



**MINUTES
SCOTT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 4, 2025**

(1) Convene County Board

The Board of Commissioners, in and for the County of Scott, Minnesota, met in the County Board Room in the City of Shakopee, Minnesota, and convened at 9:02 a.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Weckman Brekke, Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Brennan, and Commissioner Beer. Commissioner Beer presided. Commissioner Ulrich attended remotely.

The following were also in attendance:

1. Lezlie Vermillion, County Administrator
2. Ron Hocevar, County Attorney
3. Danny Lenz, Deputy County Administrator/CFO
4. Suzanne Arntson, Deputy HHS Director
5. Tracy Cervenka, Business Operations Manager
6. Barb Dahl, Health and Human Services Director
7. Brad Davis, Planning and Resource Management Director
8. Lisa Freese, Transportation Services Director
9. Cindy Geis, Community Services Director
10. Jake Grussing, Transformation & Enterprise Services Director
11. Kate Sedlacek, Environmental Services Manager
12. Nick Reishus, Environmentalist II
13. Katie Malecha, Quality Improvement Manager
14. Lisa Kohner, Public Affairs Coordinator
15. Lori Huss, Employee Relations Director
16. Marty Schmitz, Zoning Administrator
17. TyAnna Salami, Child Protection Worker
18. Ann Flesher, Child Protection Worker
19. Mary Nelson, Public Health Nurse
20. Julie Jacobson, Community Program Coordinator
21. Payton Somerville, Coordinated Responder
22. Shelly Beyer, Corrections Officer
23. Shelby Mengelkoch, Corrections Officer
24. Jordan Miland, Corrections Officer
25. Ismaila Folarin, Corrections Officer
26. Cory Johnson, Corrections Officer
27. Jaylyn Kern, Corrections Officer
28. Emmah Otieno, Corrections Officer
29. Joseph Phillips, Corrections Officer
30. Kaylan Roush, Corrections Officer
31. Brandon Taylor, Corrections Officer
32. Michelle Hesse, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests:

1. Carter McNew, Parks Advisory Commission
2. Ben Burnett, Prior Lake/Spring Lake Watershed District
3. Gary Hartmann, Scott Soil & Water Conservation District
4. Bill Keegan, Dem-Con
5. Trista Martinson, Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board

(2) Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

(3) Approve Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, the January 21, 2025, minutes were approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

(4) New Employees

4.1 New Employees

The following new employees introduced themselves and were welcomed to Scott County:

- TyAnna Salami Children Services
- Ann Flesher Children Services
- Julie Jacobson Library Operations
- Payton Somerville Adult Mental Health
- Shelly Beyer Sheriff Jails
- Shelby Mengelkoch Sheriff Jails
- Jordan Miland Sheriff Jails
- Ismaila Folarin Sheriff Jails
- Cory Johnson Sheriff Jails
- Jaylyn Kern Sheriff Jails
- Emmah Otieno Sheriff Jails
- Joseph Phillips Sheriff Jails
- Kaylan Roush Sheriff Jails
- Brandon Taylor Sheriff Jails

(5) Recognition of Interested Citizens

There were no citizens to be recognized.

(6) Consent Agenda

- 6.1 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-29; Authorizing a Budget Amendment and Entering Amendment No. 2 to The Veterans Treatment Court Agreement
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 6.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-30; Authorizing a Budget Amendment and Entering Amendment No. 1 to The Drug Treatment Court Agreement
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 6.3 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-33; Approving the Rezone, Preliminary Plat, and Final Plat of Riesgraf Farm No. 2 (Kelby & Breanna Riesgraf, Applicants, and Jeffrey & Pamela Riesgraf, Property Owners)
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 6.4 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-34; Approving Final Adoption of the Louisville-Merriam Junction and Shallow Waters Regional Trail Long Range Plans

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.

- 6.5 Approve Appointment of Citizens to Advisory Committee
Parks Advisory Commission (Term effective 2/4/2025 – 12/31/2027)
Appointment of Carter McNew of Commissioner District 3
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 6.6 Approve the Renewal Application for a Precious Metal Dealer License for Pawnxchange in Shakopee
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 6.7 Approve the Lawful Gambling Premises Permit Application for Lakeville South Football Association at Red Fox Tavern & Kitchen in New Market Township
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 6.8 Approve a New Application for a Scott County Intoxicating Liquor License for Schultzy's Restaurant Group in New Market Township
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 6.9 Approve Payroll Processing of Personnel Actions
On the recommendation of the County Administrator, Commissioner Brennan moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the payroll processing of personnel actions indicated below and certified by the Employee Relations Director and the Appointing Authority to be in compliance with provisions of Minnesota Statutes 375.56 - 375.71 and the Scott County Merit Personnel System:
1. Separation of employment for Teagan Watkins, Intermittent (34% FTE) Librarian - Unclassified, Transformation and Enterprise Services Division, effective 10/12/2024.
 2. Separation of employment for Christopher Ross, FT Senior GIS Analyst, Transportation Services Division, effective 1/20/2025.
 3. Separation of employment for Laura Henry, FT Registered Nurse, County Sheriff's Office, effective 2/6/2025.
 4. Separation of employment for Liam Nuhring, FT Assistant County Attorney II, County Attorney's Office, effective 2/7/2025.
 5. FT Probationary employment of Shelly Beyer, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.
 6. FT Probationary employment of Shelby Mengelkoch, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.
 7. FT Probationary employment of Jordan Miland, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.
 8. FT Probationary employment of Jaylyn Kern, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.
 9. FT Probationary employment of Emmah Otieno, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.
 10. FT Probationary employment of Joseph Phillips, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.
 11. FT Probationary employment of Kayla Rousch, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.
 12. FT Probationary employment of Brandon Taylor, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.
 13. FT Probationary employment of Folarin Ismaila, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.
 14. FT Probationary employment of Cory Johnson, Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/27/2025.

15. Promotion for Julie Jacobsen, PT (50% FTE) Library Associate to FT Community Program Coordinator, Transformation and Enterprise Services Division, effective 1/27/2025.
16. Promotion for Katherine Rademacher (Malecha) FT Probationary Evidence Based Practices Coordinator, Health and Human Services Division to FT Probationary Quality Improvement Manager, Transformation and Enterprise Services Division, effective 1/27/2025.

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

(7) CUSTOMER SERVICE: We will deliver government services in a respectful, responsive, and solution-oriented manner

- 7.1 Receive an Informational Presentation on Dem-Con HZI BioEnergy, LLC's Land Use Application to Build an Anaerobic Digester Facility in Louisville Township

The Commissioners received an informational presentation from Principal Planner Greg Wagner and Dem-Con President Bill Keegan regarding Dem-Con's request to construct an Anaerobic Digester Facility which will convert organic wastes to Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) and biochar. Mr. Wagner presented an overview of the proposed Dem Con Anaerobic Digester Facility project from a land use perspective. Mr. Keegan outlined the project funding, plant design and operation process. The availability of raw material in the form of organic feedstock and the uses for the produced RNG and biochar were discussed. Traffic flow is estimated at 30-50 vehicles per day, which is significantly lower than the previous operation at that site. Testing revealed that PFOS chemical levels produced at similar existing facilities were nearly undetectable.

Environmental Services Manager Kate Sedlacek noted that 25% of waste is organic material and advancements in technology are helping reduce material going into landfills.

Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board Chair Trista Martinson addressed the Board regarding their commitment to provide organic feedstock.

(8) Committee Reports and Commissioner Updates

- All Commissioners attended the Board Workshop on January 21.
- All Commissioners attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) Legislative Forum on January 30.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) Executive Board meeting on January 22.
- Commissioners Beer and Ulrich attended the Families & Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH) Board of Directors meeting on January 22.
- Commissioners Beer and Weckman Brekke met with Transformation and Enterprise Services Director Jake Grussing on January 23.
- Commissioners Beer and Weckman Brekke attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Board of Directors meeting on January 24.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Community Health Improvement Committee (CHIC) meeting on January 27.
- Commissioner Beer attended a meeting hosted by Senator Lindsey Port on January 27.
- Commissioners Beer and Ulrich attended the Chair/Vice Chair meeting on January 28.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Prior Lake City Council worksession and meeting on January 28.
- Commissioners Beer and Weckman Brekke, along with the County Administrator met with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) Chairman and Administrator on January 30.
- Commissioners Beer and Weckman Brekke met with Representative Angie Craig and the Scott County Sheriff on January 30.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Prior Lake/Spring Lake Watershed District meeting on January 21.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Aging and Disability Services Director Brittani Lane on January 22.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Property and Customer Service Manager Julie Hanson on January 22.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting on January 23.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the AMC Legislative Update meeting on January 27.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Scott Watershed Management Organization (WMO) Planning Commission meeting on January 27.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Scott County Mental Health Local Advisory Council meeting on

January 28.

- Commissioner Brennan attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) meeting on January 29.
- Commissioner Brennan met with President of the Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota Sarah Curfman on January 30.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Planning and Resource Management Director Brad Davis on February 3.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Suburban Transit Association (STA) meeting on January 21.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the 169 Corridor Coalition meeting on January 23.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) Board meeting on January 29.
- Commissioner Ulrich met with the County Administrator on February 3.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Transit Mobility Management Board meeting on February 3.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the NACo Human Services and Education Committee meeting on January 21.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the AMC New Commissioner and Board Chair Training on January 22.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the State Mentally Ill and Dangerous Civil Commitment Reform Task Force meeting on January 23.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the State Community Supervision Advisory Council meeting on January 29.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with Credit River Mayor Chris Kostik on January 31.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Vermillion River Watershed meeting on January 23.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Elko New Market City Council meeting on January 23.
- Commissioner Wolf met with the County Administrator on January 29.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Credit River City Council meeting on February 3.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Cedar Lake Town Board meeting on February 3.

(9) County Administrator Update

County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion noted the following:

- Health & Human Services Director Barb Dahl, Deputy Health & Human Services Director Suzanne Arntson, and Aging and Disability Services Director Brittani Lane presented at the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting recently. She noted their excellent presentations and leadership.
- The Scott County Government Center will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025, in recognition of President's Day.

(10) Recess for Attorney/Client Meeting

There was no need to recess for an attorney/client meeting.

(11) Adjourn

Chair Beer noted that following the meeting, the Commissioners will meet in a workshop setting to receive updates on:

Federal Funding Update
Ditch Abandonment
Enterprise Resource Management (ERP) Update
Financial Update 2024 4th Quarter
Commissioner Round Robin

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

County Board Chair

**Clerk to the Board/County
Administrator**

Deputy Clerk to the Board