



**MINUTES
SCOTT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 6, 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 9:01 a.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Weckman Brekke, Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Brennan, Commissioner Beer, and Commissioner Ulrich. Commissioner Beer presided.

The following were also in attendance:

1. Lezlie Vermillion, County Administrator
2. Danny Lenz, Deputy County Administrator
3. Jeanne Andersen, Senior Attorney
4. Luke Hennen, County Sheriff
5. Barb Dahl, Health and Human Services Director
6. Suzanne Arntson, Deputy Health & Human Services Director
7. Nikki Hallberg, Child and Family Services Director
8. Jen Schultz, Library Director
9. Steve Jones, Finance Manager
10. Lisa Kohner, Public Affairs Coordinator
11. Steve Collins, Sheriff's Captain
12. Tony Winiecki, County Engineer
13. Sarah Deppe, Communications & Office Coordinator
14. Rhonda Otto, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer
15. Daniel Aszmann, Deputy Sheriff
16. Jeffrey Strack, Deputy Sheriff
17. Amanda Ely, Community Planner
18. Kelly Barrett, Assistant Probation Officer
19. Joe Betley, Community Corrections Supervisor
20. Kristin Fischer, Residential Appraiser
21. Griffin Wold, Library Associate
22. Kayla Niehaus, Eligibility Specialist
23. Josh Walczak, Fraud Investigator
24. Amira Warsame, Public Health Nurse
25. Meghan Roegge, Library Associate
26. Marchelle Lyons, Business Operations Manager
27. Rachel Petersen, Therapist
28. Madison Gonzales, Child Protection Worker
29. Rachael Preston, Administrative Specialist
30. Ruby Dasgupta, Assistant County Attorney III
31. Katelyn Maddox, Community Health Specialist
32. Michelle Hesse, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests:

1. Dale Loomer, Scott County Mental Health Local Advisory Council
2. Robert Bednarik, Prior Lake
3. Jim Ruzicka, Prior Lake Fire Department
4. Daryl Jelle-Captain, Prior Lake Fire Department
5. Nick Haugen-Firefighter, Prior Lake Fire Department

6. Jim Hosinski-Firefighter, Prior Lake Fire Department
7. Thomas Joachim-Firefighter, Prior Lake Fire Department
8. Sam Sampey-Firefighter, Prior Lake Fire Department
9. Mike Pientka-Firefighter, Prior Lake Fire Department
10. Steve M. Hentges
11. Neil Johnson
12. Emily Strack
13. Lucas Strack
14. Chad Sandey, Sand Creek Township
15. June Housenga
16. Colleen Bednarik

(2) Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

(3) Approve Minutes

April 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Ulrich, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, the April 15, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.

(4) New Employees

4.1 New Employees

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

- Madison Gonzales Child Protection Worker
- Kelly Barrett Assistant Probation Officer
- Rachel Petersen Therapist
- Joshua Walczak Fraud Investigator
- Marchelle Lyons Business Operations Manager
- Ruby Dasgupta Assistant County Attorney III
- Griffin Wold Library Associate
- Meghan Roegge Library Associate
- Kayla Niehaus Eligibility Specialist
- Amira Warsame Public Health Nurse
- Kristin Fischer Residential Appraiser
- Rachael Preston Administrative Specialist

(5) Recognition of Interested Citizens

Jen Schultz, Scott County Library Director

Scott County Law Library celebrated National Law Day with an Open House and Art Competition for Scott County students in Grades 6-12. Ms. Schultz presented a photo of the artwork submitted by the competition winners.

Neil Johnson, 2146 Norton Drive, Shakopee

Mr. Johnson addressed the Board regarding the proposed County Road 17 reconstruction project affecting Deerview Acres access.

(6) COLLABORATION: We will work with partners - communities, schools, faith groups, private business, and non-profit agencies - to see that services are not duplicated but rather are complementary, aligned, and provided by the partners who can deliver the service most effectively

6.1 Presentation of the Morris S. Miller Health Hero Award

Sheriff's Captain Stephen Collins presented the Morris S. Miller Health Hero Award to Scott County resident Robert Bednarik and the following Emergency Responders for actions taken during a medical emergency in December 2024:

Scott County Sheriff's Office

Daniel Aszmann – Deputy Sheriff

Jeffrey Strack – Deputy Sheriff

Prior Lake Fire Department

Jim Ruzicka - Assistant Chief

Daryl Jelle - Captain

Nick Haugen - Firefighter

Jim Hosinski - Firefighter

Thomas Joachim - Firefighter

Sam Sampey - Firefighter

Mike Pientka - Firefighter

(7) Consent Agenda

- 7.1 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-84; Authorizing Entering an Agreement with Jackson Township for a County Highway 69/115th Street Intersection Streetlight
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-88; Authorizing Entering into a Contract with Safety Signs for a County Highway Sign Replacement Project
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.3 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-102; Approving a Rezone of 81.66 Acres From A-1, Agricultural Preservation District, to A-3, Agricultural Preservation Density District (David & Connie O'Brien, Applicants and Property Owners)
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.4 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-103; Authorizing Entering into an Agreement with McMonigal Architects for Law Enforcement Center Projects
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.5 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-104; Authorizing Application for Community Living Infrastructure Grant Funds, and if Awarded, Accepting the Grant and Entering Into an Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.6 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-106; Authorizing Renewal of Limited Use Permit No. 7005-0012 with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.7 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-111; Approving a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to Add 37 Acres and Expand an Outside Storage Lot by 2.6 Acres (Paul & Cheryl Doucette, Applicants and Bluffside Properties, LLC., and Doucette Family Holdings, LLC., Property Owners)

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

- 7.8 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-113; Approving the Final Plat of Valley View Industrial Park and Three-Way Developers Agreement (JMH Land Development Company, LLC., Applicant & Jordan Gravel, LLC., Property Owner)
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.9 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-125; Authorizing Application for a Minnesota Trail Assistance Grant for 2025-2026 and if Awarded, Accepting the Grant and Entering Into an Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.10 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-126; Approving Dakota County Joining the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Board of Commissioners
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.11 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-128; Acknowledging Receipt and Acceptance of Gifts to Scott County
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.12 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-130; Authorizing Final Payment to Peterson Companies Inc. for the Spring Lake Lakefront Development Project
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.13 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-131; Approving an Amendment to Scott County Zoning Ordinance No. 3, Chapter 7, Specialty Housing, to Modify the Maximum Size and Placement of Accessory Dwelling Units
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.14 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-134; Setting a Public Hearing for May 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to Receive Public Comment on an On-Off Sale Combined Intoxicating Liquor License for Ferguson's Minnesota Harvest Orchards LLC in St. Lawrence Township
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 7.15 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 Bret Krick, FT Sheriff's Deputy, County Sheriff's Office, effective 4/30/2025.
 2. Separation of employment for Richard Turner, Intermittent (.34% FTE) Emergency Management Planner, County Sheriff's Office, effective 3/20/2025.
 3. Separation of employment for Chrissy Degendorfer, PT Temporary (.50% FTE) IT Assistant, Office of Management & Budget Division, effective 5/2/2025.

4. Separation of employment for Maya Ly, FT Probationary Project Manager, Office of Management & Budget Division, effective 4/11/2025.
5. Separation of employment for Terri Dill, FT Principal Planner, Transportation Services Division, effective 4/22/2025.
6. Separation of employment for Bridget O'Brien, FT Probationary Public Safety Telecommunicator, County Sheriff's Office, effective 4/30/2025.
7. Separation of employment for Robert Nelson, FT Juvenile Facility Manager, Health and Human Services Division, effective 5/1/2025.
8. Separation of employment for Lawrence Fallang, FT Probationary Equipment Mechanic, Planning & Resources Management Division, effective 4/22/2025.
9. Intermittent (.34% FTE) employment of Bruce Simon, Sheriff's Deputy, County Sheriff's Office, effective 5/5/2025.
10. Intermittent (.34% FTE) employment of Cecelia Dissanayake, Library Aide, Transformation & Enterprise Services Division, effective 4/21/2025.
11. Intermittent (.34% FTE) employment of Thomas Schuenke, Library Aide, Transformation & Enterprise Services Division, effective 4/21/2025.
12. FT Probationary employment of Joshua Walczak, Fraud Investigator, Health & Human Services Division, effective 4/21/2025.
13. FT Probationary employment of Marchelle Lyons, Business Operations Manager, Health and Human Services Division, effective 4/21/2025.
14. FT Probationary employment of Ruby Dasgupta, Assistant County Attorney III, County Attorney's Office, effective 4/21/2025.
15. FT Probationary employment of Kayla Roehrich, Business Information & System Specialist, Health & Human Services Division, effective 5/19/2025.
16. FT Temporary employment of Caden Sterling, Public Works Seasonal, Transportation Services Divisions, effective 4/28/2025.
17. Promotion for Betsy Sandell, PT (.50% FTE) Library Associate to PT Probationary (.50% FTE) Program Specialist - IT, Office of Management & Budget, effective 4/21/2025.
18. Promotion for James McLees, FT Principal GIS Analyst to FT Probationary GIS & Asset Data Manager, Planning & Resources Management Division, effective 5/5/2025.

The motion carried unanimously.

(8) COMMUNICATION: We will always be clear about what we're doing and why we're doing it

- 8.1 Receive Information on the Scott County Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) Priorities
Scott County Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) Chair Dale Loomer provided a recap of the LAC work in 2024.
- 8.2 Receive a Financial Update for 1st Quarter 2025
Scott County Finance Manager Steve Jones presented a financial update for the 1st Quarter of 2025.
- 8.3 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-120; Authorizing Application for a School Attendance Support Grant, and if Awarded, Accepting the Grant and Entering into an Agreement with the Sauer Family Foundation, Amending the 2025 Budget, and Approving a Contract Amendment with Katallasso Group
Motion by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, seconded by Commissioner Brennan. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.4 Receive Information on County State Aid Highway Mileage Request
County Engineer Tony Winiecki presented information on the County State Aid Highway Mileage Request project.

(9) Committee Reports and Commissioner Updates

- All Commissioners attended the Board Workshop on April 15.
- All Commissioners attended the Board Workshop on April 22.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, Ulrich, and Weckman Brekke attended the Integrated Health Center

groundbreaking on April 15.

- Commissioner Beer, along with the County Administrator, met with Senator Rich Draheim on April 16.
- Commissioners Beer and Weckman Brekke attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Board of Directors meeting on April 18.
- Commissioners Beer and Ulrich attended the Scott County Association for Leadership & Efficiency (SCALE) Service Delivery meeting on April 21.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, and Weckman Brekke met with state Representatives at the Capitol on April 21.
- Commissioners Beer and Wolf attended the Prior Lake City Council workshop and meeting on April 22.
- Commissioners Beer and Wolf attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) Board meeting on April 23.
- Commissioners Beer and Ulrich attended the Families & Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH) Board of Directors meeting on April 23.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, Weckman Brekke, and Wolf attended the County Road 17 Project open house on April 23.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, and Weckman Brekke attended the Belle Plaine Library expansion groundbreaking on April 24.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Greater MSP meeting on April 25.
- Commissioners Beer and Brennan met with the County Administrator and Sheriff on May 5.
- Commissioners Beer and Ulrich met with new employees on May 6.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Prior Lake/Spring Lake Watershed District meeting on April 15.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Shakopee City Council meeting on April 15.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Lower Minnesota Watershed District meeting on April 16.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the AMC Solid Waste Working Group meeting on April 17.
- Commissioner Brennan attended a meeting at the Jordan Library on April 17.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Dakota Scott Workforce Board meeting on April 18.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Three Rivers Park District meeting on April 23.
- Commissioner Brennan met with County Engineer Tony Winiecki on April 23.
- Commissioner Brennan participated in Shakopee Clean Up Day on April 26.
- Commissioner Brennan met with the Shakopee Mayor on April 30.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Recycling Association of Minnesota and Solid Waste Association of North America (RAM SWANA) Conference on April 30 – May 1.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Public Health Director Lisa Brodsky on May 5.
- Commissioners Brennan and Wolf attended the Prairie Point groundbreaking on May 5.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) meeting on April 16.
- Commissioners Ulrich and Weckman Brekke attended the SCALE Executive Committee meeting on April 18.
- Commissioners Ulrich and Weckman Brekke attended the SCALE Legislative Committee meeting on April 21.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the FISH Executive Committee meeting on April 21.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the TAB Active Communication Workgroup meeting on April 28.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) Board meeting on April 30.
- Commissioners Ulrich and Weckman Brekke attended the SCALE Legislative Committee meeting on May 5.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Transit Mobility Management Board meeting on May 5.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Scott County Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting on April 17.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Mentally Ill and Dangerous Civil Commitment Task Force meeting on April 21.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with Senator Port on April 21.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the State Community Supervision Advisory Committee meeting on April 23.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Human Services & Education Committee meeting on April 23.
- Commissioners Weckman Brekke and Wolf attended the Scott/Rice County Joint Ditch Board meeting

on April 23.

- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Jordan Commercial Club Annual meeting on April 24.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Together We Can Steering Committee meeting on April 30.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the AMC Finance Committee meeting on April 30.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Scott County Treehouse Annual Dinner and Fundraiser on May 1.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the ProAct and Southwest Metro School District meeting on May 2.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Transportation Alliance Board meeting on May 5.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Scott County Employee Insurance Committee meeting on April 16.
- Commissioner Wolf met with the County Administrator on April 22.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Credit River City Council meeting on April 22.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Cedar Lake Water and Sanitary Sewer District meeting on April 23.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Vermillion River Watershed District meeting on April 24.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Elko New Market City Council meeting on April 24.
- Commissioner Wolf met with former County Administrator Gary Shelton on April 28.

(10) County Administrator Update

County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion noted the following:

- Scott County has sent press releases regarding the cost shifts from the state to counties. Specific levy impact to residents will be addressed based upon available information.
- A staff review board is tasked to analyze the need to fill vacant positions.
- Jake Grussing is moving forward to address MN Choice proposed legislative improvements.
- 2025 snowplow events cost an average of \$56,000 with one event as low as \$19,000 and another 2-day event costing \$171,000.
- Commissioner Brennan and former Savage Mayor Janet Williams have led efforts to balance representation on the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board.
- A Ditch Board meeting and Workshop will follow this meeting

(11) Recess for Attorney/Client Meeting

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

(12) Adjourn

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

- Quarterly Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
- Strategic Plan
- Health Insurance Renewal
- Commissioner Round Robin

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

County Board Chair

**Clerk to the Board/County
Administrator**

Deputy Clerk to the Board