

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
December 2nd, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025. Members present: Commissioners Severson, Edwin, Kaasa, Shoff and Eckstrom.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Severson offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 25-342
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 November 18th, 2025 minutes;
- 2) Approval of Regular Full-Time Status Employees.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.

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 was none.

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution;

RESOLVED AS, RESOLUTION No. 25-343 Approving the Abatement Applications for the following parcels;
26.920.0030 (Scherff); 34.998.4370 (Albert Lea Estates, LLC); 34.091.0630 (Oferosky); 22.998.0090 (Burrow);
11.002.0050 (Kraft); 34.998.4550 (Guzman)

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution;

Resolution 25-344

2026 Solid Waste Fees

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Environmental Services Department is charged with the responsibility of implementing a variety of solid waste programs to maintain a healthy environment, and

WHEREAS, that for the past 30 years Freeborn County's solid waste programs have included a successful county wide recycling program, waste electronic collection program and the collection of Household Hazardous Waste, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the services contract to providing recycling services has increased substantially over the past years and Freeborn County is now required to house certain materials for disposal, and

WHEREAS the proposed rate for 2026 will allow for the continuation of the Freeborn County Solid waste program:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Freeborn County sets the annual household solid waste fee at \$70.00 for the resident of the cities within Freeborn County and \$60 for rural county residents and \$50 per 4 units or less and \$7 per 5 units or more beginning on January 1, 2026.

Resolution 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. 25-345

TITLE: Authorizing application for Local Road Improvement Program for Guardrail Improvements

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Highway Department has the responsibility of maintaining the county road system; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has made grants available through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) specifically to local agencies like counties, townships and small towns for various kinds of road improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has identified an eligible safety project involving the replacement of guardrails for a bridge on CSAH 35 over Interstate 35 near Geneva; and

WHEREAS, an award of funds through this program will avoid the need to use local tax dollars or State Aid construction funds on the needed safety improvements; and,

WHEREAS, only construction costs are eligible for grant funding and all engineering, right of way, inspection, and other non-LRIP eligible costs will need to be covered by the County.

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

1. An application shall be submitted for an LRIP grant for guardrail improvements on CSAH 35; and
2. Freeborn County will support the project by funding any engineering, right of way, inspection, or other non-eligible items as well as construction costs over the LRIP grant amount.

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 Severson offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-346

TITLE: Authorizing Final Payment of SAP 024-648-005

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Highway Department has the responsibility of maintaining the county highway system; and,

1. **WHEREAS**, the work for bituminous pavement removal, bituminous pavement, concrete sidewalk, curb & gutter, and railroad crossing improvements on CSAH 48 in Albert Lea has been completed in a satisfactory manner.

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

2. The Board authorizes the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer to make final payment in the amount of \$86,857.34.

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 Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-347

TITLE: Authorizing Final Payment of CP 025-MICRO-014 (low CP)

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Highway Department has the responsibility of maintaining the county highway system; and,

WHEREAS, the work for 2025 Micro-Surfacing by Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC of Plover, WI has been completed in a satisfactory manner.

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

1. The Board authorizes the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer to make final payment in the amount of \$155,803.43.

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. 25-348
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before December 5th, 2025.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 423,310.86
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 213,552.20
05	Human Services	\$ 202,534.06
06	Public Health	\$ 77,040.39
40	County Ditch	\$ 55,111.43
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 21,802.97
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 24,001.37
79	Social Services Collaborative	\$ 38.41
80	Tax Collection Fund	\$ 290.00
	FUND TOTALS	\$ 1,017,681.69

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 53

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$ 6,469.14

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.

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

Chair, Commissioner Edwin adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16th, 2025.

By: _____
Brad Edwin
Chair

Attest: _____
Chelsea Barrett
County Clerk