

Public Notices

MECHANIC LIEN SALE
Notice of Sale: 11/23/2026 at 09:00 AM
Don Robinson Mitsubishi, 3711 Co Rd 137, St. Cloud, MN 56301
VIN: 1FDWE3F61JDC03977, 2018 FORD E- SERIES E-350
Being sold due to nonpayment of repair order in the amount of \$ 751.11

(Pub. Oct. 20 - Nov. 3, 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 **Peter Herkenhoff and Sasha Roedel on behalf of Michael and Mary Herkenhoff, Freeport, MN** from Section 6.8.5 D of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439 to construct a residential dwelling within the 700-ft feedlot setback. **Affected Property:** 160 acres in the SE1/4 of Section 10 T126N R032W, Millwood Township. **Property Address: 27828 County Road 17, Freeport MN.**

2. To consider a request from **Benjamin Pflueger of Watab Inc., St. Joseph, MN on behalf of Keith and Rebecca Reiter, 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 100 feet from Middle Spunk Lake, classified General Development. **Affected Property:** Lot 3, Block 1 of Shorewood Plat 2, Section 29, T125N, R30W, Avon Township. **Property Address: 33612 Shorewood Dr., Avon, MN.**
When and where is the meeting?

Date and Time: Thursday, November 12, 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 Alicia Gohmann at Alicia.Gohmann@stearnscountymn.gov, or 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 Alicia Gohmann at Alicia.Gohmann@stearnscountymn.gov, or 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 October 27, 2026)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD Independent School District No. 750 Cold Spring, Minnesota September 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 750 was called to order by Chair Vettleson at the ROCORI District Office Boardroom at 5:30 pm.

Board Members present: Jenna Kollar, Robin Vettleson, Matt Thompson, Jennifer Bohnsack

Board Members absent: Kayla Nierenhausen, Lynn Schurman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Matt Thompson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jennifer Bohnsack. The motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Jennifer Bohnsack to approve the consent agenda with the clarification that Taylor Haines, Natasha Kinzer, and Jessica Wente are going from lane BS to BS +10. Seconded by Matt Thompson. The motion carries unanimously.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on August 24, 2026. Recommend approval of the minutes from the meetings.

B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Treasurer Thompson will have been at the school site to review bills, ask questions, and confirm information prior to the meeting. Recommendation is to approve the bill payment of \$1,738,919.30 subject to any adjustments or direction offered by the Treasurer.

C. TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Thompson will have reviewed financial information for the board. This information is included in the Treasurer's Report.

D. EMPLOYMENT

Recommend approval of the assignment as outlined.

a. Cold Spring Elementary Long Term Music Substitute Teacher — Hailey Gabler

b. Richmond Elementary School Special Education Paraprofessional—Jessica Gertken

c. ROCORI High School Paraprofessional — Courtney Loso

d. ROCORI Secondary School Cleaner—Maria Chacu Quetzecua

e. District Education Facility childcare aide—Ella Sussenguth

f. District Education Facility childcare aide — Julia Hansen

g. ROCORI Head Girl's Golf Coach — Jon Koenig

h. District Education Facility Childcare Assistant — Aubrey Olson

i. District Education Facility

ty Childcare Aide-Cora Koosmann

E. LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

a. ROCORI Secondary School Custodian, Jim Cox, is requesting leave from October 13, 2026 through January 15, 2027 with an expected return date of January 18, 2027.

b. ROCORI Secondary Art Teacher, Shelby Teal Forsberg, is requesting leave from December 21, 2026 through April 23, 2027.

c. Cold Spring Elementary Teacher, Emily Rustad, is requesting leave starting January 18, 2027, for 14 weeks. She has an expected return to work date of April 26, 2027.

d. Cold Spring Elementary Paraprofessional, Brenda Zumwalde, is requesting leave from October 28, 2026 to January 20, 2027 with an expected return date of January 21, 2027.

e. ROCORI Secondary School cook's helper, Dianna Callais, is requesting leave from September 1, 2026 through September 16, 2026.

F. RETIREMENTS-RESIGNATIONS

Recommend approval of the following resignations and/or retirements.

a. Cold Spring Elementary paraprofessional, Vickie McIntire, will be retiring effective September 30, 2026.

b. John Clark Elementary Head Custodian, Tom Goerger, will be retiring December 2, 2026.

G. RETIRED-REHIRED CONTRACTS

The following contract is being presented for a retire-rehire teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Recommendation to approve the contracts as presented.

a. ROCORI Middle School English Teacher for 5 terms beginning November 30, 2026 through April 16, 2027-Brenda Vierzba

H. LANE CHANGES

The Master Agreement with our teaching staff allows our teachers to request a lane change in September, December and March of each school year. A report of the requested lane changes is included in your documents for approval. Once approved, the change becomes part of their pay the following month. Recommendation: Approve the lane changes as presented.

The following resolution was moved by Matt Thompson and seconded by Robin Vettleson:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full." and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School

Board of Rocori Public Schools, ISD 750, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor
ROCORI Booster Club
Item
August: Dance Resistance Workout System (\$1940)
Designated Purpose(if any)
Dance
Donor
ROCORI Booster Club
Item
September: Boys Basketball Warm up tops (\$1433.12)
Designated Purpose(if any)
Boys Basketball
Donor
ROCORI Booster Club
Item
September: Boys Soccer Warm ups (\$3565.00)
Designated Purpose(if any)
Boys Soccer
Donor
Louis Industries
Item
Sheet Metal (\$8500 value)
Designated Purpose(if any)
RHS Metals Classes
The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:
Aye: Jennifer Bohnsack, Matt Thompson, Robin Vettleson, Jenna Kollar
Nay: None
Absent: Kayla Nierenhausen, Lynn Schurman
Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

A motion was made by Robin Vettleson to approve the girls and boys alpine ski cooperative agreement with the addition of Paynesville school, seconded by Jenna Kollar. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Jennifer Bohnsack to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between service employees international union, local 284 and ISD 750 regarding annual district committee stipen for paraprofessionals and HT bargaining unit members. Seconded by Robin Vettleson. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Jennifer Bohnsack to approve the preliminary levy with the maximum levy authority, seconded by Jenna Kollar. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Thompson to approve the insurance renewal for property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance. Seconded by Robin Vettleson. Motion carries unanimously.

SEIU was on the agenda to present a level 3 grievance to the ROCORI school board. Prior to the meeting, the union withdrew the grievance.

Superintendent Kevin Enerson provided an update on the district.

The Budget Comparison Report for August 2026 was reviewed.

Board members made updates on their respective committees.

Chair Vettleson called for comments and requests from visitors.

Upcoming events and activities on the school calendar were reviewed.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Jenna Kollar, Clerk

(Publish October 27, 2026)

STEARNS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENACT AN ORDINANCES

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375, notice is hereby given that the Stearns County Board of Commissioners intends to consider the enactment of the following Ordinances:

Stearns County Ordinance Number 709 shall be considered for enactment at a meeting to be held on **November 10, 2026 after 9:00am** in the County Board Room, Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St.

Cloud, Minnesota. The agenda will be available approximately 2 business days prior to the meeting on the Stearns County website on the Meetings on Demand page at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/Portal/> or by contacting Stearns County Environmental Services.

The general purpose and subject matter of Ordinance Number 709 is as follows:

It amends Ordinance Number 439 by rezoning approximately 7.5 acres from the Residential 5 (R-5) zoning district to the Residential 1 (R-1) zoning district. The property is located in Government Lot 1 and is part of Lot 1 Block 1 Riverview Park Plat 3, lying west of Ulster Road, in Section 28 of Brockway Township (126/28). The property address is 5101 Ulster Rd, Rice MN.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is on file at the Stearns County Environmental Services Department or by calling 320-656-3613.

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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 **Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

- The enrollment period will remain open until **125 applications** have been received.

- Applications will be selected 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 (≤ 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 October 27, 2026)

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No: 73-PR-26-7100

NOTICE ON APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Lawrence Irvin Spong,
Decedent.

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative for the informal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, July 27, 2016, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Dr. Richard Spong, whose address is 16305 54th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and Dr. Richard Spong to serve as personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: October 14, 2026
Amanda Fisher
Registrar

Dated: October 14, 2026
George Lock
Court Administrator

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated October 14, 2026

Attorney for Petitioner
TREK AND TRUST LAW
William P. Moriarty,
I.D. No. 0399351
18314 Joplin Street NW
Elk River, MN 55330

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Rider Gets Reared Off Horse Causing Injuries

On October 16th, 2026, at approximately 1:21 p.m., the Stearns County Emergency Communications Center received a report of a medical emergency in the 38800 block of Long Lake Road, in Millwood Township. The caller stated there was a female at this location that had been reared off by a horse, and then the horse had landed on her.

Upon arrival, it was learned that Peyton Wensmann, 17, of Melrose was riding the horse in a corral on the property. At some

point, the horse reared, Wensmann off it and landed on her. It was reported by a family member that Wensmann has approximately 10 years of riding experience and is on the rodeo circuit. Wensmann was transported to the St. Cloud Hospital for her injuries that are believed to be non-life-threatening.

Assisting the Stearns County Sheriff's Office was the Melrose Police Department, Freeport Fire Department, and Melrose Ambulance.

63rd Annual

Fish Fry

Holy Cross Marty Community Preservation Corporation

(Pearl Lake), MN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th 2026

Serving from 4 pm to 8 pm



ALL YOU CAN EAT

Menu -

- Hand Breaded Fish
- Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Chips
- Bread
- Beer/Pop/Water

Events Available -

- Raffle
- Plinko
- Pull tabs
- Gun Raffle

Prices -

Adults: \$15 | Ages 3-10: \$7 | 2 & Under: Free

Dine in or Take Out Available!



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