
FREEBORN COUNTY *Minnesota*

Meeting Notice and Agenda January 20, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Freeborn will meet in session on Tuesday, January 20, 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. Approval of Meeting Agenda
3. 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 January 6th, 2026 Board Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from the January 7th, 2026 Board Meeting
- Approval of Regular Full-Time Status Employees

4. Reports of the Board Committees
5. Miscellaneous Business

A. Ashley Strand - Cedar Valley Services - SMART Transit

6. 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.

7. Public Hearings

A. City of Albert Lea Abatement Hearing at 8:45 a.m.

8. Reports of Various Departments

A. Report of Auditor-Treasurer

- Resolution to approve the housing tax abatement in the city of Albert Lea
- Resolution authorizing a County Ballot Board
- Resolution approving Drainage Inspector contract with John Hereen
- Resolution approving Drainage Inspector contract for Dave Claussen

- Resolution Authorizing Loans to County and Judicial Ditch projects
- Resolution to appoint Interim Assessor

B. Report of Environmental Services

- Resolution appointing Mike Lee to the Planning Commission

C. Report of Human Services

- Consider a resolution to accept a donation from Round Prairie Lutheran Church Women
- Consider a resolution approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with Dr. Annette Smick
- Consider a resolution approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with Cedar Valley Services
- Consider a resolution approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with Independent Management Services
- Consider a resolution approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with Lutheran Social Services
- Consider a resolution approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with Unique Abilities
- Consider a resolution approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with Serenity Services (GC)
- Consider a resolution approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with Southern Minnesota Guardianship Services (GC)
- Consider a resolution approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with Independent Management Services (GC)
- Consider a resolution approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with Unique Abilities (GC)

D. Report of Public Works

- Consider a resolution approving a Funding Participation and Construction Agreement with Alden Township for Bridge L5611

E. Report of County Administrator

- Consider a resolution accepting the resignation of Joe Johnson, Maintenance, effective January 23rd, 2026.
- Consider a resolution filling the vacant Maintenance position.

9. Other items as necessary but unknown at this time

10. County Commissioner's Item

- A. Consider a resolution to approve the Rule 21 - Voting Changes
- B. Consider a resolution to set a date and time for a Public Input Meeting for the Shotgun Zone Ordinance

11. Approval of Claims

12. Adjournment

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