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**Working Together to Deliver Quality Services Valued by the
 Community, Today and for Generations to Come.**

**Regular Meeting of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners
 Government Center Board Room
 Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

Chairman Alan Duff, Commissioners: Steve Westerberg, Todd Christensen
 Members Absent: Bill Berg, Kristi LaRowe
 Others Present: A Usher, J Edblad, H Sward, A Larson, J Donnay, J Bergerson, D Pikal, H Nelson
 Reporters: B Stickle and J Wagner

00o Chairman Duff called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

00o Public Comment Session. No public comment was made.

26/02-10 Motion by Christensen, seconded by Westerberg, to approve the February 17, 2026, County Board Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-11 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Christensen, to approve the consent agenda. Consent Agenda Items:

1. February 3, 2026, County Board Meeting Minutes and Minutes Summary
2. Personnel Committee Notes as follows: Public Health Nurse FTE, uniform allowance to the Emergency Manager position, Finance Director offer details.
3. Personnel Action Items
4. January 2026 Donations to Isanti County:

Sheriff's Office	
Boy Scouts Troop 506 (K-9)	\$1,000.00
Brenda Brown (Deputy Equipment)	\$165.00
Springvale Township (Safety and Rescue)	\$700.00
Health and Human Services Division	
Long Lake Lutheran Church (Community Pantry)	\$200.00

5. Consumption and Display Permit Renewal for the Cambridge Curling Club
 6. Final Plat for Stanford Meadows West. Legal description is the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 31 Township 34, Range 24, Stanford Township.
 7. Utility Permits as follows: PERMIT NO. 26-02-07 - Flock Safety - CSAH 9; Install a concrete footing as the foundation, along with a MASH compliant support post, safety camera, battery pack & 65 watt solar panel on the north side of CSAH 9 approximately 1,130' west of CSAH 9 & CR 49 intersection. PERMIT NO. 26-02-08 - Flock Safety - CSAH 8; Install a concrete footing as the foundation, along with a MASH compliant support post, safety camera, battery pack & 65 watt solar panel on the south side of CSAH 8 approximately 430' east of CSAH 8 & CR 50 intersection.
 8. Claims and warrants totaling \$88,699.72.
- Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-12 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Christensen to approve Isanti County Health and Human Services Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve Payments and Vouchers for Isanti County Health and Human Services in the amount of \$163,694.85.
2. Approval of Contract between ICHHS and Metro Sales.

Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

O0o Jodi Donnay presented on Fraud Prevention in Isanti County.

26/02-13 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Christensen to approve RESOLUTION 2026-005 Resolution for awarding funding to reimburse Public Health Staff Time for Opioid Settlement Request for Proposal WHEREAS, Isanti County is a recipient of funds as a result of national opioid litigation settlements and is committed to using those funds for opioid abatement purposes consistent with approved guidelines; and WHEREAS, Isanti County can use Opioid Settlement Funds to cover administrative and staff costs associated with implementing opioid-related activities. The Settlement Agreement allows up to 10% of the opioid settlement funds may be allocated toward administration and staff expenses. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby awards opioid settlement funding in the amount of \$17,498.99 to Isanti County Health and Human Services to reimburse staff time for supporting opioid-related initiatives; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding period for this reimbursement is for administrative fees through December 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-14 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Christensen to approve the preliminary plat of Oliver Acres. Legal description is the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ Except: The NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 33, Township 37, Range 24, Maple Ridge Township. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-15 Motion by Christensen, seconded by Westerberg to approve the preliminary plat of Andersons River Estates with the following condition: Lot 8 receives its building right from the Rum River Scenic District and therefore must construct any buildings within the Rum River Scenic District. Legal description is the SW ¼ Except the 8 rods (132') lying S of the Rum River of Section 6, Township 35, Range 25, Spencer Brook Township. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-16 Motion by Duff, seconded by Christensen to approve the preliminary plat of Old Heaven Hill with the following three conditions: the existing access driveway on County Road 36 will need to be removed and rerouted out of state right of way. New shared access can be constructed at the location on State Highway 95 as on the preliminary plat. It will be necessary to get access permits for both locations from MNDOT. Lots 1 & 2 will have shared driveway access and Lots 3 & 4 will have shared driveway access. Legal description is Pt Gov Lots 1 & 2 of Section 35, Township 36, Range 23, Cambridge Township. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

O0o Item number 4 from the February 12, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting has been tabled.

26/02-17 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Christensen to approve the request of Thomas Wolcyn Trustee / Evergreen Acres, 4040 Highway 95 NW, Cambridge, MN 55008 for a Conditional Use Permit for a rural tourism request to operate an event center for wedding venues and events. Legal description is Lot 1 Block 1 Krona Estates of Section 30, Township 36, Range 24, Springvale Township. Approved with the following conditions and findings: 1. The hours of operation will be Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday – Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Open year round. 2. Maximum number of 295 people on site at one time. 3. All lighting must be retained on site with full cut off fixtures and no glare lighting with zero foot-candles at the property line. 4. No camping on site. 5. No outdoor amplified music only if needed during an outdoor wedding ceremony and must meet the Minnesota State Noise Statue. 6. Must

comply with the Isanti County Zoning Ordinance for signage and parking. 7. Must comply with all federal, state and local regulations/licenses/codes and get all proper permits and licenses. 8. No open flame luminaries and must follow state statues if fireworks are used on site and no celebratory honking. 9. Outdoor garbage cans/dumpster must be covered to control debris. 10. On-street parking is prohibited. 11. Owner/Operator or representative must be on site during all events. 12. Must provide a copy to the Isanti County Zoning Office of the legal binding contract with vendors. 13. The existing screening trees must be maintained at all times. 14. Not more than 60 events per calendar year. 15. The venue access must be off Blackfoot Street. 16. A licensed off duty peace officer or security officer must be present on site if alcohol is served, and all vendors must have a liquor license. 17. Require all users of the venue to sign a contract that includes clear and explicit wording requiring users (and their service providers that they engage for an event, e.g. DJs and bands) to maintain sound levels at an allowed volume inside the building. The allowed level inside the building will be based on not exceeding a specific level at neighboring properties, as measured from the other side of nearby adjacent roadways. The allowed sound level inside the building will be enforced venue manager(s) or their delegated representative, for each event. Loss of privilege to continue using the venue will be enforced for any event that fails to comply with the allowed level, if not immediately corrected. 18. Enforce a strict curfew whereby all amplified sound or music is reduced to background levels by 10:30 p.m. to allow for neighborhood rest, with complete shutdown by 11:00 p.m. if necessary. 19. Conduct pre-event sound checks with venue users, by using a high quality, professional portable sound decibel meter to establish baseline volume limits and ensure equipment is operated in a manner that prevents excessive volume within the venue, and thereby also limits sound transmission to the exterior of the building. 20. Low Frequency (LF) Impulsive Sound: The category of LF impulsive sound requires careful attention. This includes sounds produced by loud bass-heavy instruments (e.g. bass guitar and kick drum) that are aggressively amplified such that “thumping” sounds are predominantly heard at a distance. This is not the case for all music, so special measures specifically for this type of music do not need to be applied to all music. On the other hand, venue staff should determine a lower sound level for this type of music, measured inside the building. And this lower level should be enforced by venue staff when a user engages in this type of loud music with aggressive LF content for their event. 21. Orient speakers and audio equipment inward toward the barn’s interior and in general toward the opposite direction from nearby residential areas, so as to direct any sound transmission from the structure away from sensitive boundaries of the property. 22. An appropriate ventilating system (and/or AC system if utilized) for the building is strongly recommended, so that windows and doors can be kept closed as much as possible in warm weather, to reduce sound transmission from the building. On the other hand, if loud music is played with doors and windows continuously open, then allowable sound levels inside the building will need to be established with those doors and windows open, based on limiting the sound that reaches the other side of nearby roadways. 23. Landscaping: The property currently includes natural barriers that reduce sound transmission, in particular dense hedges, trees, and vegetative buffers on the exterior of the building and along property lines and roadways. These natural barriers reduce transmission of sound from the property because they provide acoustical absorption, diffusion, and reflection back onto the property. For any changes or additions to existing landscaping, maintain or increase the amount of landscaping elements that reduce sound transmission. 24. Train venue staff on noise management protocols, including real-time monitoring during events and immediate intervention if volumes exceed agreed-upon limits. 25. Establish a complaint response procedure, including a dedicated hotline or email for neighbors to report issues, with follow-up documentation and adjustments to future events based on feedback. 26. Coordinate with local authorities to verify compliance with noise ordinances and obtain any necessary permits for events, including periodic sound audits by a third-party acoustician, if audits are deemed useful. 27. Promote low-noise alternatives to venue users, such as live acoustical performances (i.e. less amplified) or unamplified music options for late-evening portion of events. Findings of fact to support the recommended approval are the 27 attached conditions: 1. The conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. 2. That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. 3. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. 4. That adequate

measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. 5. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odors, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will occur. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-18 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Christensen to approve the request to amend an Interim Use Permit dated May 9, 2024, for the mining of minerals, sand, gravel, peat and black dirt (soil) for a pond with amending condition #12: The project will be completed by March 19, 2029. Findings of fact to support the recommended approval are the attached conditions: 1. The interim use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. 2. That the establishment of the interim use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improved of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. 3. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. 4. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. 5. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odors, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will occur. Legal description is Pt S ½ of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 11, Township 35, Range 22, North Branch Township. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

O0o Item number 7 from the February 12, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting has been tabled.

26/02-19 Motion by Duff, seconded by Christensen to approve setting the 2026 County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting for Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm, located at the Isanti County Government Center. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-20 Motion by Westerberg, seconded by Duff to approve the purchase of one Western Star 47X tandem axle cab and chassis from Boyer Trucks under State of Minnesota Contract T-647(5) in the amount of \$160,189.50, plus applicable Minnesota motor vehicle taxes and fees, and authorize staff to execute the required agreements. Additionally approved the purchase and installation of snowplow body, wing, hydraulics, and related equipment from Towmaster/Falls under State Contract #267372 in the amount of \$186,464.00 and authorize staff to execute the required agreements. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-21 Motion by Duff, seconded by Christensen to approve the 2026 Town Road Allotment distribution to townships in the amounts shown in the following summary:

2026 TOWN ROAD ALLOTMENT

(State gas tax funds - Based on 2025 Mileage/2024 Population/2025 Tax Rates)

ATHENS	\$36,686.13
BRADFORD	\$51,932.89
CAMBRIDGE	\$41,385.98
DALBO	\$24,337.68
ISANTI	\$35,711.55
MAPLE RIDGE	\$21,975.11
NORTH BRANCH	\$38,249.86
OXFORD	\$21,810.88

SPENCER BROOK	\$36,047.44
SPRINGVALE	\$31,802.91
STANCHFIELD	\$29,916.35
STANFORD	\$38,275.51
WYANETT	<u>\$33,882.71</u>
TOTALS	\$442,015.00

DISTRIBUTION FORMULA:

MILES	50%
POPULATION	30%
TAX RATE	10%
EQUAL	10%
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Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-22 Motion by Christensen, seconded by Westerberg to approve the final acceptance of the completed projects and authorize final payment including retainage release in the amount of \$105,539.24 to Knife River Corporation - North Central for Contract No. 2501. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-23 Motion by Duff, seconded by Christensen to approve the final acceptance of the completed projects and authorize final payment including retainage release in the amount of \$2,509.24 to Knife River Corporation - North Central for Contract No. 2502. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-24 Motion by Christensen, seconded by Westerberg to approve ISANTI COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 26-13-04 NO PARKING ZONE - CSAH 5 (HERITAGE BOULEVARD) WHEREAS, Isanti County is the road authority having jurisdiction over County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 5 (Heritage Boulevard) within Isanti County, Minnesota; and WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §169.04 authorizes local authorities to regulate the standing or parking of vehicles on highways under their jurisdiction; and WHEREAS, the Isanti County Board finds that on-street parking along CSAH 5 within the City of Isanti creates safety and operational concerns for pedestrians, traffic operations, emergency access, and winter maintenance; and WHEREAS, the City of Isanti and Isanti County staff have recommended establishment of a no-parking zone within this corridor; and WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 169 .06 requires that official traffic-control devices conform to the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MN MUTCD); NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Isanti County Board as follows: 1. No Parking Zone Established - Parking is prohibited at all times on CSAH 5 (Heritage Boulevard) on both sides of the roadway generally between 6th A venue NE and 8th A venue NE. 2. Signing - The County Highway Engineer is authorized and directed to install and maintain appropriate "NO PARKING" signs and related traffic-control devices in conformance with Minnesota Statutes §169.06 and the MN MUTCD as applicable. 3. Effective Date - This restriction is effective upon installation of conforming signs. 4. Enforcement - This restriction is enforceable under Minnesota traffic law. Motorists must obey official traffic-control devices placed by lawful authority. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-25 Motion by Duff, seconded by Christensen to approve the 2026 Construction Program as presented and authorize the County Engineer to complete final plan preparation and advertise for bids in conformance with state procurement requirements and applicable Minnesota Statutes. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

26/02-26 Motion by Christensen, seconded by Westerberg, to adjourn (10:19 a.m.). Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Berg, LaRowe.

Amanda Usher, County Administrator

Alan Duff, County Board Chairman

By: Connie Kitner, Administrative Assistant III