

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

February 8, 2022

Chair Schulte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	District #2	Julie Braastad
	District #3	Robyn West
	District #4	Mandy Meisner
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Absent:	District #1	Matt Look
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Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Tony Palumbo, County Attorney; staff, and citizens

Commissioner Braastad made motion granting reductions of valuation and/or abatements of taxes, special assessments, costs, penalties and/or interest as requested and approved by the county assessor, county auditor and/or county treasurer. (A full text of persons receiving tax abatements is on file and available for public inspection in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meisner made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending January 28, 2022, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending January 28, 2022. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the minutes from the January 25, 2022, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Schulte stated that former Anoka County Commissioner Al Kordiak recently passed away. Al served for 32 years on the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, representing District #4. Chair Schulte and other county commissioners recognized Al's many contributions to the county board and to the community; including his role in creating the Anoka County Parks system, the first of its kind in the state.

Commissioner West presented the Management Committee report from the meeting of January 25, 2022.

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the following personnel transactions:
 - A. New positions - Sheriff's Office - contingent on increased law enforcement contract funding - effective July 1, 2022. PC#s 2022003440, 2022003441, and 2022003442

Three (3) 1.0 FTE Deputy - Grade 2105, range \$29.76 to \$41.88 per hour.

Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The following item came forward on an additional agenda, as recommended by the Management Committee:

1. Commissioner West made motion approving an amendment to Contract #C0008463 with Collaborative Solutions related to the purchase of a comprehensive Human Resources Management System (HRMS) and its successful implementation in the amount not to exceed \$975,000, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract amendment is on file in the Human Resources Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee report from the meeting of January 31, 2022.

Highway

1. Commissioners Gamache and Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-19

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DETOUR AGREEMENT
WITH MnDOT FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY 10 DETOUR
(CONTRACT #C0009041)**

WHEREAS, Anoka County ("County") is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT is planning construction, including bituminous surfacing, retaining walls, noise walls, A.D.A. improvements, signals, lighting, and bridge construction upon, along, and adjacent to, US Highway 10/169 from 1300 feet west of Ferry Street to the east end of Bridge 9717, under State Project No. 0215-76; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT requires a detour to carry TH 47 traffic on CSAH 7 (7th Avenue) and CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) during construction and will reimburse the county for the road life consumed by the detour as set forth in the Detour Agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby approve entering into MnDOT Agreement #1048327 (Anoka County Contract #C0009041) with MnDOT for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of CSAH 7 and CSAH 116 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to US Highway 10/169 from 1300 feet west of Ferry Street to the east end of the Bridge 9717 under State Project No. 0215-76.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County board chair and county administrator are authorized to execute the Detour Agreement, and any amendments thereto, and may take such further actions as are necessary to implement the terms of the agreement.

(Contract is on file in the Highway Department.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioners Gamache and West offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-20

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY
FOR ANOKA COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT SAP 002-618-034**

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Highway Department proposes to replace Bridge 02549 on CSAH 18 (Coon Creek Boulevard) in the city of Coon Rapids, which project is numbered SAP 002-618-034 (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, approved Resolution #2021-144 for Amending a Prioritized Bridge Replacement List for Bridge 02549 on December 14, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the Project work consists of the replacement of the structurally deficient CSAH 18 Bridge over Coon Creek, in the city of Coon Rapids; and,

WHEREAS, the Project will widen the bridge footprint to accommodate a future 4-traffic lane expansion north of the bridge, along with pedestrian facilities on both sides of the bridge, to provide for the safety of the traveling public; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the existing easements, certain lands and property interests, including temporary construction easements ("Right-of-Way") are required to construct the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Right-of-Way necessary for the Project is more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners was advised by Anoka County staff of the need to begin construction of the Project in the winter of 2023; and,

WHEREAS, to begin construction of the Project in the winter of 2023, the county will require title and possession of the Right-of-Way prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners pursuant to Minnesota's Quick Take process, under the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 117.042:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby authorize the County Highway Engineer to proceed to acquire the Right-of-Way deemed necessary for the Project, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the acquisition of Right-of-Way, as described above that cannot be successfully acquired through negotiation, by eminent domain to enable the county to take title and possession of such lands prior to the filing of an award by the court-appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 117.011, 117.042, and 163.02, subd. 2.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County Attorney is requested to file the necessary petition and prosecute such action to a successful conclusion or until it is abandoned, dismissed, or terminated by the county or court.

(Exhibit A is on file in County Administration.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

3. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-21

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY
FOR ANOKA COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT SAP 002-622-036**

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Highway Department ("County") proposes to complete the rehabilitation and widening of Bridge 02519 on CSAH 22 (Viking Boulevard) in the city of Oak Grove, which project is numbered SAP 002-622-036 (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, approved Resolution #2012-71 for Amending a Prioritized Bridge Replacement List for Bridge 02519 on May 22, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the Project work consists of the rehabilitation and widening of the bridge on CSAH 22 over the Rum River, including improvements to the storm water management and treatment, signage, and associated improvements on CSAH 22, to provide for the safety of the traveling public; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the existing easements, certain lands and property interests, including temporary construction easements ("Right-of-Way") are required to construct the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Right-of-Way necessary for the Project is more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners was advised by county staff of the need to begin construction of the Project in the spring of 2023; and,

WHEREAS, to begin construction of the Project in the spring of 2023, Anoka County will require title and possession of the Right-of-Way prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners pursuant to Minnesota's Quick Take process, under the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 117.042:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby authorize the County Highway Engineer to proceed to acquire the Right-of-Way deemed necessary for the Project, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the acquisition of Right-of-Way, as described above that cannot be successfully acquired through negotiation, by eminent domain to enable the county to take title and possession of such lands prior to the filing of an award by the court-appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 117.011, 117.042, and 163.02, subd. 2.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County Attorney is requested to file the necessary petition and prosecute such action to a successful

(Exhibit A is on file in County Administration.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

4. Commissioner Reinert offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-22

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY
FOR ANOKA COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT SP 002-683-006**

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Highway Department ("County") proposes to reconstruct CSAH 83 (Armstrong Boulevard) at its intersection with Alpine Drive in the city of Ramsey, which project is numbered SP 002-683-006 (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, the Project work consists of a single lane roundabout, raised concrete median, curb and gutter, storm sewer system, signage, and associated improvements on CSAH 83, to provide for the safety of the traveling public; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the existing easements, certain lands and property interests, including temporary construction easements ("Right-of-Way") are required to construct the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Right-of-Way necessary for the Project is more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners was advised by county staff of the need to begin construction of the Project in the spring of 2023; and,

WHEREAS, to begin construction of the Project in the spring of 2023, Anoka County will require title and possession of the Right-of-Way prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners pursuant to Minnesota's Quick Take process, under the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 117.042:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby authorize the County Highway Engineer to proceed to acquire the Right-of-Way deemed necessary for the Project in accordance with Minnesota Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the acquisition of Right-of-Way, as described above that cannot be successfully acquired through negotiation, by eminent domain to enable the county to take title and possession of such lands prior to the filing of an award by the court-appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 117.011, 117.042, and 163.02, subd. 2.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County Attorney is requested to file the necessary petition and prosecute such action to a successful conclusion or until it is abandoned, dismissed, or terminated by the county or the court.

(Exhibit A is on file in County Administration.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

5. Commissioner Gamache offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-23

RESOLUTION SETTING 2022 SPRING ROAD RESTRICTIONS

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the County Highway Engineer, and under the provisions of Minn. Stat. 169.87, Road Restrictions shall be in effect upon the following designated State Aid Highways and County Roads. Such limitations shall not exceed a maximum of Ten (10) Tons or a minimum of Five (5) Tons.

	9 Ton Axle Limit
CSAH 1.....	9 " " "
CSAH 2.....	9 " " "
CSAH 3.....	9 " " "
CSAH 4.....	9 " " "
CSAH 5.....	9 " " "
CSAH 6.....	9 " " "
CSAH 7.....	9 " " "
CSAH 8.....	9 " " "
CSAH 9 CSAH 14 (Main St) to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd).....	10 " " "
CSAH 9 CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 24 (Bridge St).....	9 " " "
CSAH 10 TH 47 to East County Line.....	10 " " "
CSAH 11.....	9 " " "
CSAH 12 CSAH 11 (Foley Blvd) to Lilac St.....	9 " " "
CSAH 12 Lilac St to CSAH 23 (Lake Dr).....	10 " " "
CSAH 13 CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd) to CR 74 (221st Ave).....	9 " " "
CSAH 13 CR 74 (221st Ave) to CR 103 (229th Ave).....	7 " " "
CSAH 14 CSAH 1 (5th Ave) to CSAH 9 (Round Lake Blvd).....	9 " " "
CSAH 14 CSAH 9 (Round Lake Blvd) to CSAH/CR 52 (Radisson Rd).....	10 " " "
CSAH 14 CSAH/CR 52 (Radisson Rd) to I-35E.....	9 " " "
CSAH 14 I-35E to East County Line.....	10 " " "
CR 15.....	7 " " "
CR 16.....	7 " " "
CSAH 17 South County Line to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd).....	10 " " "
CSAH 17 CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 18 (Broadway Ave).....	9 " " "
CSAH 17 CSAH 18 (Broadway Ave) to Coon Lake Shop.....	7 " " "
CSAH 17 Coon Lake Shop to CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd).....	9 " " "
CSAH 18 CSAH 1 (Coon Rapids Blvd) to CSAH 11 (Northdale Blvd).....	9 " " "
CSAH 18 CSAH 14 (Main St) to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd).....	9 " " "
CR 18 CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 78 (Hanson Blvd).....	9 " " "
CSAH 18 CSAH 20 (161st Ave) to Polk St NE.....	9 " " "
CSAH 18 Polk St NE to Soderville Dr NE.....	10 " " "
CSAH 18 Soderville Dr NE to East County Line.....	9 " " "
CR 19.....	7 " " "
CSAH 20.....	9 " " "
CSAH 21 South County Line to CSAH 34 (Birch St).....	9 " " "
CSAH 21 CSAH 34 (Birch St) to CSAH 14 (Main St).....	9 " " "
CSAH 22 West County Line to East County Line.....	9 " " "
CSAH 23 South County Line to I-35W.....	9 " " "
CSAH 23 I-35W to TH 97.....	10 " " "
CSAH 24 West County Line to CR 66 (Cleary Rd).....	7 " " "
CSAH 24 CR 66 (Cleary Rd) to TH 47.....	9 " " "
CSAH 24 TH 47 to CSAH 28 (Ambassador Blvd).....	9 " " "
CSAH 24 CSAH 28 (Ambassador Blvd) to CSAH 9 (Lake George Blvd).....	9 " " "
CSAH 24 CSAH 9 (Lake George Blvd) to North County Line.....	7 " " "
CSAH 26.....	7 " " "
CR 27.....	9 " " "
CSAH 28.....	7 " " "
CSAH 30.....	9 " " "
CSAH 31.....	9 " " "
CSAH 32.....	9 " " "

CSAH 34 CSAH 49 (Hodgson Rd) to CSAH 21 (Centerville Rd).....	9	"	"	"
CSAH 34 CSAH 21 (Centerville Rd) to CSAH 54 (20th Ave)	7	"	"	"
CSAH 35.....	9	"	"	"
CSAH 36.....	7	"	"	"
CSAH 49 CSAH 23 (Lake Dr) to South County Line.....	9	"	"	"
CR 49 CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave) to CSAH 23 (Lake Dr)	9	"	"	"
CSAH 51.....	10	"	"	"
CSAH 52 CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave) to I-35W	9	"	"	"
CSAH 52 I-35W to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd).....	10	"	"	"
CR 52 CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CR 61 (153rd Ave)	7	"	"	"
CR 53 CR 49 (North Rd) to CSAH 12 (109th Ave)	9	"	"	"
CR 53 CSAH 12 (Apollo Dr) to CSAH 14 (125th Ave/Main St).....	7	"	"	"
CSAH 54	9	"	"	"
CR 56.....	9	"	"	"
CSAH 57 TH 10 to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd).....	10	"	"	"
CR 57 CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 5 (Nowthen Blvd).....	9	"	"	"
CR 58 CSAH 7 (7th Ave) to CSAH 78 (Hanson Blvd).....	7	"	"	"
CR 58 CSAH 78 (Hanson Blvd) to CSAH 18 (Crosstown Blvd).....	7	"	"	"
CR 59	7	"	"	"
CR 60 CSAH 18 (Crosstown Blvd) to TH 65.....	9	"	"	"
CR 60 TH 65 to CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave)	9	"	"	"
CR 61 CR 52 (Radisson Rd) to CR 60 (Constance Blvd).....	7	"	"	"
CSAH 62 CSAH 23 (Lake Dr) to CSAH 18 (Broadway Ave).....	9	"	"	"
CR 62 CSAH 18 (Broadway Ave) to East County Line.....	7	"	"	"
CR 63 CSAH 5 (Nowthen Blvd) to TH 47	7	"	"	"
CR 64	9	"	"	"
CR 65 West County Line to CSAH 22 (Baugh St/Viking Blvd).....	7	"	"	"
CR 65 CSAH 22 (Baugh St/Viking Blvd) to CSAH 5 (Nowthen Blvd)	9	"	"	"
CR 66	9	"	"	"
CR 68	7	"	"	"
CR 70	7	"	"	"
CR 71	7	"	"	"
CR 72	7	"	"	"
CR 73	7	"	"	"
CR 74 CSAH 13 (Cedar Dr) to TH 65.....	9	"	"	"
CR 74 TH 65 to CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd).....	7	"	"	"
CR 75	7	"	"	"
CR 76	7	"	"	"
CR 77	7	"	"	"
CSAH 78 CSAH 1 (Coon Rapids Blvd) to CSAH 11 (Northdale Blvd).....	9	"	"	"
CSAH 78 CSAH 11 (Northdale Blvd) to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd).....	10	"	"	"
CSAH 78 CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd).....	9	"	"	"
CR 82	7	"	"	"
CSAH 83 TH 10 to CSAH 22 (Baugh St)	9	"	"	"
CR 84	9	"	"	"
CR 85	9	"	"	"
CR 86	7	"	"	"
CR 89	7	"	"	"
CR 102	9	"	"	"
CR 103	7	"	"	"
CR 104	9	"	"	"
CR 106	9	"	"	"
CR 108	9	"	"	"
CSAH 116 CSAH 83 (Armstrong Blvd) to CSAH/CR 57 (Sunfish Lake Blvd)....	9	"	"	"
CSAH 116 CSAH/CR 57 (Sunfish Lake Blvd) to CSAH 78 (Hanson Blvd).....	10	"	"	"
CSAH 116 CSAH 78 (Hanson Blvd) to TH 65	10	"	"	"
CSAH 116 TH 65 to CSAH 52 (Radisson Rd).....	10	"	"	"
CSAH 116 CSAH 52 (Radisson Rd) to CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave).....	9	"	"	"
CSAH 131.....	9	"	"	"
CR 132	9	"	"	"
CR 140	7	"	"	"
CR 158	7	"	"	"
CR 163	9	"	"	"

NOTE: CSAH - Indicates County State Aid Highway
 CR - Indicates County Road
 TH - Indicates Trunk Highway

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

6. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving entering into Contract #C0009071 with Bolton & Menk, Inc., for design services associated with Project SAP 002-657-003, the improvement of the existing at-grade US Highway 10/169 and CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Boulevard) intersection and adjacent at-grade BNSF Railway railroad crossing in the city of Ramsey; and authorizing the county board chair and county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Intergovernmental and Community Relations Committee report from the meeting of February 3, 2022.

1. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-24

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATED GIFTS
FOR MIDWEST MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, The Angel Dress Program operates out of the All-Saints Lutheran Church in Meeker County; and,

WHEREAS, The Angel Dress Program consists of more than 20 volunteers across the nation that repurpose old wedding dresses and gowns into fetus or infant-sized outfits for parents that lost an infant or child; and,

WHEREAS, The Angel Dress Program wishes to donate hand-made clothing to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, so parents can use the clothing to host a funeral or viewing following a fetal or infant autopsy:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 465.03, does hereby formally accept the donation of hand-made clothing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to All Saints Lutheran Church, Patty Hauer and The Angel Dress Program.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-25

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATED GIFTS
FOR ANOKA COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES**

WHEREAS, various organizations in and around the County of Anoka have provided donations to the Anoka County Veteran Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Coon Rapids VFW Auxiliary, Post 9625 donated \$200 (two hundred dollars) to the Anoka County Veteran Services; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 465.03 requires a county to accept the gift by resolution expressed in terms prescribed by the donor in full; and,

WHEREAS, acceptance of the funds in accordance with the donor's terms is in the best interest of the County of Anoka:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the above-described gift from said organization in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to the Coon Rapids VFW Auxiliary, Post 9625.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

3. Commissioner West offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-26

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VETERANS' SUPPORT NETWORK BY
RESTRUCTURING THE VETERANS' PROGRAMS ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has held the interests of the American veteran high on its priority list for county, state, and federal services for many years; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has long recognized veterans' service organizations' major contributions to the improvement of supportive services for veterans within the county; and,

WHEREAS, the county board established the Anoka County Veteran Services Office, which has proved to be an extremely valuable resource not only to the county's various veterans' service organizations, but also to individual veterans in need of assistance; and,

WHEREAS, to maintain a close working relationship between local veterans' service organizations, community stakeholders, and the Anoka County Veteran Services Office, there is a need to restructure and expand the Anoka County Veterans Advisory Board, and,

WHEREAS, this support network will include, but not be limited to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans Chapters and Posts, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Networks, local businesses, and governmental entities with a common purpose of supporting veterans and their families:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby establish the Anoka County Veterans Support Network, by restructuring and expanding the Veterans Advisory Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the primary focus of the Anoka County Veterans Support Network shall include, but not be limited to: (1) holding quarterly meetings with local Veteran Services Organizations, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Networks, and community stakeholders; and (2) sharing information between organizations to support one another and ensure that veterans and their dependents in need who reside within Anoka County have an array of support options available to them.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes Resolution No. 81-22, which established the Veterans' Program Advisory Board.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting of February 1, 2022.

1. Commissioner Gamache offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-27

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM
NICK ROBERTS AND THE ROBERTS FAMILY**

WHEREAS, Nick Roberts and the Roberts Family has donated a gift of \$10,000 to the Anoka County Parks Department; and,

WHEREAS, the donation will be used to fund maintenance and improvements to the Riedel Farmhouse; and,

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat 465.03 requires the county to accept gifts by resolution expressed in terms prescribed by the donor:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby accept the gift of \$10,000 from Nick Roberts and the Roberts Family to the Anoka County Parks Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to Nick Roberts and the Roberts Family for their generous and valued donation towards the maintenance and improvements to the Riedel Farmhouse.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioner Gamache offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-28

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM CONNEXUS ENERGY

WHEREAS, Connexus Energy has donated a gift of \$25,000 to the Anoka County Parks Department; and,

WHEREAS, the donation was used in 2021 to fund natural and cultural history programming for youth in the Anoka County Park System; and,

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat 465.03 requires the county to accept gifts by resolution expressed in terms prescribed by the donor:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby accept the gift of \$25,000 from Connexus Energy to the Anoka County Parks Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to Connexus Energy for their generous and valued donation towards natural and cultural history programming in Anoka County.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

Commissioner Braastad presented the Public Safety Committee chair report.

Sheriff

1. Commissioner West made motion approving Contract #C0009080, the Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources, and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office with a total obligation by the state not to exceed \$23,204 for expenses incurred through June 30, 2023, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Sheriff's Office.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schulte offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-29

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
ANOKA COUNTY 2022 REDISTRICTING PRINCIPLES**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375.025 establishes the procedure and process for redistricting county commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to adopt principles to guide their redistricting process; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners discussed redistricting principles at a public meeting conducted on January 31, 2022:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners will use the following principles for the adoption of a County Redistricting Plan:

- The county will be divided into as many districts numbered consecutively as there are members of the board of commissioners.
- Districts will be bounded by town, municipal, ward, or precinct lines.
- Districts will be composed of contiguous territory as regular and compact in form as practicable.
- Districts will be as nearly equal in population as possible (no more than 10% variation from average).
- A majority of the least populous districts will not contain less than a majority of the county population.
- No city or township will be represented by a majority of commissioners.
- We will strive to preserve communities of interest where possible in compliance with the preceding principles. For purposes of this principle, communities of interest include citizens with similar social, geographic, political, cultural, ethnic, economic, or other interests.
- Districts will be drawn without the purpose of either protecting or defeating incumbents.
- Districts will be drawn anticipating future growth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Redistricting Plan shall conform with all applicable statutory and constitutional standards.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners will hold a special county board meeting to consider a redistricting plan for Anoka County Commissioner districts on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in County Board Room #705 of the Anoka County Government Center.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

By: _____
Rhonda Sivarajah
County Administrator

By: _____
Scott Schulte, its Chair

Motion carried means all commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively unless otherwise noted.