



Meeting Notice and Agenda February 12, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Freeborn will meet in session on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM 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. Commissioner's Round Table Discussion
4. Public Input Session - Shotgun Zone
 - A. **Albert Lea, MN** — Freeborn County will host a public input session on **Thursday, February 12, 2026**, from **5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the **Freeborn County Courthouse, Commissioners' Chambers**. The purpose of this meeting is to gather public input regarding recent changes in Minnesota law that allow counties to consider whether to **maintain a shotgun-only zone** or **permit the use of rifles** in designated areas. The Minnesota Legislature amended state law to provide local governments with discretion in how firearm use is regulated within their jurisdictions, making community feedback an important part of the decision-making process. Residents are encouraged to attend and share their perspectives, ask questions, and provide comments for consideration by the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners. This session is intended to be informational and to allow the Board to hear directly from the public before any action is taken.
5. Public Comment Introduction (2-Minute Limit)
 - A. At this time we will begin the public comment portion of our meeting.

If you have signed up to speak on the signup sheet, we will call your name in the order listed. When called, please come forward and state your full name and address for the record before beginning your remarks.

You will have up to two minutes to share your perspective on this matter. I will give you a signal when your time is up/when the timer goes off, please respectfully conclude your comments so we can ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak.

Please direct your remarks to the board, remain respectful, and avoid applause, interruptions, or disruptive behavior while others are speaking.
6. Adjournment

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