

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
JANUARY 19, 2021**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in Closed Session for legal advice regarding ongoing litigation, and again at 9:00 a.m. in open session, by virtual meeting with the County Administrator appearing from the County Board Room of the Government Center, Red Wing, MN with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Drotos, Greseth and Flanders all present and appearing by virtual meeting.

C/Anderson asked if there were any disclosures of interest. There were none.

¹ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the January 5, 2021, County Board Minutes.

² Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the January 19, 2021 County Board Agenda.

C/Anderson added an update on County Ditch #1 under the Land Use Management Director's Report. C/Drotos requested a change to the Committee Appointments listed on the consent agenda.

³ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda as amended:

The following changes were made to the 2021 Committee Structure:

- C/Greseth instead of C/Drotos is the alternate on the SE Regional Radio Board.
- C/Anderson will be on the Goodhue Wabasha Hiawatha Transit Committee.

1. Approve 2021 Mileage Reimbursement Rate Policy.
2. Approve Clerical Error List.
3. Approve CBAE Set Date.
4. Approve Township Bridge Replacement Agreement.
5. Approve Public Works Legislative Priorities.
6. Approve the revised Electronic Communications Policy.
7. Approve Assistant County Attorney III.
8. Approve LELS #91 2020-2021 Contract.
9. Approve LELS #92 2020-2021 Contract.
10. Approve the 2021 Committee Appointment Structure.
11. Approve Tuition Reimbursement for Travis Larson, HHS.
12. Approve the sale of Surplus Equipment.
13. Approve the COVID-19 MOU for vaccination clinics.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 19, 2021 Personnel Committee Report. The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, prior to the board meeting with the following items on the agenda:

HHS Replacement Position. This issue will be addressed at the Health and Human Services board meeting.

Replacement Highway Maintenance Worker. The Personnel Committee had a split recommendation with C/Anderson recommending approval and C/Majerus recommending denial.

⁴ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Greseth and C/Majerus dissenting to approve to hire a replacement Highway Maintenance Worker position in the Public Works Department.

LANDUSE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Request for a Utility-Scale Solar Energy System (SES). Request submitted by USS Wildcat Solar LLC (Applicant) and Paul Betcher (Owner) for a Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Ground 1-Megawatt Solar Energy System (SES) occupying approximately 7.57 acres. Parcel 33.027.0400. TBD County 9 BLVD, Goodhue, MN 55027. The NW ¼ of Section 27 TWP 111 Range 15 in Goodhue Township. A-1 Zoned District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval.

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- ⁵ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation to 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 CUP request, submitted by USS Wildcat Solar LLC (Applicant) and Paul Betcher (Owner) for a Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Ground 1-Megawatt Solar Energy System (SES) occupying approximately 7.57 acres subject to the following conditions:
1. Activities shall be conducted according to submitted plans, specifications, and narrative unless modified by a condition of this CUP;
 2. The project shall be decommissioned according to Article 19 Section 6 of the Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance and submitted plans;
 3. A decommissioning agreement between the landowner and USS Wildcat Solar LLC shall be maintained to ensure reclamation of the area;
 4. LUM staff shall be notified by the landowner or solar company 30 days prior to ownership transfer or operator changes;
 5. A storm water management and erosion control plan shall be submitted for administrative review as part of the Building Permit Application for the project;
 6. Applicant shall work with the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District to determine an appropriate seed mix for disturbed areas of the site and should submit "seed tags" to the Land Use Management Department prior to final inspection;
 7. Applicant shall obtain an Access Permit from the Goodhue County Public Works Department prior to performing work within the CTY 9 BLVD Right-Of-Way;
 8. Applicant shall obtain Building Permit approvals from the Goodhue County Land Use Management Department prior to establishing the use;
 9. Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to, Article 19 Solar Energy Systems (SES) and Article 21 (Agriculture Protection District). The Applicant shall request a final inspection of the project for compliance with applicable zoning requirements upon completion of the project;
 10. Compliance with all necessary State and Federal registrations, permits, licensing, and regulations;
 11. This CUP shall expire 30 years from the date of approval unless terminated prior to that date.

Interim Use Permit (IUP) Request for Home Businesses. Request for an Interim Use Permit (IUP) submitted by David and Robin Koenig (Owners/Operators) to establish two Tier-3 Home Businesses manufacturing cotton candy and canvas cover products. Parcel 31.025.1200. 32360 HWY 58 BLVD, Red Wing, MN 55066. Part of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ Section 25 TWP 112 Range 15 in Featherstone Township. A-2 Zoned District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval.

- ⁶ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation to 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 David and Robin Koenig for an IUP to establish two Tier-3 Home Businesses on the property. 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. Primary hours of operation for the retail business shall be year-round, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM;
 3. On-street parking shall be prohibited;
 4. On-street loading or off-loading shall be prohibited;
 5. An assessment of water use and impact to the existing septic system should be conducted by a septic professional prior to expansion of the businesses;
 6. Compliance with all necessary State and Federal registrations, permits, licensing, and regulations;
 7. Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to Article 11, Section 12, Home Businesses and Article 22 A-2 General Agricultural District; and
 8. The IUP shall become null and void upon a change of property ownership or if the use is discontinued for a period of one year.

County Ditch #1 Update. Land Use Management Director, Lisa Hanni, updated the board on the special board

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meeting which will be held on March 25, at 9:00 a.m. to address issues for the County Ditch. There may be an additional meeting needed in May to accept bids. A date will be set later in the year.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Five Year Highway Construction Program. Staff recommended the Board discuss and approve the proposed Five-Year Highway Construction program so staff can work to deliver those projects. It is also recommended that the County reconsider and develop a new list of projects that are eligible for LOST funding.

⁷ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Majerus dissenting to approve the proposed Five Year Highway Construction Program.

Five Year Bridge Replacement Program. Staff recommended the board approve the proposed Five Year Bridge Replacement Program as presented.

⁸ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the following resolution approving the Five Year Bridge Replacement Program:

WHEREAS: Goodhue County is required to submit a Bridge Replacement Priority List to the State for these projects to be eligible for Town Bridge Funds and/or State Bridge Bonding Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners approves the Bridge Replacement Priority List as presented below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bridges will be replaced as funding is available.

2021 Bridge Replacement Priority List				
Bridge	Agency	Location	Estimate	Year
L5391	City of CF	3 rd Avenue	\$2,300,000	2021
LT 10	Kenyon	50 th Avenue	\$195,000	
L0736	Cherry Grove	460 th Street	\$515,000	
R0004	Roscoe	170 th Ave. Way	\$520,000	
L0521	County	CR 44	\$860,000	
L0698	Wanamingo	63 rd Avenue	\$300,000	
L0574	Florence	Hill Avenue	\$295,000	2022
L5948	Cherry Grove	110 th Avenue	\$255,000	
L0546	County	CR 57	\$610,000	
L8937	Holden	20 th Avenue	\$150,000	
L0618	Featherstone	325 th Street	\$215,000	2023
L0624	Wanamingo	90 th Avenue	\$215,000	
25516	County	CSAH 8	\$970,000	
L0701	Zumbrota	400 th Avenue	\$250,000	
25502	County	CR 45	\$550,000	2024
25501	County	CSAH 2	\$800,000	
L0549	Welch	Welch Trail	\$275,000	
L2510	City of Pine Island	511 th Street	\$500,000	
L0679	Goodhue	370 th Street	\$350,000	2025
L0740	Pine Island	195 th Avenue	\$375,000	
L0612	Vasa	325 th Street	\$275,000	
[Failing Struct.]	Holden	420 th St. Way	\$250,000	

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FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2021 Financial Policies. Finance Director, Brian Anderson, reviewed the current Financial Policies with the board and recommended approval with the amendment to use a range of 35-50% for reserves.

- ⁹ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the 2021 Financial Policies as presented with the modification to the change the fund balance reserves to a range of 35-50%.

Goodhue County State Relief Grant Program Update 2021. Finance Director, Brian Anderson, updated the board on the current State relief Grant Program for 2021. This item was for information only.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2021 County Board Workshop. Administrator Arneson discussed the 2021 county board workshop process. Administration will be requesting each commissioner's list of goals, which will be presented for review at the next board meeting. The board can decide which goals they would like to have a Committee of the Whole meeting on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Drotos	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	• South Eastern EDA Joint Powers Meeting where Broad band was discussed.
Administrator Arneson	•

New Business.

Broadband funding. C/Flanders requested that staff draft a letter of support for broad band throughout Goodhue County.

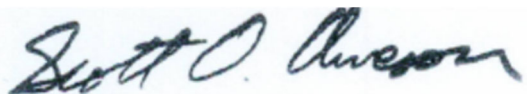
Review and Approve the County Claims

- ¹⁰ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$1,508,072.42, 03-Public Works \$43,528.51, 11- Human Service Fund \$23,585.23, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$12,439.85, 21-ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$41,938.71, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$16,258.15, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$4,004.24, 81-Settlement \$380.00, in the total amount of \$1,650,207.11.

Adjourn

- ¹¹ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to adjourn the January 19, 2021, County Board Meeting.

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SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the January 5, 2021 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approve the January 19, 2020 County Board Meeting Agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the Consent Agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved to hire a replacement highway maintenance worker. (Motion carried 3-2-0)
5. Approved a conditional use permit for USS Wildcat Solar LLC and Paul Betcher, Goodhue Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved an interim use permit for David and Robin Koenig, Featherstone Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved the Five Year Road Construction Program. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
8. Approved the Five Year Bridge Replacement Program. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved the 2021 Financial Policies. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved to adjourn the January 19, 2021 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)