



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 327-2847

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

2:30 PM

Itasca County Boardroom

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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To: pull Item #6.5 (Celebrate the 250th Semi-quincentennial Birthday of United States) and Item #6.6 (Lights in the Pines 2024/L&M Livestock Pavilion Proposal) and approve the agenda, as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion To: Approve minutes as delineated below.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

1. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 25, 2025 County Board Regular Session.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion To: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

1. Approve the Cooperative Construction Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids for the 7th Aveune SE / CSAH 96 bituminous project.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Citizen Input

Stephanie Lipsey provided citizen input regarding an incident that occurred at Grand Rapids High School. She shared her concern for those involved, along with the actions taken by ISD 318 and others that may be in the future if there aren't changes made.

2. Legislative Conference Call

A Legislative Conference Call was provided by Eric Simonson.

3. Commissioner Warrants

Motion To: Approve Commissioner Warrants with a check date of March 6 2025, in the amount of \$264,773.00.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

4. County Assessor Position

Motion To: Appoint William Hilback as Itasca County Assessor.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner John Johnson
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

7. CEDA Contract/Update

Community and Business Development Specialists Amanda Lamppa, Lisa Randall, and Tracy Hensley provided update on CEDA Contract.

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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8. Safe exchange zone at the Itasca County Courthouse

Chief Deputy Sheriff Chris Peterson and Facilities Manager Ryan Eichorn provided information regarding the option to create a safe exchange zone, utilizing two parking spots with a 15-minutes time limit reserved in the parking lot that is covered by security cameras and lights.

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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VII. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Johnson reported on attending Coleraine City Council Meeting, meeting with County Grant Writer, going to the Citizens Academy Graduation, Legislative Conference, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe meeting regarding solid waste and recycling collaboration, and an AMC meeting regarding solid waste working group.

Commissioner Snyder reported on attending HWY 38 Into the Wilderness Board, Trails Task Force meeting, North Itasca Joint Powers meeting, Land Department meeting, DNR & Legislature meeting, IEDC Mesabi Metallics Board update, and met with the Governor and Staff regarding Mesabi Metallics.

Commissioner Smith reported on attending a discussion with Commissioner Snyder and an Energy Discussion about the use of energy dollars that are out there.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Snyder provided comment regarding a Legislative Update in the Senate File on a "Trail Kill" bill, and reported that our Lobbyist and Legislative Delegation is aware and watching. He also reported on Anderson Fabrics in Blackduck closing and the loss of jobs that come with that.

X. CLOSED SESSIONS

XI. ADJOURN

Chair Venema adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.

ATTEST

Casey Venema
Chair of the County Board

Brett Skyles
Clerk of the County Board