

# Carver County

## Board of Commissioners

Regular Session Minutes

March 10, 2026

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A Regular Session of the Carver County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on March 10, 2026. Tom Workman, Board Chair convened the session at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Tom Workman, Tim Lynch, John P. Fahey, Matt Udermann and Lisa Anderson.

No Public Comments received.

John P. Fahey moved, Tim Lynch seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Udermann moved, Lisa Anderson seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Udermann moved, Tim Lynch seconded, to approve the following consent agenda:

Approved the professional services agreement with Bolton & Menk to complete the Highway 11 and Highway 40 Corridor Study in an amount not to exceed \$152,707.02, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Authorized the Carver County Engineer, or his designee, to approve and execute Change Order No. 17 for the Highway 212 Project - Dahlgren Township with The Mathiowetz Construction Co. for the permanent settlement repair on eastbound Highway 212 associated with unanticipated soil movement, in the amount of \$3,538,559.40, and authorize the appropriate County officials to execute any documents necessary to implement the change order, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Adopted resolution 9-26 to award a construction contract to Henry G. Meigs, LLC for \$486,041.64 for Furnishing Bituminous Material for the 2026 County Wide Seal Coat Project, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Adopted resolution 10-26 to award a construction contract to KAMCO, Inc. for \$174,252.00 for the 2026 County Wide Crack Seal Project, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Adopted resolution 11-26 to award a construction contract to C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,907,070.33 for the Highway 41 Arboretum Village Trail Project, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved three wetland bank credit purchase agreements for the Highway 5 Project-Arboretum Area and authorize Public Works staff to execute the agreements and associated payments in the estimated amount of \$662,829.65, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approval from the County Board to issue a new tobacco license to Anna Tobacco Victoria LLC at their new location in Victoria, MN.

Approved motion to contract with Siemens for replacement of building automation system at the 9120 Steiner Mental Health Facility pending the contract review process.

Approved motion to approve hiring of future Law Enforcement Co-Responder candidates as either a Law Enforcement Co-Responder or Law Enforcement Co-Responder Clinical Trainee based on the qualifications of the candidate.

Approved a Professional Services Agreement with Primacy Strategy Group in the amount of \$58,000 for Federal Government Relations Strategy Services, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved and signed board action and joint powers agreement between DPS BCA and Sheriff's Office for use of CJDN with Courts Addendum.

Adopted resolution 12-26 to approve CARVER COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 41 and authorize the Chair of the County Board to sign the plat.

Approved the updated attached 2026 rate chart for seasonal, temporary and on-call (STOC) positions.

Reviewed February 17, 2026, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$872,090.78; reviewed February 23, 2026, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$435,687.81; reviewed February 27, 2026, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$213,587.80 and reviewed March 6, 2026, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$ 274,207.82.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Lynch moved, Lisa Anderson seconded to open public hearing followed by Board direction on next steps. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Hemze, County Administrator presented on Carver County considering whether to adopt an ordinance limiting the types of firearms allowed for deer hunting now that the long-standing statewide shotgun zone has been eliminated. Counties gained the authority to enact an ordinance to be included in the 2026 hunting regulations. Historical context shows the shotgun zone was created in 1942, but recent studies from Minnesota,

Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin indicate that allowing rifles does not increase hunting incidents and may even reduce them. Rifles offer advantages including higher likelihood of ethical shots, lighter weight, and less expensive ammunition, though they have longer maximum range. Neighboring counties have held public hearings but are not pursuing further action.

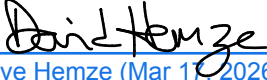
Public Discussion included comments from Pete Parris, Laketown Township, Brian Gennrich, Dahlgren Township, Ryan Braun, Camden Township, Elroy Knauer, Benton Township, Bruce Mathwig, Waconia Township, William Devine, Camden Township, John Mathwig, Glencoe, Jeanne Aufderheide, San Francisco Township, Bill Moore, Watertown Township and Philip Solseng, San Francisco Township, Jim Dvorak, Camden Township, and Bill Dvorak, Camden Township.

Commissioners shared feedback they've received from residents and agreed not to take any action at this time, noting that an ordinance could be considered in the future if changes become necessary.

Lisa Anderson moved, John P. Fahey seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Dave Hemze, provided an update indicating that the Library Board item will be added to the Regular Session for the March 17 Board meeting.

Lisa Anderson moved, Tim Lynch seconded, to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:44 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Dave Hemze (Mar 17, 2026 10:01:47 CDT)  
Dave Hemze, County Administrator

  
Tom Workman (Mar 18, 2026 11:08:08 CDT)  
Tom Workman, Board Chair