

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
MARCH 18, 2025

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Goodhue County Boardroom, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Flanders, Betcher and Greseth all present.

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 March 4, 2025, County Board meeting minutes.

² Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the March 18, 2025, County Board Agenda as amended:

³ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the list of Sheriff's Office items ready for Public Surplus auction.
2. Approve Revised Snowmobile Club Trail Agreement
3. Approve the Tuition Reimbursement for Alex Dicke, Public Works
4. Approve the Letter of Support for North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District (NZSSD) FY 2026 Community Funding Request.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Natasha Young-Ray - Representative from Congressman Brad Finstad's Office. Natasha Young-Ray introduced herself to the county board.

March 18, 2025, Budget Committee. The budget committee met on March 18, 2025, prior to the board meeting with the following items on the agenda:

HHS Out of State Travel Request. The budget committee recommended approval for Gina Johnson, GCHHS Public Health Educator, to participate in the National Conference on Tobacco or Health, August 26-28, 2025, in Chicago, IL.

⁴ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/, and carried to approve the out of state travel request for Gina Johnson, GCHHS Public Health Educator, to participate in the National Conference on Tobacco or Health, August 26-28, 2025, in Chicago, IL.

Early Order of 2026 Equipment. The budget committee recommended approval for the early order of 2026 tandem plow truck for Public Works. Both the delivery and the cost for the tandem truck would not occur until 2026.

⁵ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the early order of a tandem plow truck that is currently in the 2026 capital plan.

FINANCE AND TAXPAYERS SERVICES REPORT

School Resource Officer Contracts. Staff recommended the board give direction on SRO contract length and fees.

The board discussed the true costs associated with providing this service and the options as proposed by staff.

C/Flanders supported option #2- Policing Contract Rate Method of the staff report. C/Betcher agreed with option #2 of the staff report but questioned the term length.

Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve option #2 for a one-year contract.

C/Flanders questioned if the true cost would continue to be looked at within the year. C/Anderson noted that the school districts build their budget on a different time line then the county, so it would be a challenge for them. C/Betcher suggested a two-year contract.

Finance Director, Lucas Dahling, clarified that option two included the figures used for the policing contracts and included several extras that we know the SRO would not incur.

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C/Majerus withdrew his motion. C/Betcher withdrew her second.

C/Betcher felt it was important to look at the options throughout the year, including the suggestion by C/Majerus to give a certain amount each year to every school district for safety and let them decide how to spend it. C/Anderson asked if she wanted the Sheriff’s Office and Finance to come up with an actual cost of an SRO. C/Betcher agreed she would like accurate numbers; however, felt the proposed motion with the option #2 numbers would be close.

⁶ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Anderson dissenting to approve option #2 – Policing Contract Rate Method of the staff report for one year (\$73,030) and give the school districts the option to extend for a second year (\$82,023) for the School Resource Officer Contracts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	• Planning Advisory Commission update.
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

New Business. C/Majerus pointed out that there were a lot of plans and money being spent for upgrades to the Byllesby Park in Cannon Falls. Similar to the discussion around the policing contracts, not all cities and townships benefit from that, yet it is county taxpayers paying the bill. He questioned if that was fair and equitable to the taxpayers, and suggested the board think about that in the future.

Review and Approve the County Claims

⁷ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$526,919.78, 03-Public Works \$214,976.17, 11- Human Service Fund \$195,679.06, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$105,734.95, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$9,407.34, 72-Other Agency Funds \$25.00, 81-Settlement \$3,500.79, in the total amount of \$1,053,243.09.

Adjourn

⁸ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the March 18, 2025, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the March 4, 2025, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the March 18, 2025, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)

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4. Approved the out of state travel request for HHS. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved the early order of a tandem plow truck for Public Works. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved the terms and length of the School Resource Officer Contracts. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
7. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved to adjourn the March 18, 2025, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)

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