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## BOY RIDING BIKE IN BECKER DIES WHEN HIT BY CAR

Sherburne County

Sheriff's officials say the driver of the vehicle that hit the 10-year-old remained on scene and is cooperating.

#### Submitted Article

Sherburne County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a 10-year-old boy who was hit and killed by a vehicle

Monday morning while riding his bike in Becker, said Commander Ben Zawacki.

The child was hit at Brenda Boulevard and Edgewood Street just before 8 a.m., Zawacki said.

The boy was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle remained on scene and was cooperating with investigators.

Identities of those in-

involved will be released at a later date.

Studio 5 Salon and Spa in Becker is accepting donations and gift cards on behalf of the family. See obituary on page 2.

## Mayor's local gov't roundtable gathers many

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

Tuesday night, Mayor Mark Kolbinger was immensely proud to host the first Mayor's Local Government Roundtable, which brought together over 20 local elected officials and key employee leaders from Sherburne County, Becker Public Schools, Becker Township and the City of Becker. The goal of the meeting was to facilitate discussion and enhance cooperation between the entities in order to deliver the most effective and efficient outcomes for our residents and shared taxpayers.

The group celebrated some of the successes achieved in the past as a result of their collaborations, and identified areas where they think they can work more closely together. It was a candid, frank discussion and yielded a solid foundation for increased communication and efficacy in the community.

"We spent a considerable amount of time in



**NUMEROUS ELECTED OFFICIALS** and key personnel from Sherburne County, Becker Public Schools, Becker Township and the City of Becker met Tuesday night, July 29, at Becker City Hall for the first Mayor's Local Government Roundtable (Patriot Photo by Mayor Kolbinger).

working groups focused on transportation concerns, parks/recreation, and facilities/maintenance," said Kolbinger. "Each group discussed goals and proposed a general timeline for gathering additional in-

formation where needed."

The group committed to meeting quarterly for the time-being in order to keep the momentum moving forward, and the next meeting was set for October 23 at Becker High School.

"A sincere thank you to all who attended and added yet another meeting to their already busy schedules," said Kolbinger. "I am genuinely optimistic about what we accomplished and look forward to the increased

level of collaboration and communication. Working together, we will undoubtedly deliver better outcomes for the residents of the Becker community."

## Benton County 4-H celebrates tradition with Annual Pie Day 2025

#### Submitted Article

The Benton County 4-H program celebrated a long-standing tradition on July 17 with its annual Pie Day event, where youth, parents, and grandparents gather to create homemade pies from scratch. This beloved event took place in the 4-H lunchstand, just before the Benton County Fair, and is a highlight for all involved.

For generations, Benton County 4-H members have come together in the lunchstand to roll out pie crusts, mix delicious fillings, and bake a variety of mouth-watering pies—all made entirely by hand. The event not only encourages family involvement but also fosters a sense of community, with generations of 4-H members



**DURING THE BENTON COUNTY 4-H PIE DAY**, 4-H volunteer Barb Bemboom took the lead showing the 4-H youth how to make pie crusts. Pictured here Barb (left) is working with Hailey Meilke (right) the best way to work the dough. (Submitted Photo).

learning traditional baking techniques from their parents and grandparents. Community businesses even get involved with the Dorch Maid Bakery in Sauk Rapids donated one hundred readymade crusts that just need to be rolled out, 140 pie tins and pie filling including blueberry and cherry.

"The best part about Pie Day is the opportunity to spend time with family and friends while learning how to make pies from scratch," said Amy Klosowski, a Benton County 4-H volunteer with Langola Livewires 4-H Club. "It's a special way to bring people of all ages together to create something delicious for the fair."

From rolling the crusts to mixing fillings, young and seasoned bakers work

side by side, ensuring every detail is perfect. The pies are then baked and prepared for sale during the Benton County Fair July 29-Aug 3rd, where they become a much-anticipated treat for fairgoers.

"It's always exciting to see the final product after all the hard work," said Abri Lyon from Clear Lake, a 4-H member of Mayhew Lakers 4-H Club, who's been involved in the event for several years. "I love knowing that our pies will be enjoyed by so many people during the fair."

Whether it's a classic apple pie, a tangy rhubarb, cherry or blueberry, the pies are made with love, care, and a dash of 4-H pride. They also serve as a fund-

**PIE DAY**

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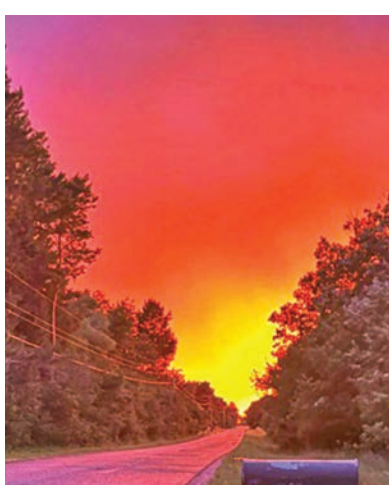
## PAINTED SKIES OVER CENTRAL MINNESOTA!



**THERESA BROWN** took this beautiful photo of a full-circle rainbow over Briggs Lake on July 27. (Submitted Photo).



**A RESIDENT** at Minnesota Airstream Park near Clear Lake captured this incredible photo Sunday night. (Submitted Photo).



**GLENN KAIawe** snapped this amazing photo at his home near Palmer Sunday, July 27. (Submitted Photo).

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OBITUARIES

### Harrison Sean Kaehler, 10 Becker, MN June 2, 2015 - July 28, 2025

Our hearts are broken to share that Harrison Sean Kaehler, age 10, of Becker, MN passed away doing something he loved, riding his bike, on July 28, 2025. He left us nearly a lifetime too soon, but he gave us a lifetime of memories in the decade we had him.

Harrison cannonballed into this world on June 2, 2015, in St. Cloud, MN- straight into the loving arms of Paige and Nikki (Hamilton) Kaehler, and his big sister Eiley. From day one, he lit up every single room he entered — he was so kind, happy and cheeky. Even when he had to endure beating cancer before he could tie his shoes. We saw just how brave, strong, and resilient he was.

He was exceptionally particular and knew exactly what was worth spending time on and what was not. A few of his top likes: FRIYAY, vintage arcade games, McDonalds in the “King Size”, Garage Parties, the movie Predator, legos, Cool Runnings, nerf guns, basketball, baseball, finding treasures at the flea market with his family, burning cardboard, playing 10,000 with Grandpa Wayne, Homer Simpson donut, sleep masks and sweats, water pong in the hot tub, any touch of ‘Merica flare, doing anything and everything with his sister, and ribs, which happened to be his last meal. His most recently added like was cliff jumping, which he bravely did for the first time at the Quarry days before his death.

Then there were fewer, but very specific things Harrison despised: you can expect

a “Hamilton Scowl” if he is uncomfortable — in any way- dirt, grass or really anything on his hands, feet or body, tags or anything poking his skin, unpleasant smells — which he would be sure to make known- and eye drops.

Harrison now joins his Uncle Sean Hamilton; Great Uncle Pat McKanna; Great Grandparents, Norene and Bud Kaehler, Beulah “Grandma B” and Ed Huse, Edwin “Pat” and Philis Hamilton, Betty and Doug Parisian, William “Bill” and Norma “Nonnie” McKanna. And he is surely “riding the Jozie”, his favorite canine cousin.

He is going to be endlessly missed by his parents, Paige and Nicole “Nikki” Kaehler; dear sister, Eiley; Aunts and Uncles, Katie (Zac) Brown, Kelsey McKanna, Kyle (Kala) Kaehler, Matt (Katy) Hamilton, Sarah (Chris) Johnson; grandparents, Connie “Mimi” and Richard “Papa D” McKanna, Edwin “Papa Ed” and Wendy “Grammy” Hamilton; Grandma Nancy and Grandpa Wayne Kaehler; cousins, Grace and Emma Kaehler, Lily Johnson; and many other family and friends.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held from 1:00-4:00 pm on FRIYAY, August 8, 2025, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Becker. A Celebration of Harrison’s life will follow at 4:00 pm. Arrangements are entrusted to the Hamilton Funeral Homes – Akkerman Chapel in Mora. Condolences may be shared at [www.hamiltonfunerals.com](http://www.hamiltonfunerals.com).

### Gerald “Jerry” D. Throlson, 88 Becker, MN September 13, 1936 – July 23, 2025

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 22, 2025 at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Becker for Gerald “Jerry” D. Throlson, age 88, who passed away peacefully Wednesday, July 23 at his home in Becker. Rev. Michael Kellogg will officiate. Burial will be at Bailey Station Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Becker.

Gerald “Jerry” Dale Throlson was born September 13, 1936 in Albert Lea to Henry and Ethel (Anderson) Throlson. Jerry attended Albert Lea High School and was on the Tigers golf team winning the 1954 state tournament. He graduated from the University of Minnesota and pursued graduate studies. He married Patricia “Patsy/Pat” Finley on August 4, 1962. Jerry was a Registered Respiratory Therapist and started the first Associate Degree program for Respiratory Therapists in Minnesota at St. Mary’s Junior College in 1967 (now University of St. Catherine) where he was an Associate Professor. Jerry and Pat moved to Hawick in 1978 and with brother-in-law, Roger Hanson built their own and many other log homes. In 1998, Jerry retired from the U.S. Postal service after 15 years as a Rural Letter Carrier, serving New London and Hawick. Retirement years were spent in Bella Vista, AR with golf and travel to Sante Fe

and the Smoky Mountains and spent summers at Clear Lake Airstream Park. In 2011 they returned to Minnesota to make their home in Becker.

Jerry called himself “Mr. Pat”, volunteering with Pat’s professional, church and other organizations for many years. He was “Irish by Marriage.” Jerry loved his family, his church, gardening, golf, cooking, especially his famous chili, bluegrass, gospel and Celtic music. He was welcomed into the Catholic Church in the spring of 2016 and his faith became an important part of his life.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 63 years, Pat of Becker; children, Michael (Nancy) Throlson of Avon and Thomas Throlson of Becker; grandchildren, Beth, Matthew and Mara; sisters-in-law, Sharlyn Throlson, Kathy Hanson, Sally (Bob) Harloff, Lorrie Finley, and Marnie Finley; brothers-in-law, Joe Finley and Jack Jaruszewski; and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ann Schilling; brother, Ross; brothers -in-law, Roger Hanson and David Fields; sisters-in-law, Rosemary Finley, Julie Jaruszewski and Molly Fields.

Memorials are preferred to Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church or Becker Area Senior Center.

Obituary and Guest Book available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).

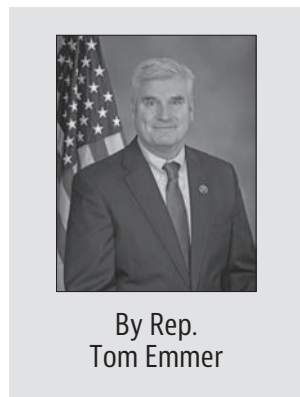
## Visiting Innovators

During the recent district work period, we had a chance to visit innovators and businesses of all sizes across Minnesota’s Sixth District.

First, we had the chance to step behind the counter at Ralphie’s Minnoco in Clear Lake. It was a pleasure to interact with so many of our constituents while learning more about the daily operations and challenges of running a convenience store. Thank you, Brian and everyone at Ralphie’s for showing me around and letting me help out

Later, we toured the Niron Magnetics facility and learned more about their upcoming Sartell facility. This new facility will bring next-generation technology manufacturing and hundreds of good-paying jobs to our district. We also had the chance to discuss the tax provisions in our One Big Beautiful bill that will help make this new facility possible, and ensure that our state remains a leader in American manufacturing

After, we met members of the Sea Foam team and had a chance to tour their manufacturing facility in Chaska. Sea Foam has been keeping Minnesotans moving and having fun on the road, trail, and water, since 1942 and it was a pleasure to learn more about their manufacturing process and the challenges they face. Just before our meeting, in response to outreach from our office, we learned that the federal gov-



By Rep.  
Tom Emmer

ernment has delayed enforcement of a bureaucratic, 2023 rule that would have caused chaos in their manufacturing process. We were happy to fight for this historic business as they continue to employ hundreds of Minnesotans and manufacture one of the safest fuel additives on the market while maintaining a perfect safety record

We also had the opportunity to meet with community bankers in Annandale. During our roundtable discussion, we discussed our recent work on the House Financial Services Committee and how our One Big Beautiful Bill empowers local banks to continue driving growth in our communities and support businesses like the many we visited.

As Congress moves into the August work period, we look forward to meeting with many more Minnesotans and business leaders to discuss their priorities and work together on solutions that strengthen our communities.

### William (Bill) Peter Rowland, 64 Becker, MN January 24th, 1961 - July 21st, 2025

On July 21, 2025, William (Bill) Peter Rowland of Becker, MN, passed away at the age of 64.

Bill was born and raised in Minneapolis, graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in Bloomington. As a member of the US Army, his active duty career began in 1982 with the US Army Transportation Corp Military Police Company stationed in Vicenza, Italy.

In 1985, he left active duty service to earn a degree in Law Enforcement from Inver Grove Community College in 1988. Bill went on to join the Sherburne County Sheriff’s office as a deputy, where he served for 14 years. In 1992, he joined the US Army Reserve as a heavy vehicle driver with the 353rd Transportation Company in Buffalo, MN. In 2003, he re-entered active duty to serve with the 660th Transportation Company from Cadiz, Ohio in a deployment. He earned

a purple heart and bronze star for his service in Iraq. He went on to retire from the Army Reserve as a first sergeant.

Bill also devoted his time to coaching girl’s lacrosse, being a builder and fixer of things, and spending many hours on the golf course.

Bill is survived by his children Amelia, Alex and Holly Rowland. He is also survived by siblings Laura Prow, Mary Gerberding, Joel Rowland, Carol Moster, Tom Rowland, Jim Rowland, Therese Hammett, Elizabeth Padilla and Dan Rowland.

Bill is preceded in death by his brother John Rowland.

A gofundme has been created for anyone who would like to donate to Bill’s children for expenses related to his passing: <https://gofund.me/bd71fa67>.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Carefree Country Club in Big Lake, MN on September 13th, 2025.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TO THE EDITOR:

Last week, Wright County lost a dedicated public servant, a humble leader, and a true Republican champion: State Senator Bruce Anderson. His passing marks the end of a remarkable era in Minnesota politics—but his legacy is vividly alive in every corner of Wright County. Bruce was first elected in 1994 when he defeated a DFL incumbent for the Minnesota House seat centered around Buffalo, launching a seismic shift that continues to define our region. That victory wasn’t just about winning an election—it was about building a movement. Anderson’s tireless work ethic, principled leadership, and unwavering connection to the voters created a model for Republican success that others would follow. His influence reached far beyond his own campaigns as he mentored countless public servants over the last 30 years. Today the results speak for themselves: the values Bruce championed—limited government, fiscal responsibility, and the right to life—guide our local leaders, inspiring new candidates and lead to election victories where Republicans now hold every State House and Senate seat that touches Wright County. In addition, Wright County grew to be the largest delegation at the Minnesota State Republican Convention. That didn’t happen by accident—it was built, brick by brick, on the foundation Bruce Anderson laid. We extend our deepest condolences to Bruce’s wife, Ruth, and loved ones. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate his extraordinary legacy. The Wright County GOP owes much of its strength and success to Bruce Anderson’s unwavering leadership and vision. We were proud to call him one of our own, and prouder still to carry forward the legacy he built.

Respectfully,  
**Dan Schonhardt**  
Chair, Wright County Republican Party

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raiser, with all proceeds going toward supporting 4-H programs and activities throughout the year.

During the pie day event, the group made 155 pies that are ready for the fairgoers in the 4-H Lunchstand.

As the Benton County Fair opens its doors to the public, visitors can be sure to find a slice of tradition and a taste of home in every piece of pie sold at the 4-H lunchstand.



**THESE THREE LADIES** had their first experience with the Benton County 4-H pie making day. (L-R) Kaylin Maloney from Elk River, Jubilee LaDoux and Lola LaDoux from Dayton. (Submitted Photo).



**THE TRADITION OF BENTON COUNTY 4-H PIE DAY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR.** The Anderson family (L-R) included Joel Anderson, Henry Anderson and John Anderson as they worked hard rolling out pie crusts. (Submitted Photo).

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## 2 road projects in Becker move forward

By Katie Cantin,  
Contributing Writer

During their recent meeting, the Becker City Council started the ball rolling on two road projects that will both be eligible for government funding assistance.

The council signed a supplemental letter of agreement to start work on planning for improvements to Edgewood St. and the trail alongside it. This will be a project for 2026, but city staff wanted to begin the planning process early, especially since the project will be eligible to use state funding. The council had a brief discussion on the details before approving.

Becker received a congressional appropriation (federal assistance) to create a grade-separated (on-ramp/off-ramp) interchange at the Hwy. 10 and Hwy. 25 intersection on the west side of the city. The city requested proposals for the design work to keep the project moving forward.

### Land Trade

In March, the city was looking to sell off some land in the industrial park, and had a few interested parties, including TJ Potter Trucking. However, the economic development authority (EDA) discovered that the sale of the land could put the city in financial risk, so it was determined the land would not be sold. Todd Potter of TJ Potter was still interested in the land, which is serviced by city water, and offered to trade the city instead of doing the risky outright purchase. He offered to trade land back to the city which was not serviced by city water. City staff determined the trade would be fair if they took 18.5 acres of land from Potter in exchange for the 16.5 acres he was interested in owning. The process to plat the property and allow the city to make the proper vacations will additionally cost Potter \$9,950.

Council decided to move forward with the deal.

### In Other Business, the Council:

- Heard committee reports;

- Approved replacing a HVAC unit at the wastewater treatment facility;

- Approved the consent agenda.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Becker Area Senior Center (BASC)**  
Open Mon. - Fri. 9am-5pm.  
**Becker Community Center:**  
763-200-4271. Planning meeting 3rd Wed. @ 1pm.

**Becker American Legion Auxiliary**  
Auxiliary meetings from November to February are suspended. We will meet again in March of 2025. Contacts are Paula Hinds 763.691.4405 cell and Nellie Simpson 763.482.0619.

**Becker American Legion Post 193**  
Becker Legion meets the second Tues. of every month at 7pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall.)

**Becker AA Meeting**  
Becker Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thurs., 8pm at Mary of the Visitation, 12100 Sherburne Ave, Becker. (320) 247-4732 or email [beckeraagroupmn@gmail.com](mailto:beckeraagroupmn@gmail.com)

**Becker Lions Club**  
Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 7pm at Becker City Park's Shelter.

**Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193**  
Meets the third Tues. of each month at 7 pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall). Looking for new members. Andrew Lee (763) 482-9177.

**Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting**  
The monthly meetings are held 6 pm the third Thurs. of the month at Becker City Hall. (320) 980-2752 or see the state website at [www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org](http://www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org).

**Big Lake Senior Center**  
The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake St. North. For more information, call: 763-309-1010 or 612-219-1614.

**Big Lake American Legion Post #147**  
Meets the first Thurs. of the month @ 7 pm. Tribune Building, 29 Lake St.

**Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings**  
Mon., 7pm at Saron Lutheran Church, Big Lake. Big Book Study. Handicap Accessible. Questions? Contact: Rob, (763) 218-5328.

**The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary**  
Meets the first Tues. Mar.-Dec. at 6:30pm. Tribune Building, 29 Lake St. Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for information.

**Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon**  
The Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meets at 6:30 pm on the third Mon., of each month in the Community Room adjacent to the Big Lake Police Dept. & the Big Lake Library.

**Big Lake Community Food Shelf**  
The Big Lake Community Food Shelf hours of service are Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-7:30pm & Wed. 9-11am. [www.blcfs.org](http://www.blcfs.org).

**The Big Lake Lions**  
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**Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings**  
Big Lake Living Clean NA meeting Sun., 7pm, Bridgeview Assembly of God Church, 20500 Co. Rd. 11, Big Lake, MN, (763) 482-1695.

**Big Lake Women of Today**  
Hold a monthly general meeting at Senior Activity Center located in the Big Lake City Office Building on the 3rd Thurs. of the month @ 7pm. [www.biglake-womenoftoday.webs.com](http://www.biglake-womenoftoday.webs.com).

**Clear Lake Legion**  
Meets the second Tues. of the month at 4180 105th Ave., Clear Lake. The Legion will meet at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Bud Stimmler at (320) 761-5793.

**Clear Lake Lions**  
Meets the first & third Tues. of the month at Palmer Twp. Hall at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. [www.clearlakelionsmn.org](http://www.clearlakelionsmn.org).

**Clearwater American Legion Post 323 & Auxiliary**  
Meets the second Thurs. of the month. Auxiliary 6:30 p.m., S.A.L. at 7 p.m., Legion at 7:30 p.m. at Clearwater Legion, Clearwater.

**Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf**  
Open Mon. 5:30-7 p.m., Tues.-9:11 a.m. & 6-8 p.m., Wed., 3-5 p.m. in the brown Lions Community Building beneath the water tower in Clearwater. Servicing residents of Clearwater and Clear Lake.

**Clearwater Lions Club**  
Meets second Tues. of the month at 8 p.m. Clearwater Pavilion. [www.clearwaterlionsmn.com](http://www.clearwaterlionsmn.com)

**Snake River Free Church**  
Hymn sing Aug. 10 after church. 5 mi. N of Hwy. 10 on Co. Rd. 11, 1.5 mi. E on Co. Rd. 5, 3/4 mi. N on 180th St. (8940 180th Ave. SE). For more info, email [maryerickson41@yahoo.com](mailto:maryerickson41@yahoo.com)

**Becker Schools Alumni Luncheon Annual Event**  
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**Farm Friends Barn**  
The Farm Friends Barn Board of Directors meet the 4th Monday of every month from April thru December at the Barn at 10782 27th Ave Se in Becker. During the months of January thru March the meetings are held at Becker City Hall. All Board Meetings start at 3pm.

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## Big Lake Township hears update on joint project with city

By Katie Cantin,  
Contributing Writer

During the recent Big Lake Town Board meeting, Big Lake City Engineer Layne Otteson gave an update on the joint project between the city and township for pedestrian safety near the schools. Since the project is receiving federal funding, plans have been submitted and are waiting for the appropriate signatures at the federal level. Otteson said he is working to keep the process moving along.

The next step, after federal approval, is to go out for bids, which Otteson expected to happen in September. Construction will likely begin in the spring.

Otteson said he was a little concerned about the signs on Co. Rd. 43 warning traffic if a fire truck is approaching. The way these signs work is by a fob inside of the truck which the driver can press to warn approaching traffic. However, these signs don't exist anywhere else in Minnesota, so it may not be approved to be used as part of the federally-backed project, though he said he would try everything he could to keep them.

### Fire Department

Big Lake Fire Chief Seth Hansen gave his monthly report, noting 228 calls for service, year to date, and 42 calls for the month of June.

One notable call included a trench rescue. An employee at Premier Marine fell into a trench used to access machinery, which resulted in a broken femur.

Hansen was very excited to announce the department maintained their two-year winning streak at the fire department versus police department softball game at Spud Fest.

The BLFD is accepting applications for hire through August 1.

The department will hold a "pop-up splash pad" at Lake Ridge Park on August 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The board agreed to sell some old grass truck skid unit equipment. The equipment hasn't been used for three years. The money from the sale will go to the fire department capital improvement fund.



**BIG LAKE CITY ENGINEER, LAYNE OTTESON, gave an update on the pedestrian safety project at the recent Big Lake Town Board meeting. (Patriot Photo by Katherine Cantin.)**

The board also heard the proposed fire budget. The township portion of the fire budget will be \$230,468, a 6.24% increase.

### In Other Business, the Board:

- Approved an early access agreement with White Bear Clothing Co., who is interested in purchasing land in the industrial park;

- Discussed replacing the trash enclosure, but tabled the decision pending more information;

- Discussed possibly agreeing to store spent pull tabs from Spud Fest on behalf of the Lions Club, pending approval from the township attorney;

- Came to an agreement with the Big Lake Ambassadors on allowing access to their garage, where the group stores some items, as they had previously discussed at the last meeting.



## Board okays Community Corrections fee changes

By Ken Francis,  
Contributing Writer

After a brief public hearing without public comment last week, the Sherburne County Board approved revisions to the county's All Services and Fee Schedule.

The purpose of the hearing was to consider mid-year changes to the Community Corrections Fee Schedule to address certain financial, legislative and operational factors.

Community Corrections Director Corey Mabis-Rowe said the Dept. of Corrections' subsidy has been lower than anticipated over the past two years.

"So we're looking at correcting some of the fees in Community Corrections," he said.

The revisions include a new \$50 drug-testing fee, and a \$50 increase in program fees in the Adult Driving With Care Level I, (to \$150), Level II (to \$250) and Decision Points Group (to \$200).

The vote to approve was unanimous.

### Charging Stations, Vehicles

After a 15-minute discussion, the board passed two resolutions and approved two agreements with MnDOT for electric vehicle charging stations and the purchase of electric vehicles.

Sherburne County was successful in securing \$42,222.32 in grant dollars from the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Funding to install charging stations on the Government Center site. The county's 20% match is (\$10,527.83) and has been included in the 2025 Public Works Budget.

The county was also granted \$200,000 to cover part of the cost for electric vehicles.

The grant will save the citizens' money by taking advantage of the federal funds to replace four county fleet vehi-

cle and one Public Works vehicle, versus entirely relying on county funds for vehicle replacement.

There will be a combination of private chargers for the fleet vehicles, public chargers for Government Center visitors and public fast chargers near the Government Center entrance for commuters on Hwy. 10. The public chargers will have the capability of being fee-based.

The discussion focused on the placement of the charging stations.

Commissioner Gregg Felber felt the county's fleet charging station should be located closer the fleet of vehicles.

"My concern is the location," he said. "Would it be worth the time and money to bring them closer? Do we make the financial commitment to bring them closer?"

Public Works Director Andrew Witter said they have looked other locations and can look at moving the stations closer, but since the project is using federal funds, there are limitations to what the county can do.

"We will need to revisit the environmental documents as they have been submitted to the state already," he said.

### Waste Clean-up

The board approved a Contract for Services with Wruck Excavating Inc, for the abatement of solid waste and cleanup of a Property located at 14307 286th Ave. NW in Zimmerman.

The property was referred for solid waste enforcement to the County Attorney's Office in April 2019. The Solid Waste Office has been working with the property owner to try and get the property into compliance, which has not occurred. The county will front the required clean-up costs of \$6,000, with the cost of abatement being assessed against the property.

### Park Funds

The board approved a request from Clear Lake Twp. for reimbursement of \$2,000 in Park Dedication Funding for new pollinator habitat landscaping.

The Sherburne County Park Land Dedication Ordinance provides townships with the opportunity to apply for park dedication fees collected within their jurisdiction for certain uses stipulated in Minnesota Statutes.

### Interchange Contract

The board approved a MnDOT contract and resolution for Federal Fund Advanced Construction of the Zimmerman Interchange. The agreement allows MnDOT to be the federal fiscal agent for projects over \$5 million. This type of agreement is written when a county or city is scheduled to receive more than \$5 million in federal funds.

### Other Business

In other actions the board:

- Approved a professional and technical services agreement with JB Marie LLC to provide programming and conceptual design for the proposed expansion of the Sherburne County Jail. JB Marie LLC will be compensated \$20,000, plus mileage and printing reimbursement;

- Approved the donation of a printer to the Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District;

- Passed a resolution to acquire property for the Co. Rd. 29 and Co. Rd. 2 intersection reconstruction project;
- Approved of a resolution in support of the Initiative Foundation's application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The Initiative Foundation has offered to serve as the coordinator and fiscal host for the re-establishment of a Region 7W Economic Development District to serve Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties.



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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION**  
Court File No: **7 PR-3 0**  
**In Re the Estate of Robert Francis Shields a/k/a Robert F. Shields a/k/a Robert Shields, Deceased.**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated September 4, 2014 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Mary T. Shields-Good, 13453 43rd Street Clear Lake MN 55319, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate. Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3 01, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.  
Dated: July 28/2025  
/s/ Pamela Kreier, Probate Registrar  
/s/ Katrese Ringham, Court Administrator  
*Attorney for Petitioner:*  
KATHERINE MARIE HENNING  
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Becker Township will be receiving bids electronically for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for Snow and Ice Control Services for the township roads in the Town of Becker, in Sherburne County for the period September 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2027  
Becker Township will receive and accept bids ONLY through [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com) via their electronic VirtuBid online bid service through Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 1:00 pm. No paper bids will be accepted. Following the close of bidding, the bids will be publicly opened at the Town Hall through the QuestCDN vBid process and read aloud online.  
Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7632615301?omn=89136285582> Meeting ID: 763 261 5301 Pass-code: 26581  
The projects consist of snow plowing and sanding roads in Becker Township. Said bids shall be for furnishing equipment, labor and materials for snow and ice control of all township roads as more thoroughly described in the Snow Plowing and Sanding Bidding Packet.  
The contract documents are available at QuestCDN.com. This contract is Quest number **9823**. You may view the bids without charge prior to downloading them. To be considered a Planholder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the contract documents in digital form at a cost of \$5.00. If you submit a bid, you will be charged an additional fee of \$15.00. Contact QuestCDN Customer Success at 952-233-1632 or [Success@QuestCDN.com](mailto:Success@QuestCDN.com) for assistance.  
Interested parties may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder.  
The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.  
By order of the Town Board of the Town of Becker  
/s/ Lucinda Messman, Town Clerk  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 07/26/25, 08/02/25)

**CITY OF BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GRANTING OF BUSINESS SUBSIDY**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Joint Powers Board of the City of Big Lake, Minnesota, and Big Lake Township, Minnesota will hold a public hearing at a special meeting of the Joint Powers Board beginning at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, to be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 160 Lake Street North, in Big Lake, Minnesota, at the request of White Bear Clothing Co. (the "Company") in connection with the proposed construction of an approximately 40,000 square foot warehouse facility and to grant financial assistance of \$130,000.00 which is provided in the conveyance of property to the Company through a forgivable loan for the purchase price for the property identified as tax parcel number 65-00590-0115 (the "Property"). The Joint Powers Board will consider selling the Property which is jointly owned by the City of Big Lake, Minnesota and Big Lake Township, Minnesota for the sum of One and No/100 Dollars (\$1.00), which is a business subsidy, in response to the proposed sale and development. The business subsidy will result in an increase of the tax base of the City and provide employment opportunities in the City.  
Information about the proposed business subsidy will be on file and available for public inspection in the office the City Clerk at City Hall.  
A person with residence in or the owner of taxable property in the granting jurisdiction may file a written complaint with the City if the City fails to comply with Sections 116.993 to 116.995, and no action may be filed against the City for the failure to comply unless a written complaint is filed.  
All interested persons may appear at the public hearing and present their views orally or in writing. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's office at City Hall, telephone **763 283 2107**  
BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
/s/ Gina Wolbeck, City Clerk  
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**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**  
This represents a summary of the Work Session of the Board of Education of Big Lake Public Schools #727. A complete set of minutes will be on file at the District Office and on our website at [www.biglakeschools.org](http://www.biglakeschools.org) upon Board approval.  
I. CALL TO ORDER  
The Work Session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools was called to order on July 23, 2025.  
II. ROLL CALL  
All Board members were present.  
III. REFERENDUM COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSION  
Director of Community Education and Communications, Stephanie Hillman, and Communications/PR Specialist, Morgan Prokosch, reviewed the communication plan for the referendum.  
IV. ADJOURNMENT  
Chair Reasoner adjourned the meeting.  
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**CITY OF BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 83 0**  
The Big Lake City Code is amended to amend the zoning map and Section 1003.8 of the Zoning Ordinance to rezone the property at PIDs #65-00534-0010, #65-00534-0110 and #65-00534-0115 for Big Lake Car Condos Fourth Addition to PUD, Planned Unit Development District. A printed copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection during regular office hours in the office of the City Clerk. Adopted by the Big Lake City Council this 28th day of July, 2025.  
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**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**  
This represents a summary of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Big Lake Public Schools #727. A complete set of minutes will be on file at the District Office and on our website at [www.biglakeschools.org](http://www.biglakeschools.org) upon Board approval.  
I. CALL TO ORDER  
The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools, was called to order on July 23, 2025.  
II. ROLL CALL  
All Board members were present.  
III. APPROVE AGENDA  
A motion passed to approve the agenda.  
IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Chair Reasoner and the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
V. OPEN FORUM  
Timothy Myers spoke on the operating levy renewal.  
VI. CONSENT AGENDA  
A motion passed to approve the following:  
A. PREVIOUS MINUTES  
B. CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS  
C. CREDIT CARD REPORT  
D. PERSONNEL  
E. APPROVE ONE READ POLICIES  
VII. FINANCIAL REPORT  
A motion passed to approve the financial report as presented.  
VIII. APPROVE LTFM PLAN  
A motion passed to approve the LTFM Plan as presented.  
IX. RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF APPROVING A NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION  
A motion passed to approve the following resolution:  
**RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF APPROVING A NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON**  
X. BIG LAKE COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF AGREEMENT DISCUSSION  
Superintendent Truebenbach reviewed the agreement.  
XI. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION FOR ABSENTEE VOTING  
A motion passed to approve the following resolution:  
**RESOLUTION RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION FOR ABSENTEE VOTING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION**  
XII. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BALLOT BOARD  
A motion passed to approve the following resolution:  
**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BALLOT BOARD**  
XIII. SECOND READING OF POLICIES  
XIV. STUDENT HANDBOOK REVIEW  
The board reviewed the student handbooks for each school.  
XV. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE/REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES  
XVI. SUMMARY OF SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION  
Chair Reasoner reported that Superintendent Truebenbach is achieving his goals.  
XVII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT  
Reschedule the November 5, 2025 work session to November 12, 2025 and reschedule the August 27, 2025 regular board meeting to August 26, 2025.  
XVIII. ADJOURNMENT  
A motion passed to adjourn the meeting.  
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**CITY OF CLEARWATER**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FOR A PARKING VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY**  
**AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CSAH 7 AND TH 3**  
**(PID 65 0 9)**  
Notice is hereby given that the Clearwater Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 18, 2025, at City Hall, 605 County Road 3 NW at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider a request by Jeff Johnson for a Variance. The Variance is to provide 3 parking stalls and provide proof of parking for five additional parking stalls where 52 parking stalls are required by Article IX, Section 117.116 of the Clearwater City Code.  
  
Legal description available at City Hall upon request.  
  
All persons wishing to speak on this item will be heard. Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the meeting to city hall at the address below or emailed to [asmythe@clearwatercity.com](mailto:asmythe@clearwatercity.com).  
/s/ Annita M. Smythe  
City Administrator  
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## BL Legion ends season against Tri-City Blue



**MEMBERS AND COACHING STAFF of the 2025 Big Lake American Legion Baseball Team. (Submitted Photo).**

*By Ken Francis,  
Contributing Writer*

The Big Lake American Legion Baseball Team ended its season with a 6-0 loss to Tri-City Blue in the third round of the playoffs Sunday.

**Vs. DeLaSalle**  
Against DeLaSalle, Big Lake jumped out to a quick lead in the first inning. Wyatt Horn tripled and scored when Martin reached on an error. Lundquist walked, went to second on the throw when Martin stole third. Martin scored on a passed ball and Lundquist later scored on a groundout for a 3-0 lead.

At the plate, Horn had

three hits, scored three runs and drove in one. Spoden had two hits and three RBIs. Martin had a homer, two RBIs and scored three runs. Millam doubled, walked three times and scored a run. Lundquist had three walks and scored three times. Spaeth singled, scored a run and drove in two.

"This group of fine young men made for a very treasured season due to their high character, athletic achievement, and commitment to teamwork," said Coach Robert Hoekstra after the final game of the playoffs.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF CLEARWATER, MINNESOTA ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF TAX INCREMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.175(5))			
	Mississippi Ridge DISTRICT 1-1	Ash Street Apartments DISTRICT 2-1	Central MN Cold Storage DISTRICT 3-1
Current Net Tax Capacity	78,199	\$2,264	\$8,648
Original Net Tax Capacity	2,006	\$2,264	\$8,648
Captured Net Tax Capacity	76,193	\$0	\$0
Principal and Interest Payments Due in 2025	84,358	\$0	\$8,922
Tax Increment Received in 2024	93,190	\$0	\$0
Tax increment Expended in 2024	85,408	\$0	\$0
Month / Year First Tax Incr. Receipt	6/2022	6/2025	6/2025
Date of Required Decertification	12/31/36	12/31/50	12/31/33
The Total Increased Property Taxes to be Paid from Outside the District if Fiscal Disparities Option A Applies	\$0	\$0	\$0

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from:  
Annita Smythe, City Administrator  
City of Clearwater  
P.O. Box 9  
Clearwater, MN 55320  
320-558-2428  
[asmythe@clearwatercity.com](mailto:asmythe@clearwatercity.com)  
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**Application Deadline:**  
Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2025.  
Interested candidates should contact Greg, Store Manager, at 763-251-1527. Lake Liquor is located at 615 Rose Drive, Big Lake, MN.  
Applications are available online at the City's website or in person at City Hall, 160 Lake St N, Big Lake, MN.  
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## New Food Shelf set to be built by Twp. Hall

By Maria Moore, Contributing Writer

Becker Twp. held their monthly board meeting, July 21. They discussed multiple topics including Food Shelf and canine regulation.

**Food Shelf**  
News is that there will be a new food shelf built behind township hall and the board agreed to allow the Becker Food Shelf to share driveways in order for delivery trucks to reach them.

**Road Report**  
The board talked of finishing 175th Street. An exception was brought forward with the hope of avoiding widening the road. The goal is to not get into the wetland impact by taking out a bunch of trees.

It was decided that a

**BECKER TWP. continues below**

## BECKER TWP. continued from above

survey must be done along with a soil test on the road.

With all the rainstorms this year it has made it more difficult to keep up with grading roads, but it was noted they are getting done. Mowing and filling in pot holes is getting done as well.

**Canine Regulation**  
Next on the agenda was the regulation of canines. It was stated that a dangerous dog may be seized if it poses a threat to others. The town does require licensing for commercial kennels and that is done under zoning. The board was also in agreement that invisible fencing does count as fencing.

**Joint Planning**  
The joint planning board discussed a recommendation of adoption for some ordinance amendments related to special events and special event venues.

**Engineer's Report**  
The Engineers Report stated that they are planning on starting some road projects this week. The only concern was the deadline which might not be met before school starts this year. More to come on this subject at a later time.

**Financials**  
Payments were also made for past projects including 137th Street south-east, Eagles Landing, and Bridgeview.

**Fire Department**  
The fire chiefs report consisted of 329 total calls for service in 2024. They also did approve disposing of their former rescue truck because they purchased and put into service a newer one.

**Other News**  
There was a motion to approve resolution 202516, authorizing execution of the development agreement with the developer for his Hitsstone Creek view. The motion passed.

The treasure's report was also approved.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## SHERBURNE COUNTY SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Sherburne County or interested citizens. Questions about this report should be directed to Loraine Rupp, County Auditor-Treasurer at (763) 765-4363.

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.CO.SHERBURNE.MN.US](http://WWW.CO.SHERBURNE.MN.US) OR UPON REQUEST BY CALLING LORAINE RUPP, OR BY VISITING THE COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER AT 13880 BUSINESS CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 100, ELK RIVER, MN 55330.

COUNTY OFFICIALS	TITLE	PHONE NUMBER
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Raeanne Danielowski	Commissioner District 2	(763) 765-3001
Gregg Felber	Commissioner District 3	(763) 765-3001
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Lisa A. Fobbe	Commissioner District 5	(763) 765-3001
Bruce Messelt	County Administrator	(763) 765-3001
Kathleen Heaney	County Attorney	(763) 765-4725
Loraine Rupp	County Auditor-Treasurer	(763) 765-4351
Michelle Ashe	County Recorder	(763) 765-4420
Joel Brott	County Sheriff	(763) 765-4000

### A PROFILE OF SHERBURNE COUNTY

KEY INDICATOR	Total 2024	Total 2023	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Estimated Population	103,059	102,206	0.83%
Total Assessed Market Value of all Taxable Property	14,861,113,674	14,827,328,804	0.23%
Percent of Property Taxes Collected (including delinquent collections)	99.27%	99.27%	0%
Total General Revenues	86,888,730	84,521,152	2.80%
Total Program Revenues	84,258,983	78,792,515	6.94%
Total Expenses Governmental activities	118,562,029	111,954,505	5.90%
Total Expenses Business-type activities	21,556,632	19,292,909	11.73%
Capital Assets - Governmental activities	323,041,651	310,142,750	4.16%
Capital Assets - Business-type activities	15,960,587	16,515,178	-3.36%
Total Outstanding Net Bonded Debt of the County	33,192,534	34,684,240	-4.30%
Bond Rating on the Most Recent Bond Issue(s)	AA+	AA+	
Total Government-Wide Net Position			
Governmental activities	417,629,558	384,224,832	8.69%
Business-type activities	10,569,188	12,944,862	18.35%
Total Number of Employees	787	758	3.83%

### ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

Sherburne County continues to grow both from a population and a tax base perspective. The population increased 0.835% from the previous year of 102,206 to 103,059, making Sherburne County the 12th largest County in Minnesota. Countywide residential values have increased approximately 5% for taxes payable in 2024, bringing the average residential value to \$368,300. New home permits are level compared to the same period in 2023. The County continues to see a number of solar farms (known as Community Solar Gardens under Minnesota Statutes) that have developed primarily during the 2017-2021 timeframe. Additionally, commercial and industrial new construction, as well as permits for renovations and/or expansions of existing properties and facilities, has decreased compared to prior years. County staff continues to look for innovative solutions to control expenses and increase revenues while maintaining services to our residents.

A number of indicators contribute to continued growth and financial stability of the County. The following are some of what we feel to be key indicators.

Key Economic Indicators	Amounts	Characteristics
2024 Population	103,059	Up 12.38% from the 2015 census of 91,705
2024 Taxable Market Value	\$14,861,113,674	Up 105.30% from 2015 Taxable Market Value of \$7,238,825,100
2024 New Construction	\$ 101,823,100	Compared to 2015 New Construction of \$79,406,200
2024 Tax Parcels	43,547	Up 8.40% from Pay 2015 Tax Parcels of 40,172
2024 Business-Type Parcels	1,647	Up 19.00% from Pay 2015 Business-Type Parcels of 1,384

Due to its relatively dense population outside of - and yet in close proximity to - the Twin Cities metropolitan area, Sherburne County is attractive to businesses that seek affordable land and labor costs to locate or expand their operations. Businesses are continuing to choose Sherburne County because of the growing population, available and educated workforce, and access to major highways and the railroad.

Commuter rail service continues to provide ridership via the Metro Transit Northstar Corridor rail line and its related bus connector, the “Northstar Link”, which began operation in November of 2009, linking St. Cloud to Big Lake (via the Northstar Link) to downtown Minneapolis, with additional stops in Elk River, Anoka, Ramsey, Coon Rapids, Fridley and Target Field (Minneapolis). Ridership was greatly impacted by business shutdowns and restrictions caused by the COVID 19 pandemic leading to the State of Minnesota to contemplate shutdown of Northstar as early as January 2026. A final determination on the future of Northstar and/or any successor transit service is still to be determined.

### LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING

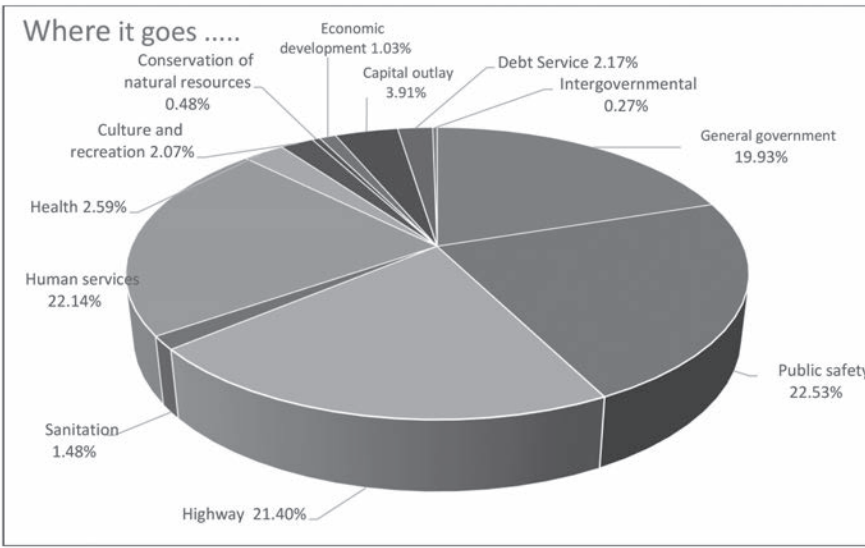
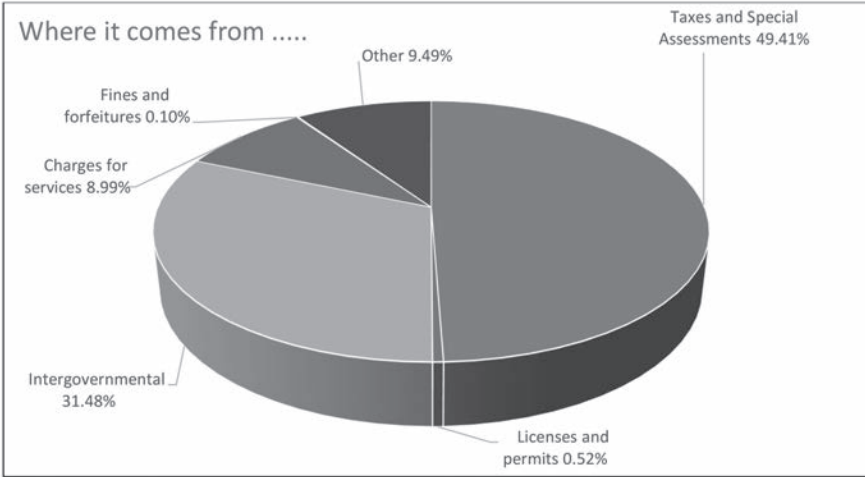
The County Board annually sets goals to establish key priorities, based upon an adopted 3-5 year Strategic Plan. The budget process provides direction for Department Heads to document savings to be achieved during the year to address any anticipated revenue shortages from the State. The County Board encourages Department Heads to explore work process efficiencies and review current service offerings, and/or find alternate methods of cost reduction or revenue enhancement. The County holds regular “LEAN” events to look for departmental and countywide efficiency improvements and cost savings. The County also annually updates the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, prepared by the Administration department, with inputs from all County departments. The County has utilized the OpenGov budget platform software to increase budgeting efficiency and enhance transparency with the public. The software is available to County residents 24 hours a day on the County’s website.

### MAJOR INITIATIVES

Public Works Department and Regional Rail Fund - The County Board approve allocating some of the adopted local option sales tax to Metro Transit’s Northstar Line costs, thus reducing the Regional Rail Authority levy to \$0 again for 2024 – the net effect of both county levies, therefore is a 3.99% increase. Put another way, the average residential homesteaded property in Sherburne County will see a \$2.50 increase/month. For 2025 valuation for payable 2025 property tax, the average valued residential home increased by 0.5% and commercial & industrial values increased 4% in Sherburne County. However, the County experienced an overall tax base loss of 0.5% due to the Sherco Coal plant Unit #2 decommissioning that occurred in 2023. In addition, the recent Homestead Market Valuation Exclusion law change led to an additional \$200M loss in residential taxable value.

Providing quality services in a fiscally responsible manner continues to be the mission and one of the five pillars of the Strategic Plan of Sherburne County. Streamlining business processes through technology improvements is a consistent theme for County Elected leaders and staff. The County Board is now utilizing Microsoft Teams for residents to be able to listen and/or become participants, when appropriate, in the County Board, County EDA and Planning Commission meetings. This meeting platform is also utilized by our employees as they work or conduct significant business remotely, thus increasing efficiencies and reducing travel time and costs. Meetings can now be viewed in real time through a live YouTube stream. This is a trend that will likely continue. In addition, the County recently automated the Homestead process in the Assessor’s office and the foster home service agreement and payment voucher process in HHS. We have also created an appointment system for Driver’s License and Recorder’s departments greatly reducing the wait times for residents. An enhanced online service portal has been developed for the County’s permitting and planning and zoning functions and a similar program for Solid Waste-related functions is in the process of being developed. Sherburne County will continue to look for ways of conducting business more effectively for County residents.

## Sherburne County’s 2024 Governmental Fund’s Finances



## SHERBURNE COUNTY ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Primary Government Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 160,855,166	\$ 2,542,284	\$ 163,397,450
Interest receivable	565,833	-	565,833
Taxes receivable, net	696,406	-	696,406
Special assessments receivable, net	-	-	-
Due within one year	35,680	-	35,680
Due in more than one year	157,448	-	157,448
Accounts receivable, net	1,709,318	-	1,709,318
Loans receivable, net	-	-	-
Due within one year	191,849	-	191,849
Due in more than one year	1,493,351	-	1,493,351
Due from other governments	24,199,737	3,206,745	27,406,482
Prepaid items	3,662,608	225,732	3,888,341
Capital assets, net of depreciation:			
Land	22,768,839	-	22,768,839
Construction in progress	33,574,720	-	33,574,720
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:			
Buildings, net	64,339,602	15,960,587	80,300,189
Improvements, net	1,819,891	-	1,819,891
Equipment, net	9,128,810	-	9,128,810
Infrastructure, net	191,409,789	-	191,409,789
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 516,609,047</b>	<b>\$ 21,935,348</b>	<b>\$ 538,544,395</b>

<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred pension outflows	\$ 14,425,656	\$ 4,256,705	\$ 18,682,361
Deferred OPEB outflows	1,185,887	296,545	1,482,432
<b>Total Deferred Outflows</b>	<b>\$ 15,611,543</b>	<b>\$ 4,553,250</b>	<b>\$ 20,164,793</b>

<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 2,751,125	\$ 34,015	\$ 2,785,140
Salaries and benefits payable	3,073,680	660,306	3,733,986
Contracts payable	1,059,100	-	1,059,100
Due to other governments	645,920	25	645,945
Deposits payable	2,061,118	-	2,061,118
Interest payable	470,244	-	470,244
Unearned revenue	2,516,150	-	2,516,150
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	-	-	-
General obligation bonds payable	1,525,000	-	1,525,000
Loans payable	46,165	-	46,165
Compensated absences	537,366	85,159	622,525
Long-term liabilities:			
Due in more than one year	-	-	-
General obligation bonds payable	34,453,803	-	34,453,803
Loans payable	169,630	-	169,630
Compensated absences	7,139,281	1,131,411	8,270,692
Net pension liability	23,770,224	3,154,037	26,924,261
Total OPEB liability	6,365,177	1,635,203	8,000,380
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 86,583,983</b>	<b>\$ 6,700,156</b>	<b>\$ 93,284,139</b>

<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred pension inflows	\$ 24,819,371	\$ 8,502,494	\$ 33,321,865
Deferred OPEB inflows	3,143,139	716,760	3,859,899
Property taxes collected for subsequent period	44,539	-	44,539
<b>Total Deferred Inflows</b>	<b>\$ 28,007,049</b>	<b>\$ 9,219,254</b>	<b>\$ 37,226,303</b>

<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 286,003,749	\$ 15,960,587	\$ 301,964,336
Restricted:			
County attorney programs	109,966	-	109,966
Auditor/Treasurer/Elections	24,930	-	24,930
Debt service	3,871,134	-	3,871,134
Ditches	376,996	-	376,996
Economic Development	307,429	-	307,429
Education	59,224	-	59,224
Gravel tax	1,503,163	-	1,503,163
Highways and streets	14,582,821	-	14,582,821
Law library	361,514	-	361,514
Opioid remediation	1,474,121	-	1,474,121
Parks dedication	599,815	-	599,815
Recorder programs	1,362,087	-	1,362,087
Regional rail	729,090	-	729,090
Public Safety	2,310,395	-	2,310,395
Solid waste	66,669,049	-	66,669,049
Unrestricted	37,284,075	(5,391,399)	31,892,676
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 417,629,558</b>	<b>\$ 10,569,188</b>	<b>\$ 428,198,746</b>

Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

## SHERBURNE COUNTY ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		
		Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary Government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 28,498,357	\$ 3,786,711	\$ 3,104,199	\$ -	\$ (21,697,447)	\$ -	\$ (21,697,447)
Public safety	33,654,270	4,958,739	5,880,010	(2,845,521)	-	(22,845,521)	-
Highway	16,154,712	512,355	3,515,930	14,246,825	2,120,398	-	2,120,398
Sanitation	2,071,624	6,825,436	507,904	-	5,261,716	-	5,261,716
Human services	28,953,844	4,494,109	12,599,041	-	(11,958,634)	-	(11,958,634)
Health	3,668,330	355,088	2,996,006	-	(317,236)	-	(317,236)
Culture and recreation	3,391,808	41,219	958,360	-	(2,392,229)	-	(2,392,229)
Conservation of natural resources	616,694	77,795	-	-	(538,899)	-	(538,899)
Economic development	420,542	21	318,277	(112,246)	(112,246)	-	(112,246)
Interest expense and fiscal charges on long-term debt	1,121,708	-	-	-	(1,121,708)	-	(1,121,708)
Total governmental activities	\$ 118,562,029	\$ 21,051,473	\$ 29,759,727	\$ 14,246,825	\$ (53,504,094)	\$ -	\$ (53,504,094)
Business-type activities:							
Justice Center	\$ 21,556,632	\$ 18,868,777	\$ 332,181	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,355,674)	\$ (2,355,674)
Total	\$ 140,118,661	\$ 39,920,250	\$ 30,091,908	\$ 14,246,825	\$ (53,504,094)	\$ (2,355,674)	\$ (55,859,768)
General revenues:							
Property taxes	-	-	-	\$ 60,730,888	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,730,888
Transportation tax	-	-	-	7,437,478	-	-	7,437,478
Wheelage tax	-	-	-	1,896,040	-	-	1,896,040
Other tax	-	-	-	614,043	-	-	614,043
Intergovernmental, unrestricted	-	-	-	8,304,751	-	-	8,304,751
Investment earnings	-	-	-	7,549,931	-	-	7,549,931
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	-	-	355,589	-	-	355,589
Transfers	-	-	-	20,080	(20,080)	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers	-	-	-	\$ 86,908,730	\$ (20,000)	-	\$ 86,888,730
Change in net position	-	-	-	\$ 33,404,726	\$ (2,375,674)	-	\$ 31,029,052
Net position - January 1	-	-	-	384,224,832	12,944,862	-	397,169,694
Net position - December 31	-	-	-	\$ 417,629,558	\$ 10,569,188	-	\$ 428,198,746

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## SHERBURNE COUNTY ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General Fund	Public Works	Health and Human Services	Solid Waste	Regional Rail Authority	Debt Service	Capital Projects Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets									
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 31,254,376	\$ 35,318,291	\$ 16,014,735	\$ 64,086,421	\$ 726,149	\$ 4,306,537	\$ 1,419,172	\$ 7,747,785	\$ 160,853,466
Petty cash and change funds	1,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,700
Interest receivable	565,833	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	565,833
Taxes receivable, net	388,179	135,315	129,524	-	3,413	36,897	3,078	-	696,406
Special assessments receivable, net	134,198	-	-	964	-	-	-	57,966	193,128
Accounts receivable, net	66,591	58,609	220,391	1,114,825	-	-	-	246,902	1,709,318
Loans receivable, net	-	-	-	1,673,002	-	-	-	12,198	1,685,200
Due from other funds	18,954	30,078	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,032
Due from other governments	339,613	21,194,664	2,656,605	-	-	-	-	8,855	24,199,737
Advance to other funds	11,341	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,341
Prepaid items	2,355,944	1,245,764	31,976	245	-	-	-	28,679	3,662,608
Total Assets	\$ 35,116,729	\$ 57,982,721	\$ 19,053,231	\$ 66,875,457	\$ 729,562	\$ 4,343,434	\$ 1,422,250	\$ 8,104,385	\$ 193,627,769
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances									
Liabilities									
Accounts payable	\$ 712,625	\$ 1,314,955	\$ 342,931	\$ 61,291	\$ 472	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 318,851	\$ 2,751,125
Salaries and benefits payable	1,711,559	293,640	1,013,233	55,109	-	-	-	139	3,073,680
Contracts payable	-	1,059,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,059,100
Deposits Payable	2,061,118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,061,118
Due to other funds	30,078	-	18,231	359	-	-	-	364	49,032
Due to other governments	179,035	331,635	45,721	89,404	-	-	-	125	645,920
Unearned revenue	2,407,538	-	-	-	-	-	-	108,612	2,516,150
Advance from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,341	11,341
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,101,953	\$ 2,999,330	\$ 1,420,116	\$ 206,163	\$ 472	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 439,432	\$ 12,167,466
Deferred Inflows of Resources									
Unavailable revenue	\$ 653,925	\$ 17,687,774	\$ 116,472	\$ 964	\$ 3,413	\$ 33,928	\$ 2,866	\$ 95,085	\$ 18,594,427
Unavailable revenue-prepaid property taxes	25,007	8,295	9,035	-	-	2,065	147	-	45,539
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 678,932	\$ 17,696,069	\$ 125,507	\$ 964	\$ 3,413	\$ 35,993	\$ 3,013	\$ 95,085	\$ 18,638,966
Fund Balances									
Nonspendable									
Advances	\$ 11,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,341
Prepays	2,355,944	1,245,764	31,976	245	-	-	-	28,679	3,662,608
Restricted for:									
Attorney forfeitures	109,966	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109,966
Auditor/Treasurer/Elections	24,930	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,930
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	4,307,451	-	-	4,307,451
Ditches	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	281,912	281,912
E-911	1,087,959	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,087,959
Economic development	307,429	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	307,429
Education	59,224	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,224
Gravel tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,503,163	-	1,503,163
Landfill/postclosure	-	-	-	29,143,075	-	-	-	-	29,143,075
Law library	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	360,734	360,734
Opioid remediation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,474,121	1,474,121
Parks dedication	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	599,815	599,815
Public safety aid	879,438	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	879,438
Recorder compliance	542,647	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	542,647
Recorder technology	819,440	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	819,440
Regional rail	-	-	-	-	725,677	-	-	-	725,677
Sanitation	-	-	37,525,000	-	-	-	-	-	37,525,000
Sheriff fines	294,213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	294,213
Sheriff forfeitures	48,785	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,785
Committed to:									
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,351,765	3,351,765
Assigned to:									
General government	5,763,242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,763,242
Public safety	382,403	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	382,403
Highway	-	36,041,558	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,041,558
Human services	-	-	16,416,927	-	-	-	-	-	16,416,927
Culture and recreation	559,671	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	559,671
Economic development	207,526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207,526
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,419,237	-	1,419,237
Subsequent years budgets	452,638	-	518,205	-	-	-	-	-	970,825
Other capital purposes	-	-	540,500	-	-	-	-	-	540,500
Unassigned:	13,429,066	-	-	-	-	-	-	(30,321)	13,398,745
Total Fund Balances	\$ 27,335,844	\$ 37,287,322	\$ 17,507,608	\$ 66,668,330	\$ 725,677	\$ 4,307,451	\$ 1,419,237	\$ 7,569,868	\$ 162,821,337
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances									
	\$ 35,116,729	\$ 57,982,721	\$ 19,053,231	\$ 66,875,457	\$ 729,562	\$ 4,343,434	\$ 1,422,250	\$ 8,104,385	\$ 193,627,769



PUBLIC NOTICES

SHERBURNE COUNTY  
ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General Fund	Public Works	Health and Human Services	Solid Waste	Regional Rail Authority	Dele Services	Capital Projects Fund	Non-Major Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Fund
Revenues									
Property taxes	\$ 34,280,846	\$ 11,230,884	\$ 12,226,267	\$ -	\$ 542	\$ 2,784,071	\$ 199,005	\$ -	\$ 68,685,615
Other taxes	316,679	8,645,689	-	-	36,834	-	-	-	9,078,775
Special assessments	50,084	-	-	26,095	-	-	-	77,573	140,420
Licenses and permits	692,549	46,800	-	31,740	-	-	-	84,241	777,889
Intergovernmental	16,664,366	9,605,163	17,884,191	354,907	-	8,451	739	-	44,527,817
Charges for services	4,111,313	400,561	1,400,388	6,729,538	-	-	-	69,001	12,710,801
Fines and forfeitures	31,672	-	-	-	-	112,211	-	143,983	143,983
Earnings on investments	7,419,389	-	-	154,331	-	-	-	56,098	7,629,818
Gifts and contributions	14,199	-	77,552	-	-	-	-	113	91,864
Miscellaneous revenues	1,254,239	64,994	522,891	38,684	-	-	3,905,520	5,794,155	5,794,155
Total revenues	\$ 64,791,156	\$ 28,992,091	\$ 32,121,279	\$ 7,335,215	\$ 355,653	\$ 2,790,522	\$ 199,744	\$ 3,904,657	\$ 141,431,317
Expenditures									
Current:									
General government	\$ 26,801,232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,143	\$ 26,885,655
Public safety	29,217,411	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,803,773	31,121,184
Highway	-	27,663,523	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,663,523
Sanitation	-	-	-	2,054,702	-	-	-	-	2,054,702
Human services	-	-	28,944,837	-	-	-	-	-	28,944,837
Health	-	-	3,668,330	-	-	-	-	-	3,668,330
Culture and recreation	2,635,151	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,635,151	2,635,151
Conservation of natural resources	482,381	-	-	-	-	-	60,920	-	543,301
Economic development	383,955	-	-	-	46,579	-	-	-	430,534
Dele service:									
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	1,151,283	-	-	1,151,283
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	1,480,000	-	-	1,480,000
Capital outlay	3,630,282	1,525,277	-	-	-	-	154,576	313,498	5,623,663
Intergovernmental:									
Highway	-	372,181	-	-	-	-	-	-	372,181
Total expenditures	\$ 63,150,707	\$ 29,569,981	\$ 32,613,167	\$ 2,054,702	\$ 46,579	\$ 2,631,283	\$ 154,576	\$ 2,362,334	\$ 135,754,524
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 1,579,454	\$ 431,110	\$ (491,888)	\$ 5,280,513	\$ 309,074	\$ 160,239	\$ 45,168	\$ 1,542,323	\$ 5,856,993
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Transfers in	\$ 508,623	\$ -	\$ 112,229	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 620,852
Transfers out	-	-	-	(430,623)	-	-	(118,000)	(112,229)	(660,852)
Proceeds - sale of capital assets	64,868	273,121	-	-	-	-	17,600	-	355,589
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ 653,491	\$ 273,121	\$ 112,229	\$ (430,623)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100,400)	\$ (112,229)	\$ 275,589
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 2,312,945	\$ 704,231	\$ (379,659)	\$ 4,849,890	\$ 309,074	\$ 161,239	\$ (55,232)	\$ 1,430,094	\$ 9,232,582
Fund Balance - January 1	25,122,899	36,583,091	17,887,267	61,818,440	416,603	4,146,212	1,474,469	6,139,774	153,588,755
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 27,335,844	\$ 37,287,322	\$ 17,507,608	\$ 66,668,330	\$ 725,677	\$ 4,307,451	\$ 1,419,237	\$ 7,569,868	\$ 162,821,337

See Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

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SHERBURNE COUNTY  
ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUSTICE CENTER  
ENTERPRISE FUND  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and pooled investments	\$ 2,542,284
Due from other governments	3,206,745
Prepaid items	225,732
Total Current Assets	\$ 5,974,761

Long-Term assets

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation

Buildings	\$ 15,960,587
Total Long-Term Assets	\$ 15,960,587

Total Assets

\$ 21,935,348

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred pension outflows	\$ 4,256,705
Deferred OPEB outflows	296,545

Total Deferred Outflows of Resources

\$ 4,553,250

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 34,015
Salaries payable	660,306
Due to other governments	25
Compensated absences payable	85,159
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 779,505

Long-Term liabilities:

Due in more than one year:

Compensated absences payable	\$ 1,131,411
Net pension liability	3,154,037
Total OPEB liability	1,635,203
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 5,920,651

Total Liabilities

\$ 6,700,156

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred pension inflows	\$ 8,502,494
Deferred OPEB inflows	716,760
	\$ 9,219,254

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	\$ 15,960,587
Unrestricted	(5,391,399)

Total Net Position

\$ 10,569,188

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SHERBURNE COUNTY  
ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
JUSTICE CENTER  
ENTERPRISE FUND  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 12,989
Mileage	553,508
Board of prisoners	18,300,573
Miscellaneous	333,888

Total operating revenues \$ 19,200,958

Operating expenses:

Salaries and benefits	\$ 17,336,888
Prisoner expense	3,665,153
Depreciation	554,591

Total operating expenses \$ 21,556,632

Operating income (loss) \$ (2,355,674)

Transfers in (out):

Transfer out	(20,000)
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Change in net position \$ (2,375,674)

Net Position - January 1 12,944,862

Net Position - December 31 10,569,188

SHERBURNE COUNTY  
ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Social Welfare Private Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 349	\$ 3,742,899
Taxes for Other Governments	-	1,168,551
Total Assets	349	4,911,450
LIABILITIES		
Due to Other Governments	-	2,910,452
Total Liabilities	-	2,910,452
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Property Taxes Collected for Subsequent Period	-	66,681
NET POSITION		
Restricted for:		
Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	\$ 349	\$ 1,934,317

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SHERBURNE COUNTY  
ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Social Welfare Private Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS		
Contributions:		
Individuals	\$ 4,176	\$ 9,615,736
Property Tax Collections for Other Governments	-	120,950,491
License and Fees Collected for State	-	12,005,095
Miscellaneous	2	201,314
Total Additions	4,178	142,772,636
DEDUCTIONS		
Beneficiary Payments to Individuals	15,940	8,296,948
Payments to State	-	12,646,378
Payments to Other Entities	-	121,670,503
Total Deductions	15,940	142,613,829

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	(11,762)	158,807
Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning of Year	12,111	1,775,510
FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$ 349	\$ 1,934,317

Major Recipients of Sherburne County Expenditures

The following is a list of the recipients of Sherburne County expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more during 2024. The list does not include salaries paid to County employees nor does it include individuals who received federal, state, or county human services aid.

Name of Recipient Total Amount Received During 2024

1000 Petals LLC	\$17,088.00
106 Group Ltd.	\$40,992.84
180 Degrees, Inc.	\$5,166.90
4Imprint	\$20,021.06
A New Direction, Inc.	\$17,780.85
ABRA Auto Body & Glass	\$8,479.38
Absolute Commercial Flooring Inc	\$50,111.54
Adolfson & Peterson Construction	\$12,643.00
ADP, Inc	\$155,922.62
Advantage Police Supply Inc	\$7,781.60
AFSCME Council 65	\$10,354.40
Aggregate Industries-North Central	\$18,629.00
Alerus Retirement and Benefits	\$25,948.30
Alliant Engineering, Inc.	\$77,841.07
Allied Professionals, Inc.	\$9,880.00
Allina Health System	\$8,905.90
AM Painting of Princeton, Inc	\$13,710.00
Amazing Grace Recovery Consultants LLC	\$16,065.00
American Engineering Testing Inc	\$14,889.00
American Solutions For Business	\$23,126.16
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation	\$20,000.00
Anoka County Juvenile Center	\$177,182.50
Anoka County Sheriff- Civil Unit	\$5,560.00
Anoka County Treasury Office	\$420,645.98
Anova	\$12,712.96
Apex Engineering Group, Inc.	\$130,601.80
Arrows Family Services	\$35,502.00
Arvig	\$796,270.44
Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)	\$72,622.00
Aston Villa LLC	\$10,650.00
AT & T Mobility	\$215,850.79
Atlasticity LLC	\$21,843.32
Atmosphere Commercial Interiors	\$7,734.36
At-Scene LLC	\$13,120.00
Auld's Communications	\$58,565.39
Auto Value Monticello Inc	\$25,010.22
Avenu Insights and Analytics LLC	\$8,791.69
Avivo	\$374,270.00
Axon Enterprise, Inc	\$34,332.50
Bargen Incorporated	\$7,200.00
Barnes & Noble Inc	\$7,722.93
Bauman Consulting Group, LLC	\$7,410.00
Bean/Joseph F	\$90,000.00
Beaudry Oil and Propane	\$370,774.60
Beverly J Edling	\$5,000.00
Bluum of Minnesota, LLC	\$13,679.41
BNSF Railway Company	\$116,283.76
Bob Barker Company Inc.	\$24,363.41
BOE Electrical Contractors	\$25,002.61
Bogart Pederson & Associates	\$33,590.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc	\$1,698,553.75
Boyer Ford Trucks	\$24,103.88
Braun Intertec Corp	\$151,045.02
Brian E Ravnaas Revocable Trust	\$9,050.00
Brin Glass Service	\$13,412.00
BroMax Contracting LLC	\$27,181.25
Brown/Leroy F and Ruth H	\$6,800.00
Bureau Of Criminal Apprehension	\$34,689.75
CallTower Inc	\$127,032.90
Campion, Barrow & Associates, Inc.	\$27,855.00
Canvas Health Inc.	\$14,440.00
Cardinal Investigations	\$42,500.00
Carefree Cleaning LLC	\$136,299.36
Carson, Clelland & Schreder PLLP	\$25,506.25
Cash Christian and Anna Christian and	\$11,350.00
Catholic Charities	\$6,461.79
CB Marketplace Crossing Ltd Partnership	\$9,315.16
CCH Incorporated	\$18,288.60
CDW Government	\$179,256.28
CE Contract	\$5,580.00
Cellebrite, Inc	\$13,895.00
Centerpoint Energy	\$201,729.36
Central Hydraulics, Inc	\$6,538.79
Central McGowan Inc	\$7,892.15
Central Minnesota Jobs & Training Svcs	\$20,342.18
Central Minnesota Mental Health Center	\$292,606.66
Central MN Sexual Assault Center	\$6,000.00
Century Fence Company	\$12,250.00
Century Fence Company	\$13,570.00
CenturyLink	\$35,661.18
CenturyLink dba Lumen Technologies Group	\$771,375.44
Certified Recycling LLC	\$26,190.00
CGW Law Office	\$21,025.00
Cheerup LLC	\$10,350.00
Children's Dental Services	\$10,484.60
Children's Trust Fund Alliance	\$10,000.00
Cintas Corporation	\$6,486.85
Ciresi Conlin LLP	\$187,013.75
Ciscor, Inc	\$16,063.81
City of Becker	\$10,212,942.37
City Of Princeton	\$806,559.25
City Of St Cloud	\$2,763,511.91
City of St Cloud Public Works Dept	\$6,714.11
City Of Zimmerman	\$3,206,743.13
Civic Plus LLC	\$68,605.61
Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc	\$10,787.52
Clearview AI, Inc.	\$5,495.00
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	\$95,991.90
Cole Papers Inc	\$28,905.00
Collaborative Planning Group, LLC	\$9,066.25
Commissioner Of Revenue	\$6,481,487.25
Compass Minerals America Inc.	\$352,645.68
Concrete Science Services	\$6,670.00
Connexus Energy	\$93,392.03
Construction Services Diversified Inc	\$6,681.50
Core & Main LP	\$10,731.99
Corporate Connection	\$20,778.97
Correctional Dentistry LLC	\$19,175.00
Correctional Technologies, Inc.	\$10,332.67
Country Manor	\$7,243.60
Crawford Supply Company	\$28,626.49
Crescent Tide LLC	\$5,049.00
Crystal Lee Imre PR of the Estate of	\$7,984.67
Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc.	\$5,190.00
Culligan Bottled Water	\$25,765.29
Culture Brokers LLC	\$191,292.00
Cyntox, LLC	\$23,170.89
Dacotah Paper Co	\$141,302.71

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

Daikin Applied	\$109,286.69	M&S Machine and Manufacturing	\$44,360.00
Dakota County Financial Services	\$27,861.00	MacQueen Equipment LLC	\$5,428.80
Daniel Funeral Home Inc	\$8,000.00	Magnet Forensics, LLC	\$37,825.00
Databank IMX LLC	\$226,345.68	Main Street Family Services	\$118,297.27
DC Group Inc	\$19,708.00	Mainsl Services Inc	\$17,097.98
DDA Human Resources Inc	\$20,375.00	Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	\$67,015.13
Deano's Collision Specialists Inc	\$61,357.65	Marco	\$108,412.14
Deans Distributing	\$21,623.39	Marco Technologies, LLC	\$23,707.53
Deborah A Donald	\$9,913.00	Martha Stiller & Larry Heim & Maren Heim	\$84,250.00
DebtBook	\$8,000.00	Martin-McAllister Consulting Psychologist	\$9,700.00
Deere & Company	\$319,800.48	Mauzy Properties	\$6,640.00
Delegard Tool Company	\$9,569.87	Maxfield LLC	\$38,000.00
Dell Marketing L.P.	\$174,919.34	Maxima Supply/Vistar	\$47,026.59
Design Electric Inc	\$738,869.92	McDowall Company	\$7,564.00
DHS-SOS-462	\$416,944.10	MCIT	\$1,611,795.92
Diamond Mowers, LLC	\$11,391.86	McKesson Medical- Surgical Government	\$9,150.22
Divine House Inc	\$8,913.64	MCM Technology, LLC	\$7,283.73
Dominion Voting Systems, Inc	\$99,296.60	McMaster-Carr Supply Co	\$5,228.90
Doug McConnell Construction LLP	\$50,525.00	Medica	\$11,208,748.74
Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC	\$2,617,672.35	Medsurety LLC	\$27,390.58
Dove Tree Apartments	\$6,423.33	MEI Total Elevator Solutions	\$26,691.27
Dove Tree Dominium	\$12,115.00	Menards	\$17,943.53
DVS	\$21,177.32	Meridian Services, Inc	\$7,850.31
DW Jones Inc	\$5,560.00	Metro Bus	\$29,357.50
E Weinberg Supply & Equipment	\$6,555.00	Metro Paving Inc.	\$55,831.00
East Central Regional Juvenile Center	\$136,479.75	Midcontinent Communications	\$350,064.29
eCapital Advisors LLC	\$49,500.00	Midstates Equipment And Supply, Inc.	\$40,057.09
ECM Publishers Inc	\$48,792.95	Mies Outland of St Cloud	\$20,450.18
Economic Development Of Becker	\$246,648.46	Mille Lacs Band Family Services	\$12,161.02
Economic Development of Big Lake	\$129,233.94	Mimbach Fleet Supply Inc	\$7,028.75
Economic Development Of Elk River	\$931,762.29	Minnesota Appraisal Services Inc	\$6,500.00
Edinger/Richard	\$34,557.12	Minnesota Counties Information Syst MCIS	\$145,262.00
Edling Family Trust	\$5,000.00	Minnesota County Attorneys Association	\$10,966.00
Elite Lawn Care Services	\$16,750.00	Minnesota Equipment Inc	\$13,186.35
Elk River Municipal Utilities	\$749,294.27	Minnesota Humanities Center	\$5,800.00
Elk River Printing	\$22,619.71	Minnesota Hwy Safety&Research Ctr- MHSRC	\$10,995.00
Esri Inc	\$55,000.00	Minnesota Monitoring Inc	\$59,957.55
Express Window Cleaning, LLC	\$9,185.00	Minnesota Public Employees Assoc (MNPEA)	\$88,176.00
Family Alternatives	\$58,711.07	Minnesota Restaurant Services Inc	\$5,361.11
FamilyWise Services	\$16,150.00	Minnesota Sheriffs' Association	\$12,828.73
Fastenal Company	\$40,124.82	Minnesota Social Service Association	\$8,132.00
Fidelity Security Life Insurance Company	\$44,293.58	Mister Berndt Media	\$8,000.00
First Impression Group	\$27,175.80	Mn Child Support Payment Center	\$113,830.05
FirstTwo, Inc	\$7,200.00	MN Department of Agriculture	\$40,459.75
FleetPride Inc	\$7,540.34	MN Dept of Health	\$10,119.30
Foley Collision Center Inc	\$25,150.32	Mn Dept Of Human Services-BHF (CCDTF)	\$29,857.94
Food Express USA	\$63,497.94	Mn Dept Of Human Services-SWIFT	\$833,960.85
Ford of Hibbing	\$28,577.52	MN Dept of Labor & Industry	\$19,315.63
Foster Appraisals Inc	\$56,550.00	Mn Dept Of Revenue	\$4,225,315.65
Franklin Outdoor Advertising	\$8,559.89	MN Dept of Transportation	\$54,088.80
Friends of the Mississippi River	\$9,000.00	MN Tactical Officers Association	\$5,100.00
Frontier Precision Inc	\$75,802.86	Mn Uc Fund	\$15,124.98
Frontline Warning Systems	\$8,595.00	MNCCC LOCKBOX	\$221,176.45
Frost Inc.	\$10,000.10	MNL	\$23,294.80
G.S. Ridley LLC	\$9,188.40	Mobili-Fi LLC	\$6,701.30
Galls, LLC	\$69,171.73	Morries Buffalo Ford LLC	\$24,929.35
Garage Door Store	\$12,843.00	Motorola Solutions, Inc	\$1,897,644.08
Garratt-Callahan Co	\$18,988.05	Murphy Chevrolet	\$53,313.30
GBR Interpreting & Translation Services	\$5,250.04	Nardini Fire Equipment	\$20,805.14
Gerber Collision & Glass	\$19,591.39	National Dusters	\$5,909.44
Gilleland Chevrolet	\$147,297.00	Natural Resources Services Inc	\$189,618.63
Glover Consulting LLC	\$10,750.00	NCIC Inmate Communications	\$691,256.58
Government Forms & Supplies LLC	\$28,441.22	Nelson Auto Center	\$135,542.00
Grainger	\$11,321.09	NEOGOV	\$14,106.65
Granite Electronics- DSC Communications	\$41,866.93	New Look Contracting Inc	\$324,323.20
Granite Electronics Inc	\$92,755.84	Next Chapter Technology	\$309,260.50
Great River Regional Library	\$1,464,162.00	Nexus Inc - Mille Lacs Academy	\$192,003.60
Greater Minnesota Family Services	\$37,225.18	Nintex USA Inc	\$51,029.00
Greater MSP	\$10,500.00	North Country Chevrolet Buick GMC	\$719,639.05
Greater St Cloud Development Corp	\$10,000.00	North Homes Children & Family Services	\$123,185.45
Grounds Maintenance Service Inc	\$46,472.50	North Valley Inc	\$3,010,972.98
Group Health Non-Patient A-R	\$346,864.55	Northland Business Systems	\$26,285.44
Grove Company, LLC	\$17,107.00	Northland Trust Services, Inc	\$2,632,932.52
GTRE Commercial	\$9,800.00	Northwood Children's Services	\$22,209.14
Guardian Fleet Safety, LLC	\$436,769.07	Northwoods Consulting Partners Inc	\$94,151.00
Guardian RFID	\$14,855.37	Nuss Truck And Equipment	\$29,192.08
H & R Custom Woodworks LLC	\$10,215.78	OBO AJ's Complete Automotive	\$14,107.42
Hannah Cisewski - Monitoring Services	\$5,024.00	OBO Amazon	\$169,721.47
Hanson/Randy C	\$62,500.00	OBO BCA Training	\$5,640.00
Hardy Lean Solutions	\$13,999.00	OBO Breezy Point Resort	\$5,350.78
HDR Engineering Inc.	\$59,984.17	OBO Cradlepoint	\$11,255.75
Heartland Business Systems LLC	\$93,830.90	OBO Craguns Lodge	\$8,224.56
Helmin Construction Inc.	\$7,718.63	OBO Dell	\$55,946.25
Hennepin County	\$64,144.45	OBO Delta	\$16,411.49
Heritage Construction Companies, LLC	\$24,812.91	OBO ESRI Inc	\$15,182.71
Hess & Jendro Law Office, P.A.	\$81,252.53	OBO Eventbrite	\$5,544.17
Hillside Heights	\$10,768.43	OBO Fitness Superstore Inc	\$10,695.00
Hoglund Body & Equipment, Inc	\$16,024.76	OBO Hilton Hotels	\$5,891.71
Hoisington Koegler Group Inc	\$38,709.78	OBO Holiday Station Store	\$24,990.02
Housing & Development Auth	\$437,531.74	OBO Minnesota CLE	\$5,753.00
Housing & Redevelopment Auth Of St Cloud	\$43,847.02	OBO SANS Institute	\$5,271.50
Houston Engineering Inc	\$72,104.81	OBO Sumuri	\$23,249.00
Hubbard Electric, Inc.	\$70,899.24	OBO Survey Monkey	\$5,148.00
Ice Man Properties LLC	\$7,788.09	OBO Thumbs Up High SK	\$7,335.32
iHeartMedia	\$15,120.00	OBO Townsquare Media	\$6,120.00
Influencer Hotspot	\$5,316.58	OBO UofM ContLearning	\$7,060.00
Information Professionals Inc	\$12,600.00	OBO Walmart	\$16,170.06
Initiative Foundation	\$6,700.00	Occupational Health Centers of MN, P.C.	\$6,329.00
Innovative Office Solutions, LLC	\$65,033.40	Office Of MNIT Services	\$89,062.89
Insight Public Sector, Inc.	\$48,151.60	Old Hickory Buildings, LLC	\$5,992.00
InStream LLC	\$12,000.00	Omann Brothers Inc	\$10,266.50
InTech Software Solutions Inc	\$13,850.00	Omicare Inc	\$127,521.04
Interstate Power Systems, Inc.	\$13,753.52	Onsolve, LLC	\$21,752.44
InTime Services Inc	\$20,220.00	OpenGov, Inc.	\$5,805.00
Intoximeters Inc	\$5,365.00	Operation Foresight Services Inc	\$8,265.00
Jason Anderson Consulting	\$25,300.00	Opportunity Partners Inc	\$7,700.71
Jeddeloh Snyder Stommes PA	\$12,563.00	Options Inc	\$26,590.83
Jeremy's Lawn Service Inc	\$35,932.18	Orono Lake Improvement District	\$17,388.05
Johnson Controls	\$47,154.00	Oziel Bando-Sandoval and Esmeralda	\$11,350.00
Johnson/Steven M	\$6,600.00	PA Depot Apartments, LLC	\$15,100.00
Jones Law Office	\$16,050.00	Pacific Dunes Forensic Psychological Ser	\$14,025.00
Joyous Care	\$14,141.12	Paladin Technologies (USA) Inc	\$80,324.97
Kabele Law and Mediation LLC	\$15,137.50	Patchin Messner Valuation Counselors	\$7,742.50
Kapphahn/Judith M	\$165,637.40	Patriot News MN, LLC	\$12,591.95
Karl Chevrolet Inc	\$101,670.40	Paul Hasford & Metro General Service Inc	\$15,935.00
Karpel Solutions	\$38,900.00	Paulson & Clark Engineering Inc	\$6,000.00
Keefe Group Access Catalog	\$17,534.47	Peltonen/Brian R and Elizabeth M	\$11,450.00
Keefe Supply Company	\$439,343.83	Phoenix Supply LLC	\$117,701.24
Kennedy and Graven, Chartered	\$52,216.47	Phyxius Inc.	\$12,081.18
KFI Engineers PC	\$50,885.00	Pineview Apartments	\$5,446.00
Kiser Construction Inc	\$40,746.15	Pinnacle Printing Inc	\$5,540.00
Knife River	\$6,996,677.21	Pipe Trade Services MN	\$13,312.00
KNOWINK, LLC	\$37,172.00	Plaisted Companies Inc	\$10,059.12
KS Concrete & Masonry, LLC.	\$20,205.00	Port Authority of the City of St Paul	\$10,489.87
Lake State Recycling Inc	\$5,648.40	PowerDMS, Inc	\$24,892.13
Law Enforcement Labor Service	\$58,581.06	Prairie Hill Properties LLC	\$28,300.00
Law Office of Eric Schmidtkc PLLC	\$21,252.00	Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	\$48,033.00
Lawson Products	\$17,097.30	Premier Biotech Labs, LLC	\$6,610.60
Lawver/John A and Brenda J Iliff	\$22,000.00	Premier Biotech LLC	\$10,706.52
LeadsOnline LLC	\$9,844.00	Premier Graphic Solutions, LLC	\$9,162.94
League Of Minnesota Cities	\$10,528.00	Presbyterian Family Foundation	\$177,380.39
Lefebvre's Carpet	\$10,079.19	Primacy Strategy Group LLC	\$48,300.00
Letz Talk Inc	\$8,450.00	Primadata, LLC	\$37,300.00
Lexipol LLC	\$40,217.60	Promise Neighborhood of Central MN	\$60,881.67
Lexis Nexis	\$5,784.00	Prophoenix Corporation	\$198,081.21
LexisNexis Risk Solutions	\$41,095.69	Pro-West & Associates Inc	\$6,856.34
LHB Inc	\$83,494.68	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc	\$10,632.79
Lietha Jr./Dennis L.	\$12,071.00	Quadient, INC	\$9,503.69
Lietha Properties, LLC	\$29,917.50		
Lietha/Dennis L. and Rita M.	\$16,251.50		
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co	\$1,133,857.43		
Line X of St Cloud	\$15,990.70		
Little Falls Machine, Inc	\$12,017.06		
Little Sand West Group Home Inc	\$5,858.88		
Lloyd Management	\$7,293.79		
Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP	\$40,299.96		
Lone Wolf Recovery, LLC	\$8,585.00		
Longfellow/Thomas R and Stephen R	\$13,731.00		
Lorex, Inc	\$39,960.52		
Lutheran Social Service Of Minnesota	\$78,984.35		
Lutheran Social Service-Youth Resiliency	\$5,500.00		

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# PUBLIC NOTICES - SPORTS

Quinlivan & Hughes P.A.	\$7,712.90
Ran Properties LLC	\$30,128.09
Rave Mobile Safety	\$7,000.00
RD Offutt Company	\$192,706.90
Redstone Construction, LLC	\$1,438,670.86
Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	\$142,031.31
Registered Abstracters, Inc.	\$6,975.00
RELX Inc dba LexisNexis	\$8,880.00
Renae Post & Schabel Enterprise	\$13,918.15
Restoring Lives Church of God of Prophecy	\$65,000.00
Rivers Of Hope	\$23,737.83
Robert Senkyr III and Rebecca Senkyr and	\$12,695.00
Routeware, Inc.	\$5,109.48
Roy C Inc	\$11,185.00
Rudnitski/Neil and Jill	\$8,077.00
Rutland Law, PLLC	\$48,710.00
SafeAssure Consultants Inc	\$12,419.74
SafetyFirst Playground Maintenance	\$44,680.30
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	\$10,293.91
Sambatek, LLC	\$137,538.16
Sand Creek EAP LLC	\$14,762.50
Sanity Solutions Inc	\$18,452.00
Savance, LLC	\$9,051.00
SBH Properties LLC	\$7,317.20
Schneider Geospatial LLC	\$35,460.00
Schumacher/Corbin & Courtney	\$17,148.00
Scott County Finance Dept	\$16,410.00
Scott Morrell LLC	\$8,316.79
Screenvision	\$5,869.00
Securitas Technology Corporation	\$23,743.37
Seven County Process Servers, LLC	\$15,856.50
SGL	\$10,750.00
Sherburne Co Agriculture Soc	\$34,000.00
Sherburne Co Attorney	\$15,000.00
Sherburne Co Childrens Mental Health Col	\$122,004.00
Sherburne Co Community Corrections	\$15,114.00
Sherburne Co Court Adm	\$8,835.64
Sherburne Co Health & Human Services	\$27,895.74
Sherburne Co Historical Society	\$193,000.00
Sherburne Co Sheriff	\$69,501.89
Sherburne Co Sheriff's Assoc	\$16,161.00
Sherburne County Abstract & Title Co	\$8,250.00
Sherburne County Auditor Treasurer	\$1,092,280.67
Sherburne County District Court	\$45,568.50
Sherburne County Trail Association	\$61,947.54
Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation	\$437,408.42
Sherburne State Bank	\$24,092.58
Sherwin Williams Elk River	\$5,417.42
SHI International Corp	\$358,292.36
Shonyo/Terry J	\$28,076.00
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc (SEH)	\$61,988.43
Shred-N-Go 446138	\$10,433.50
Sign Solutions, USA, LLC	\$26,464.50
Sir Lines-A-lot, LLC	\$430,865.31
SkyNorth Software, LLC	\$22,071.67
Smith/Jeffrey A	\$6,280.00
Spectrum/Charter	\$6,939.12
SRF Consulting Group Inc	\$19,437.75
St Cloud EDA	\$38,778.23
St Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission	\$118,185.13
Star Tribune	\$15,989.51
State Of Minnesota	\$578,221.72
State Supply Company	\$5,649.06
State Treasurer	\$230,245.04
Stearns County Environmental Services	\$36,100.50
Steinbrecher Companies Inc	\$45,290.56
Step Saver Inc	\$16,740.00
Stoutenburg/Mary	\$9,024.00
Streicher's Inc	\$197,159.59
Suburban Tire Wholesale Inc	\$80,129.13
Sunrise Wellness LLC	\$32,491.25
Surface Preparation Technologies, LLC	\$11,962.54
TeamDynamix Solutions LLC	\$11,129.49
Teamsters Local 320	\$146,689.04
The Bridge World Language Ctr Inc	\$11,352.64
The Caulkers Company Inc	\$19,420.00
The Crossing at Big Lake Station	\$8,079.00
The Freedom Ranch	\$5,520.60
The Right Staff, LLC	\$10,470.72
The Rustic Rooster	\$25,471.00
The Trust For Public Land	\$137,527.38
The Wave	\$18,425.00
Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	\$105,211.14
Three Lake Improvement District	\$35,224.38
ThrivePass	\$8,727.96
Tim Donahue and Heidi Steffens	\$8,601.00
TKDA	\$155,739.76
Top 20 Training, LLC	\$5,545.00
Towmaster	\$5,785.76
Trakstar	\$34,736.53
Travelers	\$54,454.00
Treas Baldwin	\$1,715,192.69

Treas Becker Township	\$1,711,905.34
Treas Big Lake Township	\$2,859,636.79
Treas Blue Hill Township	\$500,672.04
Treas City Of Big Lake	\$6,106,571.57
Treas City Of Clear Lake	\$402,656.54
Treas City Of Elk River	\$16,914,100.40
Treas Clear Lake Township	\$563,241.90
Treas Haven Township	\$610,259.02
Treas Ind School Dist 477	\$5,163,001.84
Treas Ind School Dist 51	\$128,020.38
Treas Ind School Dist 726	\$12,360,773.96
Treas Ind School Dist 727	\$1,358,818.12
Treas Ind School Dist 728	\$31,530,762.64
Treas Ind School Dist 742	\$4,022,780.97
Treas Ind School Dist 882	\$902,600.01
Treas Livonia Township	\$1,880,850.45
Treas Orrock Township	\$1,187,664.95
Treas Palmer Township	\$676,498.04
Treas Santiago Township	\$368,102.55
Tri-Cap Inc	\$39,856.18
Tri-County Solid Waste	\$27,116.00
Trinity Services Group Inc	\$1,381,175.54
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## Bandits stay alive in playoffs

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

The Bandits went 2-1 in the opening weekend of the playoffs to keep their state tournament dreams alive.

Becker opened play last Saturday with a 5-3 win over the Ogilvie Orioles. The Bandits scored all five of their runs in the first inning, as they batted around the order and collected five hits.

Kellan Graning picked up the win on the mound, going three innings and striking out five while allowing two earned runs.

Weston Schug was

4-for-4 at the plate to lead Becker.

On Sunday, it was a battle of the Bandits, as Becker took on the East Bethel team with the same moniker and Becker fell 9-1.

Becker did manage 10 hits, but they stranded nine baserunners in the loss.

Ethan Guck suffered the loss on the mound, while Cam

awesome in relief, working the final six innings and allowing just one run.

Ryan Groskreutz was

Fischer and Schug each saw action on the mound as well.

Recent Action

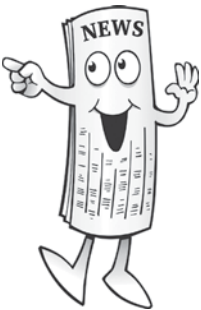
The Becker Bandits went 1-2 in recent action, including a 13-9 win over the Clear Lake Lakers.

**Vs.M ora**

Becker lost a 6 7 game in 10 innings to the Mora Blue Devils on July 14.

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# Wedding Guide

## The first step in party planning? Hire a professional

Submitted Article

Parties bring friends and family together in the name of a good time. There are plenty of reasons to celebrate, including personal and professional milestones. Much planning often goes into hosting a party, and those hosting might be wise to enlist the services of a professional party planner to streamline the work and make it more likely that everyone has a good time.

A party planner organizes and executes private and public events. Party planners work with clients to understand their needs and desires, and then customize a party plan to help achieve their vision. A party planner works to identify the purpose of an event and align the festivities with that goal while helping hosts to stay on or come in under budget.

Throwing a party involves many moving parts, and party planners are adept at handling them. Rather than party tasks falling on hosts' shoulders, a planner will research ven-

ues, manage vendors, create schedules, resolve any problems that pop up, and coordinate any overlapping details with other event professionals. According to QC Event School, party planners also will handle the execution of contracts and manage all logistics of an event on site.

Although the terms "party planner" and "event planner" are used interchangeably, there are some differences. Event planners often manage large-scale events like charity galas or corporate seminars, while party planners focus on smaller, social events like weddings and birthdays.

Hosts pondering whether to hire a party planner can consider these benefits to doing so no matter the size of the party.

- **Reduce stress:** Party planners manage the bulk of the work, freeing up time and energy for hosts to focus on other things. This can relieve stress leading up to the big day.

- **Offer expertise:** With knowledge of the best vendors, creative ideas learned on the job, and an-



icipation of any potential problems, party planners bring a wealth of experience to the table.

- **Save money:** Even though there is an investment in a party planner fee, this individual can help a

person save money in the long run. With access to wholesale or insider deals, and connections in the industry that include established relationships with all sorts of vendors, party planners can help hosts get

the best deals.

- **Professional advice:** Party planners can let hosts know what will work for an event and what might be a stretch and suggest work-arounds.

**PARTY PLANNERS** can be invaluable resources when hosts face the often tall task of throwing a get-together for friends and family. (Submitted Photo).

## Top trends in tuxes

Submitted Article

Theories on the origins of the tuxedo vary significantly. Some believe that this formal garment was created by wealthy aristocrats attending an autumn ball in Tuxedo Park, New York. However, the Wall Street Journal has reported that the tuxedo might be a British invention, spearheaded by the fashion-conscious King of Wales Edward VII in 1865. No matter where the tuxedo originated, it has become standard attire for formal occasions, including weddings.

It may seem as though every tuxedo is the same, but that's not the case. Tuxes come in different styles, so those tying the knot or attending other formal functions

can choose an option that fits their personality and physique. Here's a look at what sets tuxedos apart and some noteworthy tux trends.

**Suits versus tuxedos**

Some may wonder what sets a tuxedo apart from a suit. One of the more notable differences is that tuxedo lapels are designed with silk, satin or textured grosgrain to provide that signature V-look, says Brides magazine. Suit lapels are made from the same fabric as the suit jacket. Tuxedos traditionally are held up with suspenders, while suit pants have belt loops for use with a belt. Suits are styled with a dress shirt while tuxedos are worn with a particular tuxedo shirt that likely has a spread collar, bib, decorative studs, and French cuffs fastened

with cufflinks.

**Change up lapel styles**

Men who want to set themselves apart can opt for what The Knot calls the most popular styles of tuxedo lapels. Notch lapels are the most common and feature two lateral points. Shawl collars feature a smooth, sleek looped lapel without notches or peaks. Peak lapels have the lower point of the lapel peak above the upper. Trying on the different jackets can give individuals an idea of which lapel look is best.

**New color spectrum**

A traditional tuxedo will be black, although navy tuxedos have gained a following. But individuals can find a tuxedo in any color. Those who want to add some extra flair to their weddings may

opt for a tuxedo in a color that coordinates to the season or aligns with what the rest of the bridal party is wearing.

**Alternative fabrics**

The majority of tuxedos are made from wool and will have the silk or satin detailing as described. Newer trends include incorporating fabrics like linen or flannel, although these are rare and may be harder to come by.

**Neckties grabbing hold**

People can set themselves apart with everything from lapels to tuxedo shirts to different colors, but only bowties or neckties can be worn with tuxedos. While bowties once were the gold standard, those personalizing their wedding looks and taking liberties with style are in-



**TUXES COME IN DIFFERENT STYLES** so those tying the knot or attending other formal functions can choose an option that fits their personality and physique. (Submitted Photo).

creasingly opting for neckties. Gents can choose a necktie in a complementary texture that will coordinate with the elegance of the tuxedo.

**Slim fit**

Modern tuxedo choices feature a slim fit in both jacket and pant. It's a good idea to try on a few different options

to see what feels comfortable before choosing a fit.

Tuxedos have been around since the nineteenth century and are the attire of choice for formal functions.



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# Wedding Guide

## Clearwater couple competing for America's hearts and America's votes!

### Submitted Article

Jessalyn Roussin of Big Lake and Brendon Chester of Windom are a newly engaged couple currently residing in Clearwater. They are small business owners who work hard to achieve their dreams and goals. They both work hard in several avenues to trek towards their dream of a wedding, a home, and a future family.

Roussin and Chester are currently in the National online competition called *America's Favorite Couple*. Its hosts are the famous Jeff and Emilie Goldblum. The competition is put on by *Colossal*, a nationally registered professional fundraiser organization who inspires people to advocate for themselves and those in need. Through the *America's Favorite Couple* competition, Colossal aims to raise awareness and support for Oceana and the L.A. Regional Food Bank. Both of which are non-profits



JESSALYN ROUSSIN OF BIG LAKE AND BRENDON CHESTER OF WINDOM are looking for the public's help in advancing in the online competition entitled, *America's Favorite Couple*. (Submitted Photo).

aimed at helping hunger and ocean preservation.

Roussin and Chester are

very active in their community, and they have several ties to many small towns

around the state. Jessalyn has several business ventures that she has either started or

joined. Brendon works hard at his lifelong career locally, while helping out his fiancé with her business ventures, and is extremely proud of his journey with sobriety. They help other local businesses with projects, and participate in other non-profit events across Minnesota.

Jessalyn and Brendon are currently sitting within the top five couples of the race in their group, and fighting to continue moving forward to the top. The competition started with over 200,000 couples across the United States and is slowly dwindling down to the final competitors. There are only a few weeks left, and they are searching for the support of their community, friends, and family.

The voting for the couple is free to the public, and each voter can vote once every 24 hours online. If any voters choose to buy additional votes, all voting tallies go towards their couple, and all

funds go to the non-profit putting on the event. There are opportunities to increase the voting, fundraise additional votes, and double-voting days that occur throughout each week. There are four rounds left, and it is estimated to finish by September 19, 2025. The winner of the competition is set to win \$20,000 and is featured in a two-page article in the world famous *Variety* magazine, which will also host them for a professional photoshoot. This could be a major small town win and a great way to represent Minnesota. They need the community's help to get them across the finish line.

Voting can be done online at the following website: <https://americasfavcouple.org/2025/chester>.

One couple will take home \$20,000 and have their journey celebrated in a *Variety* advertorial.

Are Jessalyn and Brendon America's Favorite Couple?

## What to know before a wedding gown shopping trip

### Submitted Article

Weddings mark a turning point from one stage in life to another. The significance of that transition is perhaps one reason why couples and their guests dress so nicely for a wedding ceremony and reception.

Formal garb is a wedding tradition, and guests anxiously await seeing which type of gown a bride will wear. In western cultures, white wedding gowns have been the standard since the nineteenth century and are believed to symbolize purity and grace. In eastern cultures, wedding gowns often have been elaborate, colorful creations that have their own symbolic meanings unique to various areas of the world.

Shopping for a wedding gown can spark mixed emotions. While it is exciting to



FORMAL GARB IS A WEDDING TRADITIONS and guests anxiously await seeing which type of gown a bride will wear. (Submitted Photo).

try on some remarkable garments, there also is the pressure of knowing all eyes will be on you while wearing this couture creation. Narrowing down wedding gown prospects can take vision, time and patience. The following pointers can help when

it comes time to visit bridal shops.

#### Make an appointment

Many bridal shops operate by appointment only. That's because the staff wants to devote complete attention to a client, and having people simply walk in from the

street can draw their attention away and/or lead to long wait times. Identify the stores you want to visit, and then call to secure your time slot.

#### Narrow down styles

Think about what your personal style might be and how you want to look on your wedding day. If you're not sure about the vocabulary surrounding dress silhouettes, visit Pinterest or Instagram and save images of dresses that you love. Then you can show the sales staff what you are thinking instead of going in empty-handed.

#### Keep an open mind

Try on a few different styles even if you have a particular dress in mind. You never know if something might be a better fit for your body type or the scope and style of your wedding unless you give it a go.

#### Start the

#### process early

Unlike off-the-rack clothing, most wedding shops will have to order your dress and have it shipped. Then comes a few weeks for alterations. KWH Bridal notes eight to 12 months before a wedding is a good time to choose and order a dress. Brides magazine says most made-to-order wedding gowns take about six to nine months to create. There also are three separate fittings to ensure the gown will fit like a glove.

#### Invite a handful of confidantes

It's best not to arrive at the shopping appointment with an entire entourage. Pick, at the most, four people whose opinions you trust; otherwise, it could be a case of too many cooks in the kitchen. As a bride-to-be you'll already be anxious, and

you'll want soothing, supportive people with you.

#### Plan your budget

Know well in advance what you can afford to spend. According to data from The Knot, wedding attire accounts for seven percent of the average couple's budget. Most wedding gowns are in the range of \$2,000. Don't forget about additional costs, such as veil, shoes, alterations, undergarments, and any add-ons.

In addition to these tips, arrive to an appointment well-rested, fed and comfortable.



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