



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA) met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Cox, Bigham, and Clasen. WCRRA Chair Clasen presided. Also present were Kevin Corbid, County Administrator; John Ristad, County Attorney Civil Division Chief; Stephanie Kammerud, Administrative Assistant; and county staff. Official proceedings of the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:13 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room.

Present: Commissioner Fran Miron, District 1
 Commissioner Stan Karwoski, District 2
 Commissioner Bethany Cox, District 3
 Commissioner Karla Bigham, District 4
 Commissioner Michelle Clasen, District 5

Also Present: Kevin Corbid, County Administrator
 John Ristad, Assistant County Attorney Division Chief
 Stephanie Kammerud, Administrative Assistant

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Board Chair Karwoski asked for comments from the public.

Wesley Salverda, Forest Lake Township, provided comments in support of maintaining State well inspections. These comments are related to today's public hearing regarding the Groundwater Plan.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Miron moved, seconded by Commissioner Cox, to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. Approval of the February 4, 2025, County Board meeting minutes.
2. Approve Contract No. 17066 with CivicPlus for ArchiveSocial in the amount of \$33,087.48.

3. Approve Contract No. 17118 with Bright Penny Creative LLC in the amount of \$283,875.00, for the period of February 18, 2025, to September 30, 2026.
4. Amend rate of pay on contracts for legal representation with Jessica Buberl, James F. Schneider, and Spencer Butts, for certain persons in Civil Commitments, Guardianships, and Conservatorships.
5. Approve Wells Fargo Contract No. 17111 for banking services.
6. Approval of an application for renewal of an On-Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp Association, located in May Township.
7. Approval of an application for renewal of an On-Sale, Off-Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Stoneridge Golf Club Inc. located in West Lakeland Township.
8. Approval of Opioid Settlement Community Council member updates to remove Tara Goebel, due to voluntary resignation, and to appoint Jessica Muszynski to a two-year term beginning February 18, 2025, to February 18, 2027.
9. Approve Contract No. 17163 in the amount of \$256,827.73 with Prevolv Inc. for ancillary furnishings for the Central Service and License Center.
10. Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 17136 between the City of Woodbury and Washington County for the placement of a new water treatment plant and water pipelines along County Highway corridors.
11. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 16252 with WSB & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$115,000 for project administration and inspection services to support the road and bridge construction program.
12. Approval of **Resolution No. 2025-013** as follows:

**RESOLUTION FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TO ENTER INTO
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MNDOT)
AGREEMENT NO. 1058279**

WHEREAS, MnDOT, in partnership with Washington County, is leading a project to improve pedestrian mobility and access for crossing County Highway 13 at the south I-94 interchange ramps; and

WHEREAS, this work includes installation of a raised concrete pedestrian refuge, marked pedestrian crossing, and significant traffic signal upgrades; and

WHEREAS, Washington County and MnDOT jointly own this traffic signal system; therefore, a cooperative cost share is the appropriate way to approach these improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1058279 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, for the following purposes:

Installation of ADA, pedestrian, and traffic control signal system improvements to County Highway 13 (Radio Drive) at the south I-94 interchange ramps under State Project No. 8282-152.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and the County Administrator are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

The motion was adopted with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Cox, Bigham, Clasen, and Karwoski. Nays, none.

PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Washington County Draft 2025-2035 Groundwater Plan

The public hearing opened at 9:18 a.m.

Board Chair Karwoski presented a brief overview of today's public hearing regarding the draft 2025-2035 Washington County Groundwater Plan. This public hearing is being held pursuant to the requirements in Minnesota Statute 103B.255. On January 21, 2025, the County Board issued its order setting this public hearing for today. Board Clerk Stephanie Kammerud indicated that proper notices were published and made part of the record.

Stephanie Souter, Senior Program Manager in the Department of Public Health and Environment (PHE), presented the county's draft 2025-2035 Groundwater Plan.

Ms. Souter provided background information on the Groundwater Plan. Metropolitan counties are given the authority to have a groundwater plan in Minnesota Statute 103B.255, and these plans are approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Groundwater provides 100% of Washington County's drinking water, and managing the groundwater supply is challenging with competing interests and groundwater contamination.

Ms. Souter reported that the county's first Groundwater Plan was adopted in 2003, and was last updated in 2014. The 2014 Groundwater Plan expired in August 2024, and the county received an extension to August 2025. PHE relies on various county plans and external plans to carry out its work.

Ms. Souter reported that there are many state and local agencies involved in groundwater. The county's role includes licensing programs for septic systems and solid and hazardous waste

management, financial assistance, private well water testing services, collaborating with partners, and education/outreach. The Groundwater Plan provides a countywide framework that guides the protection and conservation of groundwater resources.

Ms. Souter reported that the Groundwater Plan process began in June 2023, followed by community engagement survey and events. The Groundwater Advisory and Technical Advisory Committee met twice in late 2023, and in Spring 2024, to review past activities, current information, and formulate potential strategies for review and feedback. Staff sought feedback from the County Board in August 2024, as the draft was finalized.

Ms. Souter reported that the review and adoption process began with a 60-day review and comment period, which began November 12, 2024. Per statute, the county must respond to comments within 30 days of the close of that period. Comments and responses were included in today's board meeting packet. After today's public hearing, the Groundwater Plan is submitted to the Metropolitan Council, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the BWSR for review and approval. Reviewing agencies have 45 days to submit comments to BWSR, and the county must adopt and implement the Groundwater Plan within 120 days of BWSR approval.

Ms. Souter reviewed some of the key information in the Groundwater Plan. The Vision Statement reads, "We envision a future where there is plenty of clean water in Washington County to support human health, community growth, and a thriving natural environment." The plan itself is organized into several chapters that cover information required per statute, and aligns with strategies of the plan. The strategies are organized around four goal areas: Quality – contamination, sources of contamination, prevention focused efforts; Quantity – water use, water overuse, efficiency; Education – audiences, methods for connecting, on both issues of quality and quantity; Governance – programs and services are efficient and effective, intergovernmental coordination.

Ms. Souter reported that comments received prior to today's public hearing were provided in the board meeting packet from 14 different entities, including state agencies, cities, watershed districts, and others. Comments included general support for the plan, suggested wording changes, clarification on some of the maps, and requests for more information on how the annual work plans, that are used to implement the plan, are developed. Some of the comments included specific strategies and areas of work, including land spreading, groundwater data collection, well delegation, measurement and implementation.

Board Chair Karwoski asked for comments from the public regarding the Groundwater Plan.

Richard Thron of Mantyla Well Drilling Inc., West Lakeland Township, has worked with delegation programs throughout the metropolitan area. Mr. Thron commented on his experience in assisting customers with groundwater issues, and the process of having a customer back in service is a 24-hour process. Mr. Thron has been working with staff from PHE to discuss a county delegation program. If the county becomes a delegated well authority, it is of concern that well drillers have the ability to continue serving customers in a timely manner.

There being no further members of the public who wished to speak, Chair Karwoski asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Miron moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

The public hearing closed at 9:37 a.m.

It is noted for the record, that a comment letter was received and recorded from Brown's Creek Watershed District Administrator Karen Kill, after the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Clasen moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-014** as follows:

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
GROUNDWATER PLAN 2025-2035 DRAFT TO THE
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL AND STATE REVIEW AGENCIES
AND THE BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES FOR
FINAL REVIEW**

WHEREAS, Washington County has the authority by Minnesota Statutes section 103B.255 to have a groundwater plan; and

WHEREAS, in preparing the county's Groundwater Plan, a Groundwater Advisory Committee was utilized per Minnesota Statutes section 103B.255; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 103B.255 subdivision 8(a) requires a 60-day review and comment period of the draft plan by entities specifically named in subdivision 8(a); and

WHEREAS, the County distributed the draft plan in conformance with subdivision 8(a); and

WHEREAS, the 60-day review and comment period mandated in subdivision 8(a) ended on January 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, subdivision 8(c) of section 103B.255 requires the County to hold a public hearing on the draft plan no sooner than 30 days and no later than 45 days after the 60-day review and comment period on the draft plan; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2025 the County Board held a public hearing on the draft plan; and

WHEREAS, subdivision 9 of section 103B.255 requires that after completion of the review under subdivision 8, the draft plan, any amendments thereto, all written comments received on the plan, a record of the public hearing, and a summary of changes incorporated as part of the review process must be submitted to the Metropolitan Council, the state review agencies, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources for final review; and

WHEREAS, one-hundred percent of the source of drinking water in Washington County comes from groundwater; and

WHEREAS, regions of Washington County are already facing contaminated groundwater; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the public's health, safety and welfare to keep the surface and groundwater resources as free from contamination as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves submittal of the Washington County Groundwater Plan 2025 – 2035 Draft to the Metropolitan Council, State Agencies, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources for final review per subdivision 9 of section 103B.255.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the review contemplated by subdivision 9 of section 103B.255, the procedure propounded by section 103B.255 subdivision 10 shall be followed.

Commissioner Miron seconded the motion, and it was adopted with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Cox, Bigham, Clasen, and Karwoski. Nays, none.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

2024 Fourth Congressional District App Challenge Recognition

The County Board recognized Idrees Ahmad of Woodbury, who won the 2024 Fourth Congressional District App Challenge, which is a nationwide STEAM competition for students interested in technology. Idrees's app, *MinnVotes*, is designed to boost voter turnout among young voters and students by helping users develop and build a plan to vote. Commissioner Clasen presented Idrees with a Commissioner Service Award.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Miron moved to postpone Public Works item A (Holcim Larson Quarry), and instead begin with Public Works item D (CSAH 16). Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Contract for County State Aid Highway 16 Pavement Preservation Project

Sydney Arkell, Engineer I, presented a contract for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 16 Pavement Preservation Project in the City of Woodbury. This project consists of improvements to CSAH 16 (Valley Creek Road) from CSAH 25 (Century Avenue) to Bielenberg Drive. This project is identified as #RB-2204 in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Ms. Arkell reported that the consultant contract services include project coordination of preliminary and final design, public engagement, utility coordination, permitting approvals, traffic signal system evaluation, trail feasibility and analysis, right-of-way necessary to deliver these projects, and trail and pavement rehabilitation. A Request for Proposals was issued, four qualified consultants submitted proposals, and MSA was selected to complete the design. This contract is funded through County Pavement Preservation Funds.

Commissioner Clasen moved to approve Contract No. 17152 with MSA Professional Services Inc. in the amount \$349,575 for the CSAH 16 Pavement Preservation Project. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Change Order for CSAH 12 Reconstruction Project

Allan Brandt, Construction Engineer, presented a change order for the CSAH 12 Reconstruction Project, which spans nearly three miles between East/Hallam Avenue and Kimbro Avenue, in the cities of Mahtomedi and Grant. This project is identified as #RB-2663 in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Brandt reported that Valley Paving Inc. was awarded the construction bid in March 2024. The work included a full reconstruction of East/Hallam Avenue to the Mahtomedi school entrance. Challenges during construction included utilities not relocating in a timely manner and elevated water levels. During construction, there were 11 change orders necessary to complete the work. Change Orders 1 through 8, 10, and 11 were approved administratively in accordance with county policy.

Change Order 9 is for a bituminous density incentive earned by the contractor, and requires County Board authorization due to the cumulative value of all change orders exceeding the budgeted 7% contingency. The change order will be funded with County State Aid revenue.

Commissioner Miron moved to approve Change Order 9 for Contract No. 16340 with Valley Paving Inc. in the amount of \$58,001.59 for the CSAH 12 Reconstruction Project. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Resolution for Position Declaration for Holcim Larson Quarry Expansion

Lyssa Leitner, Planning Director, presented a resolution making a positive declaration requiring an Environmental Impact Statement for the Holcim Larson Quarry Expansion, pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1700. subpart 3.

Ms. Leitner reported that Holcim - MWR Inc., formerly Aggregate Industries, proposes expanding its limestone quarry, the Larson Quarry, to the east onto an adjacent 148-acre property located east of County Road 75. The current quarry, which has a conditional use permit from the county, has been in operation since the 1950s in its current location.

Ms. Leitner reported that an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) is a state process used to assess the potential environmental impacts of a proposed project. County Development Code

identifies Washington County as the Responsible Government Unit (RGU) for the EAW process. The EAW is required for projects that meet certain criteria or are deemed potentially impactful. This project requires that an EAW must be prepared as it exceeds thresholds identified from Minnesota Rules 4410.4300, establishing thresholds for development, which will excavate 40 or more acres of land to a mean depth of ten feet or more.

Ms. Leitner reported that in 2005, Aggregate Industries (the name the mine was operating under at that time) submitted an EAW, which went through the state process. That process resulted in five comments, and none of those comments noted the potential for significant impact, and therefore, the board passed a resolution for a negative declaration on the project. Since 2005, Holcim never expanded into the area east of County Road 75. Due to the age of the EAW data, the county determined that the 2005 document and process is no longer valid. Therefore, Holcim and the county began preparing and reviewing a new EAW in 2023.

The EAW was reviewed and deemed complete by county staff in November 2024. A 45-day comment period was held from December 3, 2024, to January 17, 2025. Additionally, while not required, a public meeting was held at Grey Cloud Island Township Hall on January 9, 2025. Thirty-six individual comments were received, and most of the individual comments are multi-part comments. Holcim prepared responses to all comments and Washington County, as the RGU, reviewed the responses for accuracy.

The outcome of an EAW is either a positive declaration, a need for further environmental review through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or a negative declaration. The EAW and Findings of Fact does not approve the project, it establishes the environmental impacts and mitigation measures. The required permit processes will come after the environmental process and will provide agencies with official approval actions.

Minnesota Rules 4410.1700, subpart 7, provides criteria for determining the potential for significant impact. The EAW document and comment period established that the project does have the potential for significant environmental effects in the resource areas including cultural resource impacts, specifically archeology, and removal of significant vegetation stands. While not considered a significant impact, the response to comments noted multiple items that need to be updated in the EAW based on comments. These updates should be made via an EIS process. Any new data or regulations should be incorporated into an EIS process. It is recommended that the County Board require the preparation of an EIS.

Ms. Leitner concluded that a Findings of Fact document on the decision about the need for an EIS will be distributed to all commentors and other parties in accordance with MN 4410.1700 subp. 5. If the County Board declares a negative declaration, Holcim can move forward with local, state, and federal permits, including a conditional use permit and right-of-way and access permit from the county. If the County Board declares a positive declaration, an EIS process will begin in accordance with Minnesota Rules 4100.

Commissioner Bigham moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-015** as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS MAKING A POSITIVE DECLARATION
REQUIRING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR
THE PROPOSED LARSON QUARRY EXPANSION**

WHEREAS, MN Rule 4410 establishes the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW); and

WHEREAS, Washington County is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for the preparation of an EAW for mine operations in the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, Aggregate Industries prepared an EAW in 2005 for the proposed Larson Quarry expansion in Grey Cloud Island Township which resulted in five public and agency comments and none noted a potential for significant impact; and

WHEREAS, the County Board passed a resolution on September 20, 2005 for a negative declaration on that EAW; and

WHEREAS, Aggregate Industries never began work in the EAW expansion area and therefore the 2005 EAW is too outdated to remain valid; and

WHEREAS, Holcim-MWR, Inc. (formerly Aggregate Industries) started preparation of a new EAW in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, as the RGU, deemed the EAW complete in November 2024 which began the public comment process for the EAW; and

WHEREAS, Washington County must make either a negative declaration or a positive declaration on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) based on the data in the EAW and the comments received; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners makes the following findings of fact:

1. An EAW was distributed to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Environmental Review Program EAW Distribution List.
2. A 45-day comment period was held from December 3, 2024, to January 17, 2025
3. Washington County hosted a Public Comment Meeting at the Grey Cloud Island Township on January 9th, 2025, during which the County answered questions and accepted written comments.
4. Thirty-six public and agency comments were received, and responses were prepared.

5. The EAW and public comments were presented to the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission at their meeting on January 28th, 2025.
6. Public comments received during the EAW comment period raised concerns with the potential for significant impacts related to:
 - a. Cultural resources and archeological impacts due to not meeting review requirements of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC),
 - b. Removal of a significant vegetative stand with insufficient mitigation measures identified.
7. While not meeting the definition of significant impact, the response to comments documents identified many items that need to be updated in the EAW. These issues should be updated during an EIS process.
8. Additionally, any new environmental regulations or data should be incorporated into an EIS.
9. The proposed project may have the potential for significant environmental effects due to the items listed above as defined by Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1700, subpart 7, and that further study is necessary to adequately address these issues.
10. The preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will provide a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts, reasonable alternatives to the proposed project, and potential mitigation measures to reduce adverse effects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Washington County Board of Commissioners makes a positive declaration requiring an Environmental Impact Statement for the project pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1700. subpart 3.

Commissioner Miron seconded the motion, and it was adopted with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Cox, Bigham, Clasen, and Karwoski. Nays, none.

Memorandum of Understanding for County Road 19A – 100th Street Realignment Project

Ryan Hoefs, Engineer II, presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Washington County and the City of Cottage Grove for transportation improvements related to the realignment of County Road 19A. This project is identified as #RB-2685 in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Hoefs reported that in 2020, Washington County and the City of Cottage Grove completed a study for a southwest arterial alignment through Cottage Grove, and a Phase 1 project from Highway 61 to Jamaica Avenue was identified as a priority. The county and city have continued to proactively identify and apply for outside funding to complete Phase 1. The MOU identifies planned Phase 1 improvements and county/city cost participation to continue progression of the project.

Commissioner Bigham moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding for transportation improvements for the County Road 19A - 100th Street Realignment Project with the City of Cottage Grove. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Contract for County Highway 15 South Segment Tree Clearing and Grading Project

Mr. Hoefs presented a contract for grading and tree clearing for County Highway 15 (58th Street) from Manning Avenue to Stillwater Boulevard, on the south side of Trunk Highway 36. This project is identified as #RB-2652 in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Hoefs reported that this multi-phase project will complete a gap in the County Road 15 system and will eliminate dependency on Trunk Highway 36. This contract is for the grading and tree clearing portion of this project, approximately 120,000 yards of material, and allows for clearing ahead of the summer roosting season for the northern long-eared bats. There were 21 bids received, and Arnt Construction was selected with the lowest bid. This project is funded by County Transportation Sales Tax.

Commissioner Cox moved to approve Contract No. 17160 in the amount of \$568,314.27 with Arnt Construction Company Inc. for the County Highway 15 South Segment Tree Clearing and Grading Project. Commissioner Miron seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Resolution for Women’s History Month

Public Works Engineer Erin Clarkowski, representing the Washington County Women’s Empowerment Employee Resource Group (ERG), presented a resolution to proclaim March 2025 as Women’s History Month. The Women’s Empowerment ERG began in 2023, with a vision of advancing equity for women through respect, empowerment, connection, and social impact. They are committed to their mission of advocating for policies and practices that empower women’s rights and promote gender equity in the workplace.

Ms. Clarkowski announced that the Women’s Empowerment ERG will be hosting an event on March 4 to celebrate Women’s History Month: “Advocate to Activate: Accelerating Progress by Investing in Future Leaders” from Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cox moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-016** as follows:

2025 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, March is National Women’s History Month, and the National Women’s History Alliance has designated the theme for Women’s History Month 2025 as “Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations”; and

WHEREAS, this theme celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership, and who, through their efforts, have served as an inspiration for all generations — both past and present; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, the process of information sharing has been a powerful catalyst for change, wherein honest, open examination of new insights and knowledge can create a framework for collaboration, and this, in turn, promotes the well-being of groups, businesses, communities, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, from classrooms to boardrooms, and from grassroots movements to global initiatives, women educators and leaders have played a pivotal role in nurturing minds and inspiring transformative action; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, this theme spotlights the contributions women have made to the American educational system, the free marketplace of ideas, and the very fabric of our democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim March 2025 as Women's History Month in Washington County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize the achievements and contributions of women educators, mentors, and leaders, wish to raise awareness about the unheralded legacies of women from every walk of life, highlighting their unique contributions and diverse backgrounds, including socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, culture, abilities, and personal experiences, bring together communities to explore, share, and celebrate women's history and achievements, and create a blueprint for the future that honors our foremothers and builds bridges for the next generation of women.

Commissioner Clasen seconded the motion, and it was adopted with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Cox, Bigham, Clasen, and Karwoski. Nays, none.

Legislative Updates

Deputy County Administrator Jan Lucke reported that all state legislators have been participating in floor sessions and committee hearings, and the county's seven funding requests have been introduced.

Ms. Lucke reviewed and provided updates related to the federal FY2026 Community Project Funding requests.

Ms. Lucke presented a letter to legislators summarizing federal funding included in the county's budget and highlighting key county programs dependent on federal funding. The county's 2025 budget includes nearly \$30 million in federal funding, comprising 8% of total revenue. Commissioner Clasen moved to approve sending the letter to members of the congressional delegation. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners reported on meetings and other events they attended. Please see archived livestreaming of the board meeting for full commissioner reports on the county's website washingtoncountymn.gov under "County Board of Commissioners."

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

No board correspondence was received.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Clasen moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

The County Board meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH ADMINISTRATION

The board met in workshop session to review the projects included in the 2025-2029 Capital Equipment and Fleet Plan (CEFP) and Technology Plan. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Cox, Karwoski, Bigham, and Clasen. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, and county staff.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Corbid".

Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Karwoski".

Stan Karwoski
County Board Chair