

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025. Members present: Commissioners Severson, Edwin, Kaasa, Shoff and Eckstrom.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 25-180
Approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda as provided
in the Freeborn County Board Rule of Procedure 9(A)**

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the governing body of Freeborn County, and;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board has implemented a Consent agenda to perform the duties of the board in a more effective and efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, the following items have been placed for approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners on the current Board meeting Consent Agenda as provided by the Board rules of procedure, being routine and of a regular action;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place the following are hereby approved for appropriate action:

- 1) Approval of the May 20th, 2025 minutes;
- 2) Approval of Drainage Repairs

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Shoff.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

The Commissioners provided Board Committee updates.

Chairman Edwin asked if there was any public comment and there were none.

Sue Yost from Public Health presented a Certificate of Accreditation for Health Families America.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution;

FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-181

**TITLE: CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH ISD #2886 FOR AUGUST 12, 2025
SPECIAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, Independent School District has requested the services of Freeborn County in the administration of a special election for an August 12, 2025 bond referendum;

WHEREAS, Freeborn County enters into a contract when is it requested to perform election services for a special election. A copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Board hereby approves the Contact between Freeborn County and Independent School District 2886 (Glenville-Emmons Schools) for Election Services.
2. The Board Chair, along with the County Attorney and County Auditor-Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the Contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Severson.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution;

FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-182 - FAILED

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION TO THE BLAZING STAR TRAIL

WHEREAS, On May 22, 2025 a taxpayer came into the Auditor-Treasurer's Office with a \$50.00 donation to the Blazing Star Trail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Board hereby accepts the \$50.00 donation to the Blazing Star Trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.

After discussion, a vote was taken and with Commissioners Severson, Kaasa, Eckstrom, Shoff and Edwin voting nay, the Chair declared the resolution had failed.

It was decided that since the donation was not to a County Trail but was to a State Trail, to redirect that donation through another avenue.

Emily Veirus from the Auditor-Treasurers office presented information regarding a Fireworks Permit.

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution:

FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-183

TITLE: Resolution to Approve Required Out-of-State Travel

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is responsible to arrange and maintain placements for children in need of out-of-home care; and

WHEREAS, the out-of-home placement of each child is regularly and routinely reviewed by the Court to determine best interests and reasonable efforts towards reunification and/or permanency; and

WHEREAS, a placement in Texas for a child in the custody of Freeborn County disrupted, creating an immediate need for the return of the child to Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is required to ensure safety and well-being of children in out-of-home care;

WHEREAS, if travel must occur prior to the Board's approval, Freeborn County Approval and Notification Policy requires a report to the Board at its next scheduled meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. Out-of-state travel completed by the child protection supervisor is approved in order for the child to be safely returned in a timely manner to an approved placement in Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Severson offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-184

ACCEPTING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEE #1079

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services has the responsibility for providing a quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees;

WHEREAS; Employee #1079 has been employed as a Freeborn County Child Support Officer since February 22nd, 2022 and has been terminated of their position effective May 27th, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the termination of employee #1079 as a Freeborn County Child Support Officer effective on or about May 27th, 2025.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-185

PERMISSION TO FILL THE FREEBORN COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT OFFICER POSITION

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County employees have the responsibility for providing quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees, and;

WHEREAS, Freeborn County Department of Human Services has terminated employee #1079 of their position effective May 27th, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the filling of the vacant Freeborn County Child Support Officer position.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Severson.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED AS, to appoint Commissioner Eckstrom to the Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Midwater BESS Project

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Severson.

After discussion, a vote was taken and Commissioners Severson, Kaasa, Shoff and Edwin voted yay with Commissioner Eckstrom abstaining from the vote; the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

**FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 25-187**

TITLE: Decommitment of \$1,000,000 from Funds Committed for Highway

WHEREAS, the bids received for additional road construction projects were significantly lower than estimated; and

WHEREAS, there are other county needs and priorities that require immediate funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Board hereby approves the **decommitment of \$1,000,000** from funds previously **committed for highway purposes**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

**FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 25-188**

TITLE: Commitment of an Additional \$500,000 for Health Insurance

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners has previously committed **\$1,800,000** in preparation for a potential transition to self-insurance; and

WHEREAS, the County's insurance advisor, NIS, has recommended maintaining a reserve of **\$2,300,000** to ensure financial stability under a self-insured health plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Board hereby **approves the commitment of an additional \$500,000** to the potential self-insurance fund, bringing the total committed amount to \$2,300,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Severson.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 25-189
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before June 6th, 2025.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 465,135.41
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 2,106,167.21
05	Human Services	\$ 133,445.50
06	Public Health	\$ 51,972.01
31	Capital Improvements	\$ 1,285.00
40	County Ditch	\$ 55,793.59
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 31,384.00
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	\$ 9,642.00
79	Social Services Collab	\$ 41.39
FUND TOTALS		\$ 2,854,866.11

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 32

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$ 3,862.56

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Shoff.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Chair, Commissioner Edwin adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025.

By: _____
Brad Edwin
Chair

Attest: _____
Chelsea Barrett
County Clerk