

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
JULY 1, 2026

These minutes were revised by the board direction on 9/1/2026.

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds, Cannon Falls, MN, with C/Flanders, C/Betcher, C/Greseth, C/Majerus and C/Anderson all present.

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

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- Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the June 16, 2026, County Board meeting minutes.
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- Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the July 2, 2026, County Board Agenda.
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- Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve Sale of Vehicles for Auction

2. Approve the Cannon Valley Trail Paving & Bridge Construction Contract

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Request to Proceed with Planned Park Projects. County Engineer, Jess Greenwood, stated that the Goodhue County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board met on June 16, 2026, and requested the board proceed with several high priority park projects that had been previously removed from the capital plan. At this time there were several outstanding questions related to the information. Staff recommended the topic go to a Committee of the Whole for additional discussion.

C/Betcher agreed that a Committee of the Whole on the issue was warranted. She wanted to see this request considered as part of the overall budget process moving forward.

C/Anderson noted that these items have been voted on previously and should move forward. C/Flanders and C/Greseth agreed.

Administrator Arneson pointed out that if the board was planning to move forward with these items today, it would be beneficial to look at a design-build option for the host sites to gain efficiency. Mr. Greenwood agreed.

C/Flanders clarified that this was money that was already approved and no additional funds would be required from the 2027 budget. Mr. Greenwood agreed.

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- Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried (3-2-0) with C/Betcher and C/Majerus dissenting to approve the following Park Projects:

Byllesby Park Fish Cleaning Station - \$30,000 was included in the Capital Improvement Plan in 2024 and have been carried forward to 2026. Authorize reallocation of these funds to the Byllesby Park Host Sites project.

Byllesby Park Overflow Parking - \$50,000 was included in the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan. Authorize reallocation of these funds to (1st) the Byllesby Park Host Sites project and (2nd) the Nielsen Memorial Preserve Access & Parking project.

Byllesby Park Host Sites - \$50,000 was included in the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan for design and construction of two park host sites at Byllesby Park. Funds have been carried forward to 2026. Authorize the following:

- Spending of the \$50,000 that was levied for this project.
- Spending of the \$30,000 that was levied for the fish cleaning station project.
- Spending of the \$50,000 that was levied for the overflow parking lot project.

Nielsen Memorial Preserve Access & Small Parking Lot - \$30,000 was included in the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan and carried forward to 2026. Authorize spending of the \$30,000 that was levied for this

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project and spending of any remaining funds that were levied for the overflow parking lot project (after park host site construction).

Byllesby Park Playground Replacement – This was included in the proposed 2027 Capital Improvement Plan using grant funds as a funding source. Authorize the following:

- staff to work with vendors to develop a plan for a replacement playground, and apply for \$100,000 in GMRPTC/Legacy grant funding in 2027
- staff to apply for other grant funding, manufacturer discount programs, and to raise as many private funds as possible to offset the purchasing cost.
- utilize Public Work’s Fund Balance assigned for Parks to pay for any remaining playground replacement costs, up to \$220,000.

REVISED 9/1/2026 to include all the items in the following funding summary:

Capital Plan Funded Improvements	Funding Allocation			Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board Recommended Project Year	Notes
	Carried to 2026 from Previous Years	Board Direction Given on 5/5/2026	Parks, Trails, and Recreation Advisory Board Funding Recommendation		
Byllesby Park - Parking Lot Expansion	50,000.00	-	-	N/A	
Byllesby Park - Fish Cleaning Station	30,000.00	-	-	Future	
Byllesby Park - Two Park Host Sites (Design Only)	50,000.00	-	36,500.00	2026	
Byllesby Park - Two Park Host Sites (Construction)	-	-	43,500.00	2027	Cost unknown until Design Services are complete
Nielson Park - Access Rd/Parking Lot (Design Only)	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	2026	
Nielson Park - Access Rd/Parking Lot (Construction)	-	-	-		Cost unknown until Design Services are complete
To be used for other Capital Projects	-	160,000.00	50,000.00		
Total	160,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00		
Operating Budget Funded					
Byllesby Park - Buffer Tree and Shrub Planting		-	18,000.00	2026	Potential cost ranges between \$15,000 and \$18,000
Byllesby Park - Playground Replacement		-	220,000.00	2027	Assumes maximum GMRPTC grant award of \$100,000
Nielson Park - Forest Stewardship Plan		-	2,100.00	2026	Potential cost ranges between \$1,400 and \$2,100

SHERIFF’S REPORTS

PSAP Operations Update- GovWorx CommsCoach Implementation. Chief Deputy, Jonathen Huneke, and Communications Captain, Chad Steffen, updated the board on recent developments within Goodhue County Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

No action was taken on this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Betcher	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	• AMC update. Congressional Funding for Broadband update.
Administrator Arneson	•

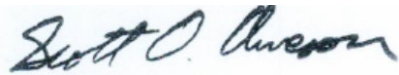
Review and Approve the County Claims

⁵ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$293,932.80, 03-Public Works \$932,335.56, 11- Human Service Fund \$25,382.78, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 15- County Ditch 1 \$00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund \$00, 25- EDA \$3,250.52, 34-Capital Equipment \$209,195.97, 35-Debt Services \$00, 61-Waste Management \$13,825.48, 72-Other Agency Funds \$198,959.12, 81-Settlement \$2,313.15, in the total amount of \$1,679,195.38.

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Adjourn

- ⁶ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve to adjourn the July 1, 2026, County Board Meeting.



SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

SUSAN BETCHER, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the June 16, 2026, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the July 1, 2026, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved the Park Project List. (Motion carried 3-2)
5. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved to adjourn the July 1, 2026, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)