

Public Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA STEARNS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES CHAPTER 103E FOR STEARNS COUNTY DITCH 28 NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Please Take Notice: The Stearns County Board of Commissioners, the public drainage authority under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E ("Drainage Authority") for Stearns County Ditch 28 ("CD 28"), will hold a final hearing on the Viewers' Report of Benefits and Damages for the pending redetermination of benefits and damages of CD 28. The Viewers' Report has been filed with the Drainage Authority. The hearing will be held on July 16, 2026 at 9:00am in the County Board Room of the Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, or thereafter as the agenda allows. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

CD 28 begins near the intersection of Rushmeyer Lake Road and Quaker Road, east of Albany, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄SW¹/₄) of Section 13, Township 125 North, Range 31 West (Albany Township) and drains northeasterly across Sections 13, 12, and 1 of said Albany Township; then drains northerly across the Southeast Quarter (SE¹/₄) of Section 36, Township 126 North, Range 31 West (Holding Township) into Two Rivers Lake; then drains northeasterly from the outlet of Two Rivers Lake in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE¹/₄NW¹/₄) (Lot 2) of Section 30, Township 126 North, Range 30 West (Holding Township), then drains northeasterly across Sections 19, 20, and 17 in said Holding Township, where it terminates near River Street (County Road 17) in Holdingford, Minnesota, on the north boundary of said Section 17 of Holding Township, and outlets into South Two River, all in Stearns County, Minnesota.

The Viewers' Report, along with amendments, if any, all property owners' reports, and records describing the drainage system, are available for inspection by contacting Stearns County Land Services Manager Chad Martini, by email (county.drainage@co.stearns.mn.us) or by phone at (320) 654-4703.

At the final hearing, the Drainage Authority will accept public comment regarding the Viewers' Reports. Any party having an interest in the proceedings may appear and provide comment. Written comments may be directed to Stearns County Land Services Manager Chad Martini by email (county.drainage@co.stearns.mn.us) or by U.S. Mail to Stearns County Property Services Department, Attn: Chad Martini, 3301 County Road 138, Room 2310, Waite

Park, MN 56387. Written comments will be received through 3:30 p.m. on July 15, 2026.

The following Stearns County properties are affected by the pending redetermination of benefits and damages for CD 28:

Farming Township, T124N-R31W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, & 10;

Avon Township, T125N-R30W, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, & 30;

Albany Township, T125N-R31W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, & 36;

Holding Township, T126N-R30W, Sections 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 32, & 33;

Krain Township, T126N-R31W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35 & 36; and

North Krain Township, T127N-R31W, Sections 34 & 35.

The following owners of property are affected by the pending redeterminations of benefits and damages for CD 28:

PUNDSACK, MICHAEL & DEBORAH; WOITALLA, KURT; ANDERSEN, STEVEN C; WOITALLA, MARY; EBNET, ANTHONY L; TRAEGER, CHRISTINA; THEISEN, ALICE C; SCEPANI, BRYAN; KOSTREBA, BEVERLY J; ANGULSKI, KEVIN C; MAILE, LEON J; THOMPSON, JEFFREY L & MOLLY M; WALETZKO, JOSEPHINE M; KOMIS, LEE L; THEISEN, JOSHUA A; PELKA, DOUGLAS J; SCHMITZ, BENJAMIN A; WE B FARMING LLC; RAMLER, CHRISTOPHER & AMY; ROERING, TROY D; GROETSCH, DANIEL L; GROETSCH, MARY ANN; GREWE, CHAD M & MOLLY M; GREER, JOHN L; HOFFMAN, MICHAEL H & CONSTANCE; NATHE, NEIL F; SIMON, BRIAN R; SCHIFFLER, JOSEPH E & JANEL A; KLAPHAKE, RANDAL M; SCHIFFLER, JOSEPH E & JANEL; VORNBRUCK, ROMAN V & NONA L; BARTHEL, MICHAEL C; S & L FARMS LLC; DETERS, MICHAEL E & CLARA M; HARTWIG, MICHAEL D & LYNDA A; MASSMANN, KEVIN L & ROGER D; FORSTER, FRANK & KATHY; KREBS, TROY P; WIMMER, JOYCE A; WIMMER, PETER D; KEVIN S MARECK TRUST; KEVIN A WOHLLETZ & REBECCA A WOHLLETZ REV TRUST; GROETSCH FARMS LLC; GERADS, JEFFREY A; DONALD F & SANDRA SCHROM TRUST; SCHROM, DONALD F & SANDRA K; PETERNELL, JOHN; BURGER, CHARLES E & MARILYN B; BREDECK, JESSE A; SCHMIDT, NATHAN; WENNING, GERALD & CAROL; JOAN M BREDECK REV TRUST; MARSTEIN, VINCENT J & TAMMY R; WENNING, JEFFREY J & TRACY;

PRIORITY STORGE MN LLC; LOEHLEIN KENNETH & MICHELE; BEUTZ FAMILY REV LIVING TRUST; PETERNELL, JOSEPH; SCEPANI, JACOB W; BEUTZ, HARVEY L; ALTENDAH, CHAD R; GERADS, TIMOTHY H; GERADS, RALPH; KLEMMER, PETER P & MARYANN; KLEMMER, MICHAEL L; BARLAU, BRANDON M; HENDRICKSON, MATTHEW; BREDECK, JAMES L; KLUG, RICHARD P & LOIS M; SEIFERMANN, STEPHEN R; AUER, THOMAS F & DELPHINE; RADTKE, JANET; ZENZEN, GERALD & LORRAINE; MARILYN D TOMSCHE TRUST; TOMSCHE, GARY R & DEBRA A; GONDRINGER, MICHAEL C; TOMSCHE FAMILY FARM LLC; SCHWINGHAMMER, VALERIAN J; SPOHN, KEVIN; LOCKRIDGE, RANDY; VANDERHAGEN, JAMIE P & PAULA J; EBENSTEINER, ELAINE PAULETTE; TOMSCHE, DEAN S & CINDY A; D & L RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC; GONDRINGER, LEROY & MARIAN J; OSTENDORF, RYAN; KLEPPE, JOHN C; OHMANN, JOSEPH & LIESELOTTE; THOMAS M LASHINSKI TRUST; KOLTES, BERNARD J; DAVID W HARTWIG TRUST; VOS, TIMOTHY J; STEARNS COUNTY PIONEER CLUB; STEARNS CO PIONEER CLUB; HERNANDEZ, MARCELO JR; OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH; OHMANN, ROGER E & ANN M; LUMBER ONE DEVELOPMENT CO LLC; ANTHONY H STANGLER TRUST; BERTRAM, AMY; SCHMITZ, JEFFREY V & NANCY M; JOHN E PETERNELL TRUST; FISCHER, THOMAS R & BRENDA L; GROETSCH, MATTHEW M; NETT, ROBERT J; HEMMESCH, DONALD G; MIDWEST PROPERTY SOLUTIONS LLC; STUEVE, JONATHAN A; THELEN, BENJAMIN R; R & R STORAGE LLC; NORTH-ERN NATURAL GAS CO; AURORA LAND HOLDINGS LLC; FISCHER LIVING TRUST; FUCHS, RAYMOND E; KERFELD, DOUGLAS J; FIEDLER, CYNTHIA M; FORTIER, NEIL R; DAVID E DINNDORF & DARLENE V DINNDORF TRUST; LAMAR OCI NORTH LLC; CRYSTAL MEDIA GROUP LLC; MARECK, LARRY & JANICE M; PANEK, DAVID M & RHONDA J; DIRKES, MICHAEL L & MARIE D; DIRKES, DOROTHY; KIRKES, JEFFREY J; OVERMAN, DOUGLAS J & SUSANNE M; SCHWINGHAMMER, GORDON G & CAROL; RONALD A SCHAEFER REV LIVING TRUST; RICHTER, KURT J; SUNDE, ALICE; MOSER, LAWRENCE J & SHIRLEY; PRIMUS, RICHARD A & CAROL A; VOLKERS, ALLAN E; DIRKES, DERRICK M; RODENWALD, FLOYD & JOYCE; GROETSCH, JAMES & LISA; RICHTER, ROMAN W & MARY; LEMCKE, MICHAEL J; SAUERER, TIMOTHY P & MARY E; EDMUND H WEHSELER TRUST; PUMP HOUSE CATS

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PROPERTIES, LLC; PAGGEN, JAMES D; HOME- TOWN FEEDS LLC; MEIER, PATRICK J MEIER; RONALD & SANDRA PAULSEN TRUST; BRIAN T ANSTINE; ALEX DEROSIER; BEUNING FAMILY REV LIVING TRUST; BREDECK FAMILY REV LIVING TRUST; BRIAN SCHILLER; CARLA SCHAE- FER; CHRISTOPHER J BU- LEY; ISAIC D KULZER; JEN- NIFER M GERADS; JOHN BREDECK; JOSEPH DES- JARDINS; KAREN A REIS- DORF & THOMAS J REIS- DORF REV TRUST; LYNN M MEAGHER; LYNNE JANSON; MOLLY A DUNN; SAMAN- THA A JONAS; SCOTT J ZIRBES; THE BREDECK FAMILY REV LIVING TRUST; THOMAS J RAKOTZ; TRAVIS CARIVEAU; WAL- LACE WALETZKO; CHARLES SCHILLER; DAVID ALBERS. The following govern- mental entities are affected by the pending redetermi- nations of benefits and damages for CD 28: STATE OF MINNESOTA; STATE OF MINNESOTA/ DOT; STATE OF MINNESO- TA - DNR; COUNTY OF STEARNS; CITY OF AL- BANY; MADERVILLE; UNIT- ED STATES OF AMERICA - AGRI; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - FISH; MN DEP OF TRANSPORTATION; STEARNS COUNTY STATE AID HWY; STEARNS COUN- TY ROAD; KRAIN TOWN- SHIP; CITY OF HOLDING- FORD; HOLDING TOWNSHIP; AVON TOWN- SHIP; ALBANY TOWNSHIP; FARMING TOWNSHIP; STEARNS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM; MINNESOTA TRAIL SYSTEM; STEARNS CO-CITY RAIL AUTH; Outlet Charge Determi- nation for Stearns County Ditch 6: The following Stearns County properties are affected by the pending rede- termination of benefits and damages for CD 28 because of an outlet charge recom- mended by the viewers to Stearns County Ditch 6: Farming Township, T124N-R31W, Sections 5 & 6; and Albany Township, T125N- R31W, Sections 31, 32 & 33. The following owners of property are affected by the pending redeterminations of benefits and damages for CD 28 because of an outlet charge recommended by the viewers to Stearns County Ditch 6: ALVIN M EICKHOFF REV TRUST; CHRISTEN, JOHN J & TAMARA L; CHRISTEN, KELSEY; DAVID SABROWSKY & MARY SABROWSKY JOINT REV TRUST; ELFERING, JAMIE; ELFERING, RANDY; EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH; FRIELER, TRACY; GARY & DARLENE GROETSCH FAMILY T RUST; HAMANN, JASON & JILL; HAMANN, SCOTT; HOM- MERDING, NICHOLAS M; KALTHOFF, RONALD A & KARINA L; LEONA F SCHULZ LIVING TRUST; MILLER, JASON; OHMANN, STEVEN G & BARBARA A; PRATT, RYAN M; PRIMUS, JASON J; ROGER L MERGEN TRUST; SALZL, PETER G; SCHELEPPENBACH, DON- ALD; STICH, RANDY T; SWANSON, HEATHER; TAMM, DENNIS R; TAMM, RICHARD J & DEBRA M. Outlet Charge Determi- nation for Stearns County Ditch 22: The following Stearns County properties are affected by the pending rede- termination of benefits and damages for CD 28 because of an outlet charge recom- mended by the viewers to Stearns County Ditch 22: Albany Township, T125N- R31W, Sections 4 & 5; and Krain Township, T126N- R31W, Sections 28, 29, 31, 33 & 33. The following owners of property are affected by the pending redeterminations of benefits and damages for CD 28 because of an outlet charge recommended by the viewers to Stearns County Ditch 22: ALBANY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC; BUERMANN, PATRICK J & RITA E; DE- TERS, GARY; EBENSTEIN- ER, MICHAEL; FUNK, JOSEPH; GOEBEL PROP- ERTY LLC; GOGALA, MICHAEL P; GULLY, MICHAEL C; LAR- RY E GERADS & AGNES A GERADS FAMILY TRUST AGREEMENT; LINN, FRED- ERICK L; MINNESOTA PIPE LINE COMP LLC; RADEMACHER, ROBERT;

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Dated: June 9, 2026

STEARNS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CD 28 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
/s/ Steve Notch, Chairperson
STEARNS COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER
/s/ Randy Schreifels

(Pub. June 9 - July 7, 2026)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF INTENT TO DISSOLVE OF CENTRAL MINNESOTA DEMENTIA COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

Central Minnesota Dementia Community Action Network a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), does hereby submit the following Notice to Creditors of Intent to Dissolve pursuant to Section 317A.727 of the Minnesota Statutes:

1. The Corporation is in the process of dissolving.
2. The Corporation filed with the secretary of state a notice of intent to dissolve on June 2, 2026.
3. The address to which written claims against the Corporation must be sent is: Central Minnesota Dementia Community Action Network Attention: Patrick Zook, MD, 3701 12th Street N St. Cloud, MN 56303
4. The date by which all claims must be received is September 7, 2026.

Executed as of the 1st day of June, 2026.

Central Minnesota Dementia Community Action Network
By: Patrick Zook, MD.
Its: President

(Publish June 9 - 30, 2026)

STATE OF MINNESOTA STEARNS COUNTY

**DISTRICT COURT
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number:
73-JV-25-9763
Case Type:
CHIPS-Permanency**

Summons and Notice Termination of Parental Rights Matter

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

Shawnasee Ricci-Smith (Mother)

and

Any Unknown Father. (Father)

NOTICE TO: Any unknown Father, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed.

2. **This is your notice** that this Termination of Parental Rights case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 725 Courthouse Square Room 134 St. Cloud MN 56303, on July 20, 2026 at 10:30 am or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information.

3. **YOU ARE ORDERED** to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.

4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.

5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently severing the parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition.

Dated June 10, 2026

George Lock
Court Administration
Stearns County District Court
725 Courthouse Square
Room 134
St. Cloud, MN 56303
320-656-3620

(Publish June 16 - 30, 2026)

CITY OF COLD SPRING NOTICE OF CANDIDACY FILING

Notice is hereby given that the following offices for the City of Cold Spring shall be filled at the General Election on November 3, 2026:

Mayor: two-year term
Council Members: 2 positions of four-year terms each

Affidavits of candidacy for the above offices may be filed at the City Offices, 109 Main Street, Cold Spring, MN. The first day for filing will be July 14, 2026 and the last day for filing will be July 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. The City Offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except we will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2026.

(Publish June 23 & 30, 2026)

Notice of Public Hearing Stearns County, Board of Adjustment

Notice is hereby given that the Stearns County Board of Adjustment, in and for the County of Stearns, will conduct the following public hearings to consider variance applications:

1. To consider a request from **Barry Belknap and Michelle Gregory, Kimball, MN**, from Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439 to construct a residential accessory structure in excess of the allowed maximum accessory building area on a lot 2 - 4.49 acres.

Affected Property: Part of the (NE ¼ NW¼) south of Goodner Lake in Section 18, T122N, R29W, Maine Prairie Township. **Property Address: 12982 179th St., Kimball, MN.**

2. To consider a request from **Joseph and Lynn Loesch, Kimball, MN**, from Sections 9.9.9 A. (3), 10.2.11 A. (1)(a) and 10.2.11 A. (2) of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439 to construct a residential dwelling not meeting the minimum required setback to County Road #146, Pearl lake and ahead of the established building line. **Affected Property:** Lot 8, Stein's Addition to Pearl Lake, Section 3, T122N, R29W, Maine Prairie Township. **Property Address: 9553 County Road 146, Kimball MN.**

3. To consider a request from **Jeremy Skow, Richmond, MN** from Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439, to alter the roofline of an existing residential accessory structure and construct a lean addition on said structure, not meeting the minimum required setback to a road classified Major Collector and a road classified Principal Arterial. The property is in part of the NW¼ SW¼, lying east of the Sauk River, west of State Highway 22 and south of State Highway 23 in Section 24 of Munson Township (123/31). **Property Address: 22445 State Highway 22, Richmond, MN.**

4. To consider a request from **John Thielman, Avon MN**, from Section 6.2.1 P. of Stearns County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance #422 to construct a replacement sewage soil treatment or absorption area less than 20 feet from a structure and less than 10 feet from County Road #154 right of way. **Affected Property:** Lot 25, North Shores (Of Pelican Lake), Section 5, T125N, R30W, Avon Township. **Property Address: 18359 County Road 154, Avon, MN.**

When and where is the meeting?

Date and Time: Thursday, July 9, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Stearns County Service Center, Room 1104
3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387

How do I participate?

Public Testimony: If you would like to provide public testimony, you may do so by appearing at the above hearing, you are invited to do so by attending said hearing in person or by joining virtually. To participate virtually, please contact Dave Nett at david.nett@stearnscountymn.gov, or call 320-656-3613 by Noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting date.

Written Testimony: You may submit written testimony by emailing Dave Nett at david.nett@stearnscountymn.gov, by 3 pm on the hearing

date. Written testimony may also be mailed to the Stearns County Environmental Services Department, Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387

Comments on this public hearing are not limited to those persons receiving copies of this notice. If you know of any interested person who for any reason has not received a copy of this notice, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Where can I view the application?

Copies of the applications can be viewed approximately one week prior to the meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/> Action taken on this request will be available shortly after the meeting at the same website location.

What if the meeting changes?

This meeting is subject to change. Please sign up for automatic updates for this meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/> Call the Department for assistance.

Stearns County Board of Adjustment

Barrier Free Status: This meeting will be accessible to the handicapped. Attempts will be made to accommodate any other individual need for special services. Please call (320) 656-3613 early so arrangements can be made.

(Publish June 23, 2026)

NOTICE TO DISTRICT THREE RESIDENTS OF STEARNS COUNTY

The Stearns County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for an appointment to the Stearns County Extension Committee. This appointment would serve a three-year term ending in December of 2029. If you are interested in being appointed to this board, and you currently reside in District 3 of Stearns County, then please send a brief resume with some information about yourself that you would like to share with the County Board regarding your qualifications or interests in serving this appointment. An online application form is available on the Stearns County Website at <https://stearnscountymn.gov/884>.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please visit our website or contact us at (320) 656-3900. If you would like to mail in your resume, then please send it to the Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Attention: Sierra Lorbeski, at 705 Courthouse Square, Room 148, St. Cloud, MN 56303. Otherwise, you can email Randy Schreifels at Auditor.Email@stearnscountymn.gov or you can contact your County Commissioner, Jeff Bertram, at Jeff.Bertram@stearnscountymn.gov.

Applications are due by 4:30pm on Friday, July 31st, 2026.

Randy R. Schreifels,
MBA, CPA
Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer
Clerk of the County Board

(Publish June 23, 2026)

Stearns County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 12, 2026 Call to Order

9:00 AM Meeting called to order by Steve Notch, Chair, on May 12, 2026 in the Board Room of the Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner District 1 Tarryl Clark, Commissioner District 2 Joe Perske, Commissioner District 3 Jeff Bertram, Commissioner District 4 Bob Johnson, and Commissioner District 5 Steve Notch.

Approve Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Bob Johnson

SECONDER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

Consent Agenda

E.1. Approve Minutes from April 21st, 2026.

E.2. Approve the updated **Resolution 26-34** between Stearns County and the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs to continue to receive grant assistance.

RESOLUTION 26-34 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice

Programs has provided grant agreements for financial assistance in Stearns County since 1992;

WHEREAS, Stearns County on behalf of its County Attorney desires to continue to enter into grant agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs to receive financial assistance in Stearns County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Stearns County, Minnesota:

1. That the Stearns County Attorney's Office will, from time to time, enter into grant agreements for financial assistance with the Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

2. That the Stearns County Attorney, Janelle Kendall, is the designated Authorized Representative for the Stearns County Attorney's Office. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain Stearns County's eligibility to receive grants for financial assistance.

3. To assist the Authorized Representative with the administration of the agreement, Chief Deputy Michael Lieberg is appointed as the Authorized Representative's designee.

4. That Commissioner Steve Notch, the Chair of the County Board, and Randy Schreifels, the Board Clerk, are authorized to sign this Resolution.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Commissioners on this 12th day of May, 2026.

E.3. Authorize the Environmental Services Director to issue Solid Waste Collection & Transportation License for 2026 to Central MN Junk Removal LLC.

E.4. Authorize Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer to sign amended contract agreements with Stearns Conservation District (SCD) for habitat restoration work at Rockville County Park.

E.5. Accept 2025 Highway Department Annual Report.

E.6. Authorize Advertising for Bids for SAP 073-602-053, Stearns County CSAH 2 Active Transportation Pedestrian Improvement Project with a bid date opening date in June 2026, contingent on permitting agency approvals.

E.7. Authorize Advertising for Bids for SP 073-070-032, 2026 Rural Intersection Lighting with a bid opening in June 2026, contingent on permitting agency approvals.

E.8. For Informational Purposes Only, Human Services Claims Paid March 20, 2026, through May 1, 2026, were in the amount of \$205,236.09.

E.9. Authorize County Staff to enter into \$295,000 professional services contract with Treatment Alternatives for Stronger Communities (TASC) for consulting services relating to Jail 1115 Re-Entry to be funded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services grant that was previously approved.

E.10. Approve 2025 JAG Byrne Grant Memorandum of Understanding between Stearns County and the City of St. Cloud in which the County will issue \$17,500.00 to the City to purchase 7 Armourer's Choice Minataur Lite handgun rated shields.

E.11. Approve, as recommended by the Stearns County Planning Commission, a plat entitled "Dahlhouse Plat 3" consisting of twelve (12) non-residential lots and one (1) common space lot in a planned unit development and adopt the Planning Commission Findings-of-Fact. The request is submitted by Jack Dahl, on behalf of Dahlhouse Rentals LLC, Paynesville, Minnesota and is Phase 3 of the Dahlhouse Plat. The proposed plat is 7.36 acres and is part of Lot 1 Block J Dahl Acres in Section 17 of Paynesville Township (122/32). The property lies south of State Highway 55. The property address is 30173 State Highway 55, Paynesville, Minnesota.

E.12. 1. Award and Approve contract for temporary construction site fencing at the Justice Center construction project to Century Fence in the amount of \$113,506.00 and

2. Authorize staff to enter into agreement with Builders Risk Insurance with The Cincinnati Insurance Company with Kraus Anderson Insurance as agent for a total of \$469,388.00 providing coverage of buildings and infrastructure while under construction.

E.13. Approve appointment of Karla Tschida to the Personnel Board of Appeals.

E.14. Approve Updates to Personnel Policy Section 31: Travel Reimbursement Policy in order to clarify language and remove conflicting mileage

practices.

E.15. Approve Applications & Permits for a One Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the following:

1. Church of the Holy Cross of Pearl Lake for their event on July 11, 2026 to be held on their parish grounds located in Maine Prairie Township

2. Church of the Immaculate Conception for their event on June 28, 2026 to be held on their parish grounds located in Avon Township

E.16. Approve new On-Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Applications and Licenses submitted by Vanessa Popp on behalf of VRP Inc. Corp. dba Opole Pub located in Brockway Township for the period June 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

E.17. Approve New On-Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Applications and Licenses submitted by Anndi Ertel on behalf of Ertel Enterprises LLC dba Pearl Lake Lodge located in Maine Prairie Township for the period June 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

E.18. Approve Renewal On-Sale Liquor Application and License submitted by St. Wendel Saloon for their location in St. Wendel Township for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

E.19. For Informational Purposes Only, Claims Paid from April 11th, 2026, through May 1st, 2026, amounted to \$9,148,253.36, excluding investment purchases.

Consent Agenda Vote

Motion was made to approve all 19 items on the Consent Agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

SECONDER: District 2 Joe Perske

Auditor-Treasurer

F.1. Sierra Lorbeski, Office Services Supervisor, provided a brief overview. Chair Notch opened the public hearing for public comment. No one came forth to be heard; therefore, Chair Notch closed the public hearing. Motion was made to approve an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Application and License submitted by Anndi Ertel on behalf of Ertel Enterprises LLC. dba Pearl Lake Lodge for establishment located in Maine Prairie Township for the period June 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

SECONDER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

F.2. Sierra Lorbeski, Office Services Supervisor, provided a brief overview. Chair Notch opened the public hearing for public comment. No one came forth to be heard; therefore, Chair Notch closed the public hearing. Motion was made to approve an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Application and License submitted by Vanessa Popp on behalf of VRP Inc. Corp. dba Opole Pub for establishment located in Brockway Township for the period June 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Bob Johnson

SECONDER: District 2 Joe Perske

F.3. Sierra Lorbeski, Office Services Supervisor, reviewed changes to the amended Tobacco Control Ordinance #704. Discussion continued from the April 21st County Board Meeting regarding the minimum age to sell tobacco products and whether coupons or promotions should be allowed. Motion was made to add the minimum clerk age to be 16 rather than 18 for the sale of tobacco products.

RESULT: APPROVED [4 to 1]

MOVER: District 4 Bob Johnson

SECONDER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Bob Johnson, and District 5 Steve Notch

NAYS: District 2 Joe Perske

After further discussion, motion was made to adopt the **Tobacco Control Ordinance #704** with the amended changes, including the ban on Coupons and Price Promotion.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

SECONDER: District 4 Bob Johnson

ORDINANCE NUMBER 704 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STEARNS COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 206, ESTABLISHING TOBACCO CONTROL ORDINANCE NUMBER 704

An Ordinance Regulating the Retail Sale of Tobacco and

Related Devices and Products THE COUNTY BOARD OF STEARNS COUNTY ORDAINS:

Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

This ordinance aims to protect youth and young adults in Stearns County from the serious and harmful health effects associated with tobacco use. This ordinance is intended to regulate the sale of commercial tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices and nicotine or lobelia delivery products. Stearns County also recognizes that sale of commercial tobacco, tobacco related devices, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery products to persons under the age of 21 violates both federal and state law.

Section 2. JURISDICTION.

This ordinance governs the licensing and regulation of the sale of tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, and nicotine or lobelia delivery products in the unorganized territory of Stearns County and in any city or town located in Stearns County that does not license and regulate retail sales of tobacco, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, and nicotine or lobelia delivery products in conformance with the minimum requirements of Minn. Stat. § 461. Retail establishments licensed by a city or town are not required to obtain a second license for the same location under this ordinance.

Section 3. DEFINITIONS.

Except as may otherwise be provided or clearly implied by context, all terms are given their commonly accepted definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

CHILD-RESISTANT PACKAGING: Packaging that meets the definition set forth in **Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, section 1700.15(b)**, as in effect on January 1, 2015, and was tested in accordance with the method described in **Code of Federal Regulations, title 16, section 1700.20**, as in effect on January 1, 2015.

CIGAR. Any roll of tobacco that is wrapped in tobacco leaf or in any other substance containing tobacco, with or without a tip or mouthpiece, which is not a cigarette as defined in Minn. Stat. § 297F.01, subd. 3, as may be amended from time to time.

COMPLIANCE CHECKS:

The system the county uses to investigate and ensure that those authorized to sell licensed products are following and complying with the requirements of this ordinance. **COMPLIANCE CHECKS** may also be conducted by the county or other units of government for educational, research, and training purposes or for investigating or enforcing federal, state, or local laws and regulations relating to licensed products.

DELIVERY SALE. The sale of any licensed product to any person for personal consumption and not for resale when the sale is conducted by any means other than an in-person, over-the-counter sales transaction in a licensed retail establishment. **DELIVERY SALE** includes but is not limited to the sale of any licensed product when the sale is conducted by telephone, other voice transmission, mail, the internet, or app-based service. **DELIVERY SALE** includes delivery by licensees or third parties by any means, including curbside pick-up.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY DEVICES. Any product containing or delivering nicotine, lobelia, or any other substance, whether natural or synthetic, intended for human consumption through the inhalation of aerosol or vapor from the product. **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY DEVICE** includes, but is not limited to, devices manufactured, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pens, mods, tank systems, or under any other product name or descriptor. **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY DEVICE** includes any component part of a product, whether or not marketed or sold separately. **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY DEVICE** does not include any nicotine cessation product that has been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to be marketed and for sale as "drugs," "devices," or "combination products," as defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

INDOOR AREA. All space between a floor and a ceiling that is bounded by walls, doorways, or windows, whether

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open or closed, covering more than 50 percent of the combined surface area of the vertical planes constituting the perimeter of the area. A wall includes any retractable divider, garage door, or other physical barrier, whether temporary or permanent.

LICENSED PRODUCT. The term that collectively refers to any tobacco, tobacco-related device, electronic delivery device, or nicotine or lobelia delivery product.

LOOSIES. The common term used to refer to single cigarettes, cigars, and any other licensed product that have been removed from their original retail packaging and offered for sale. Loosies does not include premium cigars that are hand-constructed, have a wrapper made entirely from whole tobacco leaf, and have a filler and binder made entirely of tobacco, except for adhesives or other materials used to maintain size, texture, or flavor.

MOVEABLE PLACE OF BUSINESS. Any form of business that is operated out of a kiosk, truck, van, automobile or other type of vehicle or transportable shelter and that is not a fixed address or other permanent type of structure licensed for over-the-counter sales transactions.

NICOTINE OR LOBELIA DELIVERY PRODUCT. Any product containing or delivering nicotine or lobelia, whether natural or synthetic, intended for human consumption, or any part of such a product, that is not a tobacco or an electronic delivery device as defined in this section. **NICOTINE OR LOBELIA DELIVERY PRODUCT** does not include any nicotine cessation product that has been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to be marketed and for sale as "drugs," "devices," or "combination products," as defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT. Any place of business where licensed products are available for sale to the general public. The phrase includes, but is not limited to, grocery stores, tobacco products shops, convenience stores, gasoline service stations, bars, and restaurants.

SALE. Any transfer of goods for money, trade, barter or other consideration.

SELF-SERVICE DISPLAY. The open display of licensed products in any manner where any person has access to the licensed products without the assistance or intervention of the licensee or the licensee's employee, and where a physical exchange of the licensed product from the licensee or the licensee's employee to the customer is not required to access the licensed products.

SMOKING. Inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated product containing, made, or derived from nicotine, tobacco, cannabis, or other plant, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for inhalation. **SMOKING** also includes carrying or using an activated electronic delivery device.

TOBACCO PRODUCT. Any product containing, made, or derived from commercial tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product including but not limited to cigarettes; cigars; cheroots; stogies; perique; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, or other smoking tobacco; snuff; snuff flour; cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine cut and other chewing tobaccos; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings, and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco. **TOBACCO PRODUCT** does not include any nicotine cessation product that has been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to be marketed and for sale as "drugs," "devices," or "combination products," as defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

TOBACCO-RELATED DEVICE. Any rolling papers, wraps, pipes, or other device intentionally designed or intended to be used with tobacco products. **TOBACCO-RELATED DEVICE** includes components of tobacco-related devices or tobacco products, which may be marketed or sold separately. **TOBACCO-RELATED DEVICES** may or may not contain tobacco.

VENDING MACHINE. Any mechanical, electric or elec-

tronic, or other type of device that dispenses licensed products upon payment by any form by the person seeking to purchase the licensed product.

Section 4. LICENSE.
(A) *License Required.* No person shall sell or offer to sell any licensed product without first having obtained a license to do so from the county.

(B) *Application.* An application for a license to sell licensed products must be made on a form provided by Stearns County. The application must contain the full name of the applicant, the applicant's residential and business addresses and telephone numbers, the name of the business for which the license is sought, and any additional information the county deems necessary. Upon receipt of a completed application, the County Auditor will forward the application to the Stearns County Board for action at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If the County Auditor determines that an application is incomplete, it will be returned to the applicant with notice of the information necessary to make the application complete.

(C) *Action.* The Stearns County Board may approve or deny the application for a license, or it may delay action for a reasonable period of time to complete any investigation of the application or the applicant deemed necessary. If the Stearns County Board approves the application, the County Auditor will issue the license to the applicant. If the Stearns County Board denies the application, notice of the denial will be given to the applicant along with notice of the applicant's right to appeal the decision.

(D) *Term.* All licenses issued are valid for one calendar year from the date of issue.

(E) *Revocation or suspension.* Any license issued may be suspended or revoked following the procedures set forth in Article 12.

(F) *Transfers.* All licenses issued are valid only on the premises for which the license was issued and only for the person to whom the license was issued. The transfer of any license to another location or person is prohibited.

(G) *Display.* All licenses must be posted and displayed at all times in plain view of the general public in the retail establishment.

(H) *Renewals.* The renewal of a license issued under this ordinance will be handled in the same manner as the original application. The request for a renewal must be made at least 30 days, but no more than 60 days, before the expiration of the current license.

(I) *Issuance as privilege and not a right.* The issuance of a license is a privilege and does not entitle the license holder to an automatic renewal of the license.

(J) *Smoking prohibited.* Smoking, including smoking for the purpose of the sampling of licensed products, is prohibited within the indoor area of any retail establishment licensed under this ordinance.

(K) *Samples prohibited.* No person shall distribute samples of any licensed product free of charge or at a nominal cost. The distribution of licensed products as a free donation is prohibited.

(L) *Minimum Clerk Age.* Individuals employed by a retail establishment under this ordinance must be at least 16 years of age.

Section 5. FEES. No license will be issued under this ordinance until the appropriate license fees are paid in full. The fees will be established by the county's fee schedule and may be amended from time to time.

Section 6. BASIS FOR DENIAL OF LICENSE.

(A) Grounds for denying the issuance or renewal of a license include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) The applicant is under 21 years of age.

(2) The applicant has been convicted within the past five years of any violation of a federal, state, or local law, ordinance provision, or other regulation relating to licensed products.

(3) The applicant has had a license to sell licensed products suspended or revoked within the preceding 12 months of the date of application.

(4) The applicant fails to provide any of the information required on the licensing application or provides false or misleading information.

(5) The applicant is prohibited by federal, state, or other local law, ordinance, or other regulation from holding a license.

(6) The retail establishment for which the applicant is applying is a moveable place of business. No license will be is-

sued to a moveable place of business. Only fixed-location businesses are eligible to be licensed.

(B) If a license is mistakenly issued or renewed to a person, it will be revoked upon the discovery that the person was ineligible for the license under this ordinance. The county will provide the license holder with notice of the revocation, along with information on the right to appeal.

Section 7. PROHIBITED ACTS.

(A) In general. No person shall sell or offer to sell any licensed product:

(1) By means of any type of vending machine.

(2) By means of loosies as defined.

(3) Containing opium, morphine, jimson weed, bella donna, strychnos, cocaine, cannabis, or other deleterious, hallucinogenic, toxic, or controlled substances except nicotine and other substances found naturally in tobacco or added as part of an otherwise lawful manufacturing process. It is not the intention of this provision to ban the sale of lawfully manufactured cigarettes or other tobacco products subject to this ordinance.

(4) By means of self-service display. All licensed products must be stored behind the sales counter, in a locked case, in a storage unit, or in another area not freely accessible to the general public. Any retailer selling licensed products at the time this ordinance is adopted must comply with this section within 90 days of the effective date of this ordinance.

(5) By means of delivery sales. All sales of licensed products must be conducted in person, in a retail establishment, in over-the-counter sales transactions.

(6) By any other means, to any other person, on in any other manner or form prohibited by federal, state or other local law, ordinance provision, or other regulation.

(B) *Legal age.* No person shall sell any licensed product to any person under the age of 21.

A. Age verification. Licensees must verify by means of government-issued photographic identification that the purchaser is at least 21 years of age. Verification is not required for a person over the age of 30. That the person appeared to be 30 years of age or older does not constitute a defense to a violation of this subsection.

B. Signage. Notice of the legal sales age, age verification requirement, and possible penalties for underage sales must be posted prominently and in plain view at all times at each location where licensed products are offered for sale. The required signage, which will be provided to the licensee by the county, must be posted in a manner that is clearly visible to anyone who is, or is considering, making a purchase.

(C) *Liquid packaging.* No person shall sell or offer to sell any liquid, whether or not such liquid contains nicotine, intended for human consumption and for use in an electronic delivery device, in packaging that is not child-resistant. Upon request by the county, a licensee must provide a copy of the certificate of compliance or full laboratory testing report for the packaging used.

(D) *Coupon and price promotion.* No person shall accept or redeem any coupon, price promotion, or other instrument or mechanism, whether in paper, digital, electronic, mobile, or any other form, that provides any licensed products to a consumer at no cost or at a price that is less than the non-discounted, standard price listed by a retailer on the item or on any related shelving, posting, advertising, or display at the location where the item is sold or offered for sale, including all applicable taxes.

Section 8. RESPONSIBILITY. All licensees are responsible for the actions of their employees in regard to the sale, offer to sell, and furnishing of licensed products on the licensed premises. The sale, offer to sell, or furnishing of any licensed product by an employee shall be considered an act of the licensee. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the county from also subjecting the employee to any civil penalties that the county deems to be appropriate under this ordinance, state or federal law, or other applicable law or regulation.

Section 9. COMPLIANCE CHECKS AND INSPECTIONS.

(A) All licensed premises shall be open to inspection by law enforcement or other authorized county officials during regular business hours.

(B) From time to time, but at least once per year, the

county shall conduct a compliance check to ensure compliance with all provisions of this ordinance.

(C) In accordance with state law, the county will conduct a compliance check that involves the participation of a person at least 17 years of age, but under the age of 21, to enter the licensed premises to attempt to purchase licensed products. Prior written consent from a parent or guardian is required for any person under the age of 18 to participate in a compliance check. Persons used for the purpose of compliance checks will be supervised by law enforcement or other designated personnel.

Section 10. OTHER PROHIBITED ACTS. Unless otherwise provided, the following acts are an administrative violation of this ordinance:

(A) *Prohibited furnishing or procurement.* It is a violation of this ordinance for any person 21 years of age or older to purchase or otherwise obtain any licensed product on behalf of a person under the age of 21. It is also a violation for any person 21 years of age and older to coerce or attempt to coerce a person under the age of 21 to illegally purchase or attempt to purchase any licensed product.

(B) *Use of false identification.* It is a violation of this ordinance for any person under the age of 21 to use any form of false identification, whether the identification is that of another person or has been modified or tampered with to represent an age older than the actual age of the person using that identification.

Section 11. EXCEPTIONS AND DEFENSES.

(A) *Religious, Spiritual, or Cultural Ceremonies or Practices.* Nothing in this ordinance prevents the provision of tobacco or tobacco-related devices to any person as part of an indigenous practice or a lawfully recognized religious, spiritual, or cultural ceremony or practice.

(B) *Reasonable Reliance.* It is an affirmative defense to a violation of this ordinance for a person to have reasonably relied on proof of age as described by state law.

Section 12. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

(A) *Violations.*

(1) Notice. A person violating this ordinance may be issued, either personally or by mail, a citation from the county that sets forth the alleged violation and that informs the alleged violator of their right to a hearing on the matter and how and where a hearing may be requested, including a contact address and phone number.

(2) Hearings.

(a) Upon issuance of a citation, a person accused of violating this ordinance may request in writing a hearing on the matter. Hearing requests must be made within 10 business days of the issuance of the citation and delivered to the County Attorney's Office. Failure to properly request a hearing within 10 business days of the issuance of the citation will terminate the person's right to a hearing.

(b) The County Attorney or other designated county officer will set the time and place for the hearing. Written notice of the hearing time and place will be mailed or delivered to the accused violator at least 10 business days prior to the hearing.

(3) Hearing Officer. The Stearns County Attorney will designate a hearing officer. The hearing officer will be an impartial employee of the county or an impartial person retained by the county to conduct the hearing.

(4) Decision. A decision will be issued by the hearing officer within 10 business days of the hearing. If the hearing officer determines that a violation of this ordinance did occur, that decision, along with the hearing officer's reasons for finding a violation and the penalty to be imposed, will be recorded in writing, a copy of which will be provided to the county and the accused violator by in-person delivery or mail as soon as practicable. If the hearing officer finds that no violation occurred or finds grounds for not imposing any penalty, those findings will be recorded and a copy will be provided to the county and the acquitted accused violator by in-person delivery or mail as soon as practicable. The decision of the hearing officer is final, subject to an appeal as described in section 12, division (A)(5) of this section.

(5) Appeals. Appeals of any decision made by the hearing officer must be filed in Stearns County district court within 10 business days of the date of the decision.

(6) Continued violation. Each violation, and every day in which a violation occurs or

continues, shall constitute a separate offense.

(7) Costs. If the citation is upheld by the hearing officer, the county's actual expenses in holding the hearing up to maximum of \$1,000 must be paid by the person requesting the hearing.

(B) *Administrative penalties.*

(1) Licensees. Any licensee found to have violated this ordinance, or whose employee violated this ordinance, will be charged an administrative fine of \$300 for a first violation; \$600 for a second offense at the same licensed premises within a 36-month period of the first violation; and \$1,000 for a third or subsequent offense at the same location within a 36-month period. Upon the third violation, the license will be suspended for a period of not less than 30 consecutive days. Upon a fourth violation, the license will be revoked.

(2) Other individuals. Individuals, other than persons regulated by paragraph (B)(3) of this section, who are found to be in violation of this ordinance will be charged an administrative fine of \$50 or required to attend an instructional program regarding the requirements of the tobacco retail licensing ordinance. If the individual is under the age of 18, notice of a violation may be sent to the minor's parents or guardian.

(3) Persons under the age of 21. Persons under the age of 21 who use a false identification to purchase or attempt to purchase licensed products may only be subject to non-criminal, non-monetary civil penalties such as tobacco-related education classes, diversion programs, community services, or another penalty that the county determines to be appropriate. If the person is under the age of 18, notice of a violation may be sent to the minor's parents or guardian.

(4) Statutory penalties. If the penalties authorized to be imposed by Minn. Stat. § 461.12, as it may be amended from time to time, differs from that established in this section, then the higher penalty will prevail.

(5) Unlawful administrative penalty reimbursement. It shall be unlawful for any licensee to make an employee reimburse or pay any administrative fine imposed under subdivision (1) herein, whether directly or through payroll deduction. Any licensee found to have violated this provision shall be subject to misdemeanor prosecution and administrative fine. Nothing in this section shall prevent an employee from seeking reimbursement or a civil action for the unlawful withholding of wages or compensation under state law.

(6) Payment of fines. Any administrative fines levied by the county pursuant to this section shall be paid within 30 days of the date of mailing of the citation or the hearing findings issued under this ordinance.

(C) *Criminal prosecution.* Nothing in this section prohibits the county from seeking prosecution as a petty misdemeanor or misdemeanor for any violation of State Law.

Section 13. SEVERABILITY.

If any section or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity will not affect other sections or provisions that can be given force and effect without the invalidated section or provision.

Section 14. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance becomes effective on the date of its publication, or upon the publication of a summary of the ordinance as provided by Minn. Stat. § 375.51, subd. 3, as it may be amended from time to time, which meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 331A.01, subd. 10, as it may be amended from time to time.

Passed by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 12th day of May 2026. This Ordinance will take effect on July 1st, 2026.

Recess Regular Meeting
Chair Notch adjourned the Regular County Board Meeting to conduct the Human Services Board Meeting at 9:31 AM.

Human Services Board Regular Items

H.1. Janet Goligowski, Human Services Director, provided a brief overview of the collaborative agreement. After some discussion, motion was made to approve Stearns County's participation in a Joint Collaborative Agreement with Benton and Sherburne Counties to receive Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Innovation and Infrastructure Grant funds in the amount of \$400,000 over two years for regional public health efforts. Benton County will serve as

the fiscal agent and grant manager on behalf of the three-county region.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

SECONDER: District 4 Bob Johnson

H.2. Janet Goligowski, Human Services Director, provided a brief update on the Family Resource Centers, including opportunities for potential funding to come later this year.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY – NO VOTE
Close Human Services Board

Chair Notch closed the Human Services Board Meeting at 9:46 AM.

Reconvene Regular County Board Meeting

Public Works
K.1. Chris Byrd, County Engineer, gave insight into the error that had occurred within the Final Payment for the CSAH 75 Bridge Replacement. The Contractor should have received a deduct of \$1,551.42 per spec for not achieving the density spec on the pavement leading to the bridge. Once the error was discovered, the Contractor was notified and a refund check was received by the Highway Department for the overpayment. Motion was made to approve the Revised Final Payment for CSAH 75 Bridge Replacement over Sauk River SP 073-675-042 to Lunda Construction Company.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

SECONDER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

K.2. Chris Byrd, County Engineer, provided an overview of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Grant Application process. After some discussion, it was decided that the County will not be submitting an application for the project at this time. More information and an approval letter from MNDOT is needed before they can move forward with this process.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY – NO VOTE

K.3. Motion was made to approve Resolution 26-35, supporting the City of Paynesville's pursuit of Carbon Reduction Program Funding for the Glacial Lakes Regional Trail Extension Project. This will make Stearns County the fiscal agent for the grant.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

SECONDER: District 4 Bob Johnson

RESOLUTION 26-35
A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA SUPPORTING THE CITY OF PAYNESVILLE'S PURSUIT OF CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE GLACIAL LAKES REGIONAL TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEARAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Third District is soliciting applications to the Carbon Reduction Program, seeking to award funding to projects that reduce carbon emissions from surface transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paynesville's Glacial Lakes Trail Extension Project aims to extend trail through central Paynesville along Highway 55, CR130, and 185th St, connecting residents to key community locations and tying together the regional trail system and the local non-motorized network.

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the Stearns County 2040 Comprehensive Plan, where the need to connect the Koronis Lake Recreational Trail to the Glacial Lakes Regional Trail was identified; and

WHEREAS, the Carbon Reduction Program requires a sponsoring agency for small cities. Stearns County is prepared to act as the sponsoring agency on behalf of the City of Paynesville. Stearns County will execute the grant agreement, ensure the proposed project is meeting milestones, and is committed to ensuring the 20% local cost share requirement is met; and,

WHEREAS, residents of Paynesville residing west of US Highway 23 lack pedestrian and bicycle connections to the rest of Paynesville; and

WHEAREAS, greater trail connectivity will provide guests and residents with enhanced multimodal access to downtown Paynesville, creating an economic boon for the city; and

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office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on July 28, 2026.

Dated: June 22, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

(Publish June 23, 2026)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BRING IT HOME
RENTAL ASSISTANCE
WAITING LIST OPENING**
The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Stearns County (HRA) announces that, pursuant to 24 CFR 982.206(a), the waiting list for the **Bring It Home Rental Assistance Program** will open on **Monday, July 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**
• The enrollment period will remain open until 125 applications have been received.
• Applications will be se-

lected through a lottery conducted by a third party vendor.

Once the lottery is complete, the waiting list will close until further notice.

Applicant Preferences
Qualified households may receive preference points as follows:

- Homeless/At Risk Families with School Age Children (18 and under): 10 points
- Extremely Low Income Families ($\leq 30\%$ of median income): 5 points
- Residency in Stearns County (head, spouse, or co head): 1 point
- Families with Children (under 18): 1 point
- Disability or Age 62+: 1 point
- Near Elderly/Disabled (age 50-61 with a disability in household): 1 point
- Elderly (age 62+): 1 point
- Employment/Education in Stearns County (head, spouse, or co head working or enrolled in job training/education programs): 1 point

How to Apply
Applications must be submitted **online only** at: housing.stearnsra.com

No paper applications will be accepted.

/s/ Neil Fortier,
Executive Director

Equal Housing Opportunity

(Publish June 23, 2026)

Pros And Cons To Walking The Golf Course

Golf requires both mental acuity and physical fitness. That's because the average golfer travels a significant distance over the course of a typical round.

According to the PGA of America, the average PGA Tour pro will walk roughly 319 miles every season. Non-pros alike tend to accumulate the miles when playing golf. The average course length measures between 3.5 to four miles directly from tee to green. But the actual distance a player walks is closer to four to six miles after accounting for navigating to and from shots, traversing holes and walking around hazards.

Golfers may wonder if they should keep their feet on the turf or turn to golf carts as they approach a new season on the links. There are some pros and cons to each option.

Pros of walking the course

There are many advantages to walking the golf course while playing a round.

• Stay in the game: Walking helps connect you

mentally to the game, rather than checking your phone or chatting with others in the cart. By being on the ground, you can continually assess the terrain and feel the wind, helping you to gauge what you need to do to keep your score low.

• Reap health benefits: Waking 18 holes of golf burns around 1,400 to 1,500 calories, says Golf.com. This constant low-impact aerobic exercise improves cardiovascular health and can lower blood pressure over time.

• Get a different perspective: Waking toward the ball at each hole lets you see the course in a unique way, which may allow for more deliberate shot planning. This perspective may not be visible from the cart, where the way the ground slopes or obstacles like hidden bunkers are less apparent.

• Save money: Walking helps save you money. Many courses offer a reduced rate if you walk because they remove the cart fee. Rates vary by course and area, but golf cart fees can range from \$15 to \$30 per person for 18 holes.

Cons to walking the course

While walking can be advantageous, sometimes it isn't always practical. Here are reasons why you might want to choose a cart.

• Fulfill a physical need: Fatigue can set in on the back nine, especially on particularly hilly courses. Feeling tired may compromise swing mechanics, which can slump your scoring in the latter half of the game. You also may tire more easily if you have pre-existing mobility issues.

• Lack of speed: Walking can slow down a game when you're playing with a group. On busy days, the pressure from others behind you can make you feel rushed and stressed. In these instances, you may be compelled to take to the cart to speed things up.

• Avoid inclement weather:

Walking the course may be a great option on a day with welcoming weather. However, in extreme heat or high humidity, the weather can quickly sap your energy and become a safety hazard.

• Course designs: Courses with large gaps between greens and the next tee boxes are designed for motorized carts, making walking impractical.

• Bag weight can increase injury risk: If your bag must be carried instead of pushed or pulled, the repetitive motion of lifting and setting down the bag, as well as carrying it, can put strain on your back and shoulders.

Walking the golf course or riding is often a personal choice, but sometimes it is dictated by the weather, a golfer's overall health and the terrain of the course.

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