

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
JUNE 16, 2026

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Red Wing, MN, with C/Flanders, C/Betcher, C/Greseth, C/Anderson and C/Majerus all present.

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

¹ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve the June 2, 2026, County Board meeting minutes.

² Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve the June 16, 2026, County Board Agenda as amended:

Administrator Arenson noted that Rep Keith Allen asked to address the board.

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

1. Approve the 2026 Annual County Boat & Water Safety grant.
 2. Approve Absentee Ballot Board Members
 3. Approve Covered Bridge Riders Snowmobile Club Temporary On-Sale Liquor License
 4. Approve LIVIN Foundation Temporary On-Sale Liquor License
 5. Approve 2026 Performance Measures Program
 6. Approve Township Bridge Replacement Agreements with Warsaw, Holden, and Featherstone Township.

Representative Kieth Allen updated the board on legislative issues.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Landowner Agreement Addendum for the Wanamingo Demolition Landfill Site. The request was to consider an addendum to an agreement titled “Landowner Agreement Wanamingo Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facility” that exists between Goodhue County and Glen Steberg, owner of the site located at 44284 135th Ave, Zumbrota MN (Tax Parcel 38.029.0100) known as the Wanamingo Demo Landfill. The purpose of the addendum is to allow Mr. Steberg to split his land and put the landfill area in an LLC., thereby separating it from his house and farm.

Staff recommended approval.

⁴ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the addendum to the Landowner Agreement for the Wanamingo Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facility to allow the property owner to split his land, create a new tax parcel, and put the landfill area in an LLC.

Public Hearing - adopt an ordinance amending the Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance. The request was to hold a public hearing and consider an ordinance change to the County’s Cannabis Ordinance that would remove the 1000-foot spacing requirement for Low Potency Hemp Edible (LPHE) sales. The spacing requirement would stay in place for full potency cannabis and the change only impact LPHE’s.

⁵ Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

C/Betcher asked three times for public comments. There was none.

⁶ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

⁷ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve the ordinance change to the County’s Cannabis Ordinance to remove the 1000-foot spacing requirement for Low Potency Hemp Edible (LPHE) sales.

FINANCE AND TAXPAYERS’ SERVICES DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

2025 Financial Statement Audit Result. Doug Host, CPA with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, reviewed the 2025 Financial Statement Audit Results with the board. No action was required.

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Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retail Registration Application- Tilion Brewing Company LLC. Staff recommended the board approve the Lower Potency Hemp Edible Retail Registration Application for Tilion Brewing Company at the Cannon Falls location.

8 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the Lower Potency Hemp Edible Retail Registration Application for Tilion Brewing Company LLC.

COUTNY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

SEMMCHRA Housing Trust Fund Recommendation. Justin Stotts with SEMMCHRA briefed the board and recommended approval of the proposed resolution for four housing trust fund grant awards.

9 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried to approve the following resolution for the SEMMCHRA Housing Trust Fund:

WHEREAS, Goodhue County has established a Housing Trust Fund to be administered by SEMMCHRA in an effort to create and preserve affordable housing within its county; and
WHEREAS, SEMMCHRA has established an annual process to conduct a consistent and competitive Request for Proposals on behalf of Goodhue County to utilize the Housing Trust Funds in accordance with the County ordinance; and
WHEREAS, the established Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee have reviewed and approved the recommended applications received through the competitive Request for Proposal process coordinated specifically for the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund; and
WHEREAS, the SEMMCHRA Board has reviewed and approved the recommended applications received through the competitive Request for Proposal process coordinated specifically for the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund; and
WHEREAS, the Goodhue County Board, according to the County ordinance, is required to approve the funding of Cannon Falls Housing Initiative for \$30,000 as a grant to assist with the purchase of a lot for the upcoming Hardwood Estates project; and
WHEREAS, the Goodhue County Board, according to the County ordinance, is required to approve the funding of SEMMCHRA, for \$79,211 as a grant to be used to preserve affordability at the Public Housing 4-plex in Zumbrota, Minnesota; and
WHEREAS, the Goodhue County Board, according to the County ordinance, is required to approve the funding of Three Rivers Community Action, for \$240,000 as a deferred loan, contingent on the approval of state funding and 6 project based voucher secured from SEMMCHRA for the preservation of Stonehouse Apartment and Bridge Run Townhomes in Cannon Falls, Minnesota; and
WHEREAS, the Goodhue County Board, according to the County ordinance, is required to approve the funding of Wanamingo Land Company, for the RFP bid amount minus the bid contingency for a total of \$62,788.83 or the amount of a second bid, whichever is lower, as a half grant and half deferred 5-year loan to be used to preserve affordability at the Hillcrest 7-plex in Wanamingo, Minnesota; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the 2026 Request for Proposal for the Goodhue County Housing Trust Fund has resulted in the approval of four awards:
1) Cannon Falls Housing Initiative for \$30,000,
2) SEMMCHRA for \$79,211,
3) Three Rivers Community Action for \$240,000 based on contingencies and
4) Wanamingo Land Company for \$62,788.83 or less, based on contingencies.

June 9 Budget Committee Report. The Budget Committee met on Tuesday June 9 to hear proposed funding requests from Outside Agencies. The Budget Committee recommendation was to hold 2027 funding at the 2026 level.

C/Anderson noted that he was not in favor of voting on funding levels for outside agencies at this time. Administrator Arenson noted that this issue could be discussed at a future budget workshop.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•

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C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

Review and Approve the County Claims

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- Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$1,255,071.93, 03-Public Works \$156,199.73, 11- Human Service Fund \$212,436.72, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$13.00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20- National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$30,674.50, 34-Capital Equipment \$239,500.80, 35- Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$20,396.34, 72-Other Agency Funds \$00, 81-Settlement \$9,498,843.34, in the total amount of \$11,413,136.36.

Adjourn

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- Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to adjourn the June 16, 2026, County Board Meeting.



SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



SUSAN BETCHER, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1.
- Approved the June 2, 2026, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2.
- Approved the June 16, 2026, county board agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
3.
- Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4.
- Approved the Agreement Addendum for the Wanamingo Demolition Landfill Site (Motion carried 5-0)
5.
- Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
6.
- Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
7.
- Approved the revised Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance. (Motion carried 5-0)
8.
- Approved the Lower Potency Hemp Edible Retail Registration Application for Tilion Brewing Co., LLC. (Motion carried 5-0)
9.
- Approved the SEMMCHRA Housing Trust Fund Recommendation. (Motion carried 5-0)
10.
- Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
11.
- Approved to adjourn the June 16, 2026, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)