



BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 6, 2026
DATE APPROVED: January 20, 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. County Administrator Greg Kryzer called meeting to order.

2026 BOARD ORGANIZATION

A. ELECT 2026 BOARD CHAIR

1. Election of 2026 Board of Commissioners Chairperson

At 9:00 a.m. Kryzer asked for nominations for the Board of Commissioners Chairperson. Commissioner Nadine Schoen nominated Commissioner Darek Vetsch to be Chairperson. Commissioner Jeanne Holland seconded the motion.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

B. ELECT 2026 VICE BOARD CHAIR

1. Election of 2026 Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairperson

At 9:01 a.m. Vetsch requested nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Tina Diedrick nominated Commissioner Kirby Moynagh to be Vice-Chairperson. Holland nominated Schoen to be Vice-Chairperson. Vetsch called for a vote on the Vice-Chairperson. Diedrick voted for Moynagh. Holland voted for Schoen. Moynagh voted for Moynagh. Schoen voted for Schoen. Vetsch voted for Schoen. Vetsch announced Schoen as Vice-Chairperson by vote of 3-2.

C. 2026 COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

1. Approve the 2026 County Board Meeting and Board Workshop Schedule

At 9:03 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the 2026 County Board meeting and board workshop schedule.

Motion by Diedrick and seconded by Schoen

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

D. 2026 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

1. Approve the 2026 Wright County Board of Commissioners Committee Appointments

At 9:04 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the 2026 Wright County Board of Commissioners committee appointments. Kryzer spoke on the removal Vetsch as alternate to Great River Regional Library Board.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

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

E. 2026 TRANSFER BACK OF FUNDS

1. Approve the Transfer Back of Any Unused Funds in the County Attorney's Contingency Fund, the Sheriff's Contingency Fund, and the Incidental Fund to the General Revenue Fund

At 9:04 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the transfer back of any unused funds in the County Attorney's Contingency Fund, the Sheriff's Contingency Fund, and the Incidental Fund to the General Revenue Fund.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

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

F. 2025 RECALL OF UNUSED BUDGETS

1. Recall all Unused Clerk Hire and Unused Budgets for 2025

At 9:05 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to recall all unused clerk hire and unused budgets for 2025.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

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

PRINCESS KAY OF THE MILKY WAY DAY

- A. Approve Resolution 26-1, Declare January 6, 2026 as Malorie Thorson, Princess Kay of the Milky Way Day – Moved to January 20, 2026 Board Meeting**

MINUTES - DISPENSE WITH READING, APPROVE AS WRITTEN/REVISED

- A. Approve Minutes County Board Meeting (12-16-2025)**

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

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

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

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At 9:06 a.m. Vetsch asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Kryzer requested item C number 5 be removed to a later board meeting. Kryzer also asked that Human Resources Item #1 be moved to Items for Consideration. Kryzer also made a correction to Finance Item #3.2 that read 2025 and should be 2026. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the agenda as modified.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

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

CONSENT AGENDA

At 9:06 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the consent agenda

Motion by Holland and seconded by Moynagh

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

A. ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Approve Program Application Commitment Agreement between Wright County and Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.**

2. **Approve 2026 Legal Services Agreement with Squires, Waldspurger and Mace, P.A.**

B. FLEET & FACILITIES

1. **Authorize Backfill of Facilities Manager Position, and Approve All Associated Backfills**

C. FINANCE & TAXPAYER SERVICES

1. **Approve Budget Amendment 1 Conferences and Meetings**
2. **Approve Budget Amendment 2, Jail Medical**
3. **Motion to Approve:**
 1. **The Designation of Depositories of Public Funds for 2026 of Wells Fargo and Old National Bank of Buffalo in Accordance with Minnesota Statute 118A.02**
 2. **As Required by Minnesota Statute 385.05-requesting 2026 Chairman of the Board Signature on Form for Check Signature Image for 2025 Warrants.**
 3. **Authorization for Annual Delegation of Electronic Fund Transfers to the Finance Director, or Designee, as Required by Minnesota Statute 471.38 for 2026.**
4. **Approve the Reimbursement of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds as Follows:**
Approval of Use of ARP Funds from 01-099-493
\$205.49 5.6 Clean Water: Stormwater
5. **Approve the Reimbursement of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds as Follows:**
Approval of Use of ARP Funds from 01-099-493
\$99,064.68 5.9 Clean Water: Nonpoint Source
6. **Designate the Delano Herald Journal as the County's Official Newspaper and the Monticello Times as the Alternate Official Newspaper for the 3-Year Cycle from 2026 through 2028**
7. **Acknowledge Warrant Disbursements Issued from December 8 through December 28, 2025**

D. HIGHWAY

1. **Approve County Project Candidate Submission for the 2030 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Funding through the Central MN Area Transportation Partnership (ATP)**

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

2. **Approve and Authorize Signatures on the 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Wright County Deputy's Association.**

F. PARKS & RECREATION

1. **#1: Authorize Signatures on the Perpetual Easement for the Joint Ditch #15 Pond.**

#2: Approve Transfer of Funds for the Easement Payment to the City of Cokato for \$47,500 and the new Joint Ditch #15 Pond Maintenance Fund for \$15,000

G. PLANNING & ZONING

1. **Authorize Chairperson and County Administrator's Signatures on the Revocation of Conditional Use Permit and Agreement Between Developer of a Solar Energy Farm and Wright County**

H. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

1. **Approve Changes to ARP Projects:**

Cancel WCAG-009 Wetland Restoration Near Granite Lake (\$100,000)

Increase WCAG-018 County Ditch #33 Branch #4 Emergency Realignment from \$25,000 to \$75,000

Increase WCAG-019 County Ditch #38 Realignment from \$26,176 to \$76,176

I. SHERIFF

1. **Approve and Accept an Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training Grant**
2. **Authorization for Signatures on 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG Grant) from State of Minnesota. Effective dates 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024. Total Amount of Cost Matching Grant is \$53,119.00**

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

A. 9:15 A.M. - CHAD HAUSMANN - HIGHWAY ENGINEER

1. **Approve Resolution 26-3, Requesting Variance from MN Rules for State Aid Operation Design Standards for Chatham Township Project on 13th St. NW**

At 9:08 a.m. Highway Engineer Chad Hausmann spoke on Resolution 26-3, Requesting Variance from MN Rules for State Aid Operation Design Standards for Chatham Township Project on 13th St. NW. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 26-3.

Motion by Diedrick and seconded by Schoen

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

2. Approve Resolution 26-4, Adopting the Use of Website Publication for Legal Notices in Accordance Minnesota Statutes Section 331A.12

At 9:09 a.m. Hausmann spoke on Resolution 26-4, Adopting the Use of Website Publication for Legal Notices in Accordance Minnesota Statutes Section 331A.1. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 26-4

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Schoen

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

B. 9:25 A.M. - MIKE MACMILLAN - DIRECTOR OF PROBATION & COURT SERVICES

1. Approve and Adopt Resolution 26-5 to Accept Donations

At 9:10 a.m. Director of Probation & Court Services Mike MacMillan spoke on Resolution 26-5 to Accept Donations. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 26-5.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Diedrick

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

C. 9:30 A.M. - JAMI GOODRUM - HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

1. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CONSENT AGENDA

At 9:11 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the Health & Human Services consent agenda.

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Holland

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

i. Approve Annual Appointment to the Community Adult Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI) Joint Powers Board: Aging

**& Disability Social Services Manager Jill Pooler as
Appointee and HHS Director Jami Goodrum as Alternate**

- ii. **Approve Wright County Health & Human Services (WCHHS) Entering Into and Signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) for Child Support Services for Period 01-01-2026 Through 12-31-2027, Allocating \$152,234 to the County Attorney's Office and \$2,500 to the Sheriff's Office**
- iii. **Approve Seasonal Liquor License for Whispering Pines Golf Course**
- iv. **Approve New Cannabis Retail Registration for Cannabis Company LLC in Saint Michael in Collaboration with the Joint Powers of Agreement (JPA).**
- v. **Approve HHS Advisory Committee (HHSAC) Member Application:**
 - 1. **Ronnie King, Wright County Service Provider**
- vi. **Accept Mental Health Advisory Council (MHAC) Member Application and Resignation:**
 - 1. **Application: Kraig Sommerfield - District 3**
 - 2. **Resignation: Whitney McElhone - District 4**
- vii. **Accept Public Health Task Force Member Resignation**
 - 1. **Ann Bajari, District 5**

2. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES TIMED AGENDA

- i. **Adopt Resolution HHS 26-01 to Accept December 2025 Donation.**

At 9:12 a.m. Health & Human Services Director Jami Goodrum spoke on HHS Resolution 26-1 to Accept December 2025 Donation. Vetsch requested a motion to approve HHS Resolution 26-1.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

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

- ii. **HHS Director's Comments:**
 - 1. **2024-2025 DHS Performance Report: Adult Protection and Child Support**
 - 2. **Lead Agency Review**
 - 3. **Out-of-Home Placement Update**

At 9:13 a.m. Goodrum spoke on HHS Director's Comments.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. **Set Agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, County Board of Commissioners Workshop**

At 9:20 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to set the agenda for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, County Board of Commissioners Workshop.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

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

2. **Request To Schedule A Transportation Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Suggested Date: 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, January 13, 2026

At 9:21 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to schedule a Transportation Committee of the Whole for 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

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

3. **Schedule Date and Time of the Annual County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting**

Requested Date: 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2026

At 9:21 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to set the Annual County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2026.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Holland

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

4. **Adopt Resolution 26-6, Approving Lawful Gambling Application, Form LG230, Rockford Lions Club, Gambling Premises: Rockford Township Hall, 3039 Dauge Avenue SE, Buffalo, MN 55313, Date of Activity: April 18, 2026**

At 9:22 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 26-6, Approving Lawful Gambling Application, Form LG230, for the Rockford Lions Club.

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Schoen

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

5. Approve Resolution 26-2, of Final Acceptance and Final Payment of Contract No. 2502 in the Amount of \$103,925.80 to Allied Blacktop Company of Maple Grove, MN

At 9:23 Vetsch requested a motion to approve Resolution 26-2, Final Acceptance and Final Payment of Contract No. 2502 in the Amount of \$103,925.80 to Allied Blacktop Company of Maple Grove, MN.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Moynagh

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

6. Approve and Authorize Signatures on the 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees' Union, Local No. 320 (Courthouse Employees' Unit)

At 9:23 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to Approve and Authorize Signatures on the 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees' Union, Local No. 320 (Courthouse Employees' Unit).

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Moynagh

Aye: 3; Nay: 0; Abstain: 2; Absent: 0; Recused: 0
For: Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch
Abstain: Diedrick, Holland

1. Approve and Authorize Signatures on the 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, & Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council No. 65 Local No. 2685.

At 9:24 a.m. Kryzer spoke on the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, & Municipal Employees. Passage of the agreement was contingent upon the County Administrator and the Labor Attorney agreement with the Union on amendments to Paragraph 24.3. Vetsch requested a motion to approve with the agreement with the amendment.

Motion by Moynagh and seconded by Holland

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

B. COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting (11-18-2025)

At 9:26 a.m. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

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

2. Approve Minutes from Truth in Taxation Public Hearing (12-11-2025)

At 9:26 a.m. Vetsch requested motion to approve the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing minutes.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Schoen

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

3. Approve Minutes and Adopt Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting (12-16-2025)

At 9:26 a.m. Vetsch gave background on the Committee of the Whole meeting and the recommendations which were approved at the beginning of the meeting, regarding the committee assignments. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Moynagh

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

4. Approve Minutes and Adopt Recommendations from the Personnel Committee Meeting (12-16-2025)

At 9:27 Vetsch gave background on the Personnel Committee meeting and the recommendations which were approved in the Fleet & Facilities Consent Agenda Item. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the minutes and recommendations.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Diedrick

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

5. Approve Minutes and Adopt Recommendations from the Personnel Committee Meeting (12-29-2025)

At 9:27 Vetsch gave background on the Personnel Committee meeting and recommendations that updated the Wright County Policy Handbook Section 503

on Breaks and Meal Periods. Vetsch requested a motion to approve the minutes and recommendations.

Motion by Schoen and seconded by Moynagh

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

For: Diedrick, Holland, Schoen, Moynagh, Vetsch

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:29 a.m. Moynagh updated the board on the move to the Community Corrections Act and letter from Minnesota Department of Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell letter of December 17, 2025.

At 9:31 a.m. Holland & Schoen spoke on Planning & Zoning Commission member Ken Felger.

At 9:32 a.m. Vetsch adjourned the meeting.

WARRANTS ISSUED

