



BOARD MINUTES BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
DATE APPROVED: January 6, 2026

Tina Diedrick, District 1
Darek Vetsch, District 2
Jeanne Holland, District 3
Nadine Schoen, District 4
Robert (Kirby) Moynagh III,
District 5

The Wright County Board met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Diedrick, Vetsch, Holland, Schoen, and Moynagh present.

Present were the following:
Board of Commissioners:

Tina Diedrick
Jeanne Holland
Kirby Moynagh
Nadine Schoen
Darek Vetsch

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:00 a.m. Chair Darek Vetsch called the meeting to order.

YEARS OF SERVICE

A. 2025 Quarter Four Years of Service Recognition

At 9:00 a.m. Chair Vetsch spoke on the Quarter Four Years of Service Award recipients. County Administrator Greg Kryzer announced the names.

MINUTES - DISPENSE WITH READING, APPROVE AS WRITTEN/REVISED

A. Approve Minutes County Board Meeting (12-2-2025)

At 9:05 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the minutes

Motion by Commissioner Jeanne Holland and seconded by Commissioner Nadine Schoen

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At 9:05 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the agenda

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

CONSENT AGENDA

At 9:06 a.m. Commissioner Kirby Moynagh requested the removal of Item I number 1 for discussion. Vetsch requested a motion to approve modified agenda.

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Holland

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

A. ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Authorization to Recruit and Hire for Health and Human Services Director and Potential Interim Appointments**
- 2. Approve 2026 Legislative Services Agreement with Flaherty-Hood**

B. ATTORNEY

- 1. Authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to Sign Renewal Contract with Anoka County for Medical Examiner Services**

C. FINANCE & TAXPAYER SERVICES

- 1. Approve the Estimated Transfers from the General Fund to the Historian Fund and the Sewer Subordinate Fund, Total \$38,255.87 to Cover 2025 Year-End Deficit Balances**

- 2. Approve the Following Change Fund Adjustments:**

Elimination of Funds (Finance & Taxpayer Services):
Alcohol Fund: \$200.00 Tobacco Fund: \$250.00

Transfer of Funds:

From Finance & Taxpayer Services to Human Services: HHS Front Desk: \$70.00

From Human Services to Finance & Taxpayer Services: 60 Plus Foot Clinic Funds: \$100.00

- 3. Approve Budget Amendment 73, Sheriff's Office Flock**
- 4. Approve Budget Amendment 74, Deferred Compensation**

5. **Approve Statement of Work for 2025 Audit Services with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) and Authorize Signatures**
6. **Acknowledge Warrant Disbursements Issued from November 24 to December 7, 2025**

D. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

1. **Approve New Cannabis Retail Registration for Altitude Dispensary in Monticello in Collaboration with the Joints Power of Agreement (JPA)**
2. **Approve New Lower-Potency Hemp Edible (LPHE) Retail Registration for O'Brothers in Montrose**
3. **Approve 2026 Tobacco License Renewals for 4 Establishments (See Attached Supporting Document)**
4. **Approve Temporary Liquor License for Maple Lake Ice Fishing Derby (2-08-2026) in Maple Lake Township**

E. HIGHWAY

1. **Approve Authorization for Additional Services with Stantec Consulting Services**

F. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **Board Approval of the 2026 Non-Union Compensation and Classification Plan-Effective January 1, 2026**
2. **Approve and Authorize Signatures on the 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No .49**
3. **Approve and Authorize Signatures on the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Memorandum of Agreements with the Assistant Wright County Attorneys Association for the 2026-2028 Calendar Years**
4. **Approve Policy Changes from 12-1-2025 Personnel Committee**

G. PARKS & RECREATION

1. **Confirm Commissioner District 4 Parks Commission Appointment, Perry Buffie, of Rockford, MN, Effective January 1, 2026 for a Term of 3 Years**

H. PLANNING & ZONING

1. Approve County Feedlot Program Delegation Work Plan

I. PROBATION & COURT SERVICES

1. Approve Authorization to Fill Probation Agent Position Related Back-fill Positions – Removed for Discussion

At 9:07 a.m. Moynagh read a letter from Minnesota Department of Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell about the transition to community corrections. At 9:12 a.m. Vetsch requested motion to approve authorization to fill positions.

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Holland

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

J. SURVEYOR

1. Approval to Proceed with Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project - 2026 Pictometry Aerial Imagery (Approximate East Half of County)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

A. 9:20 AM - ALICIA O'HARE - WATER RESOURCE SPECIALIST

1. Adopt Resolution 25-89, for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid

At 9:14 a.m. Water Resource Specialist Alicia O'Hare spoke on Resolution 25-89, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 25-89.

Motion by Commissioner Tina Diedrick and seconded by Moynagh

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

B. 9:23 AM - BARRY RHINEBERGER - PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

1. Adopt Resolution 25-90, Determining that a Discretionary EAW is NOT Required for the MBE Sand and Gravel Mine on Property Located at the intersection of State Highway 25 and County Road 113, Buffalo Township

At 9:16 a.m. Planning & Zoning Administrator Barry Rhineberger spoke on Resolution 25-90, Determining that a Discretionary EAW is NOT Required for the MBE Sand and Gravel Mine on Property Located at the Intersection of State

Highway 25 and County Road 113, Buffalo Township. Diedrick spoke against the resolution due to traffic safety concerns. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 25-90.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 4; Nay: 1; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch
Against: Diedrick

C. 9:27 AM - CHAD HAUSMANN - HIGHWAY ENGINEER

1. Adopt Resolution 25-91 and Authorize Signatures to Enter into MnDot Agreement 1061217

At 9:19 a.m. Highway Engineer Chad Hausmann spoke on Resolution 25-91 to Enter into MnDOT Agreement 1061217. Vetsch requested a motion to approve 25-91.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

2. Authorize Signatures on Agreement with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to Provide Professional Engineering Services for Environmental Documentation and for Preliminary Engineering and Design for Reconstruction of Trunk Highway 55 from Hennepin County State-Aid Highway 19, North of the City of Loretto to Hennepin County Road 118 near City of Medina

At 9:20 a.m. Hausmann spoke on the agreement with SRF Consulting Group. Vetsch requested a motion to authorize signatures.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Diedrick

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

D. 9:30 AM - PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF ST. MICHAEL EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR

1. Public Hearing about the City of St. Michael Emergency Sewer Repair

At 9:30 a.m. Vetsch called the Public Hearing to order. Greg Eckblad of Rockford Township spoke in favor of the fees for the sewer repair. At 9:34 a.m. Vetsch closed the public hearing.

E. 9:30 AM - PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF ST. MICHAEL DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS

1. Public Hearing to Certify City of St. Michael Delinquent Utility Accounts

At 9:35 a.m. Vetsch opened the public hearing. No public speakers were present. At 9:36 a.m. Vetsch closed the public hearing.

F. 9:35 AM - LINDSEY MEYER - FINANCE DIRECTOR

1. Adopt Resolution 25-88, to Certify City of St. Michael Sewer Emergency Repair Special Assessment

At 9:36 a.m. Diedrick requested clarification on how the assessment will be billed. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 25-88, to Certify City of St. Michael Sewer Emergency Repair Special Assessment.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Moynagh

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

2. Adopt Resolution 25-87, to Certify Special Assessments for Delinquent Utility Accounts for the City of St. Michael after the Public Hearing

At 9:38 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 25-87 to Certify Special Assessments for Delinquent Utility Accounts for the City of St. Michael

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

3. Adopt Resolution 25-81, to Commit Fund Balance for Unspent American Rescue Plan Funds, Parks Surcharge Funds, Bertram Parks Lease payment, and Buffer Grant Funds (Riparian AID) in Accordance with GASB Statement #54

At 9:39 a.m. Finance Director Lindsey Meyer spoke on 25-81 to Commit Fund Balance for Unspent American Rescue Plan Funds, Parks Surcharge Funds, Bertram Parks Lease Payment, and Buffer Grant Funds (Riparian AID) in Accordance with GASB Statement #54. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 25-81

Motion by Holland and seconded by Moynagh

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

4. Schedule a Public Hearing on January 20th, 2026 for the Transferring of Property from Independent School District (ISD)# 885 to ISD# 882

At 9:40 a.m. Meyer spoke on scheduling public hearing for the Transferring of Property from Independent School District (ISD)# 885 to ISD# 882 at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Vetsch requested a motion to approve setting the public hearing.

Motion by Diedrick and seconded by Moynagh

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

G. 9:40 AM - MATT DETJEN - AG DRAINAGE & NATURAL RESOURCES SUPERVISOR

1. Schedule a Public Hearing on the Redetermination of Benefits for County Ditch #7 and Judicial Ditch #1 Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 103E.351 Subd. 1(c)

At 9:42 a.m. Ag Drainage & Natural Resources Supervisor Matt Detjen spoke on scheduling a public hearing on the Redetermination of Benefits for County Ditch #7 and Judicial Ditch #1 Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 103E.351 Subd. 1(c) for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Vetsch requested a motion to approve setting the public hearing.

Motion by Diedrick and seconded by Moynagh

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Adopt Resolution 25-82, for 2026 Property Tax Levy

At 9:44 a.m. Kryzer spoke on Resolution 25-82, 2026 Property Tax Levy. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 25-82.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

2. Adopt Resolution 25-83, Setting 2026 Budget

At 9:46 a.m. Kryzer spoke on Resolution 25-83, Setting 2026 Budget. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 25-83.

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

3. Adopt Resolution 25-86, Setting Sheriff's Salary for 2026

At 9:47 a.m. Vetsch requested motion to approve Resolution 25-86, Setting Sheriff's Salary for 2026.

Motion by Diedrick and seconded by Moynagh

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

4. Adopt Resolution 25-85, Setting the County Attorney's Salary for 2026

At 9:48 a.m. Vetsch requested motion to approve Resolution 25-85, Setting the County Attorney's Salary for 2026.

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

5. Adopt Resolution 25-84, Setting the County Board's Salary for 2026

At 9:48 a.m. Vetsch requested motion to approve Resolution 25-84, Setting the County Board's Salary for 2026.

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

6. Schedule Closed Session for Annual Performance Review of the County Administrator

At 9:49 a.m. Vetsch suggested a closed session be set for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday January 20, 2026. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the date and time for the closed session.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

B. COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes and Adopt Recommendations from the Ways & Means Committee Meeting (11-18-2025)

At 9:49 a.m. Vetsch reviewed the recommendation to enter into a contract with Avivo to provide employment services for MFIP administration, from the November 18, 2025, Ways & Means Committee meeting. Vetsch requested motion to approve the recommendations.

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Schoen

Aye: 4; Nay: 1; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch
Against: Holland

2. Approve Minutes and Adopt Recommendations from the Personnel Committee Meeting (12-1-2025)

At 9:50 a.m. Vetsch reviewed the recommendations from the Personnel Committee meeting with the updates to the personnel policy manual. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the recommendations.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

3. Approve Minutes and Adopt Recommendations from the Ways & Means Committee Meeting (12-1-2025)

At 9:23 a.m. Vetsch spoke on the recommendation to purchase a brush chipper and the Memorandum of Understanding with Wright County cities. Kryzer spoke on the recommendations. Diedrick, Holland and Schoen all spoke in favor of the recommendations. Moynagh addressed the MOU and the townships not currently included. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the recommendations and minutes.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:52 a.m. Vetsch adjourned the meeting.

WARRANTS ISSUED