



July 31, 2020

Contact: Erik Thorson, Communications Director, 763-324-4612, or e-mail:  
[Erik.Thorson@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:Erik.Thorson@co.anoka.mn.us)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Anoka County Employees Receive Awards of Excellence**

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners recognized nine Anoka County employees during the annual Awards of Excellence at the July 28 board meeting. Employees were chosen by their peers for the awards.

The employees were commended for the exemplary work they've accomplished that streamlines processes at the county, saves money, and improves services for the public.

The recipients are as follows:

- Tami Allen: Modeling our Mission Award — Allen, administrative services assistant with Public Health and Environmental Services, developed a system within PHES that reduced the onboarding process for new hires from 6 hours to 1.5 hours.
- Paul Talbot: Performance Award — Talbot, an investigator with the Anoka County Attorney's Office, intercepted and disrupted an ongoing theft by fraud and was able to recover \$920,000 that was stolen from Anoka County.
- Kelli Hill: Leadership Award — Hill, an administrative supervisor in the Justice Services Division, was recognized for her outstanding management, training, and mentoring skills.
- Andrea Struzyk: Customer Service Award — Struzyk, a victim witness specialist in the County Attorney's Office, helped witnesses through testifying in an extremely emotional

**-more-**

**Respectful, Innovative, Fiscally Responsible**

Government Center ▲ 2100 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 700 ▲ Anoka, MN 55303-5024 ▲ [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us)  
Office: 763-324-4700 ▲ Fax: 763-324-5490

**Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity Employer**

## **Anoka County Employees Receive Awards of Excellence – Add 1**

case, and the office was successful in the trial, due in large part to her efforts.

- Tom Rogers and Angie Chalmers: Teamwork Award — Rogers, an application developer with the county’s IT department, and Chalmers, an office manager at the Medical Examiner’s Office, streamlined the outside agency hospice process, which involved the development of a new online webform that allows agencies to enter data online.
- Charlie Teff, Anders Oredson and Joseph Gerard: Teamwork Award — Teff, a GIS developer; Oredson, a Parks maintenance superintendent; and Gerard, a summer intern in the Parks department, worked together to design and implement a parks asset management collector app. The data collected through the app was used to inventory park assets, track maintenance cycles, and map the distribution of features and amenities throughout the various county parks.

“All of our Awards of Excellence winners are innovative, hardworking and deeply committed people who work on behalf of the citizens and customers of Anoka County,” said Scott Schulte, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners. “All County Board members, the employees’ supervisors and their fellow coworkers are proud to be working with such dedicated and creative professionals.”