

**FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP**  
**January 12, 2021 via telecommunications**

The Freeborn County Board of Commissioners met via Zoom tele-communication in the Commissioners' Suite at the Freeborn County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. on January 12, 2021. Members present: Commissioners Shoff, Belshan, Edwin, Forman and Herman.

Commissioner Shoff called the workshop to order at 8:37 a.m. Administrator Jensen was then asked to facilitate the meeting.

Administrator Jensen introduced Kurt Deter of Rinke & Noonan law firm who represents the County on ditch issues. Attorney Deter informed the Board of his representation, the importance of drainage ditches and how the law covers drainage ditches within the State and our County. He further advised regarding the separate duty that Commissioners that are on the Drainage Authority have.

Sue Yost, Public Health Director updated the board regarding COVID-19 numbers and vaccine implementation plans.

Administrator Jensen updated the board regarding of the re-opening of the license center.

Board assignments were discussed. County Assessor Jaci Koeppen provided additional information regarding the Board of Adjustment training and responsibilities.

Administrator Jensen shared and updated the board on the following matters:

- Tetra Tech solar array seeking to be developed in Freeborn County.
- Second round COVID business relief processes and deadlines. Appointment of a board member to be on the selection committee to be decided at next board meeting.
- Request from the City of Emmons regarding a property tax abatement.
- Annual Rose Olmsted Advocacy Award information and deadlines.
- Discussion of recent 911 outage.

Chairman Shoff adjourned the workshop at 10:15 am.

ATTEST:



Thomas Jensen, Freeborn County Administrator