

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN  
MARCH 2, 2021**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 8:15 a.m. in closed session to discuss employee union contract negotiations and again in open session at 9:00 a.m. 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.

<sup>1</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the February 16, 2021, County Board Minutes.

<sup>2</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the March 2, 2021 County Board Agenda.

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

C/Flanders requested to remove items #6 and #7 from the consent agenda for discussion.

C/Majerus requested to removed item #5 from the consent agenda for discussion.

1. Approve the Telephone CPR Services Agreement.
2. Approve the Anniversary Date Change for Planner/Zoning Administrator.
3. Approve Byllesby Pavilion & Essential Services Design Contract.
4. Approve County LRIP Funding Applications.
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8. Approve New Engineering Technician Classification.
9. Approve Tuition Reimbursement for Chelsea Lawson, Dispatch.

**#5. Approve Use of Eminent Domain for CSAH 24 Grading Contract S.A.P. 025-624-016.** C/Majerus noted that he could not support this issue. C/Greseth questioned how long they have been working on this issue. Mr. Isakson stated that they have been working on this for four years.

<sup>4</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Majerus dissenting to approve the use of eminent domain for CSAH 24 Grading Contract SAP 025-624-016.

**#7. Approve New Engineering Technician Classification.** C/Flanders recognized Public Works for being creative on coming up with options for hiring for a position that has been difficult to fill. C/Majerus questioned if the job description would come back to the board for approval once the cost is known. Mr. Isakson stated that he would write the job description and get it scored. At that point, it would be brought back to the board.

<sup>5</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Majerus dissenting to approve the new engineering technician classification.

#### **COUNTY SERVEYOR'S REPORT**

**Set County Ditch 1 Repair Hearing.** Staff and counsel recommended the board approved the proposed Order in the Matter of the Repair of Goodhue County Ditch 1 and set the public hearing for March 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

<sup>6</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the order in the Matter of the Redetermination of Benefits for Goodhue County Ditch 1 and set the public hearing for March 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **LANDUSE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**PUBLIC HEARING: Request for Map Amendment (Rezone).** The request was for a map amendment, submitted by Featherstone Township, to rezone all parcels within Section 06 from A-3 (Urban Fringe) to A-2 (General Agriculture).

The Planning Commission recommended approval.

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<sup>7</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

C/Anderson asked for public comment.

Eric Pearson spoke to the issue.

C/Anderson asked three times for additional public comment. There was none.

<sup>8</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

<sup>9</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation to adopt the staff report into record; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the map amendment request from Featherstone Township to rezone Section 06 from A-3 (Urban Fringe District) to A-2 (General Agriculture District) with the added text amendment: Density for one additional dwelling shall be allowed in the south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 6. This allowance shall expire and be considered null and void if not exercised within five years from the date of county board approval.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

C/Drotos	• Housing Committee Meeting. Rail Committee Meeting
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	• Public Safety Committee Meeting update.
Administrator Arneson	•

**New Business.**

**#6. Approve Benchmark Communities.** C/Flanders asked for clarification on the cost associated with hiring this firm. Ms. Cushing stated that the cost was \$19,250.00.

<sup>10</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the Benchmark Communities Contract.

**Review and Approve the County Claims**

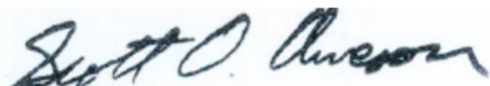
<sup>11</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$485,985.96, 03-Public Works \$361,517.72, 11- Human Service Fund \$219,743.81, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 21-ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$150.00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$11,748.45, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$23,097.28, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$270,300.38, 81-Settlement \$985.51, in the total amount of \$1,373,529.11.

**Adjourn**

<sup>12</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to adjourn the March 2, 2021, County Board Meeting.

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SCOTT O. ARNESON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



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BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the February 16, 2021 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approve the March 2, 2020 County Board Meeting Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the Consent Agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved Use of Eminent Domain for CSAH 24 Grading Contract S.A.P. 025-624-016. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
5. Approved the Public Works Engineering Technician Classification. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
6. Approved to set the public hearing for County Ditch 1. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved the Map Amendment Rezone for Featherstone Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved the Benchmark Communities Contract. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved to adjourn the March 2, 2021 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)