

Meeting Notes

August 18, 2023



Of: Citizen Budget Committee

Voting Members Present: Commissioner Jeff Peterson, Mark Ronnei - District #1, Chris Hanneken – District #2, and Martin Cook– District #4

Staff and Others: Commissioner Bob Kangas, Commissioner Scott Bruns, Sandra Norikane, Mark Peterson, Ben Lindstrom, Betsy Woodford, and Joshua Stevenson

Date: Friday, August 18, 2023 - Public Meeting Room, Land Department Building, Backus, MN

- 9:00 A.M.
1. Commissioner Scott Bruns called the meeting to order with the flag pledge.
 2. Introductions were made by all in attendance.
 3. Approval of Agenda: M/S/P Ronnei, Hanneken – Motion to approve the agenda as presented - Unanimous
 4. Review 2024 reference materials – See Website
 5. Review 2024 budget requests – See Website
 6. The Committee reviewed Census Data, Market Value Adjustments, New Construction Data, Labor Costs, and Levy Impact to taxpayers. It was noted that a shift in tax payment continues with commercial property owners now included. It was also noted that although net tax capacity has increased, some taxpayers will see an increase in county taxes with recent real estate activities. No action taken
 7. Potential changes to requests – The Committee requested information from HHVS, the Sheriff's Office, the Auditor Treasurers Office, the Highway Department, and details on staffing cost increases at the next meeting.
 8. Committee recommendation for preliminary levy to County Board – No action taken.
 9. Confirm next meeting date – Friday, August 25, 2023 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Public Meeting Room, Land Department Building, Backus, MN
- 12:09 P.M. 10. Commissioner Bruns adjourned the meeting at 12:09pm.