



Carver County Board of Commissioners
January 28, 2025
Work Session

The County Board Room is open to the public

This Work Session will be webcast live at:
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January 30, 2025	2:00 p.m.	MICA Annual Legislative Forum n at Wilds Golf Club (3151 Wilds Ridge Ct NW, Prior Lake, MN)
February 4, 2025	8:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Board meeting & County Ditch Redeterminations CDA Community & Economic Development Meeting at Charlson Meadows (1601 Hwy 7, Victoria, MN)
February 18, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Board meeting
February 25, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Board Work Session
March 4, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
March 18, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
March 25, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Board Work Session



Carver County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action

Agenda Item Name: Update on CarverLink Broadband Activities
RBA Number: 2025-20
Department: Public Services - Information Technology
Contact: Randy Lehs, CarverLink Manager, 952-361-1494
Presenter: Randy Lehs, CarverLink Manager
Contract Name & Number: Randy Lehs; 612-719-1656
Meeting Date: January 28, 2025
Item Type: Presentation

Strategic Initiative:

Connections: Develop strong public partnerships and connect people to services

Background/Justification:

CarverLink staff will present an update on the CarverLink network's status, including connections for our public entities and community support partners, and activities over the past year in our efforts to provide high-speed broadband connectivity throughout the county.

Topics of discussion include:

- Who/What is CarverLink
- Diversity, Redundance and Resiliency
- Public and Community Support Entity Connections
- Public Entity Collaborations
- Connect Up Carver Broadband Efforts
- Connect Up Carver Project Progress
- Connect Up Carver Expansion Progress
- Rural Fiber Connectivity Status
- City/Urban High Speed Connectivity Status
- State of Broadband Nationwide
- Funding challenges in MN with Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Grant

Program (BEAD) - \$42 Billion Federal Program

Action Requested:

No action required. This is an opportunity to keep the Board updated and answer any questions that they may have on CarverLink. Informational only.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding:	Amount Budgeted:

Related Fiscal/FTE Comments:

Attachments:

None



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Request for Board Action

Agenda Item Name: 2025 Strategic Planning Process
RBA Number: 2025-106
Department: County Administration
Contact: Dave Hemze, County Administrator, 952-361-1526
Presenter: Dave Hemze, County Administrator
Contract Name & Number:
Meeting Date: January 28, 2025
Item Type: Presentation

Strategic Initiative:

Connections: Develop strong public partnerships and connect people to services

Background/Justification:

Each year the Board of Commissioners updates Carver County's strategic plan. County Administrator Hemze will discuss the option of hiring a consultant to assist with reshaping the plan as we head into the 2025 update process.

Action Requested:

Direction only.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding:	Amount Budgeted:

Related Fiscal/FTE Comments:

To be determined following a request for proposal process. The current estimated cost is from \$20,000 to \$30,000 using Commissioner Contingency as the funding source.

Attachments:

None



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Request for Board Action

Agenda Item Name: Long Range Plan Update for Baylor Regional Park
RBA Number: 2025-108
Department: Public Works - Parks
Contact: Samuel Pertz, Parks & Trails Supervisor, 952-466-5253
Presenter: Samuel Pertz, Parks & Trails Supervisor
Contract Name & Number:
Meeting Date: January 28, 2025
Item Type: Presentation

Strategic Initiative:

Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities

Background/Justification:

The long-range plan for Baylor Regional Park is outdated. The Parks Department has hired a planning consultant to assist with this project which is scheduled to kick off in January.

Tentative Project Schedule

- Kick Off: January 2025
- County Board Work Session: January 2025
 - Gather Initial Interests of the Board
 - Possibility to Expand the Park Boundary through Land Acquisition
- Public Engagement: May - August 2025
- County Board Update: September 2025
- Met Council Approval and Adoption: February 2026
- County Board Final Approval and Adoption: March 2026

Understanding the Boards input for the vision of the park long term, including any park boundary adjustments are the primary objectives for this meeting.

Action Requested:

No action is requested at this time.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding:	Amount Budgeted:

Related Fiscal/FTE Comments:

Attachments:

None



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Request for Board Action

Agenda Item Name: County Solid Waste Management Plan Update
RBA Number: 2025-114
Department: Public Services - Environmental Services
Contact: Brad Hanzel, Environmental Services Manager -
Government Center, 952-361-1805
Presenter: Brad Hanzel, Environmental Services Manager -
Government Center
Contract Name & Number:
Meeting Date: January 28, 2025
Item Type: Presentation

Strategic Initiative:

Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities

Background/Justification:

On January 30, 2024, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) adopted the 2022-2042 Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan (Policy Plan). This plan sets goals and objectives for managing solid waste in the metropolitan area. In accordance with MN Statutes, each metropolitan county must update its Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) to align with the Policy Plan, ensuring regional consistency.

Throughout 2024, County staff engaged the public to gather input on goals and strategies for the County SWMP. Feedback was collected through 891 survey responses and four stakeholder group meetings, which included residents, businesses, non-profits, public entities, and members of the waste industry. Additionally, staff presented an overview of the planning process and proposed strategies to the Board in August 2024 for initial feedback. Using this input, along with budget considerations and ongoing implementation efforts, staff have developed a draft County SWMP.

Staff will present the draft 2024-2044 Carver County Solid Waste Management Plan, along with the development process and the anticipated next steps.

Action Requested:

Discussion of the next steps to release the draft County SWMP for public comment.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding:	Amount Budgeted:

Related Fiscal/FTE Comments:

Attachments:

None