BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
OCTOBER 20, 2026

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Red Wing, 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.

1 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve the October 6, 2026, County Board meeting minutes as amended:

C/Betcher clarified that she could not take the SEMMCHRA Committee next year because it met the same day and time as the 3Rivers Committee that she sits on. In addition, C/Greseth would be willing to be the South Country Health Alliance Representative.

2 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the October 20, 2026, County Board Agenda.

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

1. Approve Five Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retail Registration Applications
2. Approve the FY2027 Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) grant agreement.
3. Approve the LG230 Application to conduct offsite gambling on the Frontenac Pond for the Frontenac Sportsman Club on February 13, 2027.

FINANCE & TAXPAYER SERVICES

SAHA Awardee and Program Update. Staff recommended the board contribute the remaining Statewide Affordable Housing Aid funds of $175,695.77 to Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity for the creation of new affordable housing unites withing Goodhue County.

4 Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to contribute the remaining Statewide Affordable Housing Aid funds of $175,695.77 to Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity for the creation of new affordable housing unites withing Goodhue County.

PUBLIC WORKS

Byllesby Park Host Sites. Staff requested board direction on how to proceed with the Byllesby Park Host Sites Project.

The board discussed and there was consensus to move forward with a contract with Dakota County for the staffing needs at Byllesby Park for the 2027 season and for staff to bring forward additional information on the issue including potential staffing options and costs to a Committee of the Whole meeting in 2027 when the new commissioners are on the board.

5 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Betcher, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Anderson dissenting to approve to pursue a contract with Dakota County for the 2027 season and return to a Committee of the Whole meeting in 2027 to discuss future staffing options for the park.

Cannon Falls Grading Costs. County Engineer Jess Greenwood, reviewed the true cost analysis staff put together for expenses related to providing gravel road blading and maintenance for the City of Cannon Falls.

C/Majerus made a motion, seconded by C/Greseth, to move forward with the Request for Proposal for the City of Cannon Falls at a rate of $200/hr. C/Majerus asked if staff had a recommendation on the percentage of administrative overhead costs on top of that. Mr. Greenwood did not have a recommendation.

Mr. Greenwood asked for clarification on what percent the board would like to use as administrative costs since the city was requesting the costs be broken out. C/Majerus agreed with $107/hour for equipment and make the rest for staff costs and administrative overhead. C/Greseth agreed.

6 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried (4-1-0) with C/Anderson dissenting to approve the bid for $200 with $107 of that being the equipment rental rate and remaining amount be applied to operator and administrative costs with a 3% increase on a yearly basis.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee met prior to the board meeting with the following items on the agenda:

Emergency Management Deputy Director Temporary Employee. The Personnel Committee recommended approval of a temporary employment contract to bring Malloree McCarthy, former Goodhue County Emergency Management Deputy Director, back to the County for two days to assist with the upcoming Hostile Action Based (HAB) Radiological Emergency Preparedness exercise scheduled for December 8, 2026.

7 Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve a temporary employment contract with Malloree McCarthy, former Goodhue County Emergency Management Deputy Director, back to the County for two days to assist with the upcoming Hostile Action Based (HAB) Radiological Emergency Preparedness exercise scheduled for December 8, 2026.

C/Betcher noted that the other item on the Personnel Committee was related to Health and Human Services (HHS) so therefore would typically go to the HHS board for discussion. However, there was concern that might not be the correct way to handle it.

C/Majerus stated that the question at hand was if the request on the Personnel Committee did not get Committee approval, it should not move forward. In addition, if the issue was approved by the Personnel Committee, would the item go to the HHS Board for approval or the County Board since three members of the County Board cannot get overruled by the Health and Human Services Board.

Assistant County Attorney, Erin Kuester, stated that when you look at the structure of the County, the County Board was at the top. She briefly reviewed the statutes that govern the County Board and the primary responsibilities are to control the budget and the legal framework for Goodhue County. Underneath that, there are seven separate boards that each have different rolls, and the HHS Board was one of them. Overall, the County Board is the controlling body. The Personnel Committee was on the County Board agenda so the County Board could make a decision on the issue today.

C/Anderson noted that past practice was that Personnel Committee items go to County Board or the HHS Board depending on which department. Ms. Kuester agreed that was OK as long as there was consensus for that process from the controlling board.

C/Greseth asked for clarification on if the HHS Board approved the item on a 4 to 3 vote and 3 of the no votes are County Board members, would the issue go to the County Board for consideration?

C/Betcher stated that she was not comfortable with making a big shift in the process on the fly.

Administrator Arneson commented that if the Board wanted to discuss changing operational procedures, that would be something that should be done at a County Board workshop.

C/Majerus clarified that typically in the past, if the two commissioners on the Personnel Committee did not want to see the item move forward to the board, it would not move forward. It is possible that the issue would come back at a later date. There also was a previous time when three commissioners from the County Board were overruled by the HHS Board and the issue was brought to the next County Board meeting and was removed. If there are three County Board members that don't want to see an issue go through, it should not go through. The County Board cannot be overruled by the HHS Board. C/Majerus stated that if the issue at hand gets approved by the HHS Board today, he would make the motion to have the issue on the next County Board meeting to have it removed.

C/Betcher commented that for today, the County Board would not switch the current process, and the issue would go to the full HHS Board for consideration. C/Majerus could request the item be addressed under new business on the next County Board meeting if he wanted to.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Review and Approve the County Claims

8 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue $608,431.19, 03-Public Works $378,409.01, 11- Human Service Fund $18,122.57, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative $00, 15- County Ditch 1 $00, 20-National Opioid Settlement Fund $00, 25- EDA $00, 34-Capital Equipment $235,147.14, 35-Debt Services $550.00, 61-Waste Management $6,124.96, 72-Other Agency Funds $1,728.70, 81-Settlement $549.20, in the total amount of $1,249,062.77.

Adjourn

9 Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the October 20, 2026, County Board Meeting.

Scott O. Arneson

SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Susan Betcher

SUSAN BETCHER, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the October 6, 2026, board meeting minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the October 20, 2026, county board agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the consent agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved the SAHA Awardee Program Update. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved to pursue a contract with Dakota County for Byllesby Park for 2027 season. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
6. Approved RFP rate for Cannon Falls Grading Costs. (Motion carried 4-1-0)
7. Approved the Emergency Management Temporary Employee. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved to adjourn the October 20, 2026, County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)