

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date: January 13, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Place: Commissioners Room, Courthouse, Caledonia, MN

Members Present:

Cindy Wright, Eric Johnson, Kurt Zehnder, Robert Schuldt, and Greg Myhre

Others Present:

Interim Auditor/Treasurer Polly Heberlein, The Caledonia Argus Associate Editor Katia Gorsuch, Interim Administrator Carol Lapham, Coordinator Brent Parker, EDA Director & Coordinator Support Allison Wagner, Public Health Supervisor Jordan Knoke, Public Health Educator Bri Ceaser, and Steve Curns

Board Workgroup Session

The Commissioners discussed with Coordinator Parker the possibility of holding public hearings to hear from the public their thoughts on using rifles for deer hunting in Houston County. It was the general consensus of the board that public hearings should be held on the matter, so the County could decide if they wanted to opt out of allowing rifles to be used for deer hunting in Houston County. The tentative plan was to hold public hearings on the matter on February 3rd and March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the basement of the County Justice Center. Commissioner Wright asked that some information be shared with the public on the matter prior to the hearings. Commissioner Johnson suggested having a game warden attend a regular Commissioner meeting to discuss the matter. Commissioner Myhre asked if the matter could be put on an upcoming ballot in March, but it could not be, and the March election was only for the townships. Commissioner Zehnder had invited Steve Curns to the meeting who shared some information he had gathered from the MN DNR website and MN DNR resources the Commissioners could reference on hunting.

Public Health Supervisor Knoke shared with the board that Public Health Educator Ceaser had worked hard on a MDH grant through the Office of Rural Health that had been recently awarded in the amount of \$13,873.00 for the County's dental project. No match would be required by the County.

Commissioners discussed recent committee meetings they had attended including a SE MN Emergency Medical Community, Hiawatha Valley Mental Health, SCHSAC, and Jail Review/Safety Review meeting.

Commissioner Myhre suggested all the Commissioners attend the Planning Commission meeting on January 22nd at 5 p.m.

Commissioner Myhre said he wanted the board to discuss the County’s quarter, quarter rule at an upcoming workgroup session. It was the general consensus of the board that significant research and time would need to be spent on the matter if it were to be changed in the future.

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By: _____
Greg Myhre, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Brent Parker, Coordinator