

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

October 8, 2024

Chair Gamache called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	District #1	
	District #2	Julie Braastad
	District #3	Jeff Reinert
	District #4	Scott Schulte
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Julie Jeppson
	District #7	Mandy Meisner

Others Present: Jim Dickinson, County Administrator; Bethany Fountain Lindberg, Chief Deputy County Attorney; staff, and citizens

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Commissioner Braastad made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending September 20, 2024, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending September 20, 2024. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Schulte made motion approving the minutes from the September 24, 2024, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Jeppson 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:

Peggy McNabb	40 years
Kay Aanestad	35 years
Michael Klimek	30 years
Raynelle Delvo	30 years
Shawn Young	30 years
Sheila Larson	30 years
Richard Kreyer	30 years
Lisa Parsons	30 years
Debbie Karney	30 years
Michael Sharon	30 years
Vicky Osell	30 years
Sue Simi	30 years
Jodie Raymond	30 years
Teresa Kleven	30 years
Jeff Oakes	30 years
Katey Zeleny	30 years

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

Kris Holzknicht	40 years
Pam LeBlanc	40 years
Kathy Vonbargen	35 years
Donna Stiles	35 years
Sue Doll	35 years
Judy Soule	35 years
Carol Paulson	35 years

Kim Sirek	35 years
Francine Mocchi	30 years
Tracy Schirmers	30 years
Janet Bolander	30 years
Karie Gerdin	30 years
April Sedgwick	30 years
George Borrell	30 years
Lisa Gray	30 years
Erica Buelow	30 years
Doreen Wolvin	30 years
John Lenarz	30 years
Christa Streng	30 years
Corey Kohan	30 years
Tori Ell	30 years
Doug Olesen	30 years
Steven Cater	30 years

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Commissioner Jeppson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2024-110

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS
DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH IN ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, October 2024 marks the 79th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, the history of NDEAM traces back to 1945, when it started as a week and focused only on people with physical disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, later, it expanded to a full month, and its name and scope evolved to acknowledge the importance of increasing the workforce inclusion of people with all nature of disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and,

WHEREAS, activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities, and affirm Anoka County's commitment to increasing access to good jobs for all workers, including disabled workers:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby recognize and commemorate October 2024 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and calls upon employers, schools, and other community organizations to ensure that all take steps to recruit, hire, retain, and advance individuals with disabilities, and work to pursue the goals of opportunity, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and independent living with disabilities.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Meisner presented the Management Committee report from the meeting of September 24, 2024.

1. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the following for 30-hour or more per week benefit eligible positions, non-union and union employees, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality:
 - A. The self-insured health insurance rates and county contributions.
 - B. The health reimbursement account county contributions of \$1,000 for single and \$2,000 for family.

(Contract is on file in the Compliance and Risk Management Department.) Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

2. Commissioner Meisner made motion amending Contract #C0008747 with National Insurance Services for 30-hour or more per week benefit eligible positions, non-union and union employees reflecting the following, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality:

- A. Accepting the long-term and voluntary short-term disability insurance rates with no change in current coverages for an additional year ending January 1, 2026.

(Contract is on file in the Compliance and Risk Management Department.) Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

3. Commissioner Meisner made motion amending Contract #C0008748 with Unum for 30-hour or more per week benefit eligible positions, non-union and union employees, reflecting the following, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality:

- A. Accepting the life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance rates with no change in current coverages for an additional two years ending December 31, 2026.

(Contract is on file in the Compliance and Risk Management Department.) Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Meisner presented the Management Committee chair report.

1. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the following for 2025 Retiree Medicare Supplemental Insurance health and prescription coverage, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality:

- A. Renewing Contract #C0008079 with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the Group Medicare Advantage Plan beginning January 1, 2025, with the offered not-to-exceed rates.
- B. Providing the county contribution as calculated in the Anoka County Personnel Rules and Regulations.

(Contract is on file in the Compliance and Risk Management Department.) Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Reinert presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting of October 1, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION #2024-111

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROJECTS AND GRANT AGREEMENTS
FROM THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council provides grant funds through appropriations to the Regional Park Implementing Agencies throughout the metropolitan area; and,

WHEREAS, said funding is provided through the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program and the one-time State General Fund appropriation for tree replacement; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council requires each jurisdiction's governing board give authorization for funding agreements; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County is to receive grant funds for the following projects:

1. \$224,882 in State General Funds for tree planting (Contract #C0011105);
2. \$500,000 in Parks and Trails Legacy Funds for Bunker Beach Lazy River Bridge design, engineering and construction (Contract #C0011107);
3. Grant Agreement SG24P4-01-01 be amended to include \$1,814,751 in FY25 Parks and Trail Legacy funds for Bunker Hills Regional Park Improvements for a total grant amount of \$3,336,205 (Contract #C0010188);

- 4. Grant Agreement SG24P4-01-03 be amended to include \$75,000 in FY25 Parks and Trail Legacy funds for natural resource management for a total grant amount of \$150,000 (Contract #C0010190):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby approve the above projects and authorizes implementation of the projects upon receipt of fully executed grant agreements from the Metropolitan Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county administrator, the Parks director, and/or their designees are authorized on behalf of the county any time hereafter and without further action by or authority from the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, to execute and deliver on behalf of the county, all grant agreements, permits, declarations, and other legal or contractual documents necessary to secure funding for the above-listed projects.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this resolution, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Anoka County administrator, and directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Metropolitan Council and Anoka County Parks Department.

(Contracts are on file in the Parks Department.)

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

- 2. Commissioner Gamache made motion awarding Contract #C0011109 to Horizon Commercial Pools in the amount of \$192,005 for repair and maintenance activities at Bunker Beach Water Park, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving an amendment to Contract #C0010879 with Morcon Construction with an increase in the amount of \$183,276.62 for the Bunker Beach Slide Tower Improvement Project, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner Schulte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schulte made motion approving Contract #C0011092 with Willis Towers Watson, 8400 Normandale Lake Blvd, STE 1700, Minneapolis, MN 55437, for insurance broker services with an annual fee of \$33,154 for a period beginning October 8, 2024, through October 8, 2029, as recommended by the responsible commissioner for insurance and safety, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Compliance and Risk Management Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jim Dickinson
County Administrator

By: _____
Michael R. Gamache, its Chair

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