

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
AUGUST 18, 2026

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Red Wing, MN, with C/Flanders, C/Betcher, C/Greseth, C/Majerus and C/Anderson all present.

C/Betcher asked for any disclosure of interest. There were none.

- ¹ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the August 13, 2026, County Board meeting minutes.
- ² Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the August 18, 2026, County Board Agenda.
- ³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 1. Approval to participate in the AMC/MNCITLA MNCRT Program
 - 2. Approve the Tuition Reimbursement Request for H. Carlson, IT Department
 - 3. Approve Hauler Agreement with Lightening Disposal, Inc.
 - 4. Approve Final Payment on Contract for 2026 Seal Coat – C.P. 025-826-001
 - 5. Approve Final Payment on Contract for 2025 Seal Coat – C.P. 025-825-001
 - 6. Approve Final Payment on Contract for 2025 Cannon Valley Trail Slope Repairs– C.V.T. 025-2025-001
 - 7. Approve Agreement No. 1063549 for Bridge 25573 Replacement

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Review Bid Results for CP 025-005-001. Bids for the low slump overlay contract were opened on August 4, 2026. One bid was received and was significantly more than staff’s estimate. In communicating with Stonebrooke Engineering, the lone high bid is likely due to the short window to complete the work this fall. Staff recommended the board reject the bid and re-bid at a future date.

- ⁴ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to reject the bid from PCi Roads, LLC for CP 025-005-001, and re-bid at a future date.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Public Hearing- Conservation subdivision on 40 acres in Section of 11 Belle Creek Township. Staff recommended the board hold a public hearing to discuss the Conservation subdivision on 40 acres in Section 11 Belle Creek Township. The Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval.

- ⁵ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve open the public hearing.

C/Betcher asked three times for public comments. There were none.
- ⁶ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve close the public hearing.
- ⁷ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the Planning Commission recommendation and accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE an ordinance amending the Goodhue Co Zoning Map rezoning 40 acres of Parcel 25.011.0400 from A-1 (Agricultural Protection) to CS (Conservation Subdivision), based on the following findings and conditions:
 - 1. That the proposed re-zone is consistent with the goals and policies of the County’s Comprehensive Plan.
 - 2. The application was submitted in accordance with the County’s requirements for rezonings, as regulated in Article 3 of the Goodhue Co Zoning Ordinance
 - 3. That the preliminary and final plat were submitted and reviewed in accordance with the County’s Subdivision regulations.
 - 4. The project complies with Article 35 of the Goodhue Couty Zoning Ordinance, Conservation Subdivisions.
 - 5. A preliminary plat has been submitted and reviewed by the Planning Advisory Commission and is hereby approved with a final plat showing a one lot subdivision to be called the “Ryan Addition” and located in Belle Creek Township, Goodhue County.

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- Conditions:
1. Prior to construction of a home on Lot 1 of the Ryan Addition, the applicant shall submit to the county a copy of the recorded conservation subdivision for the 20 acres shown as outlot A.
 2. The Final Plat must be recorded within 180 days of approval by the County Board, unless an extension is requested and approved in accordance with the ordinance.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

CDS FY22 Reconnect Broadband Grant Acceptance Resolution. Staff recommended the board Accept the USDA ReConnect Program Grant in the amount of \$3.12 million; Authorize Board Chair to execute the ReConnect Program Grant and Security Agreement; Direct staff to open a Pledged Deposit Account for this purpose, and; execute all such instruments, make all such payments, and do all other such acts that may be necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of the forgoing resolutions.

8 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Majerus and C/Greseth dissenting to approve the following resolution for the CDS Reconnect Broadband Grant Acceptance:

RESOLVED that the Corporation accept a grant from the United States of America (the "Government,") acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS,") an amount not to exceed \$3,210,000 ("Grant") to be used for such purposes as approved by RUS; and

RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHAIR is authorized on behalf of the Corporation to execute and deliver under its corporate seal, which the secretary is directed to affix and attest, as many counterparts, respectively, as shall be deemed advisable of grant documents, including a Grant and Security Agreement, deposit account control agreement and financing statements, as required by RUS; and

RESOLVED that a separate account (hereinafter called the "Pledged Deposit Account"), be opened in MERCHANTS BANK, N.A. , and all proceeds of the Grant shall be deposited in such account which shall be pledged to the Government and held in accordance with the provisions of the Grant and Security Agreement and the deposit account control agreement; and

RESOLVED that the officers of the Corporation be, and each of them is authorized in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, to execute all such instruments, make all such payments and do all such other acts as in the opinion of the officer or officers acting may be necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions.

2026 Safe & Secure Courthouse Grant. Staff recommended the board approve to apply for the 2026 Safe and Secure Courthouse Initiative Grant to fund previously planned security upgrades in the Justic Center with a project cost not to exceed \$400,000 and a 50% local match not to exceed \$200,000.

9 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to apply for the 2026 Safe and Secure Courthouse Initiative Grant to fund previously planned security upgrades in the Justic Center with a project cost not to exceed \$400,000 and a 50% local match not to exceed \$200,000.

Request for Proposals- Law Enforcement Center Lease Framework. Staff was seeking direction on engaging an independent, qualified third-party consultant to establish an objective, transparent, and defensible long-term lease model for the Law Enforcement Center lease agreement with the City of Red Wing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	• Welch Township Update.
Administrator Arneson	•

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Adjourn

¹⁰ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to adjourn the August 18, 2026, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

SUSAN BETCHER, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the August 13, 2026, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the August 18, 2026, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved to reject the bid for CP 025-005-001. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved an ordinance amending the County Zoning Map rezoning 40 acres of Parcel 25.011.0400. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved the CDS FY22 Reconnect Broadband Grant Resolution. (Motion carried 3-2-0)
9. Approved the 2026 Safe and Secure Courthouse Grant Proposal. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved to adjourn the August 18, 2026, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)