

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

September 13, 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 #1	Matt Look
	District #2	Julie Braastad
	District #3	Robyn West
	District #4	Mandy Meisner
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Interim Deputy County Attorney Bryan Frantz; 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 Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Look made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending August 26, 2022, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending August 26, 2022. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner West made motion approving the minutes from the August 23, 2022, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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The following employees were recognized for their years of service, but unable to attend the meeting:

Alisa Subialka	30 years
John Schlichtmann	30 years
Jerry Pederson	30 years
David Loher	30 years
Tracy Ekberg	30 years
Roberta Besmer	30 years
John Pilz	30 years
Thomas Thour	35 years
Terry Kight	35 years
Nancy Hansen	35 years

The following employees were recognized for their years of service to Anoka County:

Marielle Robinson	30 years
Cindy Cesare	30 years
Lisa Wagner	30 years
Toni Lahr	30 years
Beth Bloomenrader	30 years
Lori Germscheid	30 years

Mary Evers	30 years
Jill Adams	30 years
Darcy Hokkanen	30 years
Julie Allen	30 years
Bill Keller	30 years
Tracy Rohloff	30 years
Joel Johnson	30 years
Nancy Le	35 years
Marlene Keller	35 years
Carol Fleischer	35 years
Laurie Brovold	35 years

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Job Training Center Director Nicole Swanson presented information on workforce development in Anoka County and provided information about the many services available to career seekers, employees, and employers.

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Commissioner Schulte offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2022-110

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, investment in the education, training, and career advancement of the workforce across Minnesota is critical for the United States to compete in a global economy; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County would like to draw attention to the resources available to those looking for work as well as businesses seeking workforce support; and,

WHEREAS, continued collaboration with the workforce development system, workforce development boards, education, businesses, and public and private partners is crucial to successful alignment and sustainability across industry sectors and career pathways; and,

WHEREAS, by 2035, more than a half million people will reach the age of 65 and many of them will be retiring, reducing the working-age population from 62% to 57% during that time. Businesses and our State's workforce development system must work together to create an inclusive workforce where all are welcome; and,

WHEREAS, investments in workforce development programs and skill training can assist people entering the workforce or those looking for work and can assist businesses train and retain their workforce; and,

WHEREAS, in Minnesota, 16 Workforce Development Boards and nearly 50 CareerForce (Minnesota's workforce system) locations are the driving force behind growing local and regional economies by providing tailored training, resources, and assistance to workers and businesses who aim to compete in the 21st century economy; and,

WHEREAS, partnerships of the Minnesota's workforce development programs play a pivotal role, including industry partners, education, labor, and community-based organizations. The alignment of these entities is key in preparing a workforce to meet the labor needs; and,

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2022, Tim Walz, Governor of Minnesota, proclaimed September 2022 as Workforce Development Month:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim September 2022 to be Workforce Development Month in Anoka County.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner West presented the Management Committee Report from the meeting of August 23, 2022.

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the following personnel transaction:
 - A. **New** Position - Administration/Medical Examiner's Office - effective September 19, 2022.
PC#2022003449

1.0 FTE Office Investigator - Grade B010, range \$19.67 to \$29.80 per hour.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION #2022-111

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ANOKA AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES, INC.
REPRESENTING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LICENSED SERGEANTS BARGAINING UNIT
FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2022-2024
(CONTRACT #C0009474)**

WHEREAS, representatives of Anoka County and representatives of Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. representing the licensed sergeants unit of Anoka County, have negotiated a three-year labor agreement for the term January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the attached document (Exhibit A) summarizes the substantive agreement between the parties on the tentative agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby approve the tentative agreement and that the chief negotiator for the Anoka County Board of Commissioners is authorized and directed to prepare contract documents incorporating this tentative agreement, and further, that upon receipt of the three original contracts executed by the union, the Anoka County Board Chair, County Administrator, Chief Human Resources Officer, labor negotiator and other appropriate individuals be authorized and directed to execute the original contracts and documents.

(Exhibit A is on file in County Administration Office.)

(Contract is on file in the Human Resources Department.)

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

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee Report from the meeting of September 6, 2022.

1. Commissioner Reinert made motion approving Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Agreements for the following three projects within Anoka County's Regional Parks System, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality:
 - A. Contract #C0009385, \$1,051,678 to replace culverts and reconstruct a trail at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park.
 - B. Contract #C0009386, \$655,000 for Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve entrance road and boat launch improvements, as well as enhancements to the beach area.
 - C. Contract #C0009387, \$125,000 for the second phase of Wargo Nature Center Improvements.

(Contracts are on file in the Parks Department.)

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

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Commissioner Julie Braastad presented the Public Safety Committee chair report.

Sheriff

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving and executing Contract #C0009429, the 2023 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Andover for a term of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$3,347,315, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. (Contract is on file in the Sheriff's Office.) Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Reinert, Braastad, West, Schulte, Meisner, and Gamache voted "yes." Commissioner Look voted "no." Motion carried.
2. Commissioner Gamache offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-112

**ACCEPTING DEDICATED DONATION
FROM HOLISTIC VETERINARY CARE, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office received a donation from Holistic Veterinary Care, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, Holistic Veterinary Care, LLC has donated an AKC Reunite Microchip Scanner that is valued at \$900 to assist in reuniting missing canines to their owners; 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 gift 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, does hereby accept the above-described gift from Holistic Veterinary Care, LLC and extends its grateful appreciation.

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

3. Commissioner Look offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-113

**ACCEPTING DEDICATED DONATION
FROM ANOKA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office received a donation from Anoka County Agricultural Society; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County Agricultural Society has donated funds in the amount of Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400) towards the Anoka County Fair security provided by the Anoka County Sheriff Reserve Unit; 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, does hereby accept the above-described funds from Anoka County Agricultural Society and extends its grateful appreciation.

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

At 10:15 a.m., Chair Schulte asked Interim Deputy County Attorney Bryan Frantz to conduct a public hearing to obtain comment on proposed changes to the Licensing for Food and Lodging Establishments Ordinance, Public Swimming Pool Ordinance, and Solid Waste Management Charge Ordinance to update descriptions, procedures, and regulations in conformity with Anoka County policies, as well as state and federal laws. Bryan Frantz called the public hearing to order.

Notice of publication (published August 26, 2022) was made a part of the record indicating time and place for the public hearing pursuant to statute.

Inquiry was made of the people present as to whether there were any comments or questions from the public. There was no public testimony. No written comments were received prior to the hearing.

The public hearing was adjourned.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving adopting the following ordinances to update descriptions, procedures, and regulations in conformity with Anoka County policies, as well as state and federal laws:

- Ordinance #2022-2, Licensing Ordinance For Food And Lodging Establishments
- Ordinance #2022-3, Public Swimming Pool Ordinance
- Ordinance #2022-4, Anoka County Solid Waste Management Charge Ordinance

(Ordinances are on file in the County Administration Office.)

Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Reinert made motion approving the following liquor license application, as reviewed by and consented to by the township, sheriff, and attorney:

- Orono Lions Club by Bradley Hansen - One day, on sale 3.2 malt liquor license (License #2022-02) - Township of Linwood - September 17, 2022.

Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:17 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.