



GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

TO EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
COUNTY BOARD ROOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER
RED WING, MN

MARCH 16, 2021
10:00 A.M.

Virtual Meeting Notice

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 are not practical or prudent. Therefore, meetings that are governed by the Open Meeting Law will temporarily be conducted by telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021.

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners will be conducting a Committee of the Whole meeting pursuant to this section on March 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Board Room. 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 <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/610667677> or calling [1 877 309 2073](tel:18773092073) OR [1 571 317 3129](tel:15713173129) any time during the meeting. Access Code: **610-667-677**

1. County Board Goals

Documents:

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Date: March 10, 2021

To: Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

From: Scott O. Arneson, County Administrator

Re: 2021 County Board Goals

Attached is the presentation that outlines the results of the survey questions in reference to the submitted goals for 2021.

- a) Each slide shows how 3 Commissioners and 13 Department Heads ranked the submitted goal.
*Commissioner Greseth stated that COVID remains his number #1 goal and that he would defer to the other Commissioners goals at this time.
- b) Each slide shows a statement or two in reference to the specific goal.

The purpose of this Committee of the Whole is to discuss the results of the survey and what the next steps are moving forward.

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2021 County Board Goals

MARCH 16, 2021



Complete a Compensation Study

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	3	0	0	0
Dept. Heads	11	0	1	1

- ✓ County Board has approved moving forward with a Compensation Study. It is included in the 2021 budget.
- ✓ Human Resources is in the process of bringing documents to the County Board to begin the process.

Continue to support Drug Court as a necessary program to enable recovery from drug addiction.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	3	0	0	0
Dept. Heads	10	0	0	3

- ✓ County Board has continued to levy funds to support the continuation of the program should the grant discontinue.
- ✓ A Committee of the Whole is scheduled for March 16 with a program update.

Complete a policy and procedure review of County practices to ensure equity and equality.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	3	0	0	0
Dept. Heads	8	1	2	2

- ✓ This process is underway with the direction the County Board gave to form the Goodhue County Equity Review Committee.

Work with MnDot and the City of Zumbrota on long range plan for County 7 connection to Highway 52 and the Zumbrota Commercial Area.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	3	0	0	0
Dept. Heads	4	1	1	8

- ✓ There currently is an RFP out to select consultants to perform a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study.

Complete Landfill Transfer

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	3	0	0	0
Dept. Heads	7	1	1	4

- ✓ This transfer is in the process is on hold until legal process is completed.

Space Study/Operations Study – Gov't Center

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	0	1	0
Dept. Heads	9	0	1	3

- ✓ This was included in the 2021 budget.
- ✓ RFP's have been reviewed and we are in the process of setting a timeframe.

Broadband

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	1	0	0
Dept. Heads	7	3	0	3

- ✓ Getting Broadband solutions County Wide has been and continues to be a top priority of the County Board.
- ✓ County Staff continue to work with providers, legislators, and constituents to seek solutions.

Work with legislators on tax issues, dark stores and timely state changes to tax (pipeline & powerlines)

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	3	0	0	0
Dept. Heads	4	1	1	7

- ✓ The likelihood in any major changes to tax policy during the pandemic is highly unlikely per AMC.

Review programs and practices to help initiate new housing starts in the County.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	1	0	0
Dept. Heads	5	2	0	6

- ✓ The Board approved housing study was completed in 2019/2020.
- ✓ There is a subcommittee that continues to work with CEDA, SEMCHRA, Red Wing HRA and other stakeholders.
- ✓ CARES ACT has provided some opportunities in this area and we believe CARES ACT II will as well.

Continue to support outside agencies in their role of performing county services independently, effectively and economically.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	1	0	0
Dept. Heads	4	1	3	5

- ✓ The County Board continues to annually support the outside agencies without any reduction in allotments.

Continue to develop the scope of the master plan for the Neilson Preserve as an outdoor educational facility.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	1	0	0
Dept. Heads	5	1	0	7

- ✓ The Master plan has been revised and submitted.
- ✓ The Park Board is hoping for a ranking of *highly important regional park*.

Pass a resolution in support of each one of nine Goodhue County Public Works Legislative Issues.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	1	0	0
Dept. Heads	3	3	0	7

- ✓ The likelihood of additional transportation support during the pandemic is low.

Mental Health

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	1	2	0	0
Dept. Heads	5	3	0	5

- ✓ There may be substantial opportunities within CARES ACT II to make meaningful improvements to Mental Health programs in Goodhue County.

Establish high water low wake and no wake regulations on the Mississippi River adjacent to Goodhue County.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	1	0	0
Dept. Heads	4	3	3	3

- ✓ Goodhue County would need to work with other governing bodies on this issue.

Establish sustainability as the lynch pin of all County policies and practices in order to limit garbage, waste and environmental degradation. Getting rid of single use anything as well as maintenance and energy conservation practices should be encouraged.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	0	1	0
Dept. Heads	3	5	1	4

DH Comment - this is a valid goal, but the second part is not realistically attainable anytime in the near future

The County should continue with propagation and utilization of solar energy in order to save money for energy bills and increase revenue from solar installation taxes.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	0	1	0
Dept. Heads	6	2	0	5

- ✓ The County has existing subscriptions and continually analyze savings and efficiencies county wide.

Investigate a workable way to avoid another accidental fatality from the jump-off on Lake Byllesby. Can we institute a sophisticated surveillance system to identify trespassers?

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	2	0	1	0
Dept. Heads	2	2	3	6

- ✓ There are large challenges on this topic.

Continue to support the Great River Rail Commission's quest for a second train to Chicago.

	Support Attainable	Support Not Attainable	Do Not Support	N/A
County Board	1	1	1	0
Dept. Heads	2	3	3	5

- ✓ The County Board has been supportive of the Commission.

Comments Made

- Many of the outcomes of COVID-19 will be challenging the HHS Staff and HHS Board. We need to be vigilant of their needs going forward.
- Broadband and Mental Health need further definition.
- Confused with Mental Health as it did not offer any further information. I support mental health for all of us, just unsure of what it meant.
- Some goals that I support but do not feel are attainable because they are not in our jurisdiction or we are not the founders of the project.



Moving Forward....