



WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

July 11, 2023 - 8:30 AM

East Annex Public Meeting Room

300 North State Street – East Annex · Waseca, Minnesota 56093

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 in the Commissioners' Room, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota. Members present were Chair Brian Harguth, DeAnne Malterer, Doug Christopherson, and Brad Krause.

Other members present were Michael Johnson, County Administrator; Beth Weimert, Administrative Coordinator; Tammy Spooner, Property and Election Services Director; Brian Tomford, Building and Grounds Director; Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Director; Chris Howard, Ditch Management Coordinator; Eric Miller, Watershed Coordinator.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Harguth called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. A roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Budget Discussions

Eric Miller, Watershed Coordinator, discussed a local match requirement for in-kind services for the Hazard Mitigation Grant application that is being submitted by LeSueur County. Miller indicated that the staff have a desire to work with and partner in this. Discussions supporting the Hazard Mitigation Grant application took place. Miller noted completion of this study will further assist the local stakeholders to identify strategies to improve watershed health and build a more resilient community.

Michael Johnson, County Administrator, discussed the Land and Water Resources budget for 2024. Chris Howard provided an overview of the budget items for 2024.

The Waseca County Board of Directors reviewed an email regarding a request from the DNR to improve the early coordination process of public drainage improvement projects.

Commissioners reviewed the Courthouse Park Disc Golf Course plans and options for the 18th hole. The septic system for Courthouse Park was also discussed. The option of installing a public restroom while upgrading the septic system was discussed. A floor plan for these potential restrooms was shared. There has only been one quote obtained currently. Tomford noted that he obtained the renderings based on the City of Waseca's most recent restroom construction project. Commissioner Malterer noted reviewing ordinances in the near future would be necessary. Tomford noted this structure would be located where the old playground equipment was located. Commissioners noted that they would like to see the 18th hole scaled down and asked if there could be a way to get a donation of boulders from area farmers, only doing the bottom layer footprint with the potential to add more later, and less vegetation was recommended.

Johnson discussed the changes to the timeline for potential Courthouse renovations, including the main entrance and flooring throughout the lower level and main levels. Tomford noted that there is limited downtime with the resurfacing of the floors. Johnson discussed the timeline of the entrance during the November timeframe.

3. Adjourn

The work session ended at 11:20 a.m.

Brian Harguth, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Beth Weimert, Clerk
Waseca County Administration

