

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

April 12, 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 #4	Mandy Meisner
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Absent:	District #1	Matt Look
	District #3	Robyn West

Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Marcy Crain, Chief Deputy County Attorney; other governmental officials, staff and citizens

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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 Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Reinert made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending March 25, 2022, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending March 25, 2022. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the minutes from the March 22, 2022, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Chief Medical Examiner A. Quinn Strobl, M.D., presented the 2021 Medical Examiners Annual Report. (Report is on file in the County Administration Office.)

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Commissioner Braastad and Emergency Communications Director Val Sprynczynatyk presented information about the essential work of the Anoka County Emergency Communications Center and thanked the staff for their dedication and service. Val introduced Radio System Coordinator Cory DeMuth and Senior Dispatchers Geoff Olson and Jamie Minnick.

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Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-49

**PROCLAIMING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK
APRIL 10-16, 2022**

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, deputies, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our first responders is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Anoka County Emergency Communications Center; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of Anoka County have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby declare the week of April 10-16, 2022, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Anoka County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our cities and citizens safe.

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Meisner introduced University of Minnesota Extension Regional Director Craig Taylor. Craig thanked the county board for their support and shared how their services and operations changed during the COVID pandemic.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Management Committee report from March 22, 2022. All items were of informational nature and required no board action.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee report from April 4, 2022.

Highway

1. Commissioner Schulte stated that Item #2 from the Transportation Committee Report relating to a joint powers agreement with MnDOT will be struck from the agenda and replaced with Item #1 from the Transportation Committee chair report.
2. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving an amendment to Contract #C0007902A, with Bolton & Menk, Inc., for Project SP 002-656-001/SP 002-657-003, the construction of new interchanges at CSAH 56 (Ramsey Boulevard) and CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Boulevard) on US Hwy 10/169 in the city of Ramsey; and authorizing the county administrator to execute said contract amendment, 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.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee chair report.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-50

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT
WITH MnDOT FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION
RELATED TO EXPANSION/ RECONSTRUCTION
OF THE RAMSEY GATEWAY PROJECT
(S.A.P. 002-656-002; SP 0202-116)
(CONTRACT #C0009137)**

WHEREAS, MnDOT and Anoka County are partnering in the design of the expansion/ reconstruction of TH 10 in Anoka County, Minnesota (the “Highway Project”); and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County, MnDOT, and the City of Ramsey developed a locally supported vision of the TH 10 corridor through Ramsey with design of two grade-separated interchanges at Ramsey Boulevard and Sunfish Lake Boulevard that will replace existing signalized intersections; and,

WHEREAS, grade separation of the BNSF Railway and a new frontage road between Ramsey Boulevard and Sunfish Lake Boulevard are also part of this design project; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT is providing services and funds to Anoka County for the acquisition of right-of-way for the Highway Project, to advance the parties’ mutual interests in reconstructing an effective and efficient transportation system that improves the roadway capacity and safety of the traveling public; and,

WHEREAS, the parties agree to share duties and costs associated with acquisition of the right-of-way for the Highway Project, with Anoka County assigned as lead agency for all right-of-way acquisition needed for the Highway Project; and,

WHEREAS, as authorized by Minnesota Statutes §471.59, MnDOT and Anoka County have entered into this agreement to set forth their respective rights and obligations related to the acquisition of the right-of-way needed for the Highway Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes entering into Joint Powers Agreement No. 1049476 (Anoka County Contract #C0009137) with MnDOT for the purpose of allocating the parties’ respective rights, obligations, and costs related to the acquisition of the right-of-way needed for the Highway Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Anoka County Board of Commissioners authorizes the county administrator and county engineer or their designees to execute the joint powers agreement and any amendments to the agreement.

(Contract is on file in the Highway Department.)

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

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Intergovernmental and Community Relations chair report.

1. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving a letter of support for the development of a National Rugby Center located at the National Sports Center. The center would be the first of its kind in Minnesota and would attract over 360 rugby teams each year. Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting of April 5, 2022.

1. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving Contract #C0009134, a joint powers agreement with the City of Coon Rapids for a city trail on Anoka County Parks property, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-51

**REESTABLISHING SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS
OF THE ANOKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts were established under Minn. Stat. Ch. 103C, with the formation of supervisor districts under Minn. Stat. §103C.311; and,

WHEREAS, a district board in the seven-county metropolitan area shall by resolution provide that supervisors will be elected by supervisor districts; and,

WHEREAS, Supervisor districts must be comprised of precincts established by county and municipal governing bodies; and,

WHEREAS, the districts must be compact, include only contiguous territory, and be substantially equal in population; and,

WHEREAS, the districts must be numbered in a regular series; and,

WHEREAS, the districts must be drawn by the county board of the county containing the largest area of the soil and water conservation district, in consultation with the district board and with approval of the state board; and,

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the districts must be redrawn after each decennial federal census as provided in Minn. Stat. §204B.135; and,

WHEREAS, a certified copy of the resolution establishing supervisor districts must be filed by the chair of the district board with the county auditor of the counties where the soil and water conservation district is located, with the state board, and with the secretary of state; and the filings must occur within 80 days of the time when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election in a year ending in two, whichever comes first; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka Conservation District Board held a workshop on April 7, 2022, and agreed upon Option 1, as outlined in Exhibit A, as their preferred redistricting plan:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners hereby reestablishes the Anoka Conservation District Board of Supervisors Districts as outlined in Option 1 in Exhibit A.

(Exhibit A is on file in the Administration Department.)

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Reinert offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-52

**RECOGNIZING APRIL 27, 2022, AS
FEDERAL AMMUNITION 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY**

WHEREAS, on April 27, 1922, Charles Horn purchased the Federal Cartridge and Machine Company that has been manufacturing ammunition on the same grounds where it stands today 100 years later; and,

WHEREAS, Federal Ammunition's current American workforce of 1,500 employees in Anoka carry on the history, tradition, and culture of Minnesota employment; and,

WHEREAS, the company has been a strong supporter of its home city of Anoka, the Anoka County area, and the State of Minnesota during its centennial run by employing tens of thousands of hardworking

Minnesotans with well-paying jobs that support the company’s mission of *building better ammunition in America to create community, power defense, and conserve our heritage*; and,

WHEREAS, Federal Ammunition employees past, present, and future understand the traditions of owning and using a firearm for recreational shooting and hunting, while also working to ensure that our natural resources are safeguarded; and,

WHEREAS, Federal Ammunition is a large part of the firearm and ammunition industry, having contributed nearly 3 billion dollars to the Minnesota economy in 2021 and supported nearly 12,000 jobs; and,

WHEREAS, Federal Ammunition has been a major contributor, tens of millions of dollars annually, for funding of wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition; and,

WHEREAS, Federal Ammunition has supported law enforcement and military by operating the Twin Cities Ordnance Plant, which ground was broken in August of 1941. The plant employs thousands of workers and has produced billions of rounds of ammunition in support of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Law enforcement agencies worldwide have trusted in Federal Ammunition to protect the public and themselves with innovative products that continue to evolve for the safety of citizens and officers worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, current and past employees celebrate a full century of continuous and successful operation in Anoka, Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2022, organizations, businesses, and partners in our community will come together to recognize Federal Ammunition Day and to spotlight our law enforcement, military, and recreational shooters who enjoy the products manufactured in Anoka, Minnesota, over the last 100 years of business:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby recognize April 27, 2022, as Federal Ammunition 100th Anniversary Day and encourage the people of Minnesota to celebrate Federal Ammunition’s 100th Anniversary located in Anoka, Minnesota.

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:23 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.