



**MINUTES
SCOTT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 17, 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 Ulrich presided.

The following were also in attendance:

1. Lezlie Vermillion, County Administrator
2. Danny Lenz, Deputy County Administrator
3. Ron Hocevar, County Attorney
4. Barb Dahl, Health and Human Services Director
5. Brad Davis, Physical Development Director
6. Jennifer Schwarz, Economic Assistance Director
7. Jeff Smodish, Employee Relations Director
8. Scott Hed, Accounting Manager
9. Katie Malecha, Quality Improvement Manager
10. Lisa Kohner, Public Affairs Coordinator
11. Tony Winiecki, County Engineer
12. Evan Cole, Business Info/Sys Specialist
13. Kris Lage, Senior Operations Analyst
14. Jeff Tate, Project Liaison and Resource Manager
15. Dana Anderson, Principal Tax Specialist
16. Rhonda Otto, County Auditor/Treasurer
17. Michael Thompson, Property and Taxation Services Manager
18. Christian Huskey, Deputy County Assessor
19. Danielle Kahn, Eligibility Supervisor
20. Sydney Manabe, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Guests:

1. Alex Carlson, Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD)
2. Daniel Huff, MMCD
3. Casey Herrmann, MMCD
4. Rick Olson, MN State Senate Candidate
5. Melissa Hanson, Spring Lake Township
6. Matt Stordahl, Spring Lake Township
7. Lloyd Erbaugh, Mental Health LAC

(2) Amendments to the Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, item 9.1 on the agenda was moved between items 6.1 and 7.1.

(3) Approve Minutes

March 3, 2026

On a motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Weckman Brekke, the March 3, 2026, minutes were approved unanimously.

(4) Recognition of Interested Citizens

There were no citizens to be recognized.

(5) Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-50; Authorizing Entering Into an Agreement With Shakopee Chamber of Commerce for the Drive for 5 Program and a 2026 Budget Amendment
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.
- 5.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-52; Authorizing Entering into a Contract with Northwest Asphalt, Inc. for the CSAH 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.
- 5.3 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-61; Approving an Interim Use Permit to Operate a Temporary Asphalt Plant for the 2026 Construction Season (Valley Paving, Inc., Applicant and Ted G. & Mary R. Kornder Living Trust, 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.
- 5.4 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-63; Amending Scott County Zoning Ordinance No. 3, Chapter 1 Title & Application and Chapter 8 Home Occupations and Home Extended Businesses, to Improve Code Enforcement
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.
- 5.5 Adopt Resolution No. 2026-64; Amending Scott County Zoning Ordinance No. 3, Chapter 20-4 Use Table, to Permit "Indoor Commercial Recreation" as an Administrative Use in the RBR, Rural Business Reserve District
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.
- 5.6 Approve Appointment of a Citizen to an Advisory Committee

Extension Committee (Term effective 3/17/2026 -12/31/2027)

Appointment of Mari Vourlos to a Youth At-Large position

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

- 5.7 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 Ann Hanson, Intermittent (34% FTE) Facility Case Manager, Health and Human Services Division, effective 6/13/2025.
2. Separation of employment for Marcella Wilson, Intermittent (34% FTE) Library Aide, Transformation and Enterprise Services Division, effective 2/21/2026.
3. Separation of employment for Cedric Ealy, FT Eligibility Specialist, Health and Human Services Division, effective 3/11/2026.
4. Separation of employment for Donnell Hauck, Intermittent (34% FTE) Fleet Assistant, Physical Development Division, effective 2/3/2026.

5. FT Probationary employment of Joey Sullivan, Senior Residential Appraiser, Community Services Division, effective 3/9/2026.
6. FT Probationary employment of Jason Hargreaves, Chief Information Officer, Office of Management and Budget Division, effective 3/9/2026.
7. FT Probationary employment of Angel Howard, Senior Legal Assistant, County Attorney's Office, effective 3/9/2026.
8. FT Probationary employment of Palmer Fulton, Assistant County Attorney I, County Attorney's Office, effective 3/9/2026.
9. FT Temporary employment of Christine Mehl, Data Planner Unclassified, Health and Human Services Division, effective 3/9/2026.
10. FT Temporary employment of Jeffery Tate, Project Liaison and Resources Manager Unclassified, Transformation and Enterprise Services Division, effective 3/9/2026.
11. Intermittent (34% FTE) employment of Matthew Weldon, Librarian, Transformation and Enterprise Services Division, effective 3/9/2026.
12. Lateral Move for Laray Hilson, Intermittent (34% FTE) Library Aide Unclassified to Intermittent (34% FTE) Librarian Unclassified, Transformation and Enterprise Services Division, effective 2/23/2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

5.8 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. The Record of Disbursements will be available at the meeting. Invoices total \$12,970,864 from February 1st through February 28th, 2026. Motion by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf. The motion carried unanimously.

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

6.1 Receive Information from Metropolitan Mosquito Control District

Alex Carlson, Daniel Huff, and Casey Herrmann with Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) presented to the Board on services, mosquitoes in Minnesota, the 2025 season, 2026 season plans, and also provided a financial update. As a part of the presentation, Mr. Carlson highlighted that the sudden increase in precipitation will cause the 2026 spring mosquito prediction to increase.

In response to Commissioner Ulrich's inquiry, about the ability for people to treat ponds with cattails for mosquitoes, Mr. Carlson advised that citizens should reach out to MMCD to see if supplementary treatments are necessary.

(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: Assessing Property Taxes

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

8.1 On Behalf of the Spirit of Scott Committee, Grag Wagner and Katelyn Nytes provided the Commissioners with information on the 2025 Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 Spirit of Scott Award Recipients:

- Blair Thornton
- Allison McNeil
- Jason Allen
- Amanda Schultz
- Nancy Berndt
- Stacy Ward

(9) 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

9.1 Remove from the Table and Adopt Resolution No. 2026-19; Releasing a Use Restriction and Authorizing the Conveyance of Land to Spring Lake Township or Disposing of the Parcel per State Statute

Motion by Commissioner Wolf, 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.

Matt Stordahl, Township Engineer for Spring Lake Township spoke to the Board:

- The project that is coming up is to replace a drain tile to help prevent 180th Street from flooding.

Commissioner Beer asked if there are restrictions if this land goes to the township?

- Tony Winiecki explained that the drainage is underneath the roadway. The property would be free and clear of title issues.

(10) Committee Reports and Commissioner Updates

- All Commissioners attended the Board Workshop after the County Board meeting on March 3.
- Commissioners Beer and Brennan attended the Shakopee City Council meeting on March 3.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, Weckman Brekke, and Wolf attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Legislative Conference from March 4.
- Commissioners Beer, Brennan, and Weckman Brekke attended the AMC Legislative Conference on March 5.
- Commissioner Ulrich and Commissioner Brennan attended the Suburban Transit Association (STA) Legislative Breakfast and Board Meeting on March 9.
- Commissioners Beer and Ulrich attended the Families and Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH) Programming Committee Meeting on March 10.
- Commissioners Brennan and Weckman Brekke attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) meeting on March 11.
- Commissioners Beer and Wolf attended the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) meeting on March 11.
- Commissioners Brennan and Wolf attended Parks at the Capitol Day on March 12.
- All Commissioners attended the Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE) meeting on March 13.
- Commissioner Beer met with County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion on March 3.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Families and Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH) Lunch and Learn on March 12.
- Commissioner Beer attended the Scott County Prevention Coalition meeting on March 12. Commissioner Brennan attended the Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) orientation on March 6.
- Commissioner Brennan attended the Scott County Community Development Agency (CDA) meeting on March 10.
- Commissioner Brennan met with County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion on March 13.
- Commissioner Brennan met with Jeff Tate, Project Liaison and Resource Manager on March 16.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Regional Training Facility (RTF) Joint Powers Board meeting on March 6.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the STA Legislative Breakfast preparation on March 6.
- Commissioner Ulrich met with County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion on March 11.
- Commissioner Ulrich met with FISH lead Rachel Residence on March 11.
- Commissioner Ulrich attended the Final 169 Corridor Coalition Officers' meeting on March 12.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended a virtual meeting with Representative Gilman and

- Barb Dahl, Suzanne Arntson, and Nikki Halberg on March 3.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the AMC Board Meeting on March 5.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke had a quarterly meeting with the City of Jordan Mayor and City Administrator, and Council Member Whipps and County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion on March 9.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended a Community Action Partnership (CAP) Agency Strategic Planning phone call on March 10.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion on March 10.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the CAP Agency Monthly Board meeting on March 10.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce Mainstreet Breakfast on March 11.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) meeting virtually on March 12.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke met with Jeff Tate on March 16.
- Commissioner Weckman Brekke attended the Minnesota Transportation Alliance Board Meeting on March 16.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the New Market Town Board meeting on March 3.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Cedar Lake Town Board annual meeting on March 10.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Spring Lake Town Board annual meeting on March 10.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the I-35 Solutions meeting on March 12.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Scott County Library Finance meeting on March 12.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Elko New Market City Council meeting on March 12.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Spring Lake Town Board monthly meeting on March 12.
- Commissioner Wolf attended the Credit River City Council meeting on March 16.

(11) County Administrator Update

County Administrator Lezlie Vermillion noted the following:

- Thank you to Marina Stepanova in Customer Service, as well as Sydney Manabe and Tracy Cervenka for assisting Ducks Unlimited regarding a gambling permit. Ms. Stepanova worked extremely thoroughly and expeditiously to ensure they had what they needed in time for their event.
- Thank you to Michael Bergstrom. He has been meeting with local churches to identify families with specific needs and then coordinated Hosanna and HEART to meet those families' needs.
- Thank you to Commissioner Brennan, who at the Parks and Pizza event highlighted system modernization.
- Carver, Dakota, and Scott County leadership met to discuss topics such as medical directors, emergency management, libraries, and communication. She specifically thanked county staff Barb Dahl, Brad Davis, Danny Lenz, Luke Hennen, Katie Malecha, and Jake Grussing for their leadership, creativity and ideas.
- Child Protection at the State has had a capped allotment of their contribution at \$23.5 million a year since 2015. In this set-up, there is no incentive for prevention.
- Thank you to Jake Grussing, Brad Davis, Chris Meyer, Troy Beam, and Craig Jenson for the work to submit our next two appropriation requests to Representative Craig's office for \$1.8 million for Regional Training Facility upgrades and \$10 million for Trunk Highway 13.

(12) Recess for Attorney/Client Meeting

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

(13) Adjourn

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

- Blue Earth County Waste to Energy Opportunity

- Transit Discussion
- Commissioner Round Robin

On a motion by Commissioner Beer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

County Board Chair

**Clerk to the Board/County
Administrator**

Deputy Clerk to the Board