



**MINUTES  
SCOTT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 16, 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 9:05 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. Alissa Ebnetter, Principal Accounting Tech
2. Ally Addison, Library Service Coordinator
3. Alyssa Olson, Principal Planner
4. Amanda Geis, Property & Customer Service Specialist
5. Barb Dahl, Health and Human Services Director
6. Blanca Guzman, Library Service Coordinator
7. Brad Davis, Planning and Resource Management Director
8. Brittani Lane, Aging & Disability Services Director
9. Chris Weir, Property & Customer Service Specialist
10. Christy Schultz, Mobility Management Specialist
11. Cindy Geis, Community Services Director
12. Colleen Franke, Principal Accounting Tech
13. Dan Sliwa, Customer Service Specialist
14. Dana Anderson, Principal Tax Specialist
15. Danny Lenz, Deputy County Administrator
16. Dawn Gardeski, Customer Service Specialist
17. Dr. Tawnya Ward, Behavioral Health & Housing Director
18. Elba Castillo, Eligibility Specialist
19. Elizabeth Buko, Administrative Specialist
20. Hannah Resendiz Olson, Community Health Specialist
21. Jake Grussing, Transformation & Enterprise Services Director
22. Jamie Robischon, Customer Service Specialist
23. Janice Birkholz, Property & Customer Service Specialist
24. Janice From, Property & Customer Service Supervisor
25. Jeanne Andersen, Senior Attorney
26. Jeff Smodish, Employee Relations Director
27. Jen Olson, Field Probation Officer
28. Jennifer Donnelly, Customer Service Supervisor
29. Jessica Jensen, Customer Service Specialist
30. Joann Harms, Principal Accountant
31. Julie Hanson, Property & Customer Service Manager
32. Julie Jacobson, Community Program Coordinator
33. Katie Malecha, Quality Improvement Manager
34. Lezlie Vermillion, County Administrator
35. Lisa Brodsky, Public Health Director
36. Lisa Freese, Transportation Services Director
37. Lisa Hawkins, Principal Tax Specialist
38. Lisa Kohner, Public Affairs Coordinator
39. Lisa Pollard, Learning & Outreach Manager

40. Lisa Slark, Property & Customer Service Specialist
41. Lupe Godinez, Customer Service Specialist
42. Marcia Barcelata-O'Neill, Community Outreach Specialist
43. Maria Samuelson, Mobility Management Specialist
44. Marina Stepanova, Tax Specialist
45. Martha Brettschneider, Customer Service Specialist
46. Mary Kosmatka, Social Work Case Manager
47. Mhica Stewart, Customer Service Specialist
48. Michael Bergstrom, Community Engagement Manager
49. Michelle Hesse, Deputy Clerk to the Board
50. Molly Rabine, Social Worker II
51. Nikki Hallberg, Child and Family Services Director
52. Patty Freeman, General Manager Scott County Parks
53. Polina Stepanenko, Tax Specialist
54. Ron Hocevar, County Attorney
55. Sid Hagen, Customer Service Specialist
56. Stef Pavlicek, Customer Service Specialist
57. Suzanne Arntson, Deputy Health & Human Services Director
58. Tracy Cervenka, Business Operations Manager
59. Zachary Holland, Senior Administrative Specialist

Guests:

1. Larry Zangs
2. Kenny Geis, Prior Lake
3. Brandon Geis
4. Kerry Geis
5. Mandi Seppala
6. Dave Seppala
7. Jason Geis
8. Lisa Daniels, MnDOT
9. Bryant Ficek, MnDOT
10. Nancy Silesky, MICA
11. Julie Siegert, Scott County CDA
12. Elizabeth Buko, Shakopee
13. Nathan Jesson, MICA
14. Bo Beller, MAF

**(2) Amendments to the Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Brennan to amend the agenda, adding Consent Agenda Item 8.14 Approve Appointment of a Citizen to an Advisory Committee, and Consent Agenda Item 8.15 Approve Modification to the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

**(3) Approve Minutes**

September 4, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich, the September 4, 2025 Board Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**(4) Recognition of Interested Citizens**

Elizabeth Buko, Shakopee

Ms. Buko addressed the Board and affirmed Scott County employees who provide services well. She urged the Board to approve the maximum levy.

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

- 5.1 Receive an Informational Legislative Update from the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA)  
The Commissioners received an informational Legislative Update from the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA).

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

- 6.1 Presentation of Joseph F. Ries Excellence in Scott County Government Awards  
Community Services Director Cindy Geis and Transportation Services Director Lisa Freese were honored with the prestigious Joseph F. Ries Excellence in Scott County Government Award. This award was established to honor those who have consistently demonstrated excellence in work performance, innovation, leadership, and achievement in service to Scott County residents. The award is intended to recognize individuals who drive improvements in operations, services, and cost savings, and it is the desire of the County Board to nurture and maintain Joseph F. Ries' spirit of excellence and inspiration.

The Commissioners recognized the following employees in light of their upcoming retirements:

- 6.2 Community Services Director Cindy Geis
- 6.3 Transportation Services Director Lisa Freese
- 6.4 Learning and Outreach Manager Lisa Pollard

Commissioner Weckman Brekke left the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Chair Beer recessed the meeting at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

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

- 7.1 Receive Information on Scott County Delivers Topic: Active Lifestyles and Parks  
The Scott County Delivers presentation was moved to the October 21, 2025 Board Meeting.

**(8) Consent Agenda**

- 8.1 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-191; Approving the Preliminary 2026 Levy of \$40,532 and Budget for the Scott County Vermillion River Watershed Special Taxing District  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-208; Approving a Rezone of 69.84 Acres from TR, Transition Reserve to TR-C, Transition Reserve Cluster, and Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Stocker Acres (Jason & Holly Stocker, Applicant and Richard A. & Ann M. Stocker, Property Owners)  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.3 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-213; Rescinding Resolutions Nos. 2003-034, 2009-048, and 2024-251 and Appointing Rhonda Otto as the County Auditor Treasurer  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. 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 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-215; Approving the 2026 Final Levy of \$40,000 for the Cedar Lake Improvement District  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.

- 8.5 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-216; Supporting Transportation Economic Development Grant Applications by the City of Savage for the Highway 13 Mobility Improvement Project  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.6 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-217; Approving the Final 2026 Levy Assessment of \$1,650 on all Taxable Properties in the McMahon Lake Outlet Special Tax District  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.7 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-219; Authorizing Entering Into Attachment No. 2 to the Master Agreement with the CAP Agency for Services at Hopes Portage and Amending the 2025 Budget  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.8 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-220; Authorizing Entering Into Attachment No. 3 to the Master Agreement with the CAP Agency for an Emergency Rental Assistance Program and Amending the 2025 budget  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.9 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-221; Authorizing Entering into a Drug Treatment Court Cooperative Agreement with the State of Minnesota  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.10 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-224; Approving a 2026 Budget of \$19,940,704 and Payable Tax Levy of \$5,514,428 for the Scott County Community Development Agency and Certifying the Same to the County Auditor  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.11 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-226: Authorizing Execution of a Purchase Agreement and Sale of Property at 20140 Delaware Ave  
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent. A copy of the resolution is available in the office of the County Administrator and is made a part of this record by reference.
- 8.12 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 the provisions of Minn. Stat. §§375.56 - 375.71 and the Scott County Merit Personnel System:
1. Separation of employment for Steven Brown, FT Social Work Supervisor, Health and Human Services Division, effective 10/1/2025.
  2. Separation of employment for Kaleb Sharp, PT Probationary (.50 FTE) Shop Assistant, Planning and Resource Management Division, effective 8/6/2025.
  3. Separation of employment for Daniel Tindall, FT Temporary Public Works, Transportation Services, effective 8/7/2025.
  4. Separation of employment for Ashton Pauly, FT Temporary Public Works, Transportation Services, effective 7/31/2025.
  5. Separation of employment for Kyle Janda, FT Probationary Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 9/1/2025.

6. Separation of employment for Jessica Koehn, FT Coordinated Responder, Health and Human Services Division, effective 9/8/2025.
7. Separation of employment for Jeffrey Daiker, FT Social Work Supervisor, Health and Human Services Division, effective 9/25/2025.
8. Separation of employment for Kristin Fischer, FT Probationary Residential Appraiser, Community Services Division, effective 9/12/2025.
9. Separation of employment for Kimberly Weierke, FT Child Protection Worker, Health and Human Services Division, effective 10/9/2025.
10. Separation of employment for Stephanie Smith, FT Psychologist II, Health and Human Services Division, effective 9/25/2025.

The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent.

8.13 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 \$19,589,945.55 from August 1 through August 31, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent.

8.14 Approve Appointment of a Citizen to an Advisory Committee

Lower MN River Watershed District (Term effective 9/16/2025 – 2/28/2026)

Appointment of Carter McNew of Commissioner District 3

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent.

8.15 Approve Modification to the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule

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

**(9) STEWARDSHIP: We will work proactively to make investments, guided by resident input, which will transform lives, communities, and government**

9.1 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-214; Approving the 2026 Preliminary Levy of \$1,530,000 for the Scott Watershed Management Organization Special Taxing District

Motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Brennan. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent.

9.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2025-223; Establishing a Maximum Proposed Levy of \$106,358,183 Less \$8,240,505 Certified Property Tax Aids for a Net Levy of \$98,117,678 for the Purpose of Preparing the 2026 Proposed Property Tax Statements.

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Ulrich. The motion carried with four ayes and Commissioner Weckman Brekke absent.

**(10) Committee Reports and Commissioner Updates**

- All Commissioners attended the Board Workshop on September 4.
- All Commissioners attended the Joint Board meeting with Three Rivers Park District on September 9.
- All Commissioners attended the Ditch Board meeting on September 16.
- All Commissioners attended the Regional Rail Authority meeting on September 16.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, Ulrich, and Wolf attended the Legacy Central Ribbon Cutting on September 16.
- Commissioner Beer met with Greater MSP CEO Peter Frosch on September 5.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, Weckman Brekke, and Wolf attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Conference on September 10-12.
- Commissioners Beer and Ulrich attended the Scott County Association for Leadership & Efficiency (SCALE) Service Delivery meeting on September 15.

- Commissioner Beer attended a meeting with HEART ministries on September 15.
- Commissioner Brennan met with the County Administrator on September 5.
- Commissioners Brennan and Ulrich attended the Scott County Transportation Committee meeting on September 8.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Planning and Resource Management Director Brad Davis and Assistant County Highway Engineer Adam Jessen on September 8.
- Commissioner Brennan toured the Pope/Douglas Waste Management Facility on September 10.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the City of Shakopee Tap 2025 Event on September 12.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Scott Watershed Management Organization (WMO) Planning Commission Fall Tour on September 15.
- Commissioners Brennan and Weckman Brekke met with Health and Human Services Director Barb Dahl on September 16.
- Commissioner Ulrich, along with the County Administrator, met with the Savage Mayor and City Administrator on September 8.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Suburban Transit Association (STA) meeting on September 8.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the 169 Corridor Coalition meeting on September 11.
- Commissioners Ulrich and Weckman Brekke attended the SCALE Legislative Committee meeting on September 12.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) Management Committee meeting on September 15.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Families & Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH) Executive Committee meeting on September 15.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Human Services & Education Committee Leadership meeting on September 4.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke volunteered at Jordan Heimatfest on September 5.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with the County Administrator on September 9.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Program (CAP) Agency Board meeting on September 9.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the AMC Board meeting on September 10.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Scott County Planning Advisory Commission meeting on September 8.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Prior Lake City Council meeting on September 9.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Credit River City Council meeting on September 9.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the NACo meeting on September 15.

#### **(11) County Administrator Update**

County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion recognized the following employees:

- Social Work Supervisor Steve Brown, in light of his upcoming retirement, for his Out of Home Placement and Truancy work.
- Legislative & Fiber Program Manager Perry Mulcrone, Transportation & Enterprise Services Director Jake Grussing, Health & Human Services Director Barb Dahl, and the Commissioners for their work to promote important legislative issues.

#### **(12) Recess for Attorney/Client Meeting**

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

#### **(13) Adjourn**

There were no workshop items.

On a motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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**County Board Chair**

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**Clerk to the Board/County  
Administrator**

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**Deputy Clerk to the Board**