

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

January 27, 2026

Chair Schulte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	District #1	John Heinrich
	District #2	Julie Braastad
	District #3	Jeff Reinert
	District #4	Scott Schulte
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Julie Jeppson
	District #7	Mandy Meisner

Others Present: Jim Dickinson, County Administrator; Brad Johnson, County Attorney; staff, and citizens

Commissioner Braastad made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the periods ending December 26, 2025, and January 9, 2026, and purchase-card claims paid for the periods ending December 26, 2025, and January 9, 2026. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Heinrich made motion approving the minutes from the January 6, 2026, statutory and organizational Anoka County board meeting with the following corrections:

1. On Page 9, under the board chair appointments for program year 2026, as negotiated by all commissioners:

Committee of the Whole - Government Operations	2026 Appointment
Community and Governmental Relations Lead	Braastad Jeppson
Commissioner	

2. On Page 6, include additional language within the table of Resolution #2026-6, Resolution Concerning Employer Contribution Toward Medical Insurance Coverage for Retirees:

EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION TO RETIREE'S MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE		
Years of Benefit-Eligible Service	Individual Medical Insurance Coverage	Family Medical Insurance Coverage
10 - 15	One-half of the employer's contribution for single coverage each month.	One-half of the employer's contribution for single coverage <u>plus \$2.65 for each full year of service toward the county's family medical insurance plan</u> each month.
16 - 21	Full amount of the employer's contribution for single coverage each month.	Full amount of the employer's contribution for single coverage <u>plus \$3.60 for each full year of service toward the county's family medical insurance plan</u> each month.
22 - 29	Full amount of the employer's contribution for single coverage each month.	Full amount of the employer's contribution for single coverage <u>plus \$4.15 for each full year of service toward the county's family medical insurance plan</u> each month.
30 or more	Full amount of the employer's contribution for single coverage each month.	Full amount of the employer's contribution for single coverage <u>plus \$4.60 for each full year of service toward the county's family medical insurance plan</u> each month.

Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026, statutory and organizational Anoka County board meeting with the corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Jeppson made motion approving the minutes from the January 6, 2026, regular Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Anoka County Opioid Solutions Initiative Senior Program Manager Patti Constant presented an update on the Anoka County Spotlight on Opioids Initiative and “Faces of Hope” community engagement efforts to help community members impacted by opioid use.

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Midwest Medical Examiner’s Office Director Shane Sheets shared information on the responsibilities of the medicolegal death investigators. He also recognized those investigators who were present and expressed his appreciation for the work they do.

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Commissioners Schulte, Heinrich, Braastad, Reinert, Gamache, Jeppson, and Meisner offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2026-10

**PROCLAIMING JANUARY 25-31, 2026, AS
MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION PROFESSIONALS WEEK
IN ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the safety, health, and well-being of the residents of Anoka County depend upon the dedicated service of public safety and public health officials; and,

WHEREAS, the medicolegal death investigation community is comprised of a diverse and highly skilled group of experts, including medical examiners, coroners, medicolegal death investigators, forensic pathologists, forensic autopsy technicians, and administrative support staff; and,

WHEREAS, these professionals play an essential role in the administration of justice and public health by investigating sudden, unexpected, and violent deaths to determine the cause and manner of death with accuracy, scientific rigor, and integrity; and,

WHEREAS, the work performed by these individuals is vital to identifying emerging health threats, monitoring illicit drug trends, informing public policy, and providing the data necessary to prevent future preventable deaths in our communities; and,

WHEREAS, beyond the science, these professionals provide a voice for the deceased and offer answers, compassion, and closure to grieving families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the resilience, expertise, and silent service of the men and women who work tirelessly behind the scenes to serve the citizens of Anoka County, the State of Minnesota, and the nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaims the week of January 25 through January 31, 2026, as Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week in Anoka County and encourage all residents to recognize the vital contributions of these dedicated professionals and their allies who serve our community with honor and distinction.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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The following recommendations were brought forward from the Government Operations Committee of the Whole the meeting of January 13, 2026:

Commissioner Gamache made motion approving the following:

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1. Contract #C0012096 with Roseau County and Contract #C0012097 with Lake of the Woods County for Medical Examiner services commencing February 2026 with counties being billed per capita for services, with a term of one-year, automatically renewing for two, two-year terms; and approving ongoing negotiations to execute tentative agreements with Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Red Lake and Polk Counties.

Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Jeppson made motion approving the following:

Consent

2. Contract #SCON26-00000082 with Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC, for professional lobbying services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 with a term from January 1 - December 31, 2026.

Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Jeppson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Consent

3. **Resolution #2026-11:**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM PATRONS

WHEREAS, patrons of the Anoka County Library have donated the following totaling \$3,132.08 for the months of September through December 2025 in cash to the Anoka County Library:

August through November Book Cart	\$1,862.08
Judith Blanchard	\$500.00
Eileen and Terry Hargrave in memory of Elinor Deemer	\$200.00
Tara Langdahl-True in memory of Sherry Langdahl	\$100.00
Tasha Marwitz in memory of Sherry Langdahl	\$200.00
Dennis and Karen Genson in memory of Elinor Deemer	\$100.00
Mark Davidson	\$50.00
Lois Kaye in memory of Elinor Deemer	\$20.00
Andrew Carlson in memory of Margaret Carlson	\$50.00
Stephen and Marilyn Perry	\$50.00

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat 465.03 requires the county to accept donations by resolution expressed in terms prescribed by the donor:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby accept the donations of cash.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby wishes to extend grateful appreciation to the patrons for their generous cash donations to the Anoka County Library.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the following:

Consent

4. Contract #C00000137, a Joint Powers Agreement with Columbia Heights ISD #13 for election services to be provided by Anoka County.

Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Reinert made motion approving the following:

Consent

5. A one-time (over \$10,000) 2025 Property Tax Penalty Waiver for second-half property taxes in the amount of \$21,358.93 for Infinite Campus Properties, LLC, PIN 13-31-23-34-0002.

Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Jeppson made motion approving the following:

Consent

6. Updated Anoka County Master Data Privacy Policy.
7. Annual designation of depositories to U.S. Bank N.A., Wells Fargo Bank N.A., and J.P. Morgan Chase N.A., and delegating authority to the Finance Department's Chief Financial Officer and their designees to make investments and execute Electronic Funds Transfers.

Commissioner Heinrich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the following Human Services Committee of the Whole recommendations from the meeting of January 20, 2026:

Consent

1. **Resolution #2026-12:**

ACCEPTING GIFTS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Anoka County Human Services is contacted each year by a nonprofit organization, Bundles of Love, about donating bundles of a variety of items for newborns, including handmade blankets, infant clothing, diaper bags, baby care products, baby shampoo, diaper wipes, and more; and,

WHEREAS, among the 2025 bundles of love received:

Anoka County Public Health and Environmental Services distributed for infants in the Family Home Visiting Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 456.03, does hereby formally accept the 2025 donations from Bundles of Love for our Human Services Programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to Bundles of Love for this generous donation.

2. **Resolution #2026-13:**

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR
ANOKA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Minn. Stat §465.03, does hereby accept the following donations:

A \$5,000 donation from Medica to provide durable medical equipment to families who are Medicaid eligible in circumstances where they are unable to obtain the necessary equipment from their health insurance plan to adequately control their asthma.

A \$730 donation from HealthPartners to provide car seats in situations where families are unable to obtain one through their Medicaid plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to these donors.

3. Contract #C0012080 (renewal) with Mediation & Restorative Services, 1201 89th Avenue NE, Suite 3700, Blaine, MN 55434, for homeless prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$412,500 from February 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
4. Contract #C0012081 (renewal) with Family Promise, 363 Coon Rapids Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN 55433, for homeless prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$201,000 from February 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

5. **Resolution #2026-14**

**ACCEPTING GIFTS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, CarePortal's local network of member churches and community partners have responded and met 88 requests donating mattresses, bed frames, box springs, bedding, furniture, clothing (winter items), household and baby items, groceries, cleaning supplies, and more, helping 196 children and their families; and,

WHEREAS, items donated are for personal use by children of all ages and their families who are receiving services from Children and Family Services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 465.03, does hereby formally accept the items donated by CarePortal's local network of member churches for children receiving services and in particular those that have been placed in foster care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation for the items donated by CarePortal's local network of member churches and community partners, and for our partnership with CarePortal and CarePortal's Regional Manager Mark Lenz and Minnesota Area Director Tim Heroff.

6. **Resolution #2026-15:**

**ACCEPTING GIFTS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Anoka County Human Services has been contacted by two non-profit organizations, Safe Haven Foster Shoppe and Foster One Ministries, about donating items for children involved with child protective services and placed in foster care through Children and Family Services; and,

WHEREAS, Safe Haven Foster Shoppe has donated 74 placement packs filled with essentials such as socks, underwear, pajamas, clothing, shoes, jackets, blankets, diaper bags, backpacks, school supplies, and more for children who are placed in foster care; and,

WHEREAS, Foster One Ministries has donated an assortment of toys, games, crafts, pajamas, winter clothing and boots for 55 children who are involved with child protective services; and,

WHEREAS, items donated are for personal use by children of all ages receiving services from Children and Family Services; and,

WHEREAS, Foster One Ministries, through its partnership with Anoka County, provides direct support and donations for foster families:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 465.03, does hereby formally accept the items donated by Safe Haven Foster Shoppe and Foster One Ministries for children involved with child protective services and those who have been placed in foster care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation for the items donated by Safe Haven Foster Shoppe and Foster One Ministries and for our partnership with Foster One Ministries.

Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the following Public Safety Committee of the Whole recommendations from the meeting of January 6, 2026:

Consent

1. Contract #C0012066, 2026 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Columbus in the amount of \$547,973 with a term of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
2. Contract #C0012091, 2026 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Oak Grove in the amount of \$1,071,917 with a term of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
3. Contract #C0012078, the 2025-2027 Snowmobile Safety Grant between the State of Minnesota, Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$22,594.26.

4. Contract #C0012077, the 2025-2027 Off-Highway Vehicle Grant between the State of Minnesota, Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$24,901.84.
5. Contract #C0012094, the BCA Violent Crime Reduction Unit Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety on behalf of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the County of Anoka, acting on behalf of its Sheriff's Office, effective upon execution for a term of three years.
6. Contract #C0012087 with BI2 Technologies, LLC, 488 State Road, Suite 1, Plymouth, MA 02360, for the replacement of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office current jail management system, with the following costs to be split 60/40 between the Sheriff's Office and Anoka County Corrections:
 - 1st three-year period - \$165,344.00/year = \$495,000.00
 - 2nd three-year period - \$170,304.00/year = \$510,912.00
 - 3rd three-year period - \$175,413.00/year = \$526,239.00

The contract also includes maintenance support of the current jail management system (PCI) for FY 2026, 2027, and 2028 at a cost of \$125,000 per year.

Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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The following recommendations were brought forward from the Transportation/Parks Committee of the Whole meeting of January 13, 2026:

Commissioner Heinrich made motion approving the following:

Consent

1. **Resolution #2026-16:**

**RESOLUTION SETTING
2026 SPRING ROAD RESTRICTIONS**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that, upon recommendation of the county engineer and under the provisions of Minn. Stat. 169.87, Spring Road Restrictions shall be in effect upon the following designated State Aid Highways and County Roads. Such limitations shall not exceed a maximum of Ten (10) Tons or a minimum of Five (5) Tons.

CSAH 1		9 Ton Axle Limit
CSAH 2		9 " " "
CSAH 3		9 " " "
CSAH 4		9 " " "
CSAH 5		9 " " "
CSAH 6		9 " " "
CSAH 7		9 " " "
CSAH 8		9 " " "
CSAH 9	CSAH 14 (Main St) to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd)	10 " " "
CSAH 9	CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 24 (Bridge St)	9 " " "
CSAH 10	TH 47 to East County Line	10 " " "
CSAH 11		9 " " "
CSAH 12	CSAH 11 (Foley Blvd) to Lilac St	9 " " "
CSAH 12	Lilac St to CSAH 23 (Lake Dr)	10 " " "
CSAH 13	CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd) to CR 103 (229th Ave)	9 " " "
CSAH 14	CSAH 1 (5th Ave) to CSAH 9 (Round Lake Blvd)	9 " " "
CSAH 14	CSAH 9 (Round Lake Blvd) to CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave)	10 " " "
CSAH 14	CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave) to I-35E	9 " " "
CSAH 14	I-35E to East County Line	10 " " "
CR 15		7 " " "
CR 16		7 " " "
CSAH 17	South County Line to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd)	10 " " "
CSAH 17	CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 18 (Broadway Ave)	9 " " "
CSAH 17	CSAH 18 (Broadway Ave) to Coon Lake Shop	7 " " "
CSAH 17	Coon Lake Shop to CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd)	9 " " "
CSAH 18	CSAH 1 (Coon Rapids Blvd) to CSAH 11 (Northdale Blvd)	9 " " "
CSAH 18	CSAH 14 (Main St) to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd)	9 " " "
CR 18	CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 78 (Hanson Blvd)	9 " " "
CSAH 18	CSAH 20 (161st Ave) to Polk St NE	9 " " "
CSAH 18	Polk St NE to Soderville Dr NE	10 " " "
CSAH 18	Soderville Dr NE to East County Line	9 " " "
CR 19		7 " " "
CSAH 20		9 " " "
CSAH 21	South County Line to CSAH 34 (Birch St)	9 " " "

CSAH 21	CSAH 34 (Birch St) to CSAH 14 (Main St)	9	"	"	"
CSAH 22	West County Line to East County Line	9	"	"	"
CSAH 23	South County Line to I-35W	9	"	"	"
CSAH 23	I-35W to TH 97	10	"	"	"
CSAH 24	West County Line to CR 66 (Cleary Rd)	7	"	"	"
CSAH 24	CR 66 (Cleary Rd) to TH 47	9	"	"	"
CSAH 24	TH 47 to CSAH 28 (Ambassador Blvd)	9	"	"	"
CSAH 24	CSAH 28 (Ambassador Blvd) to CSAH 9 (Lake George Blvd)	9	"	"	"
CSAH 24	CSAH 9 (Lake George Blvd) to North County Line	9	"	"	"
CSAH 26		9	"	"	"
CR 27		9	"	"	"
CSAH 28		7	"	"	"
CSAH 30		9	"	"	"
CSAH 31		9	"	"	"
CSAH 32		9	"	"	"
CSAH 34	CSAH 49 (Hodgson Rd) to CSAH 21 (Centerville Rd)	9	"	"	"
CSAH 34	CSAH 21 (Centerville Rd) to CSAH 54 (20th Ave)	7	"	"	"
CSAH 35		9	"	"	"
CSAH 36		7	"	"	"
CSAH 49	CSAH 23 (Lake Dr) to South County Line	9	"	"	"
CR 49	CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave) to CSAH 23 (Lake Dr)	9	"	"	"
CSAH 51		10	"	"	"
CSAH 52	CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave) to I-35W	9	"	"	"
CSAH 52	I-35W to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd)	10	"	"	"
CR 52	CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CR 61 (153rd Ave)	7	"	"	"
CR 53	CR 49 (North Rd) to CSAH 12 (109th Ave)	9	"	"	"
CR 53	CSAH 12 (Apollo Dr) to CSAH 14 (125th Ave/Main St)	7	"	"	"
CSAH 54		9	"	"	"
CR 56		9	"	"	"
CSAH 57	TH 10 to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd)	10	"	"	"
CR 57	CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 5 (Nowthen Blvd)	9	"	"	"
CR 58	CSAH 7 (7th Ave) to CSAH 9 (Round Lake Blvd)	7	"	"	"
CSAH 58	CSAH 9 (Round Lake Blvd) to CSAH 18 (Crosstown Blvd)	9	"	"	"
CR 59		9	"	"	"
CR 60	CSAH 18 (Crosstown Blvd) to TH 65	9	"	"	"
CR 60	TH 65 to CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave)	9	"	"	"
CR 61	CR 52 (Radisson Rd) to CR 60 (Constance Blvd)	7	"	"	"
CSAH 62	CSAH 23 (Lake Dr) to CSAH 18 (Broadway Ave)	9	"	"	"
CR 62	CSAH 18 (Broadway Ave) to East County Line	7	"	"	"
CR 63	CSAH 5 (Nowthen Blvd) to TH 47	7	"	"	"
CR 64		9	"	"	"
CR 65	West County Line to CSAH 5 (Nowthen Blvd)	9	"	"	"
CR 66		9	"	"	"
CR 68		9	"	"	"
CR 70		7	"	"	"
CR 71		7	"	"	"
CR 72		9	"	"	"
CR 73		7	"	"	"
CR 74	CSAH 13 (Cedar Dr) to TH 65	9	"	"	"
CR 74	TH 65 to CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd)	7	"	"	"
CR 75		7	"	"	"
CR 76		9	"	"	"
CR 77		7	"	"	"
CSAH 78	CSAH 1 (Coon Rapids Blvd) to CSAH 11 (Northdale Blvd)	9	"	"	"
CSAH 78	CSAH 11 (Northdale Blvd) to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd)	10	"	"	"
CSAH 78	CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Blvd) to CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd)	9	"	"	"
CR 82		7	"	"	"
CSAH 83	TH 10 to CSAH 22 (Baugh St)	9	"	"	"
CR 84		9	"	"	"
CR 85		9	"	"	"
CR 86		7	"	"	"
CR 89		7	"	"	"
CR 102		9	"	"	"
CR 103		9	"	"	"
CR 104		9	"	"	"
CR 106		9	"	"	"
CR 108		9	"	"	"
CSAH 116	CSAH 83 (Armstrong Blvd) to CSAH/CR 57 (Sunfish Lake Blvd)	9	"	"	"
CSAH 116	CSAH/CR 57 (Sunfish Lake Blvd) to CSAH 78 (Hanson Blvd)	10	"	"	"
CSAH 116	CSAH 78 (Hanson Blvd) to TH 65	10	"	"	"
CSAH 116	TH 65 to CSAH 52 (Radisson Rd)	10	"	"	"
CSAH 116	CSAH 52 (Radisson Rd) to CSAH 17 (Lexington Ave)	9	"	"	"
CSAH 131		9	"	"	"
CR 132		9	"	"	"

CR 140		7	"	"	"
CR 158		7	"	"	"
CR 163		9	"	"	"

NOTE: CSAH Indicates County State Aid Highway
 CR Indicates County Road
 TH Indicates Trunk Highway

2. **Resolution #2026-17:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A
 FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUILD GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION
 FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON TRUNK HIGHWAY 65 AT CSAH 116
 (BUNKER LAKE BOULEVARD NE)**

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced its latest discretionary funding opportunity through the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Program, allocating \$1.5 billion to fund projects that will improve safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation consistent with DOT's strategic goals; and,

WHEREAS, Trunk Highway 65 (TH 65) is a State Trunk Highway, providing an important north/south transportation corridor in and through Anoka County and the cities of Ham Lake and Blaine; and,

WHEREAS, as traffic volumes increase, existing congestion and serious and fatal crash rates are expected to rise if improvements are not made at this intersection and the adjacent supporting local transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in coordination with Anoka County, Federal Highway Administration, and the Cities of Blaine, Ham Lake, and Spring Lake Park, led a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study on TH 65 from 81st Avenue in Spring Lake Park to CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard NE) in Ham Lake to develop and evaluate corridor improvement alternatives to enhance safety, mobility, community connectivity, and economic competitiveness; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County, in coordination with MnDOT and the Cities of Blaine and Ham Lake, is leading the project development efforts for improvements at the intersection of TH65 and CSAH 116; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County is proposing to submit an application requesting \$25 million in capital funds from the FY 2026 BUILD Program, to construct an interchange at the intersection of TH 65 and CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard NE) and associated improvements; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure matching funds and adequate planning resources; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County has not violated any federal, state or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County confirms if the project cost increases above the amount listed in the application, costs will be covered by Anoka County and local financial partners, and Anoka County certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules of the application:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, authorizes the county engineer to submit an application under the FY 2026 BUILD program, to construct an interchange at the intersection of TH 65 and CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard NE) and associated improvements.

3. Contract #C0012032, a cooperative agreement between Anoka County, Washington County, and the Cities of Lino Lakes, Columbus, Hugo, and Forest Lake, for corridor planning associated with the Minnesota Technology Corridor area along I-35E.
4. Contract #C0011662, a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the City of Andover for Project SP 002-618-037, intersection improvements at CSAH 18 (Crosstown Boulevard NW) and CSAH 20 (161st Avenue NW)/CR 60 (Constance Boulevard NW), in the city of Andover.
5. Contract #SCON26-00000859, agreement amendment (BN-00005116) with BNSF Railway to memorialize the new roadway design for Project SAP 002-606-015, the reconstruction of

CSAH6 (Mississippi Street) between CSAH 1 (East River Road) to TH 47 below Bridge #02524 and the BNSF Railway, in the City of Fridley.

- 6. Contract #C0012088 with Forest Lake Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$609,985.00, for Project SAP 002-611-042, the replacement of the traffic control signal system at the intersection of CSAH 11 (Northdale Boulevard NW) and Raven Street NW, in the city of Coon Rapids .

Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Reinert made motion approving the following:

Consent

- 7. Contract #C0012100 ratification, effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, and Amendment No. 1 (#C0012100A) which modifies the agreement between Anoka County and the Regents of the University of Minnesota to maintain the existing funding level while reallocating resources and implementing a more sustainable staffing structure.

Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Jeppson made motion approving Employment Agreement with Jessica Leth, and appointing Jessica as the Deputy Director, Human Services, effective January 27, 2026. Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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The following item came forward on an additional agenda:

- 1. Commissioner Braastad made motion authorizing Risk Management to settle claim #25-446 in the amount and terms as discussed with the Attorney's Office and Risk Management. Commissioner Jeppson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

By:

Jim Dickinson
County Administrator

By:

Scott Schulte, its Chair

*Motion carried means all commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively unless otherwise noted.
All contracts are subject to review by the attorney's office and are on file in the respective departments.
Resolutions are declared adopted unless otherwise noted and exhibits are on file in the County Administration Office.*