

Meeting Notes

August 25, 2023



Of: Citizen Budget Committee

Voting Members Present: Commissioners Rick Haaland and Jeff Peterson, Mark Ronnei - District #1, Chris Hanneken – District #2, Jack Carder – District #3, and Martin Cook– District #4

Staff and Others: Commissioner Neal Gaalswyk, Commissioner Mark Peterson, Commissioner Scott Bruns, Ben Lindstrom, Betsy Woodford, Darrick Anderson, Bryan Welk, John Yochum, Eric Alger, Brian Buhmann, Lavelle Kroontje, and Joshua Stevenson

Date: Friday, August 25, 2023 - Public Meeting Room, Land Department Building, Backus, MN

- 9:00 A.M.
1. Commissioner Bruns called the meeting to order with the flag pledge.
 2. Introductions were made by all in attendance.
 3. Health, Human and Veterans Services – No action taken.
 4. Highway Department (Road and Bridge) – No action taken.
 5. Auditor Treasurer – No action taken.
 6. Sheriff – No action taken.
 7. Staffing – No action taken.
 8. Program focus for decrease or increase – Commissioners affirmed that there should be no decrease in wages or insurance benefits to employees reflected in the 2024 budget.
 9. Committee recommendation for preliminary levy to County Board – M/S/P Hanneken, Ronnei – Motion to recommend a preliminary levy 13.25% above the 2023 final levy – Unanimous
 10. Confirm next meeting date – Friday, October 6, 2023, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Public Meeting Room, Land Department Building, Backus, MN
- 11:50 A.M.
11. Commissioner Bruns adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.

Draft Agenda

October 6, 2023



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Staff : Mark Peterson and Joshua Stevenson

Date: Friday, October 6, 2023 - Public Meeting Room, Land Department Building, Backus, MN

- 9:00 A.M. 1. Call meeting to order with the flag pledge
2. Introductions
3. Budget related changes since last meeting (August 25, 2023)
4. Department program reviews
5. DRAFT Talking Points Document to clarify increases in County taxes to the public for website and distribution.
- 11:00 A.M. 6. Adjourn