

Notice to Voters

November 3, 2026 General Election

Review the information below to learn about the upcoming State General Election.

General Election

Federal, State and County Offices and Questions

All voters will have the U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Senator, State Representative, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General, Constitutional Amendment, Judicial Seats, and County Officers.

Local Municipal, School District and Special District Offices and Questions

Voters may also have one or more of these races on their ballot, City Officers, School Board Members, Township Officers, Special District Officers and Local Ballot Questions.

Nonpartisan Offices

- Nonpartisan offices will not list a political party next to a candidate’s name on the ballot.
- For example, county, city, township, school board and special district offices are nonpartisan.

Voter Registration

- Register or update your registration by visiting: mnvotes.gov/registration
- The deadline to pre-register for the State General Election is October 13, 2026.

Check to see if you are registered to vote by scanning:



View Your Sample Ballot

- Your official ballot will have the names of all candidates for your precinct.
- To see a list of the names of candidates and questions on the ballot for your precinct visit: mnvotes.gov/myballot
- Or, contact Stearns County Elections to request a copy of your sample ballot be mailed to you.

You may also view your sample ballot online by scanning:



Voting Before Election Day

- You can vote early by mail, in person, or from the military or abroad.
- Learn more about Stearns County absentee locations by visiting: stearnscountymn.gov/1688/Vote-Early-by-Absentee
- Absentee voting for the State Primary begins Friday, September 18, 2026.

Learn more about absentee and early voting by scanning:



Mail Ballot Precincts

- Ballots will be sent to all registered voters in mail ballot precincts no more than 46 days and no later than 14 days before a regularly scheduled election for federal, state, and county elections.
- View a list of Stearns County mail ballot precincts at: stearnscountymn.gov/1706/Mail-Ballot-PrecinctsAbsentee
- Voters in mail ballot precincts who are unregistered or want to vote by absentee may vote by mail or in-person at the Stearns County Service Center.
- The Election Day polling place for mail ballot precincts is the:

Stearns County Service Center
3301 County Road 138
Waite Park, MN 56387

Find Your Polling Place

- The State General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2026.
- You can find your polling place by visiting: mnvotes.gov/pollfinder
- Election Day polling places are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Stearns County Elections

Stearns County Auditor - Treasurer

Stearns County Service Center - Elections Department
3301 County Road 138
Waite Park, MN 56387

Phone: 320-656-3920 Email: elections@stearnscountymn.gov
Website: www.stearnscountymn.gov/792/Elections

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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 ad-
vice.

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](http://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 pa-
renting 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)

Find it in
the
Classifieds

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEARNS

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

LAND TITLE SUMMONS IN
APPLICATION FOR
REGISTRATION 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
within the time aforesaid, the
Applicant 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 out-
side the state of Minnesota
upon any Defendants who are
a non-resident of Minnesota
and who cannot be found with-
in Minnesota.

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 ADMINIS-
TRATOR

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 Sec-
tion 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 AD-
DITION, 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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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 *Petition*
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
Minnesota 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 Peti-
tion.

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)

Stearns County
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
9:00 AM - Tuesday,
September 29, 2026
Stearns County
Administration Center
Call to Order
9:00 AM Meeting called to
order by Steve Notch, Chair,
on September 29th, 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, Com-
missioner 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 3 Jeff
Bertram
SECONDER: District 4
Bob Johnson

Consent Agenda
E.1. Approve Minutes from
the September 15th, 2026
County Board Meeting.

E.3. Approve Application
and Permit for a One-Day
Temporary On-Sale Liquor Li-
cense submitted by Pearl Lake
Recreation Club for their event
to be held on October 30, 2026
at Holy Cross School/Communi-
ty Center located in Maine
Prairie Township.

E.5. For Informational Pur-
poses Only, Claims Paid from
September 5th, 2026, through
September 18th, 2026,
amounted to \$5,025,515.62, ex-
cluding investment purchases.

Consent Agenda Vote
Motion was made to ap-

prove items E.1., E.3. and E.5.
on the Consent Agenda

RESULT: APPROVED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff

Bertram
SECONDER: District 2 Joe

Perske
Items Pulled for Discus-
sion

E.2. Approve a Joint Powers
Agreement between the Coun-
ty of Benton and the County of
Stearns for a Shared Computer
Aided Dispatch and Records
Management System.

RESULT: APPROVED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Bob

Johnson
SECONDER: District 1

Tarryl Clark
E.4. Authorize County Vet-
eran's Services Office (CVSO)
to sign an Office Lease Agree-
ment with the City of Melrose.

RESULT: APPROVED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Bob

Johnson
SECONDER: District 2 Joe

Perske
Auditor-Treasurer
F.1. Elections Update
Laura Laudенbach, Divi-
sion Director of Elections and
License Centers, and Roxanne
Gerads, Elections Supervisor,
provided an update on recent
and upcoming election infor-
mation and voting timelines.

RESULT: NO VOTE -
FOR INFORMATION ONLY
Administration

G.1. Approve Resolution
Adopting the 2027 Preliminary
Budget and Property Tax Levy
Jill Suurmeyer, Interim
County Administrator and
Sarah Utsch, Finance Director,
provided a presentation on the
2027 preliminary budget and
property tax levy. After much
discussion, motion was made
to approve Resolution 26-49
adopting the 2027 Preliminary
Budget and Property Tax
Levy.

RESULT: APPROVED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl

Clark
SECONDER: District 4

Bob Johnson

RESOLUTION 26 - 49

WHEREAS, The Board of
County Commissioners has
given careful consideration to
the various budget require-
ments for the County of
Stearns for the year 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE
IT RESOLVED, that the
County Board adopts a prelim-
inary tax levy of levied on all
taxable property for Stearns
County as taxes payable in
2027;

BE IT FURTHER RE-
SOLVED, that the County
Board hereby adopts the pro-
posed budget totaling for 2027.
Adopted by the Stearns County
Board of Commissioners this
29th day of September 2026.

Adopted by the Stearns
County Board of Commis-
sioners this 29th day of September
2026.

Closed Session
H.1. A closed session pur-
suant section 13D.05 Subdi-
vision 3 of MN Statutes to con-
sider the purchase of two parcels
numbered 82.44015.0120 and
82.43744.0170

Motion was made to close
the regular County Board
Meeting and enter Closed Ses-

sion.

RESULT: APPROVED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl

Clark
SECONDER: District 4

Bob Johnson

Resume Open Session to

Act Upon Discussion from

Closed Session if Necessary

Motion was made to return
from the Closed Session to the
regular County Board Meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Bob

Johnson
SECONDER: District 1

Tarryl Clark

Approve the Purchase
Agreement as Presented for the
Purchase of Two Parcels:
82.44015.0120 and
82.43744.0170

After returning from Closed
Session, motion was made to
approve the purchase agree-
ment, as presented, for the
purchase of two parcels,
82.44015.0120 and
82.43744.0170.

RESULT: APPROVED
[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl

Clark

SECONDER: District 2 Joe

Perske

Adjournment
Chair Notch adjourned the
County Board Meeting at
11:13 AM.

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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 nonpay-
ment of repair order in the
amount of \$ 751.11

(Pub. Oct. 20 - Nov. 3, 2026)

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ROCKVILLE

Notice is hereby given that
the Rockville Planning Com-
mission will hold a public hear-
ing on **Wednesday, Novem-
ber 4, 2026 at approximately
6:00 p.m. at Rockville City
Hall - 229 Broadway Street
East** to consider the request of
Melvin Merdan for a variance
from the city's ordinance from
the maximum building square
footage allowed on an access-
ory structure. The address of
the property is: 6055 Scenic
View Ct, with a legal descrip-
tion of Parcel No.
76.42170.0038, Block 001 Lot
009.

The request is to construct
an accessory structure (50' X
100').

All persons attending the
hearing and wishing to ad-
dress the Planning Commis-
sion will have an opportunity
to do so. Those not able to be
present at this meeting should
submit their opinions in writ-
ing to the Rockville City Ad-
ministrator/Clerk, P.O. Box 93,
Rockville, MN 56369 prior to
the hearing.

Judy Neu
Finance Director

(Publish October 20, 2026)

Snowmobile Safety Class

Location: Willmar
Class date & time: Sat-
urday, November 21, 2026
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Joseph Shi-
mota

Students MUST pre-reg-
ister by contacting Joseph
at 320-979-4953 or joseph-
shimota@yahoo.com.

Provide the following
when registering:

1. Students full name
2. Age
3. Parent/Guardian name
and contact information

Requirements: Must be
11 years of age before class
start date listed above to be
eligible to take this class

SHOP
LOCAL
for HALLOWEEN

KRIPPNER
TRUCKING & EXCAVATING, INC.

Kevin 320.980.3558
Kurt 320.980.6499

• Sitework
• Basements -
Additions,
Demolition
• Septic Systems -
New or Replacement
krippner.exc@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN
trail event

FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT:
WALK THROUGH OUR DECORATED TRAILS,
ENJOY BOUNCY HOUSES, CRAFTS, MUSIC,
HAYRIDES, & PUMPKINS FOR SALE.
LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR CASH PURCHASE.
DON'T FORGET YOUR COSTUME!

SATURDAY
24 OCTOBER 2026
11:30AM - 2:30PM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1000 RED RIVER AVE N
COLD SPRING, MN

PINK FRIDAY MARKET

Friday, November 20th
3:00 PM--7:00 PM

Jerry's Pub & Grille
12 Main Street W
Richmond, MN

Shop Small First. Shop Local.
Our community is worth it.