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HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING

9:00, October 6, 2026 County Board Room 222, Historic Courthouse

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES

-Board Meeting September 22, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPOINTMENTS

**9:05 a.m. Root River Trail Extension -Citizen Exploratory Committee 2025-2026 Report
presented by Larry Kirch, Community Development Director City of La Crescent (Page 7)**

**9:15 a.m. Recap of the USA Gravel National Championships in La Crescent and Houston
presented by Larry Kirch, Community Development Director City of La Crescent**

**Scheduled for End of Meeting: Enter a closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05,
Subdivision 2 (b), to discuss preliminary allegations and private personnel data related to an
employee grievance. (Page 16, Parker)**

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.)

- 1) Hire Sean Feind as a 67-day Deputy Auditor / Treasurer (B22 - Step 1) effective immediately. (Page 16, Parker)
- 2) Approve a competitive search for a .8 FTE EDA Director / County Coordinator Administrative Assistant. (Page 16, Parker)

- 3) Hire Tracy Jones as an Eligibility Worker with a start date of October 12th (B24 - Step 2). (Page 16, Parker)
- 4) Update the Liquor License “type” that was approved in June of 2026 for the La Crescent Snowmobile Club at 2485 County 6 in La Crescent MN. (In June of 2026, there was a request to add On-Sale Wine License in conjunction with their current On-Sale/Off-Sale 3.2 Beer License. Based on the type of kitchen located at the Snowmobile Club, it was discovered that they don’t qualify for the previously approved license type.) They are now requesting a full Club On-Sale Retail Liquor License. (Page 17, Heberlein)
- 5) Review and approve payments. (Page 18, Lapham)

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Consider approving Houston County Root River Trail Joint Powers Board agreement. (Page 19, Wagner, Kirch)
- 2) Consider approving or denying a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Justin and Crystal Lewis for a single-family non-farm dwelling on less than 40 acres in an Agricultural Protection District in Black Hammer Township. (Page 27, Meiners)
- 3) Consider approving Resolution No. 26-28 to approve the Prioritized Bridge Replacement list. (Page 49, Pogodzinski)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT

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REMINDERS

The Minnesota Department of Revenue is hosting a series of public discussions called Engaging Minnesota to Help Property Taxpayers. Comments can be sent to the Department of Revenue anytime between now and November 1st, 2026, at

<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/contact-us-form?destination=/node/6816&optionId=2511>.

People can sign up for email notification/new about upcoming tax reform information and meetings at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNREV/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNREV_336.

Houston County Public Health is asking residents to take our Community Health Survey. Your input helps shape local programs, services, and priorities that support a healthier future for everyone. Take the quick, anonymous survey at www.compassnow.org.

Houston County Public Health Presents: 55 Plus Day with Information Tabling and Flu Vaccine Thursday, October 8th, 2026, 306 South Marshall St. Houston County Justice Center Lower Level Conference Room from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sterling Pharmacy will be offering flu vaccines at this event. Please bring your insurance card.

Houston County Public Health Growing Together Community Baby Shower honoring prenatal to two years of age. Saturday, November 7, 2026, 9-11 a.m. at 231 East Main Street, Caledonia. RSVP at 507-725-5810 x2254.

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.

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.