



**MINUTES
SCOTT
COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 3, 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 9:01 a.m. The following members were present: Commissioner Weckman Brekke, Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Brennan, Commissioner Beer, and Commissioner Ulrich. Commissioner Ulrich presided.

The following were also in attendance:

1. Lezlie Vermillion, County Administrator
2. Danny Lenz, Deputy County Administrator
3. Jeanne Andersen, Senior Attorney
4. Barb Dahl, Health and Human Services Director
5. Rhonda Otto, County Auditor
6. Brad Davis, Physical Development Director
7. Jake Grussing, Transformation & Enterprise Services Director
8. Jennifer Schwarz, Economic Assistance Director
9. Tracy Cervenka, Business Operations Manager
10. Patty Freeman, General Manager Scott County Parks
11. Alyssa Olson, Principal Planner Scott County Parks
12. Katie Malecha, Quality Improvement Manager
13. Michelle Petz, Therapist
14. Katelyn Sticha, Therapist
15. Jessica Pederson, Registered Nurse
16. Anthony Beranek, Highway Maintenance Worker
17. Jordan Machacek, Child Protection Worker
18. Sydney Manabe, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests:

1. Lloyd Erbaugh, Mental Health LAC

(2) Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

(3) Approve Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, the January 6, 2026, minutes were approved unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, the January 26, 2026, Joint Meeting with Shakopee School Board minutes were approved unanimously.

(4) Recognition of Interested Citizens

There were no citizens to be recognized.

(5) New Employees

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

- Michelle Petz, Mental Health Center
- Katelyn Sticha, Mental Health Center
- Jessica Pederson, Sheriff's Jail
- Anthony Beranek, Highway Operations
- Jordan Machacek, Child Protection

(6) Consent Agenda

- 6.1 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-18; Authorizing a Budget Amendment and Entering a Third Contract Increase with Ames Construction, Inc. for the Merriam Junction Trail 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.
- 6.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-20; Authorizing Entering Into a Cooperative Agreement With the City of Shakopee for the County Highway 16 Modernization 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.
- 6.3 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-21; Authorizing Entering Into a Cooperative Agreement With the City of Savage for the County Highway 16 Modernization 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.
- 6.4 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-29; Authorizing Entering an Amendment to the Agreement with L&S Services Solutions DBA Stratus Building Solutions
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.
- 6.5 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-33; Approving a Renewal Application for a 2026 Wine and 3.2 License for Union Hill Baseball Association in Belle Plaine 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.
- 6.6 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-34; Approving 2026 Temporary Intoxicating Liquor License Applications for Establishments Within Spring Lake and Jackson Townships
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.
- 6.7 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-36; Approving the Rezone of 79 Acres from A-1, Agricultural Preservation, District to TR-C, Transition Reserve Cluster, District and Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Sutton West (Chris Kubes & Randy Kubes, Applicants, and Joseph W. Hentges, 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.
- 6.8 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-38; Authorizing an Application for Re-Certification as an Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services Provider

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.

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 the provisions of Minn. Stat. §§375.56 - 375.71 and the Scott County Merit Personnel System:

1. Separation of employment for Marco Hernandez-Espinoza, FT Corrections Officer, County Sheriff's Office, effective 1/24/2026.
2. FT Probationary employment of Anthony Beranek, Highway Maintenance Worker, Physical Development Division, effective 1/26/2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

7.1 Receive Information on the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Long-Range Plan

General Manager Scott County Parks Patty Freeman and Principal Planner Scott County Parks Alyssa Olson presented the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve Long-Range Plan to the Board.

Commissioner Beer expressed interest in incorporating a bison herd at the Blakely Bluffs Reserve.

Commissioner Ulrich commented on the great job with communication and community engagement during this process.

Commissioner Weckman Brekke inquired about the ability for the public to attend meetings. Ms. Olson clarified that the Community Design Team meetings are not open to public, but there is the opportunity to add people to the team. She also stated that there will be public meetings held in the future. Following the public meetings, the Community Design Team will review the input to continue their planning efforts.

7.2 Fraud Prevention Overview

Health and Human Services Director Barb Dahl presented a Fraud Prevention Overview to the Board.

Commissioner Brennan commented that the system is complex to navigate and sometimes complicated to understand which entities have jurisdiction to investigate fraud in different programs.

Commissioner Beer highlighted the importance of system modernization, both for program recipients and entities administering the programs.

Commissioner Ulrich commented on the importance of in-person site visits to monitor programs as well.

(8) Committee Reports and Commissioner Updates

- Commissioners met in a workshop setting on January 20.
- Commissioners attended the Integrated Health Center Ribbon Cutting on January 20.
- Commissioners attended the Joint Board Meeting with Shakopee School Board on January 26.
- Commissioners met in a workshop setting on January 27 regarding the SCALE insurance pool.
- Commissioners attended the Carver/Scott Joint Workshop on January 27.
- Commissioners Ulrich and Brennan attended the Chair/Vice Chair Meeting on January 27.
- Commissioners attended the Hopes Portage Ribbon Cutting on January 27

- Commissioners Wolf and Ulrich attended the High 13 public meeting on January 27.
- Commissioner Beer, Brennan, and Wolf attended the Farmer Led Council Conservation in Ag Recognition Event on January 28.
- Commissioners Brennan and Wolf attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) annual legislative meeting on January 29.
- Commissioners Ulrich and Brennan met with the new employees on February 3.
- Commissioners Ulrich, Brennan, Wolf, and Beer attended the Dem Con Anerobic Digester Groundbreaking on February 2.
- Commissioner Beer attended an outreach meeting with local faith leaders on January 21.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Board meeting on January 23.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Prior Lake City Council meeting on January 27.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Executive meeting on January 28.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Shakopee Business Leaders meeting on January 28.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the AMC update on Federal Funds on January 20.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District meeting on January 21.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) meeting on January 27.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the joint Scott County Historical Society and Library event on January 27.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Patty Freeman, General Manager Scott County Parks on January 30.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Lisa Anderson, Carver County Commissioner, on January 30.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board Policy Working Group meeting on January 21.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) meeting on January 21.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Families & Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH) Board Meeting on January 28.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) Board Meeting on January 28.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Suburban Transit Association (STA) Legislative Breakfast Planning meeting on January 29.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Mobility Management Board meeting on February 2.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Human Services and Education Committee monthly call on January 22.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the AMC Executive Committee dinner on January 22.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the AMC Executive Committee meeting, and meeting with the Governor on January 23.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the AMC Board meeting on January 23.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Transportation Alliance Board meeting on January 26.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Long-Term Services subcommittee meeting on January 26.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Mentally Ill and Dangerous and Priority Admissions Task Force County meeting on January 26.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Mentally Ill and Dangerous Task Force County

Subcommittee on January 27.

- Commissioner Wolf attended the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District meeting on January 20.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers meeting on January 22.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the NACo Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee meeting on January 26.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the City of Prior Lake Workshop and Council meeting on January 28.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the food shelf distribution at Elko New Market on February 2.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Cedar Lake Town Board meeting on February 2.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Credit River City Council meeting on February 2.

(9) County Administrator Update

County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion noted the following:

- Scott County will receive a grant to build infrastructure in the Scott County Jail.
- Thank you to Senator Klobuchar, Senator Smith, and Representative Craig, for funding of the SCALE Regional Training Facility for range trap replacement.

(10) Recess for Attorney/Client Meeting

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

(11) Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Beer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

County Board Chair

Clerk to the Board/County
Administrator

Deputy Clerk to the Board