

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
OCTOBER 7, 2025

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 7, 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/Betcher, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the September 16, 2025, County Board meeting minutes.

² Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the October 7, 2025, County Board Agenda.

Andrea Benck requested to add the Northland Grading LLC settlement agreement as #8 on the consent agenda.

C/Flanders made a request to reconsider the variance request for Josh Betcher, which the board approved at its last meeting. C/Anderson noted this would be addressed under old business.

C/Anderson noted that there was a typo in the staff report on #6- Approve the 2025 Bridge Maintenance Contract. The report states the contractor was Fitzgerald Excavating when it was Redstone Construction, LLC.

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

1. Approve the FY2026 Toward Zero Death grant for the Sheriff's Office.
 2. Approve LG230 Application to conduct offsite gambling on the Frontenac Pond for the Frontenac Sportsman Club on February 14, 2026.
 3. Approve Auction Items from the Public Works Department.
 4. Approve MnDOT Detour Agreement No. 1060973
 5. Approve to Authorize the sale of a 2017 Ford Explorer utilizing Houghton's Auction Service
 6. Approve Final 2025 Bridge Maintenance Contract Payments
 7. Approve to Award the Cannon Valley Trail Slope Repair Contract.
 8. Approve the Northland Grading LLC settlement agreement.

UNIVERSITY OF MN EXTENSION

2025 Goodhue County National 4-H Week Proclamation. Staff and 4-H members recommended the board approve the proposed resolution proclaiming October 5-11, 2025 as National 4-H Week throughout Goodhue County.

⁴ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the following resolution proclaiming October 5-11, 2025 as National 4-H Week throughout Goodhue County:

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting nearly six million youth across the country; and
WHEREAS, 4-H has helped 1001 youth in Goodhue County in the 2024-2025 program year to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and
WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn-by-doing through hands-on projects in the important areas of health, science, agriculture and civic engagement; and
WHEREAS 4-H is the largest youth organization in Minnesota, and Goodhue County has one of the largest 4-H programs in the state, with methods backed by university research, 4-H offers the opportunity for youth to learn how to solve problems, make decisions and communicate ideas; and
WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible ways that 4-H inspires kids to do and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Goodhue County who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them, provide opportunities and experiences, connections and discovery, shaping youth into their true and authentic selves; and
WHEREAS, 4-H's network of nearly 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries;
NOW, THEREFORE, Goodhue County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025 as

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK throughout Goodhue County and encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Consider a Conditional Use Permit request submitted by Eric Ryan, for a feedlot use expansion at 23933 Co. 9 Blvd, Goodhue MN. The Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing at their September 15, 2025 meeting and are recommending approval.

⁵ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to adopt the staff report and findings of fact into the record; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the map amendment request from Mr. Ryan to allow construction of a new manure storage, with the following conditions:

1. The property owner must be in good standing with the County's feedlot regulations and maintain an active feedlot registration in accordance with Goodhue Co Zoning Ordinance, Article 13.
2. An agricultural zoning/building permit must be approved for the new lagoon
3. The feedlot must comply with all necessary state and federal permits and licensing, including Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance: Article 13 confined feedlot regulations, and Article 21, agricultural protection district.
4. The owners will cooperate with inspections of the facility in coordination with Land Use staff, and the Goodhue Co Soil and Water Conservation District.
5. Animal manure, when utilized as domestic fertilizer, shall not be stored for longer than one year and shall be applied at rates not exceeding local agricultural crop nutrient requirements except where allowed by permit.
6. Any animal manure not utilized as domestic fertilizer shall be treated or disposed of in accordance with applicable state rules (MPCA 7020).
7. The owner of any animal feedlot shall be responsible for the storage, transportation, and disposal of all animal manure generated in a manner consistent with the provisions herein (MPCA 7020).
8. The proposed feedlot use complies with the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Approve entering into a purchase agreement and selling outlot A of Lake Byllesby West to Jerney and Kelly Robetson, and approving the Plat for Lake Byllesby West Fourth. Staff recommended the board approve entering into a purchase agreement and selling outlot A of Lake Byllesby West to Jerney and Kelly Robetson, and approving the re-platting of the two lots to be named Lake Byllesby West Fourth.

⁶ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the proposed purchase agreement and selling outlot A of Lake Byllesby West to Jerney and Kelly Robetson, and approving the re-platting of the two lots to be named Lake Byllesby West Fourth.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Request to Order 2026 Squads in 2025. The Sheriff requested the county board authorize the order of the 2026 squads for the Sheriff's Office.

⁷ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve to authorize the Sheriff's Office to place the order of the 2026 squads in 2025 with an anticipated delivery and payment date of 2026.

New/Old Business.

C/Flanders recognized and thanked the Sheriff's Department for their work in making an arrest on September 3, in regards to a child sex abuse case.

Variance request for Josh Betcher at property located at 23830 County 42 Blvd in Zumbrota Township. This issue was addressed at the September 16, 2025, County Board Meeting.

C/Flanders noted that she would like to make a motion to reconsider this issue due to new information received from Public Works. C/Anderson commented that he would be abstaining from voting since he was not in the prevailing on the issue.

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8 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried (3-1-1) with C/Majerus dissenting and C/Anderson abstaining to approve to reconsider the variance request for the property at 23830 County 42 Boulevard in Zumbrota Township.

C/Flanders noted that in light of additional information received from Public Works, she would like the issue to be reconsidered.

County Attorney, Steve O’Keefe, reviewed options for the board to consider if they were thinking of rescinding the approval of the variance.

9 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve to table the issue of the variance request for the property at 23830 County 42 Boulevard in Zumbrota Township to the October 21, 2025 County Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Review and Approve the County Claims

10 Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$678,517.71, 03-Public Works \$2,111,585.34, 11- Human Service Fund \$211,507.45, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$238.12, 34-Capital Equipment \$39,541.02, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$32,895.73, 72-Other Agency Funds \$171,930.60, 81-Settlement \$45,968.08, in the total amount of \$3,292,550.00.

Adjourn

11 Moved by C/Flanders, and C/Anderson, carried to approve to adjourn the October 7, 2025, County Board Meeting.

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIR
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MINUTE

- 1. Approved the September 16, 2025, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 2. Approved the October 7, 2025, county board agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 3. Approved the October 7, 2025, consent agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 4. Approved a proclamation naming 4-H Week. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 5. Approved a conditional use permit for Eric Ryan, Goodhue Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 6. Approved entering into a purchase agreement for outlot A of Lake Byllesby West. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 7. Approved to order 2026 squads in the Sheriff’s Office. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 8. Approved to reconsider the variance for 23830 County 42 Boulevard in Zumbrota Township. (Motion carried 3-1-1)
- 9. Approved to table the variance request for 23830 County 42 Boulevard in Zumbrota Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 10. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
- 11. Approved to adjourn the September 16, 2025, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)

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