



WASECA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 3, 2025 - 9:30 AM
East Annex Public Meeting Room
300 North State Street – East Annex · Waseca, Minnesota 56093

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, in the Commissioners' Room, 300 North State Street, Waseca, Minnesota. Members present were Chair Doug Christopherson, DeAnne Malterer, Brian Harguth, Brad Milbrath and Brad Krause.

Other members present were Michael Johnson, County Administrator; Beth Weimert, Administrative Coordinator; Tammy Spooner, Property and Election Services Director; Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Director; Jonathan Schiro, Court Services Director; Rachel Cornelius, County Attorney; Jim Kollar, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Leah Cameron, PH Business Manager, via online platform; Maame Quarcio, Senior Land Use Planner via online platform

Others present Deb Bentley, Waseca County Pioneer; Chris Alyward, Storm Chaser; Sam Wroblewski

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Christopherson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

Chris Alyward noted that he is a storm chaser, and he noted that he has monitored tornado sirens in Waseca County. He raised concerns about the sirens sounding within different communities in the county. Chris provided specific dates and times of the lack of sirens being sounded.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Waseca County Board of Commissioners agenda by Commissioner Krause, seconded by Commissioner Milbrath. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Approval of County Board Minutes

Motion to approve the Waseca County Board of Commissioners April 1, 2025, work session meeting minutes by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Harguth. Motion carried 5-0.

a. Waseca County Board of Commissioners Work Session Minutes April 1, 2025

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Commissioner Harguth, seconded by Commissioner Milbrath. Motion carried 5-0.

a. Approval of Bills

The following bills were audited and allowed:

A.H. HERMEL COMPANY	188.60
A3 COMMUNICATIONS	89,422.46
AK MATERIAL HANDLING SYSTEMS, INC	27,600.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	351.35
ASSOC OF MN COUNTIES	325.00
BOCKS SERVICE INC	1,000.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	115.45
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	911.83
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	304.87
BORNEKE CONSTRUCTION INC	2,274.32
BROCK NELSON	259.20
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS INC	3,289.06
CHARLES BENSON	160.98
CHRISTOPHER LLOYD OSTERLOH	171.90

COLE PAPERS INC	259.72
CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT	1,502.82
CURT KEYES	80.00
D&D PRODUCTS	774.42
DELL MARKETING L.P.	1,065.70
DENNISON TECHNOLOGY GROUP	5,426.16
DIGGER ENTERPRISES LLP	37,361.50
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE LLC	3,920.00
EXPRESS CARE INC	47.24
FAUL PSYCHOLOGICAL	665.00
GLENN HOEHN	50.00
HAS LLC	73.00
HOME SWEET HOME HARDWARE LLC	27.45
HOTSY MINNESOTA	557.15
IFACS	600.80
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	1,104.86
JAMIE BECKSTRAND	105.20
JULIE TESCH	102.40
KAY LYN GOTTSCHALK	97.50
KEZIA SMITH	150.00
KIM KROEGER-BABCOCK	92.60
L&D AG SERVICE, INC	894.29
L&L PLUMBING LLC	300.00
LA FLEUR LAW OFFICE, PLLC	30.00
MIDWEST MONITORING & SURVEILLANCE	11,135.47
MINNOWA CONSTRUCTION INC	1,682.00
MNCCC LOCKBOX	2,500.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	8,217.29
NAPA AUTO PARTS	61.85
NCH CORPORATION	394.95
NOW MICRO	2,261.17
OFFICE OF MNIT SERVICES	1,936.12
PATTI SCHUCH	103.52
PHILLIP L SCHLEICHER	12,000.00
RENT N SAVE PORTABLE SERVICES INC	125.00
RIVER BEND BUSINESS PRODUCTS	1,062.91
RS EDEN	99.90
RUSSELL J FREDERICK	84.34
SAMANTHA LANGER	3.50
SF ENTERPRISES LLC	22,790.00
ST CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY	3,630.00
STREAMLINE COMMUNICATIONS LLC	4,042.39
STREICHERS	45.98
TECTA AMERICA CORPORATION	2,793.10
WASECA GLASS	255.16

WILLIAMS FARMS	341.80
ZIEGLER INC	1,487.50

b. Road Closure - Hay Daze

Approval for the temporary closure of CSAH 19 (Main St) from the intersection of CSAH 14 (Old Hwy 14) to 4th Street for the annual Hay Daze event. The closure is requested from 5:00 am, Wednesday, June 11th to 5:00 pm, Monday, June 16th.

In addition, temporary parking restrictions and road closures along portions of North Main St (CSAH 19) in the vicinity of the Whispering Creek Nursing Home and CSAH 14 between Mott Street and Market Street are requested for a parade. The temporary parking restrictions would begin on the morning of Sunday, June 15th and the temporary road closure would be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Sunday, June 15th.

c. Tobacco Licenses & Liquor Licenses

Tobacco License Renewals:

- Casey's General Store - New Richland
- Casey's General Store - Janesville
- Dollar General Store - New Richland
- Dollar General Store - Janesville
- New Richland Liquor Company - New Richland
- Wagner Foods - New Richland
- Papa Olie's Bar & Grill - Waldorf

Liquor License Renewals:

- Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm
- Half Pint Brewing Co.
- Waseca Lakeside Club
- Riverview Golf Course

d. Notification of Confessions of Judgment

Confessions of Judgment have been prepared, signed, and filed with the Court Administrator for the following properties:

04.026.0510 Barry Mudgett (10 years)
 15.100.0550 St. Olaf Brewing Co. LLC - Matthew Schultz (5 years)
 17.501.0040 Mireya Zulidey Verde-Santos (10 years)

e. Economic Development Tax Abatements

Request for approval for disbursement of the first half 2025 payments to the businesses that have entered into Economic Development Agreements with Waseca County.

*Economic Development Tax Abatements
 Payment Schedule for County Tax Payable Year of 2025*

VENDOR #	BUSINESS	PARCEL #	COUNTY ANNUAL PYMT AGREEMENT	COUNTY SHARE OF TAX 2024	COUNTY PAY IN 2024	JUNE 25 PYMT	NOV 25 PYMT	ACCT #
863	Berry Family LLC #2	17.616.0050	\$ 21,065.00	\$ 28,167.48	\$ 21,065.00	\$ 10,532.50	\$ 10,532.50	01-701-6928
8786	Conagra	17.013.0600	Formula in Contract	\$ 183,977.74	\$ 116,099.80	\$ 57,638.43	\$ 57,638.43	01-701-6928
TOTALS			\$ 21,065.00	\$ 212,145.22	\$ 137,164.80	\$ 68,170.93	\$ 68,170.93	01-701-6928

5. Action Items

a. Waseca County Collaborative Coordinator Service Agreement

Jonathan Schiro, Court Services Director, discussed the Waseca County Collaborative Coordinator Service Agreement. Schiro noted this agreement includes an additional \$26,800.00 for fiscal year 2026, which will assist with off-setting the cost of the Steele-Waseca Drug Court by paying for a portion of Nicole Grams' salary/benefits.

Motion to approval and signature of the Waseca County Collaborative Service Agreement by Commissioner Malterer, seconded by Commissioner Krause. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Sentence to Service Program

Jonathan Schiro, Court Services Director, discussed sentencing alternatives for nonviolent offenders to work on community improvement projects. Supervised STS crews work in parks and other public areas. STS focuses on restorative justice and is used in repairing harm to the community and promoting accountability.

Our STS program has been a joint effort with Le Sueur County, Waseca County and the Minnesota Department of Corrections. Waseca and LeSueur Counties have paid 75% of the STS program (37.5% each), while the Minnesota Department of Corrections has paid 25% of the program costs along with employing the STS Crew Leader.

The Governor's FY26-27 and FY28-29 budget for the Department of Corrections ends state funding for STS in July 2025.

Financial:

If STS were managed by Waseca County and continued to be a joint effort with LeSueur County, the estimated annual cost per county would be \$56,900 (or an estimated additional \$20,000 per year). This cost does not include any "start-up" costs, such as van, equipment, etc.... (Start-up costs outlined in the attached document). If STS were managed as a Waseca County ONLY program, the total annual cost would be approximately \$113,800. If the STS program were to continue, we could adopt a "fee for service" model, whereas STS could charge a small fee for any non-county work completed (such as city, township, other non-profit work). It should be noted, LeSueur County Board is meeting today to consider funding the additional cost of the STS program. It does not appear LeSueur County will be approving any additional funds for STS and likely eliminating STS funding.

1) If STS were managed by Waseca County and continued to be a joint effort with LeSueur County, the estimated annual cost per county would be \$56,900 (or an estimated additional \$20,000 per year).

2) If STS were managed as a Waseca County ONLY program, the total annual cost would be approximately \$113,800.

The above amounts DO NOT include any "start-up" costs, such as van, equipment, etc.... (start-up costs are outlined in the attached document)

Motion to table STS program to June 17, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting by Commissioner Milbrath, seconded by Commissioner Krause. A discussion was held. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Administration

a. Administration Update

Michael Johnson, County Administrator, provided updates to the board regarding recent administrative updates. Johnson highlighted bonding bill concerns at the legislative level.

b. Human Resources Announcements

Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Director, provided updates to the board regarding recent Human Resource announcements. It was noted that a resignation was received from Sarah Hiniker, Extension.

c. Community Development Update

Tabled.

7. Commissioner Reports

The Waseca County Board of Commissioners in attendance at today's meeting shared commissioner reports.

8. Closed Session for Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Information Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(b)

Chair Christopherson noted the Waseca County Board of Commissioners would move into closed session at 10:59 a.m.

Chair Christopherson moved into a closed session at 11:04 a.m. closed session per Minn. Stat. **§ 13D.05, Subd 3 (b)**. Present at today's closed session were Commissioner Doug Christopherson; Melissa Sexton, Human Resources Director; Commissioner Brad Krause; Commissioner De Malterer; Commissioner Brian Harguth; Rachel Cornelius, County Attorney; Commissioner Brad Milbrath; and Michael Johnson, County Administrator.

At 12:15 p.m. the regular session resumed, and it was advised to follow the strategy discussed in the closed session.

9. Adjourn

Having no further county board business, Commissioner Krause moved and Commissioner Milbrath seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Doug Christopherson, Chairperson
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Beth Weimert, Clerk
Waseca County Administration