

Public Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT
7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No:
73-FA-26-5388
Case Type: Custody

Summons to Establish
Custody and
Parenting Time

In Re the Custody of:

Linkin William Avila
Born: 5/14/2026

Michael Thomas Avila,
Petitioner,

and

Faith Romansik,
Respondent

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENT :

THIS SUMMONS IS AN
OFFICIAL DOCUMENT
THAT AFFECTS YOUR
RIGHTS. A copy of the pa-
perwork regarding the law-
suit is served on you with
this summons. Read this
summons and attached pe-
tition carefully. If you do
not understand it, contact
an attorney for legal advice.

1. The Petitioner has filed a
lawsuit asking the court to de-
cide custody and parenting
time of the minor child(ren)
listed above in the caption.

2. You must serve upon Pe-
titioner and file with the court
a written Answer to the Peti-
tion. If Petitioner is requesting
child support, you must file a
Financial Affidavit along with
your Answer. You must pay
the required filing fee. If you
cannot afford to pay the filing
fee, you may qualify to have
the filing fee waived by the
court. You must file an In For-
ma Pauperis application with
the court and a judge will de-
cide whether you must pay the
fee. All court forms are avail-
able from the Court Adminis-
trator's office and on the
Court's website at www.mn.courts.gov/forms. You must
serve your Answer and Finan-
cial Affidavit upon Petitioner
within 21 days of the date
you were served with this
Summons, not counting the
day of service. If you do not
serve and file your Answer and
Financial Affidavit, the court
may grant Petitioner every-
thing he or she is asking for in
the attached Petition.

NOTICE OF PARENT
EDUCATION PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS

Parenting education may be
required in all custody or par-
enting proceedings. You may
contact court administration for
additional information re-
garding this requirement and
the availability of parent edu-
cation programs.

Dated:May 18, 2026

Michael Thomas Avila
1423 7th Street S.
Apt. G-103
Waite Park, MN 56387

(Publish October 6 - 20, 2026)

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.:
73-CV-26-2815

LAND TITLE SUMMONS IN
APPLICATION FOR REGIS-
TRATION OF LAND

In the Matter of the Applica-
tion of:

BB&H Land, LLC, to Regis-
ter Title to Certain Land in
Stearns County, described in
attached Exhibit A,

Applicant,

vs.

Karen K. Cotton, Trustee of
the Karen K. Cotton Trust
U/A/D August 27, 2020, Mag-
nifi Financial Credit Union,
City of St. Joseph, Nathan J.
Koob, Marie R. Koob, Bell
Bank, and all other persons or
parties unknown, claiming any
right, title, estate, lien or inter-
est in the real estate described
in the application or amend-
ments therein,

STATE OF MINNESOTA TO
THE ABOVE NAMED DE-
FENDANTS.

You are hereby summoned
and required to answer the Ap-
plication of the Applicant in
the above entitled proceeding
and to file your answer to said
Application in the Office of the
Court Administrator, Stearns
County, within twenty (20)
days after service of this Sum-
mons upon you exclusive of the
date of service, and if you fail
to answer the Application with-
in the time aforesaid, the Ap-
plicant in this proceeding will
apply to the Court for the relief
demanded therein.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec.
508.16, this Summons may be
personally served outside the
state of Minnesota upon any
Defendants who are a non-resi-
dent of Minnesota and who
cannot be found within Min-
nesota.

Witness, District Court Ad-
ministrator, Stearns County,
District Court at Stearns
County Government Center,
725 Courthouse Square, St.
Cloud, MN 56303, Minnesota
on July 30, 2026.

STEARNS COUNTY DIS-
TRICT COURT ADMINISTRA-
TOR

By Kirstin E.
Deputy

APPROVED: July 6, 2026

By David J. Meyers
(0151695)
Stearns County Examiner of
Titles

Dated: July 13, 2026

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Attorney for Applicant

EXHIBIT A

SUGGESTED LEGAL DE-
SCRIPTION

That part of the Northwest
Quarter of the Southwest
Quarter (NW1/4 SW1/4) of Section
11, Township 124 North,
Range 92 West, Stearns Coun-
ty, Minnesota, described as fol-
lows:

Commencing at the southwest
corner of said Section 11;

thence North 89 degrees 01
minute 00 seconds East, as-
sumed bearing along the south
line of the Southwest Quarter
(SW1/4) of said Section 11, for
1339.13 feet to the southeast
corner of the Southwest Quar-
ter of the Southwest Quarter
(SW1/4 SW1/4) of said Section
11;

thence North 00 degrees 32
minutes 11 seconds West,
along the east lines of said
SW1/4 SW1/4 and said NW1/4
SW1/4, for 2097.65 feet to the
point of beginning;

thence continue North 00 de-
grees 32 minutes 11 seconds
West, along said east line of
NW1/4 SW1/4, for 210.62 feet
to the intersection with the
easterly extension of the south
line of MOHS ADDITION, a
duly recorded plat on file and

of record in the office of the
county recorder in and for
Stearns County, Minnesota;

thence South 85 degrees 07
minutes 54 seconds West,
along said easterly extension of
the south line of MOHS ADDI-
TION, 203.48 feet to a one-half
inch diameter iron pipe with
cap stamped "RLS 10918", be-
ing a corner of the easterly
boundary of Outlot A, POND
VIEW RIDGE FIVE, a duly
recorded plat on file and of
record in the office of the coun-
ty recorder in and for Stearns
County, Minnesota;

thence continue South 85 de-
grees 07 minutes 54 seconds
West, along said easterly ex-
tension of the south line of said
MOHS ADDITION, the same
being an easterly line of said
Outlot A, POND VIEW RIDGE
FIVE, 16.32 feet to a corner on
the easterly boundary of said
Outlot A, POND VIEW RIDGE
FIVE;

thence South 00 degrees 54
minutes 22 seconds East, along
an easterly line of Outlot A,
199.74 feet to point on the last
described easterly line of Out-
lot A distant 472.14 feet
northerly of a one-half inch di-
ameter iron pipe with cap
stamped "RLS 10918" marking
the southeast corner of Block 3,
said POND VIEW RIDGE
FIVE;

thence deflecting to the east 88
degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds,
measured in a direction from
north to east, on a bearing of
North 87 degrees 57 minutes
38 seconds East 208.72 feet to
the point of beginning.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT
7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No:
73-FA-26-5668
Case Type: Custody

Summons for Third Party
Custody (CHC602)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 257C

Mary Rose Zahratka
Petitioner

AND

Carmelitta Iris Bishop Lauer-
mann
Respondent Parent A

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENTS :

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The Petitioner has filed a
lawsuit against you to ask for
custody of the following minor
children:

Dallas Stone Brunner
Date of Birth: July 21, 2024

A copy of the *Petition for
Third Party Custody* is served
on you with this *Summons*.

This *Summons* is an offi-
cial document that affects
your rights, even if it does
not have a court file num-
ber listed. Read this *Sum-
mons* and the attached *Peti-
tion* carefully. If you do not un-
derstand something in these docu-
ments, contact an attorney for
legal advice.

1. The Petitioner has filed a
lawsuit against you asking the
Court to give Petitioner cus-
tody of the minor children.

2. You must serve upon Pe-
titioner and file with the Court
a written Answer to the Peti-
tion, and you must pay the re-
quired filing fee unless it is
waived by the Court. Answer
forms are available on the Min-
nesota Judicial Branch website
at www.mncourts.gov/forms.

3. You must serve your An-
swer upon the Petitioner **with-
in 21 days** of the date you
were served with this Sum-
mons, not counting the day of
service. If you do not serve and
file an Answer, the Court may
decide custody and give Peti-
tioner everything they are ask-
ing for in the attached Petition.

Date: July 15, 2026

s/ Alexander M. Gutnik
Alexander M. Gutnik
#0399595

803 W Saint Germain St.
St. Cloud, MN 56301
(320) 240-9423
ATTORNEYS FOR PETI-
TIONER

(Publish October 6 - 20, 2026)

Benton-Stearns Education
District #6383 Regular
Board Meeting Minutes

Wed., August 17, 2026

Board Members Present:
Gallagher (Kimball)
Nierenhausen (ROCORI)
Moehrle (Sartell-St. Stephen)
Meier (Holdingford)
Loidolt (Sauk Rapids-Rice)

Board Members Absent:
Rudnitski (Foley)
Loidolt (Sauk Rapids-Rice)
Others Present:

Rivard (Sartell-St. Stephen)
Enerson (ROCORI)
Posthumus (Foley)
Nelson
Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids-Rice)
Widvey (Kimball)
Oehrlein (Holdingford)
Dohrmann

There was a motion by
Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded
by Sauk Rapids-Rice to ap-
prove the agenda with the re-
moval of item l on the consent
agenda. The motion was unani-
mously approved.

There was a motion by
Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded
by Sauk Rapids-Rice to ap-
prove the consent agenda. The
motion was unanimously ap-
proved.

a. Approval of June 17, 2026
Board Minutes

b. Payment of bills, includ-
ing wire transfers, employee
reimbursement through pay-
roll and checks numbered
59967-60059

c. Electronic funds transfers
(EFT)

d. 2026 Budget Summary

e. 2027 Budget Summary

f. Approval of lane change,
Annette Lujan BA+10(SEM)
Step 4 effective September 1,
2026

g. Approval of lane change,
Courtney Vorell MA+40(SEM)
Step 14 effective September 1,
2026

h. Approval of lane change,
Dawn Mathiasen, MA +10
(SEM) Step 14 effective Sep-
tember 1, 2026

i. Approval for hire, Brianna
Middendorf, Paraeducator,
Step 6, effective August 18,
2026.

j. Approval for hire, Andrea
Stone, Paraeducator, Step 5,
effective August 18, 2026.

k. Approval for hire, Ny-
achang Thuok, Paraeducator,
Step 5, effective August 18,
2026.

l. Approval for hire, Court-
ney Vorell, Paraeducator, Step
6, effective August 18, 2026.

m. Approval for hire, Tricia
Fox, Paraeducator, Step 6, ef-
fective August 18, 2026.

n. Approval for hire, Ashley
Schoenfeldt, Paraeducator,
Step 5, effective August 18,
2026.

o. Approval for hire, Hope
Carlson, Paraeducator, Step 5,
effective August 18, 2026.

p. Approval for hire, Chrys-
teena Shimmin, Secretary,
Step 6, effective August 10,
2026.

q. Approval for hire, Lisa
Enns, Long Term Substitute-
School Psychologist, effective
August 24, 2026.

r. Approval of termination,
Rhyan Holzer, Cleaner, effec-
tive August 5, 2026.

s. Approval of tenure status
for Maya Murphy, Pat Russell,
Hannah Anselment, Riane
Beebe, Ashley Fogarty, Patty
Gramke, Stacy Kurth, An-
nette Lujan, and Katie Radeke
effective August 24, 2026.

There was a motion by
Holdingford, seconded by Sauk
Rapids-Rice to approve the
mentor stipends totaling \$1000
for the 2026-2027 school year.
The motion was unanimously
approved.

There was a motion by
Holdingford, seconded by RO-
CORI to approve the 2026 Lan-
guage Access Plan. The motion
was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk
Rapids-Rice, seconded by Hold-
ingford to approve the service
agreement with the Sartell-St.
Stephen School District for
cleaning services. The motion
was approved. Sartell-St.
Stephen abstained from the
vote.

There was a motion by Sauk
Rapids-Rice, seconded by
Sartell-St. Stephen to approve
the contract with Grafton
School, Inc. for paraeducator
services for the 2026-2027
school year. The motion was

unanimously approved.

There was a motion by
Holdingford, seconded by Sauk
Rapids-Rice to approve the
2026-2027 Student/Parent
Handbooks for the BSED Edu-
cational Programs. The motion
was unanimously approved.

Annual Review of the Ben-
ton-Stearns Education District
By-Laws and Agreement. This
is the first reading.

There was a motion by
Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded
by Holdingford to approve the
two year contract for business
services with CESO. The mo-
tion was unanimously ap-
proved.

Executive Director Updates
BSED Program Enrollment
Update

Early Intervention Monthly
Enrollment Update

Grafton Enrollment Up-
date-Staffing Implications

Facilities Update

There was a motion by
Holdingford, seconded by Sauk
Rapids-Rice to adjourn the
meeting at 4:12 p.m. The mo-
tion was unanimously ap-
proved.

The next regular meeting of
the Benton-Stearns Board will
be September 16, 2026 at 3:30
p.m. The minutes are not offi-
cial until reviewed and ap-
proved.

(Publish October 13, 2026)

Collegeville Township
Notice to Voters

Notice is hereby given that
Collegeville Township of
Stearns County will conduct a
public accuracy test of electron-
ic voting equipment on Sun-
day, October 18, 2026 at 10:00
am. The testing is for the State
& Federal General Election
and will be conducted at the
Collegeville Township Hall, lo-
cated at 27724 County Road
50, Cold Spring, MN.

Joe Pohl
Collegeville Township Clerk

(Publish October 13, 2026)

Stearns County
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
9:00 AM - Tuesday,
September 15, 2026
Stearns County
Administration Center

Public Access: No one
spoke at Public Access held be-
fore the start of the County
Board Meeting.

Call to Order

9:00 AM Meeting called to
order by Steve Notch, Chair, on
Tuesday, September 15, 2026,
in the Board Room of the
Stearns County Administra-
tion Center, 705 Courthouse
Square, St. Cloud, MN.

Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner District 1
Tarryl Clark, Commissioner
District 2 Joe Perske, Commis-
sioner District 3 Jeff Bertram,
Commissioner District 4 Bob
Johnson, and Commissioner
District 5 Steve Notch

Approve Agenda

Motion was made to ap-
prove the Agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Bob

Johnson

SECONDER: District 1
Tarryl Clark

Consent Agenda

E.1. Approve Minutes of the
August 25, 2026 County Board
Meeting.

E.2. Approve donation in
the amount of \$1,400.00 to the
Stearns County Parks Depart-
ment from Lori Nelson to be
used to purchase a memorial
plaque and install a granite
bench at Quarry Park and Na-
ture Preserve.

E.3. Authorize Board Chair
to enter into an updated Con-
servation Practice Assistance
Agreement with Stearns Con-
servation District to supple-
ment the existing habitat
restoration work at Rockville
County Park.

E.5. Approve, as recom-
mended by the Stearns County
Planning Commission, a re-
quest for a Conditional Use
Permit submitted by Jeron
and Brenda Nathe, Melrose,
MN, according to requirements
of the Stearns County Land
Use and Zoning Ordinance
#439. Section 6.8 requires a
Conditional Use Permit for
feedlots with 700 animal
units or more that are pro-
posing changes. The property
under consideration is located
at 41887 County Road 13 Mel-
rose, MN 56352, in the SW 1/4
of the NE 1/4 of Section 16
(T125N, R033W) in Grove
Township.

The following conditions
apply:

1. The owner shall construct
all proposed improvements ac-
cording to plans, specifications
and guidelines submitted with
the application, unless other-
wise approved by the Environ-
mental Services Department.

2. The owner shall contact
the Environmental Services

Department within three days
of construction completion so a
post-construction inspection
may be completed.

The following Findings-
of-Fact were adopted:

1. The proposal is consistent
with Stearns County Land Use
and Zoning Ordinance #439,
specifically, Sections 4.8, 4.14,
6.8 and 9.2.

2. No other permits are re-
quired for this facility at this
time such as an Environmental
Assessment Worksheet, Envi-
ronmental Impact Statement,
National Pollution Discharge
Elimination System, or State
Disposal System.

3. The proposal conforms to
the Agricultural Goals of the
Comprehensive Land Use plan.
Specifically:

4. Agricultural Goals #1:
Support agriculture as a desir-
able land use for the long term
and facilitate diversification of
the County's agricultural econ-
omy.

5. Living Goals #2: Manage
the impacts of growth and de-
velopment on the County's ru-
ral character and natural re-
sources.

6. There will be no impact
on traffic, public safety,
schools, parks or churches as
the feedlot is over 3,000 feet
from the closest neighbor.

7. No information was pro-
vided regarding the proposal's
impact either way on the near-
by property values.

8. The Feedlot Review Com-
mittee and Feedlot Staff rec-
ommendations have been re-
viewed for this permit request.

9. Other issues pertinent to
this matter; the minutes of the
Feedlot Review Committee
were included in the packet.

E.6. Approve Memorandum
of Understanding with Mill-
wood Township for adminis-
tration of Ordinance #439-Stearns
County Land Use and Zoning
Ordinance providing an oppor-
tunity to cooperate in adminis-
tering zoning and ensure mu-
tual understanding of each
party to their respective duties
and responsibilities related to
land use issues.

E.7. Approve Pleasant Pines
Subdivision Agreement
Amendment request submitted
by property owners removing
Lot 2 and Lot 3 Block 3 from
Item #2 of the Pleasant Pines
Agreement so lots can have
residential dwellings on them.

E.8. Approve and Authorize
Final Payment to for SAP 073-
590-007, CR 157 reconstruction
in the City of Albany to C & L
Excavating, Inc.

E.9. Approve and Authorize
Final Payment to Houle Exca-
vating LLC for SAP 073-599-
085, Zion Township Bridge
#73J46 replacement.

E.10. Approve the request
from Phoenix St. Cloud Indus-
trial Investors, LLC, and enter
into an encroachment/license
agreement providing the Coun-
ty of Stearns and City of St.
Cloud with protections should
the building become a public
nuisance or owner fails to prop-
erly maintain the building re-
quiring its removal at owner's
expense. The agreement also
requires owner to hold the
County and the City harmless
for any claims or damages re-
lated to the encroachments.

E.11. Appoint Gregory Bart-
ley to the Clearwater River
Watershed District Board of
Managers for a Three-Year
Term, ending August 13th,
2029.

E.12. Appoint Lisa Wuertz
and Michael Mastey to the
Dairy Advisory Committee for
Three-Year Terms, ending
April 2029 and February 2030.

E.13. Approve Resolution
26-48 adopting the 2026
Stearns County Housing Trust
Fund Levy Request in the
amount of \$200,000 for taxes
payable in 2027.

Resolution 26-48 Housing
Trust Fund Levy

E.14. For Informational
Purposes Only, Claims Paid for
August 15th, 2026, through
September 4th, 2026, amount-
ed to \$19,431,552.79, excluding
investment purchases.

Consent Agenda Vote:

Motion was made to ap-
prove all items on the Consent
Agenda with the exception of
E.4. which was pulled for dis-
cussion.

RESULT: APPROVED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl
Clark

SECONDER: District 4
Bob Johnson

Item Pulled for Discus-
sion

E.4. To consider a condition-
al use permit request for an af-
ter-the-fact major shoreland al-
teration submitted by David
and Julia Wik, Richmond MN.

A letter from David and
Julie Wik was sent to the Com-
missioners requesting a refund
of the after the fact fee associ-
ated with their Conditional

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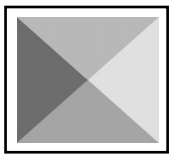
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Kevin 320.980.3558

Kurt 320.980.6499</



Classifieds

(Classified Ad deadline is Thursday at Noon)

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Page 11, Cold Spring Record

Misc. Sales

HUGE GARAGE-HOLIDAY SALE

744 4th St. N.W., Richmond starting Thursday, October 15th through Friday, October 17th from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Corelle dishes - three sets with matching pieces, canister set, mixing bowls and more. Men's clothing (LG & XL), woman's clothing (Sm., Med. & LG) and jackets (spring & winter).

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Use Permit application. Chelle Benson, Environmental Services Director, provided an overview of the request, noting that it involves retaining walls constructed on steep slopes within the building setback of Cedar Island Lake. Ms. Benson explained that aerial imagery indicates the shoreland alteration occurred approximately 20 years ago by previous property owners without a permit, and that the Wiks were unaware of the prior work. The property is located in Government Lot 3, Section 31, Wakefield Township (123/30), with an address of 18598 Cedar Ln, Richmond, MN. After some discussion, **motion was made to waive the After the Fact penalty of \$2,200, approve the Conditional Use Permit for the retaining walls, and reduce the required financial escrow for the project to 10%.**

The following conditions apply:

1. The planting plan, as proposed by Minnesota Native Landscapes, shall be implemented by June 15, 2027.

2. A financial guarantee of cash escrow or letter of credit for \$5,000 shall be submitted to Stearns County to ensure establishment of the planting plan. The financial guarantee will be returned once 70% established vegetation cover is achieved.

The following Findings-of-Fact were adopted:

1. The project addresses aesthetics, erosion, and runoff with the proposed native planting plan.

2. Previous owners did the project and did not obtain a permit.

3. The applicant was required to obtain this permit due to a variance application. They also obtained the required septic system compliance inspection before this application.

4. The alteration is located in the bluff and shore impact zones.

5. The alteration is visible from the water. Native vegetation will enhance the area.

6. The alteration does not negatively affect the neighborhood.

7. The alteration likely made some change to the stormwater flow on the lot, but the changes will be mitigated through the implementation of the native plants proposed.

8. The alteration changed aesthetics as viewed from the water and may have altered stormwater flow on the lot.

9. Removing the existing wall could cause more damage to the slope. The native vegetation plan will mitigate runoff impacts from the project.

10. The County would recognize few, if any, benefits to removing the retaining wall to the previous condition. It is a feasible plan to mitigate changes to the slope with the proposed planting plan.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Bob Johnson

SECONDER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

Environmental Services

F.1. *Approve resolution to extend the Sauk River Watershed Collaborative's FY24 WBIF Grant Agreement*

Emily Forbord, Environmental Specialist, provided a brief overview supporting the extension, noting that funds remain available for upcoming projects. Motion was made to approve Resolution 26-46, extending the Sauk River Watershed Collaborative's FY24 WBIF Grant Agreement Amendment through December 31, 2027.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 2 Joe Perske

SECONDER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

Resolution 26-46 Grant Pe-

Miscellaneous

SNOWBLOWING

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riod Extension

Public Works

G.1. *Bridge Priority Resolution*

tion

Chris Byrd, County Engineer, provided a brief overview of bridges identified for replacement or rehabilitation within the next five years. **Motion was made to approve Resolution 26 47, prioritizing these bridge replacements to ensure eligibility for State funding assistance.**

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

SECONDER: District 4 Bob Johnson

Resolution 26-47 Bridge Re-

placements

Administration

H.1. *Great River Regional Library 2027 Budget Overview*
Brandi Canter, Executive Director of Great River Regional Library, and Addie Carlson, Associate Director-Accounting of Great River Regional, provided an overview of the Library Budget for 2027 in detail.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO VOTE

Recess Regular Meeting

Chair Notch recessed the Regular County Board Meeting to conduct the Human Services Board Meeting at 10:04 AM.

Human Services Board Consent Items

J.1. Approve the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant with the Minnesota Department of Health, State Fiscal Year 2027, Budget Period 3, in the amount of \$382,431 for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

J.2. For Informational Purposes Only, Human Services Claims Paid July 31, 2026, through September 4, 2026, in Amount of \$143,174.13

Human Services Consent Agenda Vote:

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

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

SECONDER: District 4 Bob Johnson

Human Services Board Regular Items

K.1. *Stearns County Family Resource Center Explore and Assess Phase One Presentation*

Janet Goligowski, Human Services Director of the Public Health Division; Corinne Dahl, HS Supervisor of Community Outreach with the Public Health Division; and Lisa Perkovich and Sarah Laulunen of Consulting Perks, LLC provided a brief overview of the need for Family Resource Centers in Stearns County. These centers would be community led and programs tailored to the culture and the needs of the community they serve. After some discussion, **motion was made to approve the following:**

1. **Accept Family Resource Center, Explore and Assess report.**

2. **Approve Family Resource Center Development Phase utilizing grant funds supported through the Sauer Family Foundation.**

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

SECONDER: District 4 Bob Johnson

Close Human Services Board

Chair Notch closed the Human Services Board Meeting at 11:16 AM.

Reconvene Regular County Board Meeting Adjournment

Chair Notch adjourned the County Board Meeting at 11:30 AM.

Stearns County Board of Commissioners Work Session Minutes 11:30 AM - Tuesday, September 15, 2026 Stearns County Administration Center Call to Order

11:30 AM Meeting called to order by Steve Notch, Chair, on Tuesday, September 15, 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

Job Evaluation and Classification Policy

After much discussion, motion was made to approve the revised Job Evaluation and Classification Policy with the proposed changes from Human Resources.

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 1]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

SECONDER: District 4 Bob Johnson

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: District 2 Joe Perske
5 Year Budget Projection
Sarah Utsch, Finance Director, presented the 5 Year Budget Projections for 2027-2031.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY - NO VOTE

Strategic Plan: Non-Mandated Services Project Discussion

Jill Suurmeyer, Interim County Administrator, provided a brief overview of the County's non-mandated services. She tasked the Commissioners with reviewing this list in 2027.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY - NO VOTE

Capital Improvement Plan

Jill Suurmeyer, Interim County Administrator, provided a brief overview of the County's Capital Improvement Plan

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY - NO VOTE

Adjournment

Chair Notch adjourned the County Board Work Session at 1:23 PM.

Randy R. Schreifels, Clerk of the Board Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer & Ex-Officio

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LUXEMBURG TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

All Luxemburg Township residents are hereby notified that Luxemburg Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. This test will be conducted at the St. Nicholas Church Basement located at 15909 County Road 21 Watkins (St. Nicholas), Minnesota.

Two election judges will oversee this process to ensure accuracy of the voting equipment for the upcoming General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at the St. Nicholas Church Basement, 15909 County Road 21 Watkins (St. Nicholas), Minnesota from 7:00 am-8:00 pm.

This test is open to the public.

LUXEMBURG TOWNSHIP
Donald Dufner, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ROCKVILLE

Public Accuracy Test of Optical Scan Voting and Assistive Voting Device Equipment.

Rockville City Hall on Wednesday October 21, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Two election judges will oversee this process to ensure accuracy of the ballot scanner counting for the upcoming elections.

The Public is invited to observe this testing.

Judy Neu
Finance Director
City of Rockville

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WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

All Wakefield Township residents are hereby notified that Wakefield Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm.** This test will be conducted at the Wakefield Town Hall located at 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, Minnesota.

At least two election judges will oversee this process to ensure accuracy of the voting equipment for the upcoming General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at the Wakefield Town Hall, 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, Minnesota from 7:00 am-8:00 pm.

This test is open to the public.

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
Heidi M. Stalboerger, Clerk

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such matters are subject to quarantine at the owner's expense. Getting your dog registered is far less costly than the fines and associated fees by not having your animals registered. Should you have questions about dog licenses, please call Joan at 597-2075 for more information.

Another Important Reminder! Please be sure to bring along something to "cleanup" after "Fido" or "Fifi". Don't let a fellow resident have to pick up your pet's calling card in their yards or in the area parks!

Cat Owner Responsibilities!

Below are the City Codes pertaining to dogs and cats. This can also be read online at the City Website under the "City Code" section or obtained from City Hall.

City Ordinance's regarding dogs and cats:

City Code Sec. 6-5. Dogs and cats.

(a) Running at large prohibited. No dog or cat shall run at large and should any dog or cat run at large, it shall be a violation of this chapter for the person who owns, harbors, or keeps such dog or cat, or the parents or the guardian of any such person under the age of 18 years. Dogs or cats on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or accompanied by and under the control and direction of a responsible person so as to be effectively restrained by command as by leash, shall be permitted in streets or on public land unless the city has posted an area with signs reading: "Dogs or Cats Prohibited."

Complete Fall Chores! Time is Ticking!

As a reminder, you must have a permit to use the facility. **Pick up a new permit at City Hall.** This compost is a SERVICE to the citizens. In addition, there is absolutely no dumping of anything outside of the compost area. If the compost site is closed, it is unlawful to dump in the area surrounding the site as well and is subject to fines! Please do not abuse the privilege and ruin it for others as well!

If you are not a Richmond resident, permits can be obtained at City Hall during normal business hours. The compost area is monitored. Again, please do not leave plastic bags in the dumpsters and no garbage. The compost is for lawn refuse only!! **There is a \$100.00 fine for violations that will be strictly enforced!**

Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Non-Residents: Non-residents of Richmond can purchase a permit for

\$50.00 and is valid for two years. Non-resident permits can be obtained at City Hall during normal business hours. **Again, there is a \$100.00 fine for violations.**

Sts. Peter & Paul Knights of Columbus Council 8303

Meetings are held at the Sts. Peter & Paul Church Gathering Space on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. For all members attending there is a chance at a cash prize. If you have questions, please call Drew at 320-597-2471.

Township News

Contact Information:

Collegeville - Joe Pohl,

Town Clerk - 320-293-5009

Farming - Holly Roush,

Town Clerk - 320-309-8006

Wakefield - Heidi Stalboerger,

Town Clerk - 320-597-8155

Munson - Kathy Hemmesch, Town Clerk - 320-597-2432

Township Meetings

Wakefield - Wakefield Township Hall is located at 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, MN. For meeting information go to www.wakefieldtownship.net. Should you wish to address the Board, please contact the township clerk, Heidi Stalboerger, at 597-8155. Should you wish to be on the agenda, deadline is one week prior to the Board Meeting.

Munson - Meets the third Monday of the month at Munson Town Hall, 23857 Co. Rd. 23, Richmond at 7:00 p.m. For information, please call the Township Clerk at 597-2432.

Collegeville - Meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Township Hall located at 27724 County Road 50 (east of Big Fish Lake) at 7:00 p.m. For information, please call 320-293-5009.

Farming - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the Farming Community Center, 23801 Co. Rd. 42, Richmond, MN 56368. For information, please contact the township clerk, Holly Roush at 320-309-8006 or email: farming-township@gmail.com.

It's Game On! Sunday Afternoon Fun with Farming Lions Bingo!

Every Sunday, enjoy playing BINGO at 1:30 p.m. at MD's Bar and Grill in downtown Roscoe! Jackpots up to \$1000.00! Come and enjoy an afternoon playing Bingo with the Farming Lions!

Youth Bowling!

Richmond Lanes youth bowling begins! Youth bowling will be held at 9 a.m. every Saturday for K - 8th Grade.

Cost: One time League/

Trophy Fee-\$10.00

Instruction available!

Each session: \$7.00 for

two games includes equip-

ment

\$9.00 for three games in-

cludes equipment

For more information, please call Jim at 320-597-2295 or 320-420-3625.

Rechargeable Hand Warmer Recall!

This recall involves Kobayashi's HotHands-branded rechargeable hand warmers. The white with orange hand warmers were

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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Focus your energy on family and home this week, Aries. Although you might feel more comfortable working alone, you may find yourself doing group work soon enough.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

You have lots of mental energy this week, Taurus. You might be pushed into a leadership role that will help you feel independent.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Sports and competitive physical activities might appeal to you this week, Gemini. Teams, friends and group activities will be priorities, as will sharing ideas.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you will be noticed this week and you will be encouraged to speak up and share your point of view. Be humble, but keep the courage of your convictions.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, this week you can explore new ideas, meet new people and learn new things. Politics and controversial subjects might appeal to you, but probably should be avoided right now.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

This is not the week to agree to anything significant, Virgo. Instead, do your homework and gather all of your information before you commit to a major project or expense.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you might attract someone to you this week who is interesting but a bit feisty. See what they have to say because it might be enlightening in some way.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You are ready to roll up your sleeves and work, Scorpio. Keep in mind that you might have to delegate some things to others because you tend to take on too much.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Be patient with spouses, partners and close friends, Sagittarius. Your patience will pay off and others will appreciate your calm demeanor.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You might be tempted to make some improvements around