

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
NOVEMBER 4, 2025

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Government Center, Red Wing, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Flanders, Betcher, Majerus, and Greseth all present.

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

¹ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the October 21, 2025, County Board meeting minutes.

² Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the November 4, 2025, County Board Agenda.

C/Anderson noted that there was a request from the applicant to remove item #2 under the Land Use Management Director's reports.

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

1. Approve Renewal 2025-2026 Liquor Licenses
 2. Approve Renewal 2025-2026 Tobacco Licenses
 3. Approve Auction Items
 4. Approve LRIP Applications
 5. Approve MCAPS Contract
 6. Approve the Contract for Kenyon Township Box Culvert- SAP 025-599-137
 7. Approve City of Kenyon LRIP Sponsorship

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Hearing and Consider a Request for an Assembly Controls License for the Wheat Trail Festival. The County has received the proposed application for an assembly license from Will Erickson, on behalf of the Wheat Trail Festival Committee. Staff recommended approval with conditions.

⁴ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

C/Anderson asked three times for public comment. There was none.

⁵ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

⁶ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the assembly license with the following conditions:

1. County staff shall be included and invited to the event planning committee meetings, specifically the office of Emergency Management.
2. Event signage will not be allowed in the public right-of-way.
3. Traffic should not be restricted unless there is an approved traffic control/management plan.
4. No alterations of the right-of-way are allowed as part of the event.
5. Festival parking may not be allowed on public roadways unless specifically allowed with approval from the township, public works, and the Sherrif's office to allow for the ease of access of emergency response vehicles if needed.
6. The event shall secure a special event permit from the Minnesota Department of Health for special event camping permit.
7. The event shall secure a food license from the Minnesota Department of Health if required.
8. A liquor license from the State and the County shall be obtained in advance of the event.
9. A separate conditional use permit is required for the overnight camping portion of the event.
10. At least 30 days prior to the event, the event organizers shall file Certificate of Insurance with the County in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 that complies with Section 10, subdivision 9 of the assembly controls ordinance.
11. Payment of the \$1000 license fee shall be received within 30 days of issuance of the license by Goodhue County.

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12. And further; Goodhue County waives any requirement for cash, bond or letter of credit for the event due to the location not being on public land, nor adjacent to a County road or other substantial public infrastructure.

Public Hearing and Consider a Request for a Conservation Subdivision Re Zoning and Preliminary Plat in Pine Island Township. The application was submitted by Brian Haugen (agent) on behalf of Cael and Mackenzie Marx (buyers) and Andrew Pruett (Current Property Owner and Seller) to rezone 41.37 acres from A1 to CS, and to plat the property into two lots. The Board needed to hold a public hearing and consider the request to rezone land located at 19643 500th St, Pine Island, MN 55963, to allow the parcel with ID number 39.020.0802 to be rezoned from A-1 (Agriculture) to CS (Conservation Subdivision). Part of the W1/2 SE1/4 & SE1/4 of Sec 20 Twp 109 Range 15 in Pine Island Township.

This item was postponed at the request of the applicant.

Final Plat Review of the “Ohmann Addition”. The request was submitted by property owners/applicants, Ohmann Farms LLC. 30494 23rd Avenue Way Cannon Falls, MN 55009, for a final plat. The application impacts the following tax parcels: 41.180.0370, 41.180.0390, and 41.180.0030. The proposed replat is titled “Ohmann Addition” and comprises 123 acres, with 5 proposed lots. A Preliminary Plat review and a public hearing occurred on July 21, 2025, and was approved by the County Board on August 19, 2025. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Keith Ohmann addressed the board on behalf of the LLC. There were three owners in the LLC and they are dividing the land into three separate pieces. Once divided, his brother would become the owner of the land that the county has interest in obtaining an easement on and is willing to work with the county.

C/Betcher pointed out that the county does have an interest and plans to pursue getting an easement. County Attorney, Steve O’Keefe agreed and noted that by approving the plat, the county was not giving up the opportunity to get an easement. The county has had access and continues to want access.

⁷ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the Planning Commission recommendation and adopt the staff report into the record; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request submitted by Ohmann Farms LLC for Final Plat of the proposed “Ohmann Addition” Plat.

COURT SERVICES DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Juvenile Detention Bed Contract. Staff recommended the board not renew the contract with Houston County for 2026 and instead budget for the cost of using 121 nights with a total budget of \$54,813.

⁸ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to discontinue the the Juvenile Detention bed contract with Houston County for 2026.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTORS REPORT

2025 DDA Reclassification Recommendations. The Personnel Committee met on October 29, 2025, to review the 2025 DDA Reclassifications. Dr. Tessia Melvin representing DDA reviewed the findings and recommendations with the board.

⁹ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the 2025 DDA Reclassification Recommendations.

FINANCE & TAXPAYER SERVICES

City of Wanamingo TIF Proposal. The Finance Department received notice of the proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District No. 3-2 from the City of Wanamingo on October 17, 2025. As required by law, staff distributed the information to the County Board on October 17, 2025, via email and placed it on the November 4th County Board Agenda should the Board wish to submit written comments. The Board is not being asked to approve the project as that is solely at the discretion of the Wanamingo City Council. If there are any significant comments the board would like to relay to the City of Wanamingo regarding the proposal, they should reach out to the Finance Department.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

SEMMCHRA- Housing Trust Fund Recommendation. The request was for approval of a \$30,000 grant to Habitat

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for Humanity for rural rehab work. The funds if approved, would be utilized from the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund.

Bob Hawley, Executive Director for Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity, addressed the board.

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- Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the proposed 2025 Grant Agreement between SEMMCHRA and Goodhue County Habitat for humanity.

Institution Community Work Crew Contract (ICWC). Staff recommended the board terminate the ICWC contract effective December 31, 2025. The work would transfer to the county run Sentence to Service program and would be budget savings for 2026.

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- Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to terminate the Institution Community Work Crew Contract effective December 31, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	• Housing Development Meeting Update.
Administrator Arneson	•

New & Old Business. C/Majerus felt the current County Access Management & Control Ordinance did not meet the needs of the current rural residents. C/Majerus made a motion that the ordinance be brought to the Planning Commission for review. C/Greseth seconded the motion.

C/Anderson questioned if the Planning Commission was the right direction for review. He felt it should be evaluated by the Land Committee and the Public Works Department. C/Betcher felt it was important to have members of the public who live in the community weigh in on the issue, thus she favored having the PAC commission review it. C/Greseth agreed and felt that safety is an issue but also wanted to work with people.

Administrator Arneson suggested forming a committee made up of County Staff and two commissioners to study the issue and bring back a recommendation for the board to consider.

C/Majerus liked having the voice of the people in the community and that is why he suggested the PAC. He was fine with forming a committee to address the issue. He rescinded his motion. C/Greseth agreed and rescinded his second.

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- Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to form a new committee made up of two county commissioners and three staff members to study county access management ordinance.

C/Majerus and C/Greseth volunteered to be on the committee.

Review and Approve the County Claims

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- Moved by C/Betcher, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$160,801.87, 03-Public Works \$166,587.76, 11- Human Service Fund \$65,499.94, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$2,500.00, 34-Capital Equipment \$144,466.70, 35-Debt Services \$2,175.00, 61-Waste Management \$12,029.88, 72-Other Agency Funds \$00, 81-Settlement \$91,052.72, in the total amount of \$645,113.87.

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Adjourn

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- Moved by C/Flanders, and C/Greseth, carried to approve to adjourn the November 4, 2025, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1.
- Approved the October 21, 2025, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2.
- Approved the November 4, 2025, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3.
- Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4.
- Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
5.
- Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
6.
- Approved the assembly license for Wheat Trail Festival. (Motion carried 5-0)
7.
- Approved the Final Plat review of the “Ohmann Addition”. (Motion carried 5-0)
8.
- Approved to terminate the Houston County contract for a juvenile detention bed. (Motion carried 5-0)
9.
- Approved the 2025 DDA employee job Reclassifications. (Motion carried 5-0)
10.
- Approved the SEMMCHRA Housing Trust fund recommendation for the Habitat for Humanity Grant. (Motion carried 5-0)
11.
- Approved to terminate the ICWC Contract. (Motion carried 5-0)
12.
- Approved to form a committee to review the County Access Management & Control Ordinance. (Motion carried 5-0)
13.
- Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
14.
- Approved to adjourn the November 4, 2025, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)