



**MINUTES
SCOTT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 19, 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. Ron Hocevar, County Attorney
3. Luke Hennen, County Sheriff
4. Barb Dahl, Health and Human Services Director
5. Lisa Freese, Transportation Services Director
6. Cindy Geis, Community Services Director
7. Jake Grussing, Transformation & Enterprise Services Director
8. Suzanne Arntson, Deputy Health & Human Services Director
9. Nikki Hallberg, Child and Family Services Director
10. Rhonda Otto, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer
11. Lori Huss, Assistant Employee Relations Director
12. Brittani Lane, Aging & Disability Services Director
13. Jen Schultz, Library Director
14. Jeff Smodish, Employee Relations Director
15. Tracy Cervenka, Business Operations Manager
16. Scott Hed, Accounting Manager
17. Katie Malecha, Quality Improvement Manager
18. Michael Thompson, Property & Taxation Services Manager
19. Lisa Kohner, Public Affairs Coordinator
20. Evan Cole, Business Info/Sys Specialist
21. Cheryl Kollasch, Health & Safety Manager
22. Laurie McMillan, Program Specialist
23. Ruthie Pierson, Senior Administrative Specialist
24. Amandy Khon, Program Specialist
25. Tricia Meschke, Social Work Supervisor
26. Andy Hingeveld, Administrative Services Director
27. Vanessa Strong, Water Resources Supervisor
28. Zach Riley, Housing Coordinator
29. Bianca Stewart, Housing Coordinator
30. Michelle Hesse, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests:

1. Representative Ben Bakeberg
2. Colleen Carlson, University of Minnesota Extension Services
3. Ron Malecha, Cedar Lake Township
4. Lisa Malecha, Cedar Lake Township
5. Mike Beard, 306 Possum Creek Drive, Marble Hill, MO

(2) Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

(3) Approve Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, the August 5, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.

(4) Recognition of Interested Citizens

Mike Beard, 306 Possom Creek Drive, Marble Hill, MO

Former Commissioner Mike Beard greeted the Board and staff.

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

5.1 Legislative Update from Representative Bakeberg

Representative Ben Bakeberg provided a legislative update

5.2 Recognition of 2025 Scott County Farm Family of the Year - Ron and Lisa Malecha

Ron and Lisa Malecha were recognized as the 2025 Scott County Farm Family of the Year

(6) INNOVATION: We will take informed risks to deliver services more effectively and will learn from our successes and failures

6.1 Receive Information on Scott County Delivers Topic: Employee Development Cycle

The Commissioners received information on Scott County Delivers Topic: Employee Development Cycle

(7) Consent Agenda

7.1 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-127; Certifying Final Approved Appraised Values and Authorizing Acquisition by Eminent Domain Proceedings for the County Highway (CH) 23 and CH 68 Roundabout Project

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. 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. 2025-197; Authorizing the Submittal of an Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) 5310 Enhanced Mobility Grant Application and Acceptance of the Grant if Awarded

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. 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. 2025-199; Authorizing an Amendment to a Conservation Easement on County Property in Prior Lake

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. 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. 2025-200; Authorize Entering into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Shakopee for the Extension of County Highway 16

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. 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. 2025-202; Supporting a Minnesota Highway Freight Mobility Grant Application for the County Highway 2 and I35 Interchange Reconstruction Project in the City of Elko New Market

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. 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. 2025-203; Supporting a Minnesota Highway Freight Program Grant Application for Highway 13 and Nicollet Avenue Improvements in the City of Burnsville
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. 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. 2025-204; Authorizing Ratification of a Maintenance and Support Renewal Contract Between Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative and Strategic Technologies Incorporated for Minnesota County Attorney Practice System
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. 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. 2025-205; Approving a Budget Amendment and Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with EAPC Architects Engineers for the Scott County Integrated Health Center Project
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. 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. 2025-206; Approving a 1 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Allyhoo in St. Lawrence Township
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. 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 Approve Payroll Processing of Personnel Actions
On the recommendation of the County Administrator, Commissioner Brennan moved, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich 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 Minn. Stat. §§375.56 - 375.71 and the Scott County Merit Personnel System:

1. Separation of employment for Michael Cumiskey, FT Sheriff's Deputy, County Sheriff's Office, effective 8/29/2025.
2. Separation of employment for Shelly Beyer, FT Probationary Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 8/6/2025.
3. Separation of employment for Jamison Ottum, FT Coordinated Responder, Health and Human Services Division, effective 7/29/2025.
4. Separation of employment for Noah Jenson, Survey Assistant, Community Services Division, effective 8/8/2025.
5. FT Probationary employment of Kaj Fritsch, Environmentalist II, Planning and Resource Management Division, effective 8/11/2025.
6. FT Probationary employment of Brooke Nordling, HR Business Partner, Office of Management and Budget, effective 8/11/2025.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 7.11 Approve Record of Disbursements and Approve Claims
To comply with Minn. Statute §375.18 Subd. 1b, *Delegation for Paying Certain Claims*, a list of all claims paid under the procedures established by the County Board shall be presented to the Board, for informational purposes only, at the next regularly scheduled meeting after payment of the claim. Invoices total \$22,445,586.48 from July 1st through July 31st, 2025.
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. The motion carried unanimously.

(8) Committee Reports and Commissioner Updates

- All Commissioners attended the Board Workshop on August 5.
- All Commissioners attended the Scott County Association for Leadership & Efficiency (SCALE) meeting on August 8.
- All Commissioners attended the Scott County Ditch Board meeting on August 19.
- Commissioners Beer and Ulrich met with new employees on August 5.
- Commissioners Beer and Wolf attended the employee event on August 5.
- Commissioner Beer met with the Hopes Portage group on August 7.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Families & Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH) Programming Committee meeting on August 12.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, Ulrich and Weckman Brekke attended the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce event on August 12.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Prior Lake City Council meeting on August 12.
- Commissioners Beer and Weckman Brekke met with Representative Brad Tabke on August 13.
- Commissioner Beer attended the FISH meeting on August 14.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Scott County Parks Advisory Commission meeting on August 6.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District meeting on August 6.
- Commissioners Brennan and Weckman Brekke attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) meeting on August 7.
- Commissioner Brennan met with the County Administrator on August 8.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Dakota Scott Workforce Board meeting on August 11.
- Commissioners Brennan and Weckman Brekke met on August 11.
- Commissioners Brennan and Weckman Brekke attended the County/Court Communication and Policy Committee meeting on August 12.
- Commissioners Brennan and Ulrich attended the Transportation meeting with Dakota County staff on August 12.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the AMC Solid Waste Working Group (SWWG) meeting on August 13.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Library Director Jen Schultz on August 13.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards Conference on August 13-15.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) Board meeting on August 18.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Health and Human Services Resource Council meeting on August 18.
- Commissioners Brennan and Weckman Brekke met with Health and Human Services Director Barb Dahl on August 19.
- Commissioner Ulrich met with the County Administrator on August 6.
- Commissioner Ulrich met with the Shakopee City Administrator Bill Reynolds on August 13.
- Commissioners Ulrich and Weckman Brekke attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) Board of Directors meeting on August 13.
- Commissioners Ulrich and Weckman Brekke attended the SCALE Executive Committee meeting on August 15.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) Management Committee meeting on August 18.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the FISH Executive Committee meeting on August 18.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Program (CAP) Agency Finance Committee meeting on August 5.
- Commissioners Weckman Brekke and Wolf attended Night to Unite events in their communities on August 5.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Scott County Law Library Board meeting on August 6.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke, along with the County Administrator, met with the New Prague City Administrator on August 6.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with NetWave representatives at the Blakeley site on August 6.

- Commissioner Weckman Brekke, along with County staff, attended the MN Department of Children, Youth, and Families meeting on August 7.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Scott County Justice Steering Committee meeting on August 7.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with the County Administrator on August 12.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the CAP Agency Board meeting on August 12.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke, along with Transportation Services Director Lisa Freese and Zoning Administrator Marty Schmitz, met with Cambria representatives on August 14.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the AMC Executive Committee meeting on August 15.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with CAP Agency Executive Director Jeff Hansen on August 18.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with MN Renaissance Festival representatives on August 18.
- Commissioner Wolf met with Highway staff on August 5.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the New Market Town Board meeting on August 5.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Scott County Planning Advisory Commission meeting on August 11.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Elko New Market City Council meeting on August 11.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Spring Lake Town Board meeting on August 11.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Credit River City Council meeting on August 18.

(9) County Administrator Update

County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion noted communication is ongoing with Carver and Dakota Counties regarding the Lower MN River Watershed District.

(10) Recess for Attorney/Client Meeting

The County Attorney noted that the Choose Not to Use Golf Tournament Fundraiser is Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

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:

- Resident's Survey
- Housing Strategic Plan
- Juvenile Alternate Facility (JAF)
- Proposed Budget
- Commissioner Round Robin

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

County Board Chair

Clerk to the Board/County
Administrator

Deputy Clerk to the Board