

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
JULY 3, 2025

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds, Cannon Falls, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Flanders, Betcher, Majerus, and Greseth all present. Rodney Braatz, Ferlin, Nancy Hovel – thanked the County Board for the support over the years of the Cannon Valley Fair.

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

- ¹ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the June 17, 2025, County Board meeting minutes.
- ² Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the July 3, 2025, County Board Agenda.
- ³ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 1. Approve Covered Bridge Riders Snowmobile Club Temporary On-Sale Liquor License
 - 2. Approve Goodhue County Agricultural Society & Mechanics Institute Temporary On-Sale Liquor License
 - 3. Approve the gambling permit for the Mounted Posse of Goodhue County at the Goodhue County Fairgrounds on September 27, 2025.
 - 4. Approve the FY2026-2027 Radiological Emergency Preparedness Grant.
 - 5. Approve Community Energy Transition Grant Contract

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Conditional Use Permit Application for Kenyon Solar LLC. The request was to consider a conditional use permit for a 4 megawatt commercial solar farm, located at 4578 County 12 Blvd, Kenyon MN, comprising 35 acres of the 120 acre parcel. The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions.

C/Greseth made a motion, seconded by C/Anderson, to approve to adopt the staff report into the record; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request for a conditional use permit with the findings and conditions. Motions withdrawn.

- ⁴ Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Flanders and carried to table this item until the July 15, 2025, meeting.

Preliminary Plat Request for Spring Garden Nursery. The request was to consider a preliminary plat for “Spring Garden Nursery” submitted by David and Peggy Lorentz (owners), subdividing 6.5 acres of land at 4900 Scout Ridge Road, Cannon Falls MN. The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions.

- ⁵ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried (4-1-0) C/Anderson dissenting to approve to adopt the staff report into the record; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request for a preliminary plat for with the following conditions:
 - 1. The Scout Ridge Road address will be terminated, and new addresses will be assigned by the County for all three lots
 - 2. A final plat must be submitted within 180 days of the approvals of the preliminary plat, or the preliminary plat approval becomes null and void.
 - 3. Prior to submitting a final plat, the County shall require verification and approval from MnDOT that the site’s existing access point can be used to serve up to 4 homes, and the owner will be obligated to perform, and adhere to site access standards and requirements.
 - 4. The owner shall submit proof of ownership, title commitment, and a copy of the deed or certificate of title.
 - 5. When platted, the structure on lot two will be classified as a vacant, principal structure instead of an accessory structure, and no use of the building will be permitted until the owner has obtained a land use permit and building permit for Lot 2.
 - 6. If a home is built on lot 2, the existing structure will be classified back to a residential accessory structure upon the issuance of a building permit for a home on lot 2.
 - 7. The structure on Lot 2 cannot be used, for any use or purpose, until the County approves both building and land use permits for Lot 2 clearly identifying the sites principle and accessory buildings and uses.

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FINANCE & TAXPAYER SERVICES

2024 Financial Statement Audit. Staff recommended the board accept the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024.

6 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Review and Approve the County Claims

7 Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$422,095.31, 03-Public Works \$484,890.58, 11- Human Service Fund \$30,051.10, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$137,339.73, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$3,487.77, 72-Other Agency Funds \$179,575.03, 81-Settlement \$4,134.82, in the total amount of \$1,261,574.34.

Adjourn

8 Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to adjourn the July 3, 2025, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the June 17, 2025, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the July 3, 2025, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)

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- 4. Approved to table the conditional use permit for Kenyon Solar LLC. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 5. Approved the Preliminary Plat for Spring Garden Nursery. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
- 6. Approved the 2024 Financial Statement Audit. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 7. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 8. Approved to adjourn the July 3, 2025, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)

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