

Carver County

Board of Commissioners

Organizational Session Minutes
January 6, 2026

Commissioners Lisa Anderson, John P Fahey, Tim Lynch, Matt Udermann and Tom Workman met in session this day as required by law for organizational purposes for the year 2026.

The session was called to order by County Administrator, David Hemze, at 9:00 a.m. Administrator Hemze requested nominations for the 2026 Board Chair.

Matt Udermann nominated Tom Workman to serve as Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2026, Tim Lynch seconded. Hearing no other nominations, Administrator Hemze closed nominations.

On vote taken to elect Tom Workman to serve as Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2026, all voted aye.

Chair Tom Workman requested nominations for 2026 Vice Chair. Tom Workman nominated Tim Lynch as Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners for 2026, Lisa Anderson seconded.

On vote taken to elect Tim Lynch as Vice Chair for 2026. all voted aye.

A two-minute recess was called to re-organize due to board changes.

Public Comments received from Hillary Patz, Chaska, Sarah Browne, Victoria, Ellie Krug, Victoria, Monique Lacroix, Chaska, Becky Varone, Chanhassen, Margaret Coldwell, Excelsior, Ken Ribe, Chanhassen, and Leslie Erickson, Chanhassen.

The following amendment was made to the agenda: Item 1.11, three new Advisory Committee applications received.

Lisa Anderson moved, John P Fahey seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Hemze requested the Board adopt their 2026 Board Operating Rules.

Commissioner Udermann moved, to add three amendments to include, Commissioner Salary, not allowing expensing of commissioner home printer/cartridges and public participation limits of 3 minutes per person, no second received. Motion failed.

Public Comment received from Barbare Brooks, Waconia.

Lisa Anderson moved, and John P Fahey seconded, to approve the County Board Operating Rules as proposed, including updates to the county goal language and Section X.C regarding audience participation at County Board meetings. The motion also included

amendments to limit Commissioner Community Announcements to five minutes and to allow offsite or home technical support for Commissioners. The vote was three aye, Tom Workman, Tim Lynch, and John P Fahey and two nay, Matt Udermann and Lisa Anderson. The motion carried 3–2.

The Board considered their 2026 meeting schedule.

Tim Lynch moved, John P Fahey seconded, to approve the 2026 Board meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners went into break at 10:37 a.m. and returned at 10:43 a.m.

John P Fahey moved; Tim Lynch seconded to approve the following AMC appointment:

Committee	2026 Appointee
Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors (District X)	Anderson, Alt. Fahey
AMC Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee	Lynch
AMC General Government Policy Committee	Udermann
AMC Health & Human Services Policy Committee	Anderson
AMC Public Safety Policy Committee	Fahey
AMC Transportation Policy Committee	Workman

Motion Carried Unanimously.

John P Fahey moved, Tim Lynch seconded to approve the Carver County CDA liaison as Lisa Anderson and the alternate as John P Fahey with the removal of a second alternate. Motion carried 4-1, Matt Udermann nay.

Lisa Anderson moved, John P Fahey seconded to approve the Legislative Committee as Tom Workman and Tim Lynch with an alternate of John P Fahey. Motion carried 4-1, Matt Udermann nay.

John P Fahey moved, Tim Lynch seconded to approve the MELSA board as Lisa Anderson and the Alternate as John P Fahey. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Lynch moved; John P Fahey seconded to approve the following committee appointments:

Committee	2026 Appointee
CAP Agency Board of Directors	Anderson, Alt. Udermann
Carver County Arts Committee	Udermann and Workman
Carver County Family Resource Center (FRC)	Anderson, Alt Workman

Community Leaders (Eastern)	Udermann, Alt Anderson
Courts Committee	Fahey & Workman, Alt. Lynch
County's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Requestor	Workman, Hemze, Richard Scott
Fair Board	Lynch, Liaison, Alt. Fahey
Hennepin Carver Workforce Development Board	Workman, Alt TABLED
Historical Society Committee	Workman, Alt Udermann
Health Insurance LMC	Udermann, Alt. Workman
Joint Ditches:	
Joint Ditch #1	Fahey, Anderson & Udermann
Joint Ditch #2	Fahey, Anderson
Joint Ditch #3A	Fahey
Joint Ditch #4	Fahey, Lynch & Workman
Joint Ditch #5	Fahey, Lynch & Udermann
Joint Ditch #7	Fahey, Anderson, Lynch & Udermann
Joint Ditch #15	Fahey, Anderson, Lynch & Udermann
Joint Ditch #21	Fahey, Anderson, Lynch & Workman
Joint Ditch #22	Fahey, Lynch & Udermann
Joint Ditch #24	Fahey, Anderson & Lynch
Joint Ditch #28	Fahey
Joint Ditch #33	Fahey
Law Library Board	Anderson
Library Board	Anderson Liaison, Alt. Udermann
Lower Minnesota River Watershed	Anderson, Alt Udermann
MCIT Voting Delegates	Hemze, Alt Sonja Wolter
Mental Health Advisory Committee	Anderson, Alt. Udermann
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board	Workman
Metropolitan Emergency Services Executive Board	Workman, Alt Fahey
Metropolitan Emergency Services Radio Technical Operations Committee	Susan Bowler Alt. Benjamin Rutter
Metropolitan Emergency Services 911 Technical Operations	Susan Bowler Alt. Benjamin Rutter
Metropolitan Solid Waste Planning Group	Workman
Minnesota Inter-County Association	Fahey and Workman
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	Workman Liaison, Alt. Udermann
Minnesota Extension Committee	Lynch, TABLED
Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority	Fahey, Alt. Workman
Mobility Management Board (SmartLink)	Fahey
Mosquito Control District Executive	Anderson

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Mosquito Control District	Anderson & Fahey
Park Commission	Lynch, Liaison, Alt. Udermann
Planning Commission	Fahey, Alt. Lynch
Regional Hauler Licensing Board	Workman, Alt. Lynch
Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed	Workman & Anderson Liaisons
Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition	Workman & Udermann, Alt Fahey
State CHS Advisory Committee (SCHSAC)	Richard Scott, Alt. Fahey
Transportation Advisory Board – TAB	Workman, Alt. Fahey
Water Management Organization	Lynch, Alt. Fahey

Tim Lynch moved, John P Fahey seconded to nominate and appoint Jeff Thompson to District 2, Gerald Bruner to District 4, Scott Selken to District 5, and Steve Washburn to the At Large opening on the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Workman moved, Tim Lynch seconded to nominate and appoint Gretchen Opprieht de Garcia to represent District 2 on the Community Development Agency (CDA). Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board vacancies have been tabled.

Lisa Anderson moved, John P Fahey seconded to nominate and appoint Kayla Pascoe to represent a mandated position on the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Udermann moved, Lisa Anderson seconded to nominate and appoint Ryan Brickman to represent District 2, Robin Bielefeldt to represent District 3 and Patti Dietzel to represent District 5 on the MN Extension Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Lynch moved, John P Fahey seconded to nominate and appoint Jenn Brewington to District 2, Wayne Trapp to District 4 and Reid Welch to represent the At Large opening on the Park Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Workman moved, John P Fahey seconded to nominate and appoint Joseph Polunc to District 2 and Andrew Steinhagen to District 5 on the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

John P Fahey moved, Tim Lynch seconded to nominate and appoint Kayle Pascoe to Carver Creek on the Water Management Organization (WMO). Motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Anderson moved, John P Fahey seconded to nominate and appoint Kyle Bakkum to the Lower MN Watershed District. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Lynch moved, Matt Udermann seconded, to approve the minutes from the

December 16, 2025, Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Lisa Anderson moved, Tim Lynch seconded, to approve the following consent agenda:

Approved issuing a Premise permit to Waconia Lions Club located at Green Fox Grille. 7795 Laketown Pkwy, Waconia MN 55387.

Accepted the bid for the Waconia Patriot for the 2026 legal publications and/or notices at \$5.25 per column inch, resolution 1-25. This includes Publication of notices and lists of delinquent real estate taxes, Publication of official proceedings of the Carver County Board of Commissioners, First publication of financial statement, Second publication of financial statement and Publication of equalization proceedings of Carver County Board of Commissioners.

Approved the 2026 Joint Powers Agreement with SWCD for continued participation in and administration of group insurance benefits.

Approved the 2026 Joint Powers Agreement with CDA for continued participation in and administration of group insurance benefits.

Approved a Joint Powers Agreement with Scott County for cost-sharing of traffic analysis services in support of the Southwest Metro River Crossing Flood Resiliency Study, and to authorize the County Administrator and County Board Chair to execute the agreement, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved a Professional Services Agreement with Alliant Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$65,229 for Stormwater Erosion Control Inspection Services on 2026 Carver County Construction Projects, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved a professional services contract with Patchin Messner Valuation Services for eminent domain valuation appraisal services in support of the Highway 18 Project – Arboretum Area, in an amount not to exceed \$65,600, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation and authorize the County Engineer to execute the agreement under the Fiscal Years 2025-26 Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program for the Highway 5 Improvement Project on behalf of Carver County, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved renewal of the Watertown police contract, which will include an additional contract licensed Deputy Sheriff 1.0 FTE in the Carver County Sheriff's Office beginning September 2026.

Approved renewal of the policing contract, including an increase of contracted Community Service Officer hours, resulting in a FTE increase from 0.40 FTE Community Service Officer to 0.65 FTE Community Service Officer.

Reviewed December 19, 2025, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$632,108.06; reviewed December 23, 2025, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$352,305.35 and reviewed

December 31, 2025, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$290,171.58.

Motion carried unanimously.

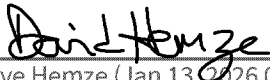
Tim Lynch moved, John P Fahey seconded, to recess as the County Board and convene as the Carver County Regional Rail Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Lynch moved, Lisa Anderson seconded, to appoint Tom Workman as Chair, Tim Lynch as Vice Chair and John P Fahey as Secretary/Treasurer of the Carver County Regional Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Lynch moved, John P Fahey seconded, to adjourn as the Carver County Regional Rail Authority and reconvene as the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Dave Hemze, reminder that you'll be receiving calendar alerts for all confirmed Board meeting dates. Additionally, please note that there is a Joint Board Work Session with Scott County scheduled for January 27 to discuss Transit and the Lower Minnesota Watershed, among other topics.

Lisa Anderson moved, Tim Lynch seconded, to adjourn the Board Organizational Session at 11:28 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Dave Hemze (Jan 13, 2026 09:27:50 CST)

Dave Hemze, County Administrator



Tom Workman (Jan 13, 2026 09:59:45 CST)

Tom Workman, Board Chair