



WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

Todd County

● MINNESOTA ● EST. 1855 ●

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners held on
June 16th, 2026*

Public Comment

Mr. Kevin Winkler addressed the County Board regarding constitutional authority in regards to the recent County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 16th day of June, 2026 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with addition of item 11.4 Authorize Repair or Removal of Hazardous Property.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 2nd, 2026 as presented.

Approve the resignation of Public Works Equipment Operator Casey Poepping, effective June 25th, 2026.

To hire Michael Wisniewski to fill the open Emergency Management Director Position and reassigned to report to the County Coordinator, start date TBD.

Hire Kyle Cossentine for the FT Deputy Position start date TBD at a wage of \$33.21 per hour Grade 9/I step A.

Hire Isaiah Anderson for the Law Enforcement Intern position start date TBD at a wage of \$15.00 per hour.

To approve the hire of Angela Schleicher to fill the open Registered Sanitarian position. Grade H/8, Step K, \$43.85. Start date: TBD

Approve the resignation of Seasonal Office Support Specialist II Mary Kay Hinnenkamp, effective June 1st, 2026.

Approve the resignation of Social Worker Halle Dahlen, effective July 10th, 2026.

Approve the resignation of Social Worker Intern Tina Chock, effective May 29th, 2026.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the May 2026 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 906005 through 906107 in the amount of \$11,789,398.98 (Manual) 1327 through 1365 in the amount of \$2,858,530.46 and (Regular) 246331 through 246509 in the amount of \$1,223,982.42 for a total of \$15,871,911.86.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 404542 through 404563 in the amount of \$8,541.44 and (Regular) 59869 through 59901 in the amount of \$157,681.98 for a total of \$166,223.42



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On motion by Denny and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 807592 through 807640 and (Regular) 714184 through 714239 for a total of \$127,422.34.

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 602018 through 602040 and (Regular) 518978 through 518999 for a total amount of \$150,638.96.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement application from Scott Irlbeck to clean a portion of County Ditch 27 in section 10 Wykeham Township.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority, approve a brush spraying project on County Ditch 19 to be done by Central Applicators, Foley MN at an estimated cost of \$11,562.92.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority, approve a brush spraying project on County Ditch 18 to be done by Central Applicators, Foley MN at an estimated cost of \$18,355.52.

County Sheriff

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Accept the retirement of K9 Ranger effective 6/30/2026.

Facilities

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote: To approve the low bid from J Brothers to replace the data room cooling unit for a total cost of \$6,495.

Planning & Zoning

The June 2026 Planning Commission minutes and June staff report was provided for review.

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and approve the preliminary plat of Prairie Country Estates on parcel 18-0015300 with the following conditions.

1. New accesses from the County road shall be approved by the road authority prior to installation.
2. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the rezoning of the identified parcel 18-0040001 from Shoreland - NE and Commercial to entirely Shoreland - NE with no conditions.



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On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and approve the preliminary plat for Lakeside Bluffs on parcel 06-0031100 with the following conditions.

1. New accesses from the township road shall be approved by the local township prior to installation.
2. Establishment of a 50' drainage easement to protect the flow area across lot 2. Drainage easement shall remain in deep rooted, native vegetation for protection of Long Lake.
3. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

Soil & Water

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approval of the MPCA Feedlot Program Annual Report for 2025.

Administration

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the LPHA Lease Agreement Addendum with the presented terms and conditions including no rental charge and no automatic renewal provision.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

ADOPTION OF UPDATED TODD COUNTY DATA PRACTICES POLICY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of maintaining current policies that ensure compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, and;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Administration has developed a Model Policy for the Public to assist government entities in complying with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County's current Data Practices Policy was adopted on August 7, 2012, and is in need of updating to reflect current statutory requirements and best practices, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Policy Committee has reviewed the proposed updated Data Practices Policy and recommends its adoption, and;

WHEREAS, County Attorney Lindemann has reviewed and approved the proposed updated Data Practices Policy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached Todd County Data Practices Policy, based upon the Minnesota Department of Administration's Model Policy for the Public, effective June 16, 2026, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution replaces and supersedes the Todd County Data Practices Policy adopted on August 7, 2012, and any prior County Board actions, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve updating the Todd County Public Data Request website to require pre-payment of estimated staff time and copying costs for data requests as authorized under the Todd County Data Practices Policy and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13.

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

**AMENDED RESOLUTION
ABATEMENT ORDER FOR REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS STRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, Laurie Lee Reed, a.k.a. Laurie Lee Smith, (“the Landowner” herein) owns real property located at 30957 County Road 104, Burtrum, Todd County, Minnesota, 56318; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners (“the Board” herein) considered the motion to authorize the Chairman to sign this resolution (“Order” herein); and

WHEREAS, the Board considered the information presented by Adam Ossefoort, Division Director of Planning and Zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §463.15, there is substantial evidence that the home located at 30957 County Road 104, Burtrum, Todd County, Minnesota is hazardous and in a dilapidated state due to the following facts:

- The home had a fire in 2022, burning away its roof;
- The roof has not been replaced, and continues to have a reduced framing capacity;
- The home is resting on temporary cribbing which is settling, causing the structure to lean;
- The wood beams and concrete blocks on which the home is resting are breaking or deteriorating;
- The home has no utilities connected, including a functioning septic system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Landowner shall have 45 days from the receipt or lawful service of this Order to complete the following: (1) to have the home placed on a permanent frost-protected foundation sized and detailed to support the two-story structure and resist frost heave; (2) to remove and replace the fire-damaged roof framing and coverings and all charred or compromised members per engineered details to restore the required strength and continuity of the roof diaphragm; (3) to complete an engineered assessment of the structure once it is placed on a permanent foundation to ensure stability and that the building is supported by the foundation; (4) to connect utilities to the home and install a septic system; (5) that the work ordered herein be performed by licensed professionals and the appropriate permits be issued to complete the work. To show that the work ordered herein is completed, a written statement must be provided to the Todd County Planning and Zoning office by the appropriate tradesman or contractor who completed the work.

In the alternative to repairing the home, the Landowner may have the structure removed. If the Landowner fails to comply with either repair or removal, the County will act to remove the structure at the Landowner’s expense pursuant to Minn. Stat. §463.21.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Attorney's Office is hereby authorized to seek enforcement of this Order in Todd County District Court by way of a motion for summary enforcement of this Order unless corrective action is taken or an Answer is filed within 20 days of the date of service of this Order; at which time the proceeding will be handled by the District Court in accordance with Minnesota Statute §463.20 for contested cases.

Closed Session

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05 Subd 3(c) 3 to develop or consider offers or counteroffers at 10:28 a.m.

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reopen from closed session at 10:51 a.m.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that tax settlement and election preparations are keeping the office busy.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported on a busy summer within the office.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reported attending meetings including Personnel, Solid Waste, Paycom, Regional Administrator, Broadband and Sourcewell Technology group.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended meetings including the Policies, Expo Tour, AMC District 4, TWCC, Friendly Rider, Rainbow Rider and Board of Equalization.

Commissioner Denny has attended meetings including Personnel, Solid Waste, Soil & Water, Planning Commission, Landfill discussions and Board of Equalization.

Commissioner Noska has attended meetings including TCDC and Wellness. A reminder that the fair event is coming soon.

Commissioner Byers attended meetings including Park Board, Sourcewell, Personnel, and TCDC.

Commissioner Neumann attended meetings including Policies, AMC District 4, Long Prairie Airport, CPT Personnel, Park Board, Solid Waste, Rainbow Rider and Board of Equalization.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the meeting was adjourned for the month of June 2026.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
DOUGLAS SWCD	\$ 13,505.44
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC	\$ 4,673.25
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$ 15,191.62
PACIFIC LIFE INSURANCE CO	\$ 2,325.00



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PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	\$ 6,342.80
VERIZON	\$ 6,291.98
41 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 14,758.78
CENTRA CARE	\$ 13,350.31
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK	\$ 9,378.30
KANATI LAND MANAGEMENT	\$ 2,000.00
KEYL KXDL HOTROD RADIO	\$ 3,500.00
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	\$ 7,480.50
MORRISON COUNTY	\$ 29,469.96
MORRISON SWCD	\$ 7,402.07
POPE DOUGLAS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$ 30,420.54
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AUTH	\$ 98,136.20
SCHUMACHER'S NURSERY & BERRY FARM INC	\$ 31,442.20
STEP	\$ 13,052.50
TODD TRAILS ASSOCIATION	\$ 29,550.75
VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$ 3,277.40
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	\$ 27,599.00
WEST CENTRAL TECH SERVICE AREA	\$ 17,090.55
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	\$ 10,380.00
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A	\$ 6,637.50
39 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 17,315.87
BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION	\$ 2,610.00
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC	\$ 2,090,332.90
CLIFTON LARSONALLEN, LLP	\$ 28,350.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	\$ 7,448.00
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	\$ 2,000.00
GIZA PLUMBING & HEATING INC	\$ 4,757.00
LAKES COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE	\$ 3,348.09
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY	\$ 6,598.87
MINNESOTA POWER	\$ 15,226.68
PACIFIC LIFE INSURANCE CO	\$ 2,325.00
SAFEASSURE CONSULTANTS, INC.	\$ 13,157.28
47 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 23,962.35
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$ 3,358.61
HY-TEC CONSTRUCTION	\$ 201,918.14
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 2,002.02
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	\$ 12,547.85
MADDEN GALANTER HANSEN, LLP	\$ 4,170.22
MID MINNESOTA HEATING &	\$ 13,500.00
NOSKA CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$ 33,634.00
NOSKA HOME & ENERGY SERVICES INC	\$ 6,375.00
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	\$ 2,096.25
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$ 6,028.42
WEX BANK-SINCLAIR	\$ 2,396.25
53 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 15,846.32
BETTER HEALTH COLLECTIVE	\$ 30,860.00
WEX - CIRCLE K	\$ 2,873.39



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PAYCOM PAYROLL, LLC	\$ 42,465.81
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PAYCOM PAYROLL, LLC	\$ 3,467.10
WEX HEALTH INC - HSA	\$ 4,368.70
COUNTY OF TODD	\$ 3,140.80
WEX HEALTH INC - HSA	\$ 43,421.81
PERA	\$ 97,026.72
VOYA (MSRS)	\$ 8,292.22
BETTER HEALTH COLLECTIVE	\$ 335,234.00
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	\$ 80,965.12
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	\$ 3,337.00
US BANK-CC	\$ 9,808.63
PAYCOM PAYROLL, LLC	\$ 571,797.19
PAYCOM PAYROLL, LLC	\$ 41,044.14
PAYCOM PAYROLL, LLC	\$ 3,467.11
COUNTY OF TODD	\$ 2,757.46
WEX HEALTH INC - HSA	\$ 16,244.93
PERA	\$ 98,304.11
VOYA (MSRS)	\$ 5,589.69
HUMANA INSURANCE COMPANY	\$ 8,092.53
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	\$ 867,226.06
17 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 14,011.60
BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT DIST.	\$ 7,891.27
CITY OF BERTHA	\$ 123,267.87
CITY OF BROWERVILLE	\$ 151,453.07
CITY OF BURTRUM	\$ 10,146.45
CITY OF CLARISSA	\$ 76,164.43
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	\$ 159,355.19
CITY OF GREY EAGLE	\$ 75,380.15
CITY OF HEWITT	\$ 41,984.76
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	\$ 864,996.62
CITY OF OSAKIS	\$ 113,633.88
CITY OF STAPLES	\$ 545,247.23
CITY OF WEST UNION	\$ 5,415.19
REGION V DEVELOPMT COMMISSION	\$ 15,975.45
SAUK RIVER WATER SHED DISTRICT	\$ 49,201.94
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213	\$ 478,902.06
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2155	\$ 3,046.68
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170	\$ 945,662.67
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753	\$ 1,516,184.23
SCHOOL DISTRICT 486	\$ 515,958.22
SCHOOL DISTRICT 487	\$ 4,512.03
SCHOOL DISTRICT 740	\$ 51,710.13
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743	\$ 707,879.73
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786	\$ 331,063.28
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787	\$ 894,461.17
SCHOOL DISTRICT 818	\$ 39,734.95



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TOWN OF BARTLETT	\$ 48,512.32
TOWN OF BERTHA	\$ 40,679.11
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE	\$ 227,193.34
TOWN OF BRUCE	\$ 112,123.96
TOWN OF BURLEENE	\$ 42,228.15
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE	\$ 92,772.72
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY	\$ 61,571.12
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	\$ 103,504.81
TOWN OF GERMANIA	\$ 43,291.92
TOWN OF GORDON	\$ 107,953.80
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE	\$ 120,905.25
TOWN OF HARTFORD	\$ 119,935.81
TOWN OF IONA	\$ 61,275.02
TOWN OF KANDOTA	\$ 60,403.64
TOWN OF LESLIE	\$ 107,372.08
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK	\$ 43,479.64
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK	\$ 88,621.70
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE	\$ 105,414.05
TOWN OF MORAN	\$ 56,503.54
TOWN OF REYNOLDS	\$ 69,029.25
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE	\$ 121,272.33
TOWN OF STAPLES	\$ 95,386.44
TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE	\$ 60,553.37
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK	\$ 40,130.65
TOWN OF VILLARD	\$ 120,407.44
TOWN OF WARD	\$ 88,035.83
TOWN OF WEST UNION	\$ 54,941.04
TOWN OF WYKEHAM	\$ 63,409.38
4 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 2,683.27
TOTAL:	\$ 15,871,911.86

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
AMERICAN TRUCKBOXES, LLC	\$ 2,380.75
GARAGE DOOR STORE	\$ 3,088.00
HILLYARD	\$ 2,182.17
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC	\$ 2,858.20
MORRIS ELECTRONICS INC	\$ 5,204.38
NORTHERN STAR COOP	\$ 3,526.71
POPE DOUGLAS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$ 5,236.09
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST	\$ 115,701.04
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	\$ 4,085.76
46 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 21,960.32
Total:	\$ 166,223.42

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
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MR. COOPER	\$	4,053.56
TIMBERLAKE HOTEL	\$	3,764.00
US BANK	\$	4,989.91
6 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$	4,061.89
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES DEPT	\$	2,537.37
FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT 6004	\$	21,046.00
VENDOR# 16199	\$	2,376.06
RURAL MN CEP INC	\$	15,191.50
VENDOR# 17858	\$	2,659.20
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR TREASURER	\$	15,096.10
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$	2,312.47
USPS-POC	\$	5,208.26
88 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$	44,126.02
Total:	\$	127,422.34

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SRVS LLC	\$ 5,348.94
FREEDOM RANCH/THE	\$ 8,948.94
GENESIS GROUP HOMES INC	\$ 2,244.36
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH	\$ 8,398.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MN - ST PAUL	\$ 2,687.05
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MN - ST PAUL	\$ 3,472.31
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC	\$ 2,481.84
NEXUS - MILLE LACS FAMILY HEALING	\$ 11,632.44
PORT GROUP HOMES	\$ 2,494.92
PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY FOUNDATION INC	\$ 16,740.50
STEP	\$ 16,219.04
VILLAGE RANCH INC	\$ 35,363.28
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	\$ 15,661.00
32 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 18,946.34
Total:	\$ 150,638.96

On a motion by Noska and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held June 16th, 2026 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on July 7th, 2026.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file

Bob Byers, County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer