

Meeting Notes

October 8, 2021



Of: Citizen Budget Committee

Members Present: Commissioners Rick Haaland and Neal Gaalswyk, Andrea Foster - District #3, Chris Hanneken – District #2, Kevin Krueger – District #5, David Laursen – District #4, and Craig Kochsiek– District #1

Staff : Sandra Norikane, Mark Peterson, and Joshua Stevenson

Date: Friday, October 8, 2021 - Public Meeting Room, Land Department Building, Backus, MN

- 9:00 A.M.
1. Commissioner Gaalswyk called the meeting to order with the flag pledge
 2. Approval of Agenda: M/S/P Hanneken, Haaland – Motion to approve as presented - Unanimous
 3. Budget related changes since last meeting (August 13, 2021) – Staff reported that the County Board adopted a preliminary levy at 3.5% above the 2020 final levy of which the impact to taxpayers shows small reductions in all property classes. 2020 audit results included 1) general fund unassigned fund balance increase of \$614,726 resulting from decreased programming during the pandemic, 2) \$325,000 in COVID grant proceeds to be used toward the 2021 levy as anticipated, and 3) approximately \$125,000 of additional Local Option Sales Tax property tax relief available for each of the five remaining years that the tax is in place.
 4. Sheriff – No action taken - Purchase of jail transport van has been moved forward to 2021 and will be funded with vacancies in the department.
 5. Central Services (MIS) – No action taken
 6. Health, Human and Veterans Services – No action taken
 7. MN Extension (4-H) – No action taken
 8. Additional budget request review – Add Probation to next meeting agenda to discuss unfunded mandates
 9. Confirm next meeting date – Friday, October 15, 2021 beginning at 9:00am Public Meeting Room, Land Department Building, Backus MN
- 11:30 A.M.
10. Commissioner Gaalswyk adjourned the meeting

Agenda

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Voting Members: Commissioners Rick Haaland and Neal Gaalswyk, Andrea Foster - District #3, Chris Hanneken – District #2, Kevin Krueger – District #5, David Laursen – District #4, and Craig Kochsiek– District #1

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Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 - Public Meeting Room, Land Department Building, Backus, MN

- 9:00 A.M. 1. Call meeting to order with the flag pledge
- 9:00 A.M. 2. Approval of Agenda
- 9:00 A.M. 3. Budget related changes since last meeting (October 8, 2021)
- 9:15 A.M. 4. Capital Plan
- 9:45 A.M. 5. Road and Bridge (Highway)
- 10:00 A.M. 6. Probation
- 10:15 A.M. 7. Program Accomplishments
- 10:30 A.M. 8. Consider final budget recommendations
- 10:55 A.M. 9. Confirm next meeting date – (If needed) Friday, November 5, 2021 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Public Meeting Room, Land Department Building, Backus MN
- 11:00 A.M. 10. Adjourn