



**MINUTES
SCOTT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 6, 2026**

(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 9:00 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. Ron Hocevar, County Attorney
4. Luke Hennen, County Sheriff
5. Barb Dahl, Health and Human Services Director
6. Jake Grussing, Transformation & Enterprise Services Director
7. Suzanne Arntson, Deputy Health & Human Services Director
8. Tracy Cervenka, Business Operations Manager
9. Elba Castillo, Eligibility Specialist
10. Bailey Nelson, Senior Legal Assistant
11. Abdifatah Awale, Child Protection Worker
12. Jacinta Holp, Eligibility Specialist
13. Ashley Sporer, Social Work Supervisor
14. Sydney Manabe, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests:

1. Lloyd Erbaugh, Prior Lake
2. Evelyn Hasan, Aztec Dance Group Member
3. Layla Hasan, Aztec Dance Group Member
4. Rosa Garcia, Aztec Dance Group Member

(2) Reorganization for 2026

2.1 Nominations for and Election of Chair for 2026

Commissioner Wolf moved, seconded by Commissioner Brennan to nominate Commissioner Ulrich as Chair of the Board for 2026. After three calls for additional nominations, the motion carried unanimously. Chair Beer then handed the gavel over to Commissioner Ulrich to preside.

2.2 Nominations for and Election of Vice Chair for 2026

Commissioner Weckman Brekke moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to nominate Commissioner Brennan as Vice Chair of the Board for 2026. After three calls for additional nominations, the motion carried unanimously.

(3) Amendments to the Agenda

Commissioner Ulrich moved, seconded by Commissioner Weckman Brekke to amend the agenda to move the Recognition of Interested Citizens Agenda Item prior to Agenda Item 2.1 Nominations for and Election of Chair for 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

(4) Approve Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Beer, the December 16, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.

(5) New Employees

5.1 New Employees

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

- Bailey Nelson, Senior Legal Assistant
- Abdifatah Awale, Child Protection Worker
- Jacinta Holp, Eligibility Specialist
- Ashley Sporer, Social Work Supervisor

(6) Recognition of Interested Citizens

Lezlie Vermillion, Scott County Administrator: Recognized Commissioner Ulrich for 25 years of dedicated support as a Scott County Commissioner since he began his term on January 2, 2001.

(7) Consent Agenda

7.1 Approve the 2026 County Board Meeting Schedule

Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously.

7.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-1; Adopting the 2026 Scott County Board of Commissioners Operating Rules and Guidelines

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. 2026-2; Appointing Commissioners and Other County Officials to Boards and Committees for 2026

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. 2026-3; Approving a Three-Year Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. – Sheriff Essential Employee Correctional Officers Unit

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. 2026-4; Approving a Three-Year Agreement with the Scott County Attorneys Association

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. 2026-5; Authorizing the Use of the County's Website as an Alternative Method to the Official Newspaper for Transportation Project Solicitations

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. 2026-6; Authorizing Entering an Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the County Highway 23 and 68 Roundabout 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.

- 7.8 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-7; Authorizing Final Payment to Eureka Construction, Inc. for the County Highway 69 and 78 Roundabout 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.
- 7.9 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-8; Authorizing Entering an Agreement with Great Lakes Management Company for Services at Hopes Portage
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. 2026-9; Accepting Assistance from, and Entering a Grant Agreement with, the State of Minnesota for Preparation of a County Discretionary Federal Funding Application for the Trunk Highway 13 Mobility Project SAP 070-589-002
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. 2026-10; Authorizing Entering into an Agreement with Bolton and Menk, Inc. for the Southwest Metro River Crossing Flood Resiliency Study
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. 2026-11; Authorizing Entering Into a Cooperative Agreement with Carver County for the Southwest Metro River Crossing Flood Resiliency Study
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. 2026-12; Authorizing Entering Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement With Goosebusters, Inc., Limited
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. 2026-13; Authorizing Entering Three Joint Powers Agreements With the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for use of the State's Criminal Justice Data Communications Network
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 Reappointment of Citizen to Advisory Committee
Board of Adjustment/Planning Advisory Commission (Terms effective 1/1/2026-12/31/2028)
Reappointment of Syed Husain of Commissioner District 4
Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously.
- 7.16 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 TyAnna Salami, FT Child Protection Worker, Health and

- Human Services Division, effective 12/18/2025.
- 2. Separation of employment for Peter Buss, FT Highway Maintenance Operations Supervisor, Transportation Services Division, effective 1/2/2026.
- 3. Separation of employment for Stefan Milton, FT Facility Probation Officer, Health and Human Services Division, effective 12/16/2025.
- 4. Separation of employment for Robert Lane, FT Deputy Emergency Management Director, County Sheriff's Office, effective 12/26/2025.
- 5. Separation of employment for Cindy Gray, FT Public Safety Telecommunicator, County Sheriff's Office, effective 12/11/2025.
- 6. Separation of employment for Lilli Froehlich, FT Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/9/2026.
- 7. Promotion for Alissa Fischer, FT Probationary Therapist to FT Probationary Mental Health Center Supervisor, Health and Human Services Division, effective 12/29/2025.

(8) 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

8.1 Aztec Dance Program Utilizing the LINK to Thank the County Board

Elba Castillo thanked the Commissioners and Scott County for use of the LINK in the Scott County Government Center. She thanked County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion for being a champion of the program as it is incredibly meaningful for the participants and their families. Several youth and adult participants, as well as a family of participants, thanked the Scott County Board of Commissioners for use of the space. They highlighted how the program enables participants to embrace their culture, physical activity, and friendship. This space allows the program to remain free for and accessible for participants.

(9) Committee Reports and Commissioner Updates

- All Commissioners attended the Board Workshop on December 16.
- Commissioners Beer and Wolf attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District proposed budget meeting on December 17.
- Commissioners Weckman Brekke and Ulrich attended the Scott County Association for Leadership & Efficiency (SCALE) Executive meeting on December 19.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, Weckman Brekke, and Wolf attended the Belle Plaine Library Expansion Ribbon Cutting on December 22.
- Commissioners Beer and Ulrich met with new employees on January 6.
- Commissioner Beer met with constituent Gary Shelton on December 17.
- Commissioner Beer met with constituent Shane O'Rourke on December 19.
- Commissioner Beer met with the Mayor of Prior Lake on December 23.
- Commissioner Beer met with new employees on January 6.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District meeting on December 16.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Shakopee City Council meeting on December 16.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District meeting on December 17.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the ProAct Christmas event on December 18.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Solid Waste Working Group meeting on December 19.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Brad Davis, Physical Development Director, on December 30.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion on December 16.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with Molly Bruner, Community Corrections Director, on December 17 regarding the State Community Supervision Advisory Committee.

- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) SNAP and HR implementation call on December 17.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Scott County Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting on December 18.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the County/State Incident Command Steering (ICS) Committee meeting on December 18.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the NACo Human Services and Education monthly call on December 18.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the State Long Term Services and Support Advisory Council meeting on December 18.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the State Community Supervision Advisory Committee meeting on December 22.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke and County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion met with the City of Jordan Mayor, City Administrator, and Council Member Whipps on December 22.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Program (CAP) Finance Committee meeting on January 5.
- Commissioner Wolf attended a quarterly meeting with Credit River on December 17.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Elko New Market City Council meeting on December 18.
- Commissioner Wolf met with some County Administration employees on December 23.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) Board Meeting on December 17.
- Commissioner Ulrich met with Deputy County Attorney Jeanne Andersen on January 5.
- Commissioner Ulrich commented on the Bloomington Historical Society, informing the Commissioners that they are required to produce eight programs each year.
- Commissioner Ulrich reminded the Commissioners of the ongoing search to fill the open Director position for FISH.

(10) County Administrator Update

County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion:

- Thanked the Facilities employees at Scott County for making it possible for citizens like the Aztec Dance Group to utilize the Scott County Government Center.
- Updated the Commissioners on a discussion held with the Lower Minnesota Watershed District about the importance of the Minnesota River to the Metro Counties. The Executive Director of the Board of Soil & Water Resources (BWSR) shared information about the Red River and the concepts utilized to manage this area. Scott County plans to bring ideas for managing the Minnesota River to the Carver-Scott Joint Workshop at the end of January 2026.
- Highlighted Commissioner Ulrich's engagement with the Scott County Historical Society. Many smaller museums and historical societies prioritize programming in their communities as opposed to simply having people visit their museums. This idea may be a part of the conversation with nonprofits in 2026.

(11) Recess for Attorney/Client Meeting

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

(12) Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Beer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

County Board Chair

Clerk to the Board/County
Administrator

Deputy Clerk to the Board