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HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING

9:00, February 17, 2026 County Board Room 222, Historic Courthouse

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Board Meeting February 3, 2026
- Special Board Meeting February 4, 2026
- Workgroup Session February 10, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPOINTMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Hire Christine Novak as a 1 FTE Accounting Clerk (B22 – Step 4) with a start date of February 23rd, 2026. (Parker)
- 2) Hire Lynn Buhl as a 1 FTE Child Support Officer (B24 – Step 4) with a start date of March 2nd, 2026. (Parker)
- 3) Transfer Dianna Kerns from Social Worker to a 1 FTE Child Protection Social Worker (Lateral Transfer / C41 – Step 4) effective immediately. (Parker)
- 4) Approve a competitive search for a 1 FTE Social Worker (C41). (Parker)
- 5) Award the renting of the two areas of land at the airport to highest bidders and approve land agreements. (Separate agreements for the 5.59 acres and the 17.63 acres.) (Pogodzinski)

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Consider adopting Resolution No. 26-08 A Resolution of the Houston County Board of Commissioners Opposing the Proposed 765 kV “Gopher to Badger Link” Transmission Project Within Houston County, Minnesota. (Parker)
- 2) Consider adopting Resolution No. 26-09 A Resolution Separating Public Health and Human Services Into Two Distinct County Departments. (Parker)
- 3) Consider approving contract with Ability Building Community. (Meiners)
- 4) Consider approving purchase of Recycling Truck, 2026 Western Star 47X Palfinger HT 500 hook truck. (Meiners)
- 5) Consider cooperative agreement detailing agency responsibilities with the City of Houston regarding project SAP 028-013-013 located within the City of Houston. (Pogodzinski)
- 6) Consider approving individual purchases as recommended below: (Pogodzinski)
 - a. Plow Truck Chassis: Dave Syverson Truck Center for the 2027 Western Star
 - b. Plow Truck Box: Towmaster for the Swenson Body
 - c. Skid Steer: RDO Equipment for the John Deere 324 G (with no trade and sell the old one).
 - d. Mulching Head: Diamond Mowers for the 72" Drum Mulcher with Drum Brake
 - e. Mowers: Hammell Equipment for 2 - Vermeer 5050 Mowers
- 7) Consider reviewing and approving payments. (Lapham)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

REMINDERS

Upcoming public hearing on the use of rifles for deer hunting in Houston County will take place in the basement of the Houston County Justice Center, Caledonia, MN. This will be Special County Board Meeting with the only business being the public hearing on March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Bluff Country Collaborative (BCC) Career Fair/Hiring Event will take place at the La Crescent Area Event Center on March 11th, 2026 from 9 a.m. to Noon. The event is free for Houston County businesses and job seekers in the area to attend.