### LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY **STRONG TOWNS**

#### **Downtown Vision Workshop**

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DATE:

July 20, 2023

LOCATION: Commissioners' Room- 206 8th Ave SE

TIME:

1:00 p.m.

A quorum of the County Board and EDA members may be present; however, no Board decisions will be made.

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Posted and sent to interested parties on July 11, 2023

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Your community needs you to be an effective advocate for change. We can help you get there.

## Downtown Vision Workshop

Thursday, July 20th || 1:00 PM ||
Commissioner's Room of the Baudette Government Center ||
206 8th Ave SE

If you're a community member that wishes to help create the vision for the future of your city and learn about how to grow the community's resilience and prosperity, come take part in the economic development kick-off event with Charles Marolin, founder of Strong Towns, a Minnesota-born non-profit which has been a leading advocate for building brighter futures for hundreds of cities and towns across north America. The event will include a Strong Towns presentation given by the founder, followed by a Q&A to all interested members of the community. We would love to have your vision and insights for the future of downtown Baudette!

#### Charles Marohn

CEO and Founder of Strong Towns

Known as "Chuck" to friends and colleagues—is the founder and president of Strong Towns. He is a land use planner and civil engineer with decades of experience. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in civil engineering and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning.

### Adopt the Strong Towns Approach and help your community:

- Stop valuing efficiency and start valuing resilience.
- Stop betting our futures on huge, irreversible projects, start taking small, incremental steps and iterate based on what we learn.
- Stop building our world based on abstract theories, and start building it based on how our places actually work and what our neighbors actually need today.
- Stop obsessing about future growth and start obsessing about our current finances.

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