
FREEBORN COUNTY *Minnesota*

Meeting Notice and Agenda January 6, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Freeborn will meet in session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 8:30 AM in the Boardroom at the Freeborn County Government Center and livestreamed at www.co.freeborn.mn.us..

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Election of the 2026 Freeborn County Board Chairperson
3. Election of the 2026 Freeborn County Board Vice-Chairperson
4. Approval of Meeting Agenda
5. Consider a resolution adopting Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, as the Parliamentary Authority of Order for 2026
6. Consider resolution approving the Consent agenda

The following items will be acted upon without discussion unless an item is asked to be removed and placed on the regular agenda to allow for discussion.

- Approval of Minutes from the December 4th, 2025 Closed Session
 - Approval of Minutes from the December 16th, 2025 Board Meeting
 - Approval of the Minutes from the December 30th, 2025 Final Claims Meeting
 - Approval of Regular Full-Time Status Employees
 - Approval of Drainage Ditch Repairs
7. Reports of the Board Committees
 8. Informational Items Only - No Action
 - A. Planning Commission Report
 9. Consideration of issues presented by persons of the general public and/or other general items

Persons wishing to address the Board concerning matters pertaining to this agenda as well as any other matters of County concern should ask to be recognized by the Chair at this time. All presenting items of consideration shall address the Board of Commissioners as a whole, and shall not direct comments to individual Commissioners, attempt to engage Commissioners in conversation, or solicit a Commissioner to respond to the speaker's comments. All speakers are limited to 5 minutes each.
 10. Reports of Various Departments
 - A. Report of Public Health

- Resolution to Approve the Award of Opioid Settlement Funds to Albert Lea Fire Rescue for First Responder Overdose Response Equipment

B. Report of Auditor-Treasurer

- Resolution for Change Fund / Impress Cash 2026
- Resolution Setting the crop damage rates for not planted acres
- Resolution setting the crop damage rate - Standing Crops
- Transfer of cash from General Fund to Insurance Fund
- Resolution setting Bounty on Beaver Trapping
- City of Albert Lea request for purchase of Tax Forfeited parcels for the purpose of building new modular homes. Originally presented by the city 10/14/25, discussion with Auditor Treasurer on 11/25/2025
- Resolution setting hearing date for approval of Albert Lea abatement

C. Report of Environmental Services

- Resolution adopting amendments to Article I and Article IV, Chapter 8, Freeborn County Code of Ordinances
- Resolution appointing John Forman to the Freeborn County Board of Adjustment
- Resolution approving an expansion to Special Exception Permit No. 2 for the establishment of a miniature golf facility at the Albert Lea KOA Campground

D. Report of Human Services

- Resolution to Approve Purchase of Service Agreement for Child Care Licensing Services between Freeborn and Mower Counties
- Resolution Approving 2026 Purchase of Service Agreement with Workforce Development, Inc.
- Resolution Approving Purchase of Service Agreement with REM Woodvale for Semi-Independent Living Services
- Resolution to Approve Purchase of Service Agreement with American Baptist Homes of the Midwest, dba Crest Services
- Resolution to Approve Purchase of Service Agreement with Thomas Allen, Inc.
- Resolution to Accept a Donation from the Bear Lake Lutheran Church - Ruth Circle

E. Report of Public Works

- Resolution approving Five Year Bridge Priority Replacement Plan
- Consider a resolution supporting the City of Albert Lea's application for Transportation Alternatives Grant Funding for Songbird Trail.

- Consider resolution sponsoring application for Transportation Alternatives Funding for Songbird Trail.

F. Report of County Administrator

- Consider a resolution appointing the Official Freeborn County Newspaper for 2026
- Consider a resolution setting the minimum salary for the Freeborn County, County Attorney position
- Consider a resolution setting the minimum salary for the Freeborn County Sheriff position
- Consider a resolution approving Commissioner appointments to Committees and Boards
- Consider a resolution to approve the Dress Code Policy
- Consider a resolution to approve the Meal Reimbursement Policy
- Consider a resolution to approve the Telecommuting Policy
- Consider a resolution to approve the Training, Conference & Committee Policy

11. Other items as necessary but unknown at this time

- A. Informational Only - Waitlist Notification for Minnesota Statewide Solar on Public Buildings Program

12. County Commissioner's Item

- A. Consider a resolution demanding State accountability for public fraud, mismanagement and unfunded burdens before imposing further financial expectations upon Minnesota Counties
- Consider a resolution setting the 2026 Board Meeting dates and time for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, starting promptly at 8:30 a.m.
 - Consider a resolution setting the 2026 Board Workshops for the 2nd Tuesday of each month, starting promptly at 8:30 a.m.

13. Approval of Claims

14. Adjournment

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