODHUE AVE.	PRAIRIE CREEK	44	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000			2028
L0693	BROADWAY ST.	STREAM	42	\$300,000	\$240,000		\$60,000	2028
L0519	CR 44	LITTLE CANNON RIVER	60	\$1,000,000	\$800,000		\$200,000	2029
25564	CSAH 30	STREAM	58	\$1,000,000	\$800,000		\$200,000	2029
97377	305 TH STREET	STREAM	35	\$300,000	\$300,000			2029
NO# (LT-10)	320 TH STREET	HAY CREEK	N/A	\$850,000	\$850,000			2029

and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Goodhue County hereby approves the agreement with Leon Township.

HUMAN RESOURCES

2025 Biometric Testing Vendor & Incentives. Staff recommended the board accept the proposal from OnSite Health Diagnostics and enter into a one-year contract to perform biometric screening and health risk assessments for employees; continue offering TSH and PSA screening for eligible participants; add hemoglobin A1C testing for all participants; and update the incentive structure and adopt option D of the staff report.

7 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to accept the proposal from OnSite Health Diagnostics and enter into a one-year contract to perform biometric screening and health risk assessments for employees; continue offering TSH and PSA screening for eligible participants; add hemoglobin A1C testing for all participants; and keep the existing incentive structure based on participation and outcomes.

FINANCE AND TAXPAYERS SERVICES REPORT

Tax Forfeited Land- DNR Request. Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed resolution transferring parcels 47.029.1900 and 47.030.2100 to the DNR.

8 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following resolution approving the application by the Department of Natural Resources for release of tax-forfeited lands from the trust in favor of the taxing district:

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Natural Resources has made application authority of Minn. Stat. sec. 282.01, subd. 2(b), on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources for release of the following described lands from the trust in favor of the taxing district: The abandoned one hundred (100) foot wide right of way of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company across the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section 29, Township 110 North, Range 15 West, Goodhue County, Minnesota.

AND The abandoned one hundred (100) foot wide right of way of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company in the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section 30, Township 110 North, Range 15 West, Goodhue County, Minnesota, between the east line of said quarter section and a perpendicular (line) at the present end of said track at Engineering Station 2832 +17, a point in the center line of said track at a distance of 445 feet northeasterly, measured along the center line of the present track from its intersection with the west line of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of said Section 30.

WHEREAS, it appears that there is need for such lands and the Commissioner of Natural Resources desires to obtain such lands for conservation purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of said Commissioner of Natural Resources of the State of Minnesota, be granted and that the above described lands be and hereby are released from the trust in favor of the taxing district to the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to the Editor. C/Flanders presented a draft letter to the editor for the board to consider regarding shifts in funding from the state. This letter was in response to a request from the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) suggesting local commissioners begin to educate the public on the proposed funding shifts from the state.

9 Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the letter to the editor regarding the shifting of state funding.

C/Greseth noted that it was brought to his attention that there was a large wind farm being proposed in Goodhue County and asked staff if they had any updates. Staff has not had any inquiries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	•

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

Review and Approve the County Claims

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- Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$858,973.98, 03-Public Works \$193,935.42, 11- Human Service Fund \$206,736.72, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$500.00, 34-Capital Equipment \$306,066.00, 35-Debt Services \$750.00, 61-Waste Management \$10,931.19, 72-Other Agency Funds \$161,298.68, 81-Settlement \$944.00, in the total amount of \$1,740,135.99.

Adjourn

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- Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the May 6, 2025, County Board Meeting.



SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1.
- Approved the April 15, 2025, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2.
- Approved the May 6, 2025, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3.
- Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4.
- Approved the WOJ Farm Addition Preliminary and Final Plat. (Motion carried 5-0)
5.
- Approved the conditional use permit for Bombay Dairy. (Motion carried 5-0)
6.
- Approved to amend the 5 yr. bridge construction program and township bridge replacement agreement. (Motion carried 5-0)
7.
- Approved the biometric testing vendor & incentive. (Motion carried 5-0)
8.
- Approved the tax forfeited land- DNR request. (Motion carried 5-0)
9.
- Approved the letter to the editor. (Motion carried 5-0)
10.
- Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
11.
- Approved to adjourn the May 6, 2025, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)