

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

February 17, 2026

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

Present:	District #1	John Heinrich
	District #3	Jeff Reinert
	District #4	Scott Schulte
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Julie Jeppson
	District #7	Mandy Meisner

Absent:	District #2	Julie Braastad
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Others Present: Jim Dickinson, County Administrator; Brad Johnson, County Attorney; staff, and citizens

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the minutes from the January 27, 2026, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Parks Department Communications Supervisor Nicole Greenwell was recognized for receiving the Horizon Award from the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association for her innovative contributions to the field of parks and recreation.

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The following recommendations were brought forward from the Government Operations Committee of the Whole meeting of February 10, 2026:

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1. Commissioner Jeppson made motion approving Contract #SCON26-00000716, Master Agreement with SirsiDynix for the Symphony Integrated Library System (ILS) used to manage operations, in the amount of \$785,570.55 with a term of five years. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Schulte, Gamache, Jeppson, Meisner, and Heinrich voted "yes." Commissioner Reinert voted "no." Motion carried.

Consent

2. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving Contract #SCON26-00000733 with Schumacher Elevator, 2995 Lone Oak Circle, Suite 1, Eagan, as the lowest responsible bidder to include alternate #1 for jack replacement, not to exceed \$199,240 for 2150 building elevator modernization with a contingency request of 10 percent (\$20,000). Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the following Human Services Committee of the Whole recommendations from the meeting of February 10, 2026:

Consent

1. Grant Contract #AWP-100007 with the Anoka County Children and Family Council (ACCFC), 2100 Third Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303, to provide structured training to parents of truants focusing on empowering parental authority and building positive family dynamics, leading to less truancy, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027.

2. **Resolution #2026-18:**

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 2026 AS
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH
IN ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, the national membership association for the 56 Governor-appointed State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (DD Councils) across the United States and its territories, proclaims March as Developmental Disability Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County is a community in which approximately 6,000 citizens have been diagnosed with a developmental disability; and,

WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities are valuable members of our society who are rich with abilities and experience and are a vital part of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, those with developmental disabilities contribute to the health and well-being of our community through full integration and inclusion in all parts of our society; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County supports that people with developmental disabilities can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month provides opportunities for individuals and families to share their experiences and knowledge with others so we all may be made more aware of how developmental disabilities affect all our lives:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Anoka County.

Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Meisner presented the Management Committee of the Whole report from the meeting of January 27, 2026. All items were informational.

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Commissioner Jeppson made motion approving the following Public Safety Committee of the Whole recommendations from the meeting of February 10, 2026:

Consent

1. Contract #CCON26-000483, 2026 Law Enforcement Contract with Linwood Township in the amount of \$316,542.00 and a term of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

2. **Resolution #2026-19:**

**ACCEPTING DEDICATED DONATION FROM
THE ANOKA COUNTY CRIME PREVENTION COALITION**

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka, on behalf of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, has received \$4,500 from the Anoka County Crime Prevention Coalition to support the Sheriff's Office Explorer post; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 465.03 requires a county to accept the funds 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 Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, accepts the above-described funds and extends its grateful appreciation to the Anoka County Crime Prevention Coalition.

3. **Resolution #2026-20:**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 ANOKA COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Anoka County recognizes the threat of natural hazards to people and property within Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County has prepared a hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2025 Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with Federal laws, including

the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the 2025 Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property within Anoka County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and,

WHEREAS, adoption by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and,

WHEREAS, approval of the 2025 Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will make Anoka County and participating jurisdictions eligible to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby support the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the 2025 Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner Heinrich seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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The following recommendations were brought forward from the Transportation/Parks Committee of the Whole meeting of February 3, 2026:

Commissioner Gamache made motion approving the following (Contract #SCON26-00000914):

Consent

1. **Resolution #2026-21:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MnDOT
FOR THE STATE FUNDED PROGRAM FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA)
DISCRETIONARY GRANT ASSISTANCE
SP 002-589-002**

WHEREAS, Anoka County has applied to the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the State Program for IIJA Assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$30,000.00, by reason of the lowest responsible bid:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby agrees to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 68, Article 1, Section 2, Subdivision 5(a), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The Anoka County Board Chair and County Administrator are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

2. Contract #C0012089 to D & D Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$1,919,070.86, for Project SP 002-618-037, intersection safety improvements at CSAH 18 (Crosstown Boulevard NW) and CSAH 20 (161st Avenue NW)/CR 60 (Constance Boulevard NW), in the city of Andover.

3. Contract #SCON26-00000875, a Crossing Surface Installation Agreement with BNSF Railway (BNSF Contract #BF-20603874) for Project SAP 002-618-041.

4. **Resolution 2026-22:**

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS
TO THE ANOKA COUNTY PARK SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, various donors have provided gifts to the Anoka County Parks Department; and,

WHEREAS, the donations will be used to fund the operations and services in dedicated areas of the 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, hereby accepts the gifts from the following donors to the Anoka County Parks Department:

- \$ 1,978.00 Dedicated to Operations and Maintenance
from Nick Roberts, White Bear Lake, MN
- \$ 25,000.00 Dedicated to Wargo Nature Center
from Connexus Energy, Ramsey, MN
- \$ 55.00 Dedicated to Natural Resource Management
from Jean Moe, Coon Rapids, MN

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to the various donors for their generous and valued donations towards operations and services in dedicated areas of the park system.

- 5. Contract #SCON26-00000730, a contract with Wruck Sewer and Portable Rental LLC of Becker, MN, in the amount of \$48,907.77 annually beginning May 1, 2026, to provide portable restrooms and associated servicing.

Commissioner Heinrich seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Jeppson made motion approving an employment agreement with Lisa Guetzkow, and appointing Lisa as the Department Director, Job Training Center, effective February 20, 2026. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Schulte offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2026-23

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANOKA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S
COMPENSATION FOR 2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to law and custom, by annual resolution the Anoka County Board sets the salary of the Anoka County Attorney; and,

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2025, the Anoka County Board adopted Resolution #2025-141 approving the County Attorney's annual salary for 2026 increase by 6 percent. That increase set the 2026 County Attorney's annual salary at \$238,585. In addition, pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 388.18 Subd. 5(3), the County Attorney shall have an expense allowance of \$8,500 in lieu of in-state mileage and other unreimbursed travel expenses necessary in the performance of the duties of the office. That expense allowance shall be treated as additional compensation except to the extent for which the funds are expended and accounted for; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board reviewed and compared various 2026 County Attorney salaries throughout Minnesota and has determined to update the County Attorney salary for 2026 to be more comparable to market for County Attorneys whose duties and responsibilities are more similarly situated:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the Board's review, the County Attorney's annual salary for 2026 shall be increased by \$8,500, the expense allowance of \$8,500, in lieu of in-state mileage, and other unreimbursed travel expenses necessary in the performance of the duties of the office shall be eliminated. That market adjustment shall set the 2026 County Attorney's annual salary at \$247,085. The new salary and elimination of expense allowance of \$8,500 in lieu of in-state mileage and other unreimbursed travel expenses necessary in the performance of the duties of the office will take effect on the first full pay period following this resolution's approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney shall be entitled to the same benefits as provided other Anoka County employees, except for flexible time off and extended medical benefit.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution is posted on the official county bulletin board and copies be forwarded immediately to each department of the county and the Association of Minnesota Counties.

Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Heinrich, Schulte, Gamache, and Meisner voted "yes." Commissioners Reinert and Jeppson voted "no." Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Schulte offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2026-24

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
COMPENSATION FOR 2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to law and custom, by annual resolution the Anoka County Board sets the salary of the Anoka County Sheriff; and,

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2025, the Anoka County Board Resolution adopted #2025-141 approving the County Sheriff's annual salary for 2026 increase by 6 percent. That increase set the 2026 County Sheriff's annual salary at \$227,094; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board reviewed and compared various 2026 County Sheriff salaries throughout Minnesota and has determined to update the County Sheriff salary for 2026 to be more comparable to market for County Sheriffs whose duties and responsibilities are more similarly situated:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the Board's review, the County Sheriff's annual salary for 2026 shall be increased by 4 percent. That market adjustment shall set the 2026 County Sheriff's annual salary at \$236,178. The new salary will take effect on the first full pay period following this resolution's approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Sheriff shall be entitled to the same benefits as provided other Anoka County employees, except for flexible time off and extended medical benefit.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution is posted on the official county bulletin board and copies be forwarded immediately to each department of the county and the Association of Minnesota Counties.

Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Heinrich, Schulte, Gamache, and Meisner voted "yes." Commissioners Reinert and Jeppson voted "no." Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Jeppson made motion appointing Commissioner Heinrich to the 2026 Anoka County Extension Committee, replacing Commissioner Jeppson. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Committee appointments:

1. Commissioner Reinert made motion appointing Janet Hegland to the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, replacing Steve Wagamon, for a term ending January 17, 2028. Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Commissioner Heinrich made motion approving the following, as recommended by the Human Services Committee of the Whole:
 - A. Appointing Amy Furth, representing District 1, to the Community Health Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2028.
 - B. Appointing Jeff Alberts, as a mental health professional, to the Adult Mental Health Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending February 28, 2029.
 - C. Appointing Sarah Jacobs, as a consumer, to the Children's Mental Health Advisory and Coordination Council for a term ending March 31, 2029.

Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Chair Schulte presented, for informational purposes, his reappointment of Molly Liberto to the Anoka County Workforce Development Board for a two-year term ending January 31, 2028, as recommended by the Human Services Committee of the Whole.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

ATTEST:

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

By:

By:

Jim Dickinson
County Administrator

Scott Schulte, its Chair

*Motion carried means all commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively unless otherwise noted.
All contracts are subject to review by the attorney's office and are on file in the respective departments.
Resolutions are declared adopted unless otherwise noted and exhibits are on file in the County Administration Office.*