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TO: County Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Micki Otto, Property Tax & Election Manager  
SUBJECT: Establish UOCAVA Ballot Board for 2026 and 2027  
DATE: January 6, 2026

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**Discussion:**

Minnesota Statute 203B.23, Subd. 1 states that the County Auditor must establish an absentee ballot board for ballots issued under sections 203B.16 to 203B.27. The board may consist of staff trained as elections judges. The board is exempt from party balance requirements.

The absentee ballot board must immediately examine the signature envelopes or certificates of voter eligibility.

The following county positions meet the criteria and are available to immediately review the signature envelopes and certificates of voter eligibility.

- Accountant I
- Accountant II
- Property Tax & Election Manager

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the County Board appoint the listed county positions as UOCAVA Ballot Board Members for all elections held in 2026 and 2027.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: 6 January 2026

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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE GOODHUE COUNTY  
UOCAVA BALLOT BOARD.

WHEREAS, Goodhue County is required by Minnesota Statute 203B.23, Subd. 1 to establish an UOCAVA Ballot Board; and

WHEREAS, this board will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned UOCAVA absentee ballots in Goodhue County; and

WHEREAS, the UOCAVA Ballot Board would consist of deputy county auditors trained as election judges in the processing and counting of UOCAVA ballots;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an UOCAVA Ballot Board that would consist of a sufficient number of staff trained as election judges for elections held in 2026 and 2027. Staff employed in the positions below are designated UOCAVA Ballot Board members.

- Accountant I
- Accountant II
- Property Tax & Election Manager

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State of Minnesota  
County of Goodhue

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| Anderson | Yes_____ | No_____ |
| Betcher  | Yes_____ | No_____ |
| Flanders | Yes_____ | No_____ |
| Greseth  | Yes_____ | No_____ |
| Majerus  | Yes_____ | No_____ |

I, Scott Arneson, duly appointed, qualified and County Administrator of the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota at their session held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, no on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at Red Wing, Minnesota, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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Scott Arneson  
County Administrator