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HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

9:00, December 1st, 2026, County Board Room 222, Historic Courthouse

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES
-Board Meeting November 24th, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPOINTMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA
(Routine business items enacted by one unanimous motion. Commissioners may request moving items on the consent agenda to the Action Item list (prior to the full agenda being approved) if they desire discussion before taking action.)

Appointment Request:

Consent Agenda Request:

1) Review and approve payments. (Page 9, Lapham)

Action Item Request:

1) Consider approving or denying a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Adam and Tessa Peterson for a single-family non-farm dwelling on less than 40 acres in an Agricultural Protection District in Mound Prairie Township (Page 10, Meiners)
2) Approve the 2027 Non-Represented Pay Grid (Page 36, Parker)
3) Approve the 2027 Board of Commissioners meeting Schedule (Page 37, Parker)

4) Approve Resolution 26-35 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MINNESOTA MERIT SYSTEM AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL MERIT SYSTEM STANDARDS (Page 39, Parker)
5) Approve Resolution 26-36 RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF HOUSTON ON BEHALF OF ITS PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Page 43, Parker)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) Coordinator Updates
2) Board Updates (Board Chairman)
3) Commissioner Reports and Comments

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT

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REMINDERS

The County's Truth and Taxation meeting will take place on December 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Houston County Board Room 222 in the Historic Courthouse.

What Is Truth in Taxation?

Understanding Your Property Taxes

Truth in Taxation is a process required by Minnesota law that gives residents an opportunity to learn about proposed property taxes before local governments make their final decisions.

Why is it important?

Truth in Taxation allows residents to:

- Learn how their property tax dollars are used.
- Understand why property taxes may increase or decrease.
- Hear about the County's proposed budget and spending.
- Ask questions and share concerns with County Commissioners.

Does a County tax levy increase mean my property taxes will increase by the same percentage?

No. For example, a 7.7% County levy increase means the County plans to collect 7.7% more in property taxes overall, not that every property owner pays 7.7% more. Your bill could rise by more or less than 7.7% or even decrease. It depends on your property's value compared with other properties and taxes from your city, school district, and other taxing authorities.

Can the County change the proposed tax levy?

Yes. The County Board can lower the proposed levy before adopting the final budget and levy in December. Generally, it cannot increase the levy above the amount proposed in September.

What Truth in Taxation Is NOT

It is not a vote on the proposed budget or tax levy. The County Board makes the final decision.

It is not a hearing to appeal your property's assessed value. Property value appeals follow a separate process.

It does not mean everyone's property tax bill changes by the same percentage as the County levy. The levy is the total collected; your tax bill is your share.

Why should I attend?

The Truth in Taxation meeting is your opportunity to learn about the County's financial decisions, understand how public services are funded, and provide feedback before the final property tax levy is adopted.

Houston County is seeking individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment, with two positions available on each board. The application deadline is December 11, 2026. Interested individuals can apply online at www.hocomn.gov.

The Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission typically meet on the 4th Thursday each month at 5:00 pm in the County Board Room 222. (Meetings only occur if an applicant requests a hearing and may be moved to another week if the regular meeting date falls on a holiday.) Agendas are posted on the County website one week prior to meetings.