

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN

JANUARY 6, 2026

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Goodhue County Boardroom, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Majerus, Flanders, Betcher, Anderson and Greseth were all present.

Administrator Arneson called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for the 2026 Goodhue County Board Chair.

C/Flanders nominated C/Betcher for the 2026 Goodhue County Board Chair.

- ¹ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to close nominations and appoint Commissioner Betcher as the 2026 Goodhue County Board Chair.

Commissioner Betcher asked for nominations for the 2026 Goodhue County Board Vice Chair.

C/Majerus nominated C/Greseth for the 2026 Goodhue County Board Vice Chair.

- ² Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to close nominations and appoint Commissioner Greseth as the 2026 Goodhue County Board Vice Chair.

C/Betcher asked for any disclosure of interest.

- ³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the December 16, 2025, County Board meeting minutes.

- ⁴ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the January 6, 2026, County Board Agenda.

- ⁵ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve to Authorize Staff to sign and execute any and all documents to accept and implement the Rural Utilities Service ReConnect 2022 Congressional Directed Spending Grant Program.
2. Approve the Letter of Agreement between Goodhue County and Xcel Energy.
3. Approve the 2024 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant Agreement.
4. Approve MOA-PFML LELS 46.
5. Approve GCSO Corrections Dispatch MOA-PFML LELS 78.
6. Approve the Re-appointment of Scott Breuer to the Board of Adjustment.
7. Approve UOCAVA Ballot Board.
8. Approve 2026 Mileage Reimbursement
9. Approve a temporary contracted employee in the Sheriff's Office starting January 26, 2026.
10. Approve Amendment No 1 to the Goodhue County Treatment Court Contract FY26.

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11. Approve Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retail Registration Application.
12. Approve Regional Cannabis Communication Campaign Contract.
13. Approve Current Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Board Membership.
14. Approve Public Works to Set Bid Opening Dates for 2026 Highway Contracts
15. Approve MOA-PFML AFSCME 737.

COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT

2026 County Board Meeting Dates. Minnesota Statutes 13D.04 outline the requirements for notice of public meetings. This statute requires that “a schedule of the regular meetings of a public body shall be kept on file at its primary offices.” Staff recommended the Board set the time and location for all its regularly scheduled meetings

- ⁶ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to conduct 2026 county board meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Goodhue County Board Room. The 1st meeting in May will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. at Kenyon City Hall, Kenyon and the first meeting in July and August will take place at the Cannon Valley Fair and the Goodhue County Fair.

2026 Official Publication. Minnesota Statute 375.12 requires County Boards to let an annual contract to a qualified newspaper for publication of its official proceedings. This must be approved at the first regular session of the board in January each year. The newspaper will also be designated as the official newspaper for the County's other public notices. Three bids were received. Staff recommended that the County Board open the sealed bids and designate the County's Official Publication for 2026 to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bids received:

Grimsrud Publishing News Record \$6.50 per inch for each insertion

Kenyon Leader \$3.00 per inch for each insertion

Republican Eagle \$5.00 per inch for each insertion

- ⁷ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to name the lowest responsible bidder, The Kenyon Leader as the 2026 Goodhue County Official Publication at the following rate:

First insertion \$3.00 per column inch.

Subsequent insertions are \$3.00 per column inch.

2026 Committee Appointments. Annually the County Board approves the representation of elected officials on various committees.

Commissioner Betcher willing to be the SCHA alternate representative

Commissioner Greseth willing to serve on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Commissioner Anderson serves on the Rural ID and E911

Commissioner Betcher is willing to serve on the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee

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(SCHAC).

Commissioner Anderson will continue to serve on the Housing Trust Fund Committee. This will be added as a standing committee.

⁸ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the 2026 committee appointments.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Preliminary Plat request for the Audrey McKeag Estate. The request submitted by Daniel McKeag on behalf of the Estate of Audrey L. McKeag was for a preliminary plat for a subdivision of 280 acres of land, creating four lots from one tax parcel, located at 32400 Highway 56 Blvd, Dennison MN 55018.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval.

⁹ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the planning advisory commission recommendation and adopt the staff report into the record; accept the application, testimony, and other evidence presented; and APPROVE the request for a preliminary plat, with the following conditions:

- 1) A preliminary plat approval expires if an application for a final plat is not submitted within 180 days of approval of the preliminary plat.
- 2) Goodhue County will require satisfactory evidence from Stanton Township that the plat has been reviewed and deemed acceptable by the township prior to submittal of a final plat application.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

County Canvassing Board. The county canvassing board consists of the county auditor, the court administrator of the district court, the mayor of the county's most populous municipality, and two members of the county board selected by the board from its members who are not candidates at the election.

State Primary Election – August 11, 2026 - County canvassing board must meet on the second or third day after the State Primary.

State General Election – November 3, 2026 - County canvassing board must meet between the third and eighth day following the State General.

Commissioner Districts 2 and 4 are up for election in 2026.

Commissioner Flanders and Commissioner Betcher have agreed to participate with Commissioner Greseth as an alternate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
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C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

Review and Approve the County Claims

- ¹⁰ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$970,974.26, 03-Public Works \$1,546,480.24, 11- Human Service Fund \$206,524.10, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$506.00, 34-Capital Equipment \$386,143.80, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$30,151.66, 72-Other Agency Funds \$177,394.83, 81-Settlement \$1,398.17, in the total amount of \$3,319,573.06.

Adjourn

- ¹¹ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to adjourn the January 6, 2026, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

SUSAN BETCHER, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved to appoint Susan Betcher as the 2026 County Board Chair. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved to appoint Todd Greseth as the 2026 County Board Vice-Chair. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the December 16, 2025 County Board Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved the county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved to set the annual 2026 county board meeting dates. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved the Kenyon Leader as the 2026 Official Publication. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved the 2026 annual committee appointments. (Motion carried 5-0)

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9. Approved the preliminary plat for Estate of Audrey L. McKeag. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved to adjourn the January 6, 2026, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)