

# ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES

Government Center  
Anoka, Minnesota

October 12, 2021

Chair Schulte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	District #1	Matt Look
	District #3	Robyn West
	District #4	Mandy Meisner
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Absent:	District #2	Julie Braastad
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Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Tony Palumbo, County Attorney; staff, and consultants

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Commissioner Gamache made motion granting reductions of valuation and/or abatements of taxes, special assessments, costs, penalties and/or interest as requested and approved by the county assessor, county auditor and/or county treasurer. (A full text of persons receiving tax abatements is on file and available for public inspection in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner West made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending September 24, 2021, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending September 24, 2021. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the minutes from the September 28, 2021, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Veteran Services Director John Kriesel presented the Anoka County Veteran Services Annual Report and provided an overview of services provided by the department.

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Commissioner West presented the Management Committee report from the meeting of September 28, 2021. All items were of an informational nature and required no board action.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee report from the meeting of October 4, 2021. All items were of an informational nature and required no board action.

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Commissioner Look presented the Internal Audit Committee report from the meeting of October 5, 2021. All items were of an informational nature and required no board action.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Parks Committee report from the meeting of October 5, 2021.

1. Commissioner Gamache made motion awarding Contract #C0008858 for the Bunker Hills Activities Center Roof Replacement Project to GV Builders Inc., Lakeville MN for a total amount of \$242,800, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.
2. Commissioner Reinert made motion ratifying Contract #C0008856, the fiscal year 2022 Cross-Country Ski Grant-In-Aid Agreement in the amount of \$15,438 with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.
3. Commissioner Gamache made motion ratifying the following Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Agreements with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for fiscal year 2022, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality:
  - A. Contract #C0008853 with Kiwi Krossing Snowmobile Club in an amount of \$18,724.00
  - B. Contract #C0008854 with Rice Creek Snowmobile Club in an amount of \$22,258.00
  - C. Contract #C0008855 with Rum River Snowmobile Club in an amount of \$21,855.00

(Contracts are on file in the Parks Department.) Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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Commissioner West made motion approving an amendment to Contract #C0008548 with Wold Architects and Engineers, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite W 2000, St. Paul, MN 55101, for Phase II site plan design services related to Public Safety and Correctional Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$13,228,000 with a maximum reimbursable amount of \$648,000, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Finance Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion.

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Commissioner Reinert made motion to postpone consideration of Agenda Items No. 9 and 10 relating to the Public Safety and Correctional Facilities to a date uncertain. Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote Commissioners Reinert, Look, and West voted “yes.” Commissioners Schulte, Meisner, and Gamache voted “no.” Motion failed.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion to postpone consideration of Agenda Items No. 9 and 10 relating to the Public Safety and Correctional Facilities to the October 26, 2021, county board meeting. Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote Commissioners Look, Meisner, and Reinert voted “yes.” Commissioners West, Schulte, and Gamache voted “no.” Motion failed.

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Upon roll call vote on the original motion relating to an amendment to Contract #C0008548 with Wold Architects and Engineers as stated, Commissioners West, Schulte, Meisner, and Gamache voted “yes.” Commissioners Reinert and Look voted “no.” Motion carried.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving an amendment to Contract #C0008470 with ICS, 1139 Franklin Ave, Suite 1, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379, for construction management services for Public Safety and Correctional Facilities in an additional amount not to exceed \$4,085,717 in fees with a maximum reimbursable amount of \$4,419,732, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Finance Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Commissioners West, Schulte, Meisner and Gamache voted “yes.” Commissioners Reinert and Look vote “no.” Motion carried.

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Commissioner West left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

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**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Item:**

1. Commissioner Look made motion amending the policy for the allocation of \$3,150,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars as matching funds towards community broadband projects to allow cities not intending to use the matching grant program to pass a resolution requesting the county reallocate unused grant funds to other communities on a first come first serve basis. Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Sivarajah  
County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Schulte, its Chair

*Motion carried means all commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively unless otherwise noted.*