

# Regular Meeting Agenda

May 12, 2020

Call to Order

Clerk's report

Treasurer's report

## **Roads**

1. Typo Creek Drive updates- MSA and invoice
2. Other

## **Old Business**

1. Isanti Area Joint Fire District update
2. Sign update

## **New Business**

1. Property tax waiver feedback
  - a. Isanti county is reaching out to some of the taxing districts to gauge the potential impact on cash flows or finances. It's difficult to estimate how many (or which) taxpayers will take advantage of the waiver, so the exact financial cost is not known. They expect most large corporate taxpayers and escrowed residential properties to still pay on time, but could see many residential properties and small businesses taking advantage of a penalty waiver. Will a delay in a undetermined portion of the settlement from early July until December create cash flow concerns for Oxford?
2. Presidential Nomination Primary Reimbursement forms filled out and submitted to the county
3. Zoning- Board of Adjustment, May 14 meeting Oxford request for variance for solar panels utilizing new technology:

The request of Todd Martin, 25809 Virgo Street NE, Stacy, MN 55079 & Blue Horizon Energy LLC, 171 Cheshire Lane Suite 500, Minnetonka, MN 55305, to install a solar energy ground mount system exceeding the maximum height restriction. Legal description is the W ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 17, Township 34, Range 22, Oxford Township.

4. Broadband information:



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Cambridge, MN 55008  
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1<sup>st</sup> District  
Dave Oslund

2<sup>nd</sup> District  
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Greg Anderson

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Mike Warring

5<sup>th</sup> District  
Susan Morris

*Human Resources Director  
Deputy County Administrator*

**Sharon Katka**  
*Human Resources Generalist*

**Halee Turner**  
*Administrative Assistant II*

May 1, 2020

To: Isanti County Township Officers

From: Susan Morris, Isanti County Economic Development Authority (EDA) Chair

**RE: Further Exploration of Improving High Speed Internet Access in Rural Isanti County**

Because of concerns expressed by residents, businesses and institutions in Isanti County, the Isanti County EDA established a High Speed Internet Taskforce in 2017. The taskforce has done extensive research focusing on rural areas of the county, where it is difficult for private companies like CenturyLink and Frontier to make the investments that are needed in broadband infrastructure and get an acceptable rate of return for their shareholders. After considering various options, the task force identified cooperatives as a desirable option for addressing the challenge of getting broadband infrastructure into lower density parts of the county. In 2018, Isanti County partnered with CNS, a company that provides engineering services to telephone cooperatives and Consolidated Telephone Cooperative (CTC). CTC is a telephone cooperative out of Brainerd, which has successfully partnered with cities, counties and townships in Greater MN to bring broadband service to rural areas. Because of the high capital costs, a variety of funding sources are typically needed to bring broadband service into lower density rural areas (e.g. federal, state, local,

- a. private. cooperative).
  
- b. If you would like to learn more about the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, the National Association of Counties is offering a free webinar on May 20 on the RDOF funds. See attached document for more information, this document will also be posted on Oxford township's website.

5. Election preparation- PPE and hall set up

6. Meeting with the Governor May 13, 2020- Mike sent information to be posted on Oxford website