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Todd County

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*Minutes of the Meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners held on
October 6th, 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 6th day of October, 2026 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byers. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the agenda as presented with addition of item 4.8 Hire Public Health Nurse and item 4.9 The Topsy Swan Bar & Grill Liquor License.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for September 15th, 2026 as presented.

Hire Ethan Wise for the FT Deputy position start date TBD at a pay rate of \$36.09 an hour Grade 9/I Step D

Hire Callie Blaeser for the PT Correctional Officer position start date TBD at a pay rate of \$26.36 an hour Grade 6/F Step A

Hire Yolani Dominguez for the PT Dispatch position start date TBD at a pay rate of \$26.36 an hour Grade 6/F Step A

Approve the hire of Mary Dvorak to fill the open Care Coordinator position. Grade I/9, Step C, \$35.10. Start date: TBD.

To approve the promotion of Autumn Pundsack-Nelson to fill the open Child Services Supervisor position. Grade K/11, Step D at \$42.10/hr. Start Date: TBD.

GAMBLING PERMIT – BROWERVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on March 7th, 2027.

Approve the hire of Mariah Finken to fill the open Public Health Nurse position. Grade I/9, Step C, \$35.10. Start date: TBD.

To approve an On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Topsy Swan Bar & Grill LLC at the address of 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN in Burnhamville Township effective October 31st, 2026 through March 31, 2027

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 404696 through 404721 in the amount of \$30,209.14 and (Regular) 60111 through 60154 in the amount of \$120,835.36 for a total of \$151,044.50.



On motion by Neumann 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) 807875 through 807939 and (Regular) 714511 through 714579 for a total of \$266,677.65.

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) 602112 through 602127 and (Regular) 519114 through 519137 for a total amount of \$118,201.38.

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

COUNTY DITCH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2027

WHEREAS, the Auditor-Treasurer's office along with the County Ditch Inspector have been proactively working on improving the cash flow balances within Fund-40 County Ditches on an annual basis to maintain positive cash flow, and;

WHEREAS, recommendations for the July 2025 through June 2026 assessment cycle were discussed at the County Board Worksession on September 15, 2026, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute allows for the Ditch Authority to approve maintenance fund assessments on a yearly basis without incurring the expense of a public hearing if statute requirement criteria have been met, and;

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the County Board to transition from the past practice of *collecting after spending* to maintaining a *revolving collection* comparative to expense trends and to keep assessments occurring as close to real time as possible for the potential property owners affected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners in their capacity as the Todd County Ditch Authority hereby approves the Maintenance Fund/Ditch Assessments for the 2027 Tax Payable Year as a one year repayment period without interest applied per the attached list.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

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

October 2026 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, every resident, student, and community member deserves to live free from violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects people of all ages, backgrounds, and identities, and can have devastating physical, emotional, and economic impacts on survivors, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, children growing up in violent homes are at higher risk of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, survivors deserve safety, support, solidarity, and action to address the root causes of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness, promote prevention, and honor the courage of survivors; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme “With Survivors, Always” calls for a sustained partnership with survivors toward safety, support, and justice; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that local organizations, advocates, law enforcement, schools, healthcare providers, and community members play a vital role in preventing domestic violence and supporting survivors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, in recognition of the ongoing need to prevent domestic violence, support survivors, and commit to action in the face of minimized services, increased barriers, and persistent violence. This proclamation affirms Todd County’s commitment to “With Survivors, Always” – standing with survivors, supporting their safety, and taking meaningful action to end domestic violence.



County Fee Schedule – Public Hearing

Todd County is in the process of building the County Fee Schedule to be implemented for 2027 and is required by MN Statute to hold a public hearing to gather any public input on the proposed fees. Notice of this public hearing has been published in the Todd County Newspapers the weeks of September 21 & 28, 2026 and also posted on the County Website. Public hearing and discussion was held with no public input received in oral or written comment.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority approves the Quote from Todd Carry - Lakes Area Blasting, in the amount of \$2,500.00 to spot clean the Fish Trap Creek Loop north of Quiken Rd that is the outlet for multiple laterals of County Ditch 41, and to clean the vegetation from the inlet and outlet of the culvert on Quiken Rd.

On motion by Denny and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority approve the dam removal Estimate of \$2,400.00 from Statema Backhoe Service to remove the beaver dam on the ditch line on 24-0010900 and lower the water level on the pond. If a second day is needed, there will be an additional \$1,750.00 charge.



County Sheriff

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RESOLUTION FORMAT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Safety has a Towards Zero Death (TZD) program, and;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety requires a fiscal agent and Administer of the grant , and;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mike Allen is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in Todd County and is authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to the project on behalf of Todd County and to be the fiscal agent and administer of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Todd County Sheriff's Office enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, for the enforcement projects during the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Denny and second by Byers, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Noska abstaining: Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Order of Removal of the hazardous structure located on parcel 06-0054800.

Solid Waste

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize Board Chair to sign attached letter, supporting Wadena County's grant application and committing to spending up to \$18,000 for up to six cameras at Todd County locations.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the provided Data Sharing Agreement for School Health Services between Independent School District No. 2753 and Todd County HHS.

Administration

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Renew the Consulting Services Contract with Labor Attorney Firm Madden Galanter Hansen, PLLC, Attorneys At Law agreement as presented, for June 4th, 2026 through June 4th, 2028.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that absentee voting for the State General Election and tax collection season continues to be steady within the office.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported that the office remains busy.

County Coordinator's Report

The County Coordinator reported attending meetings including AMC Fall Policy Conference, Osakis HS, Region 4 Cyber Response, Facilities, Safety and Personnel.

County Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

Commissioner Denny attended meetings including GRRL Finance, GRRL Board, Hands of Hope, Prairie Lakes, and Personnel.

Commissioner Becker attended meetings including Region V, Facilities, Safety, MRC, and AMC Fall Policy Conference.

Commissioner Byers attended meetings including the MRC Conference,.

Commissioner Neumann attended meetings including Sauk River Watershed, AMC Fall Conference, JD2, and MRC Conference.

Commissioner Noska attended meetings as usual but missed a few due to vacation. Also, announced that the Todd County Fair dates will be moving for 2027.

Recess

On motion by Neumann and second by Denny, the meeting was recessed until October 20th, 2026.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$ 3,141.26
CENTRAL APPLICATORS INC	\$ 4,895.86
DIAMOND MOWERS LLC	\$ 11,786.97
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$ 20,253.30
FORTE	\$ 6,655.00
JMD MANUFACTURING INC	\$ 4,128.16
KNOW iNK	\$ 8,125.00
KRIS ENGINEERING INC	\$ 43,793.75
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	\$ 4,890.00
NORTHSTAR PLUMBING, HEATING, & AIR LLC	\$ 3,920.80
PRAIRIE VIEW DIESEL REPAIR	\$ 10,884.50
TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	\$ 5,043.90
ZIEGLER INC	\$ 3,180.55
57 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 20,345.45
Total:	\$ 151,044.50

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
BRENNY FUNERAL CHAPEL	\$ 3,500.00
VENDOR #14810	\$ 2,198.23
VENDOR #17406	\$ 2,257.65
DHS - SWIFT	\$ 208,261.20



123 PAYMENTS LES THAN 2000	\$ 48,625.02
7 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 1,835.55
Total:	\$ 266,677.65

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
CHILDREN'S HOME & LSS LLC	\$ 3,534.62
GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC	\$ 4,831.46
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MN - ST PAUL	\$ 2,192.95
NEXUS - MILLE LACS FAMILY HEALING	\$ 11,109.78
NEXUS - KINDRED FAMILY HEALING	\$ 14,438.31
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES	\$ 4,391.31
PRAIRIE LAKES YOUTH PROGRAMS	\$ 17,050.00
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS	\$ 3,570.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC	\$ 39,187.17
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	\$ 6,781.00
30 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$ 11,114.78
Total:	\$ 118,201.38

On a motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 6th, 2026 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 20th, 2026.

Witness my hand and seal:

/s/ on file
Bob Byers, County Board Chairperson

/s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer