



WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

Todd County

● MINNESOTA ● EST. 1855 ●

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners held on
August 18th, 2026*

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 18th day of August, 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 Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with the removal of item 10.7 2026 Todd County Comprehensive Plan Adoption and addition of 12.1 Discussion on Hiring Freeze.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for August 4th, 2026 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT – NWTF STRUTTIN BLACKBEARDS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the NWTF Struttin Blackbeards through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the NWTF Struttin Blackbeards to hold a raffle event at the Little Sauk Legion in Little Sauk Township at the address 16268 County 50, Long Prairie, MN on October 24th, 2026.

Accept the resignation of Intern Isaiah Anderson effective 8/09/2026.

To approve the hire of Justin Host as a MIS Technician pending successful national fingerprint background check. Grade 7/G, Step B, \$29.27. Start date: TBD

To approve the hire of Joselyn Alvarez to fill the open Seasonal Office Support Specialist II position. Grade D/4, \$22.60. Start date: TBD.

Approve the resignation of Child Services Supervisor Breezy Tate, effective August 19th, 2026.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 404631 through 404653 in the amount of \$42,208.56 and (Regular) 60004 through 60035 in the amount of \$134,899.60 for a total of \$177,108.16.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 807752 through 807793 and (Regular) 714390 through 714432 for a total of \$55,354.84.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 602073 through 602086 and (Regular) 519063 through 519076 for a total amount of \$72,507.16.

Initiative Foundation

Carol Newbanks and Brian Voerding provided an overview of activities and projects supported by the Initiative Foundation that supported Todd County over the past year.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve annual contribution of \$7,500.00 for the Initiative Foundation for the 2027 budget year.

County Assessor

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the total abatement of \$356 on parcel 36-0121300 to abate the difference in non-homestead versus homestead property tax for the 2025 and 2026 years.

Public Works

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the attached state bid tractor and mower purchase agreements below:

- a. Midwest Machinery Co. (New John Deere 6M 130 Tractor) for \$120,000.00
- b. Truman Welters (New Schulte XH1000 Mower) for \$44,922.72

On motion by Noska and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the attached quote from the Trailer Center of Long Prairie, Minnesota for the purchase of a 2026 H&H Trailer for \$16,248.13.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the attached State Bid quote from Midway Ford of Roseville, Minnesota for the purchase of a 2027 Ford F350 Truck for \$46,887.00.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the attached state bid plowtruck purchase agreements below:

- a. Transwest Trucks (New Plow Truck Chassis) for \$147,588.72
- b. Towmaster Truck and Equipment (New Snow Plow Equipment) for \$178,679.00

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve attached MnDOT Permit requesting authority for Todd County to install two flashing stop signs at the intersection of State Highway 27 and County Road 11.

Facilities

Facilities Supervisor Mitch Johnson provided an update on the Historic Trim Project and its effect on the ADA access to public entrances to the Historic Courthouse – especially the North Hilltop Entrance. Building access could be affected for up to two months which may impact access to vital services such as early voting and property tax payment.

On motion by Neumann and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the low bid from Resorters Marine for a total cost of \$8,200 for a new dock in zone 3 at Battle Point Park.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the Fiscal Agent Agreement for the Long Prairie River Watershed Collaborative.

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 CUP on parcel 13-0003502 to establish Temporary Family Housing with the following conditions.

1. Applicant shall abide by Section 9.17 of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance.
2. Existing outhouse shall be abandoned and filled prior to land use permitting.
3. Applicant shall provide a septic application or maintenance agreement to Todd County prior to issuance of land use permits.
4. Applicant shall provide plans for greywater discharge prior to land use permits.
5. All land use permits shall be paid at 2x after the fact rates.
6. Applicant shall abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcels 27-0021000 and 27-0021601 to expand an existing feedlot from 1471.7 animal units to 2471.3 animal units with the following conditions.

1. Applicant must obtain NPDES permitting prior to issuance of land use permits.
2. Applicant must obtain MN DNR waters withdrawal permitting and provide verification of permitting to Todd County prior to issuance of land use permits.
3. Air quality exemption notices shall be provided to Todd County prior to all future manure application events.
4. Liquid manure storage structure shall have capacity for no less than 12 months storage. All manure storage shall be constructed prior to issuance of land use permits.
5. In the event of a manure spill or other discharge, applicant must notify the County and the Minnesota Duty Officer immediately upon discovery of said discharge.
6. Applicant shall maintain and adhere to updated Manure Management Plans, setback maps, soil sampling, and manure analysis, as required by MPCA Feedlot Rules. Manure management records shall be made available to Todd County upon request.
7. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.
8. Applicant must obtain permitting and/or licensing from additional governmental agencies as necessary.

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and grant the CUP on parcel 10-0033400 to establish Temporary Family Housing with the following condition.

1. Applicant shall abide by Section 9.17 of the Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To remand back the Kesslers Bay Preliminary Plat to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the Board Chair to sign the Sacred Heart Cemetery Addition Plat.

Solid Waste

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the bid by Farm Rite for S510 Bobcat in the amount of \$28,354.00.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the bid by Central MN Door in the amount of \$5,700.00

Commissioners

Discussion was held regarding the implementation of a hiring freeze for new hires and a standard for replacement authorizations due to the concerns over the County Levy proposed and forecasted increases.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that the Primary Election turnout was a higher-than-expected turnout at 26%. A statement was read and posted regarding a results posting glitch that occurred on Primary Election Night. The office is also working through plans to assist customers during the current construction project. Finance Committee has met multiple times in preparation for today's work session.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported that everything is business as usual and all is well.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reported attending meetings including policies, Historical Museum tour, wellness, initiative foundation on childcare, union agent, personnel courthouse floorplan, employee picnic, dept head, Solid Waste, MN Region 7 and TWCC Advisory.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Becker attended meetings including the Policy, Friendly Rider, TWCC, TWCC Advisory, Public Health Advisory, Employee Picnic, Solid Waste, and Rainbow Rider.

Commissioner Denny has attended meetings including Personnel, dept head, SWCD, Solid Waste, Fair Board and Finance.

Commissioner Noska has attended meetings including Historical Museum Tour, employee picnic, Canvassing Board and Fair Board.

Commissioner Byers attended meetings including TWCC Advisory, and Canvassing Board.

Commissioner Neumann attended meetings including CPT Personnel, Public Health Advisory, Employee Picnic, Park Board, Solid Waste, Rainbow Rider, and SR Millers Bay.

Adjourned

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

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
ARC ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$ 7,902.71
BUSKER CONCRETE, INC	\$ 2,000.00



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CENTRAL APPLICATORS INC	\$	24,489.75
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	\$	15,215.48
D & D AUTO REPAIR	\$	2,314.28
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES	\$	5,557.43
HERDERING INC	\$	26,932.80
JERRY'S AUTO BODY	\$	7,943.53
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	\$	4,230.00
M-R SIGN COMPANY INC	\$	8,849.76
NORTHERN STAR COOP	\$	4,162.48
POWERPLAN BF	\$	5,500.39
PRAIRIE VIEW DIESEL REPAIR	\$	6,389.58
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST	\$	36,317.00
WAGNER ELECTRIC LLC	\$	4,088.34
40 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$	15,214.63
Total:	\$	177,108.16

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
ITEN FUNERAL HOME	\$ 3,500.00
VENDOR #11481	\$ 2,237.95
VENDOR #17406	\$ 2,257.65
TODD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 4,659.95
69 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 32,357.61
MORRISON COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 4,032.44
RENTERS WAREHOUSE LLC	\$ 2,783.99
10 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 3,525.25
Total:	\$ 55,354.84

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SRVS LLC	\$ 9,132.50
LITTLE SAND GROUP HOME	\$ 12,398.14
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC	\$ 2,655.16
NEXUS - KINDRED FAMILY HEALING	\$ 5,663.09
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HEALTH CTR INC	\$ 7,375.00
PINE MANORS INC	\$ 2,400.00
PORT GROUP HOMES	\$ 9,979.68
STEP	\$ 6,018.88
VALLEY LAKE BOYS HOME	\$ 5,160.00
19 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 11,724.71
Total:	\$ 72,507.16



On a motion by Noska and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 18th, 2026 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on September 1st, 2026.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file

Bob Byers, County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer