

Carver County

Board of Commissioners

Regular Session Minutes

May 19, 2026

A Regular Session of the Carver County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on May 19, 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.

Public Comments received from Patricia Williamson, Chaska.

Tim Lynch moved, Lisa Anderson seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

John P. Fahey moved, Tim Lynch seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026, Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Anderson moved, John P. Fahey seconded, to approve the following consent agenda:

Approved Amendment 5 to the Professional Services Agreement with SRF Consulting Group for final design and construction support services for the Highway 212 Project – Benton Township to cover costs for additional services beyond the prior approved scope, in the amount of \$99,882.72, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Approved submittal of the 2025 CCWMO annual report to the MN BWSR.

Approved a contract with Blackstone Contractors LLC in the amount of \$214,152.20 and authorized the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the contract upon completion of the contract review process.

Authorized staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for Construction Management Services at Risk for the Government Center Project.

Approved the County Board to issue a Lower-Potency Hemp Retail Registration to Lunds Beverages LLC. Issuance is subject to receipt of all required paperwork, fees paid, and all delinquent taxes paid.

Approved and accepted six National Opioid Remnant Defendants Settlements and authorized Carver County staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure Carver County's participation and receipt of funds from the National Opioid Settlement.

Approved a contract with Eastern Carver County Independent School District 112 through June 30, 2028, for provision of Mental Health services for students with Individualized Education Plans.

Approved attendance at the National Home Visiting Summit in Baltimore, MD for two Carver County Public Health Family Home Visiting Nursing staff.

Adopted resolution 26-26 to authorize the County Board Chair to execute and deliver to the Regents of University of Minnesota a Quit Claim Deed for the Tamarack Property subject to any minor form modifications approved by counsel for the County.

Approved the 1 Day to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License application for the Minnesota Cider Guild for Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Approved the Professional Services Agreement with WSB, Inc. for \$33,708.00 for construction materials testing services for the 2026 Highway Preservation Program, pending finalization of the contract review process.

Reviewed May 8, 2026, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$421,325.40; and reviewed May 15, 2026, Community Social Services' actions/Commissioners' warrants in the amount of \$443,228.23.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ella Rasp, Transportation Planner with Stantec, presented the Carver County Transit & Mobility Study, summarizing the county's work with SouthWest Transit to address mobility gaps. Recommendations include expanding SW Prime in Chaska and Chanhassen, adding a Victoria–Waconia zone, increasing Transit Link capacity, and offering limited circulators in smaller communities. The phased plan through 2034 would use Regional Solicitation grants and long-term RSUT/TAA revenues, with next steps to finalize recommendations and support grant applications.

Lisa Anderson moved, John P. Fahey seconded to approve the Carver County Transit and Mobility study and its recommended transit service improvements and support a Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation grant application by SouthWest Transit with a commitment to fund the local match using RSUT and TAA funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Quinn Piper, Chief Medical Examiner at Midwest Medical Examiner Office provided a review of Carver County's 2025 data showing 624 deaths, with 76% reportable to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office and 472 cases reviewed. Most were natural (26), accidental (21), or suicide deaths (9), with no homicides or undetermined cases.

Shane Sheets, Director of the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, is working with HIDTA/OD Maps to map overdose locations and has applied for a \$1.6M grant to support rapid preliminary data processing. Issues persist with clinicians, especially VA providers refusing to sign death certificates, delaying benefits. Senate File 4437 addresses this ongoing problem, and Senate File 2309 is currently awaiting the president's signature.

Mark Metz spoke on the importance of the Medical Examiners report for trials, etc.

Brad Hanzel, Environmental Services Manager spoke on the MPCA Metro Joint Commissioner/Staff Solid Waste Committee . This is a new group that will require a County Commissioner to serve on this committee and attend meetings.

Lisa Anderson moved, Tim Lynch seconded to appoint Commissioner Workman to the MPCA Metro Joint Commissioner/Staff Solid Waste Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Dave Hemze, next Tuesday May 26 is the strategic planning meeting at Paradise Commons at 9:00 a.m.

Tim Lynch moved, John P. Fahey Seconded to enter into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subd. 1, to discuss Labor Negotiation Strategy and Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd 3(c) to discuss real property acquisition for the Highway 40 Project — Silver/Bevens Creek Area. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Lisa Anderson moved, Tim Lynch seconded, to adjourn the Regular Session at 1:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Dave Hemze (Jun 2, 2026 09:06:55 CDT)
Dave Hemze, County Administrator


Tom Workman (Jun 2, 2026 11:05:08 CDT)
Tom Workman, Board Chair