

Daniel Kampa, Clear Lake Firefighter of the Year

By Don Bellach,
Contributing Writer

Every year in February, Clear Lake Firefighters gather for their annual dinner to honor retirees, recognize and honor those who have gone above and beyond, and to name the Firefighter of the Year. This year, the recipient of the award could not be present to receive the award because he would be in the country of Jordan.

Daniel Kampa has served in the Minnesota National Guard for almost 15 years. He has been deployed three times, including a stint in Jordan. He will be heading back to the Middle East sometime at the end of January for an 11-month deployment. The officers of the CLFD had to develop a new plan, so it was decided that the award would be given after a training session held on Monday, January 12.

Kampa, a three-and-a-half-year member of CLFD and 8-year veteran firefighter, did not expect to be

the winner. Nominees are initially selected by fellow firefighters, and then the officers make a final decision. This year, several firefighters were nominated and Kampa was chosen.

Interim Fire Chief Matt Lunser described some of the qualities that Kampa possesses that earned him the award.

"Danny is always willing to help out and help others," Lunser said. "He always has a positive attitude. He's not a grumbler and is respectful of others. He's always working for the common good."

Lunser also pointed out that Kampa participated on several committees in 2025 including the Truck and Building Committees.

It is tradition to have the previous year's recipient give the award to the current winner, so Matt Davis was on hand to present Kampa with the award and echoed Lunser's thoughts, that he is always ready to help out and has a positive attitude. He also pointed out how well

Kampa shares his vast experience with others during training.

Kampa said it came as a total surprise to him, given the many worthy candidates who were nominated. In his acceptance remarks, he thanked everyone who was present and apologized for having to leave them so soon. He said he looks forward to getting back to help the department further.

When this reporter asked him if he forgot anything in his acceptance speech, Kampa said, "I guess I'd want to thank everybody who, throughout the years, have shared their knowledge and expertise to help me."

He acknowledged firefighters in Becker.

"They were super helpful. They had knowledge that obviously helped me get better with this department (CLFD) and become better."

That knowledge may be why Kampa was named Clear Lake's 2025 Firefighter of the Year.



DANIEL KAMPA, (top photo) Clear Lake's 2025 Firefighter of the Year. Bottom photo shows fellow firefighters after Kampa received the FOTY award. (Patriot Photos by Don Bellach).

Brott to retire

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by Sherburne County. It is written in first-person context by Sheriff Joel Brott.)

After careful consideration, I have decided that I will not seek a fifth term as Sherburne County Sheriff. At the conclusion of my term, I will have had the unique privilege of proudly serving Sherburne County as your Sheriff for 18 years.

Throughout my tenure, the people of Sherburne County have been incredibly supportive, and I greatly appreciate the many friendships that have developed over the years.

I am grateful for the opportunity the citizens of Sherburne County have afforded me. It has been a privilege and honor I will never forget.

Today, the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office is in a great place, even with the challenges that all public safety professionals face each day.

The office is filled with highly

qualified individuals who are focused on a culture of service.

It is the collective strength of over 325 employees, whose exceptional

performance, teamwork,

and dedication have pulled

us through many challeng-

ing situations and led to our

many successes. I could not

be prouder to have served

alongside each of the cur-

rent and former employees.

They remain committed to

service with integrity and

pride — an embodiment

of our mission statement.

"They remain second to

none."

The collaborative nature among the five law enforcement agencies within the county is unsurpassed and is also a source of pride.

I will miss the relationships

with the chiefs of police

and all the women and men

who serve in those departments. Sherburne County remains a safe place for many reasons, among them is the high quality of law enforcement throughout the county.

I am proud of the accom-

plishments we have made;

however, in an ever-

changing world, there is

always work to do. I am en-

couraging Commander Ben

Zawacki to continue the

momentum and to run for

election to be the next Sher-

iff of Sherburne County. He

is a 20-year veteran of the

Sherburne County Sheriff's

Office and has been in law

enforcement for over 25

years. He has the experience

and knows the responsibili-

ties necessary to continue

leading the Sheriff's Of-

fice in the right direction.

Ben has a tremendous repu-

tation among the law en-

forcement community and

is a forward-thinking leader

dedicated to serving the

residents of the county. We

would be fortunate to have

him as our next sheriff.

I look forward to comple-

ting my term through

2026. It has been my hono-

r and privilege to serve you.

Thank you! — Sheriff Joel

Brott.

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Thank you for your sup-

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EDITORIALS - NEWS

Lower the Temperature

The scenes of destruction and damage taking place in Minneapolis are abhorrent. This violence cannot be tolerated. Unfortunately, our state leaders' inaction and support of these violent riots are failing every Minnesotan and putting law enforcement's lives at risk. It's past time for Governor Tim Walz to take accountability for his sanctuary state policies that got us here in the first place and lower the temperature across the state.

I remain a fierce advocate for the rule of law. I am grateful to President Trump, his administration, and our ICE agents for their tireless work to restore safety to Minnesota. Murderers, rapists, kidnappers, and pedophiles—the worst of the worst—are coming off our streets thanks to ICE officers. Since Operation Metro Surge began in Minnesota, the Department of Homeland Security has arrested more than 1,500 illegal aliens.

Mental Health Services

On Tuesday, I reintroduced the Securing Facilities for Mental Health Services Act to expand access to mental health services. Worsening mental health is on the rise, and unfortunately, right now, there is not enough care to meet the demand. Approximately 80% of Minnesota counties have a mental healthcare shortage. When the care is not present, it overwhelms homeless shelters, jails, and hospital emergency departments, putting a strain on our systems that are not designed to be long-term for mental healthcare.

Patients in need should not be denied care due to outdated laws. This legislation allows inpatient psychiatric hospitals to access the mortgage assistance program through Housing and Urban Development's 242 mortgage assistance program. This is a commonsense, nonpartisan bill that will eliminate barriers to mental health resources to those who need it most. Passing this legislation will alleviate the inpatient bed shortage across the country and encourage the expansion of psychiatric inpatient hospitals.

Funding for Projects

Last week, the House passed the Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 for full-year funding to strengthen law enforcement, expand access to critical minerals, and more. House Republicans were able to deliver a budget nearly \$2 billion less than



By Rep.
Tom Emmer

the amount projected under the current continuing resolution. This lowered spending for Fiscal Year 2026 delivers real savings for American taxpayers. Most importantly, the legislation contained funding for nine projects within the Sixth Congressional District of Minnesota.

We secured \$2.5 million for the Sherburne County Jail to help with infrastructure updates. Additionally, we passed nearly \$16 million in funding for eight wastewater treatment plants and sewer infrastructure upgrades across Sherburne, Benton, Wright, Carver, Stearns, and Anoka counties. This funding will help ensure Minnesotans in every corner of our district have clean water and up to date sanitation infrastructure. It will always be a priority of mine to ensure hard infrastructure projects in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District have funding to support the future of our communities.

Defending Women and Girls' Sports

This week, the Supreme Court held oral arguments on two cases regarding keeping men out of women's sports. For far too long, we have seen the consequences that come when the radical left takes what was once a fair and clear playing field and turns it into a political minefield. Female athletes get exploited, injured, or robbed of opportunities, all because Democrats would rather cave to the radical activists in their party than stand up for the women they claim to champion. On Wednesday, I, along with several other House Republicans, had the privilege of hosting over a dozen female athletes where we reiterated our commitment to protecting women's sports. This issue transcends politics. It's about fairness, safety, and common sense.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Sherburne County Warrants for Publication

Warrants Approved On 12/20/2025 or Payment 12/20/2025

Vendor Name Amount

Anoka County Community Corrections	4,648.64
Auto Value Monticello	2,722.77
Brin Glass Service	14,228.00
Cardinal Investigations	3,400.00
Carson, Clelland & Schreder PLLP	9,576.25
CGW Law Office	5,156.25
Ciresi Conlin LLP	17,754.75
Dacotah Paper Co	6,027.90
Daikin Applied	23,794.00
Damon Farber Associates	4,301.26
DSC Communications	2,126.04
Fidelity Security Life Insurance Company	3,794.42
InTime Services Inc	21,360.00
Keefe Supply Company	17,981.68
Knife River	1,328,928.92
Law Enforcement Labor Service	5,439.58
Lorex, Inc	13,049.23
M & G Trailer Sales, Service and Rental	7,401.14
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainsville Inc	20,846.07
Minnesota Monitoring Inc	5,460.50
Minnesota Public Employees Assoc	7,920.00
MNCCC LOCKBOX	23,740.90
Motorola Solutions Inc	122,980.36
Neil Wilkinson and Chase	15,129.28
New Look Contracting Inc	474,579.11
Phoenix Supply LLC	2,649.00
Primacy Strategy Group LLC	4,100.00
Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	40,001.00
Rutland Law, PLLC	3,960.00
Securitas Technology Corporation	2,875.07
Sherburne Co Public Works	6,154.38
Sherburne Co Sheriff	4,000.00
SkyNorth Software, LLC	9,908.00
Street Smart Rentals, LLC	8,620.02
Teamsters Local 320	8,034.22
Trinity Services Group Inc	125,741.93
Tyler Investigative Services	2,081.96
USPS-POC (NeoPostage-Quadient)	18,171.00
Vistar	2,499.12
Voss Lighting	2,741.10
Waste Management Of Wi-Mn	2,318.21
Wilkinson/Neil	21,671.72
Windstream	4,625.62
Zingtree Inc	8,202.60
89 Payments less than 2000	40,141.89

Final Total: Published in the Patriot 12/20/2025

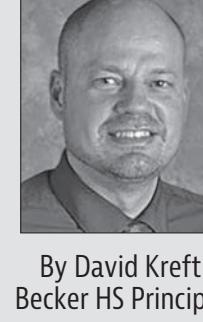
Making Good Decisions

In alignment with Becker's District mission "Developing self-directed learners to thrive in a changing global community," Becker High School takes pride in offering courses that best prepare students for their futures. As we approach mid-year, we are looking forward to next year and launching into our 2026-27 registration process. It is an important and exciting time for students as they get to map out their future!

Each year staff reviews both required and elective course offerings. Through consistent department collaboration, our course offerings follow the Minnesota State Academic Standards. Our elective courses balance the needs and interests of students with current trends in the education world and work force. Each year we present new options for our students and student class selection guides the courses we are offering.

We encourage students and parents to have conversations at home about their unique pathway and options. Selecting courses is an important task that involves making good decisions that match future plans. The class offerings are designed to balance rigorous academic challenges with practical career readiness, urging students to view the guide as a roadmap to their personal goals.

Student registration numbers shape the building master schedule, influencing the number of course sections and the placement of the course(s) within our school day. An exciting opportunity for students to become informed about



By David Kreft
Becker HS Principal

their options exists in January as staff highlight and preview their course in our "Registration Showcases."

Students learn about the prerequisites for the course, the focus of the curriculum, and potential projects if they take a certain course.

Here are some best practices to help guide the registration process:

Thoughtful Collaboration: Students should treat registration as a collaboration between parents, teachers, and counselors.

The "Four-Year" Lens:

Rather than looking at the year in isolation, students are urged to chart an overall high school plan to review annually. Do not wait until the day of registration to make your decisions.

The Need for Alternatives:

Due to the complexity of the schedule, students must choose alternate courses. Alternatives are often used to complete final schedules.

Students will begin officially registering late January, completing it by mid February. While celebrating the successes of this school year, we have an eye on the 2026-27 school year and look forward to our students charting their futures!

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Vendor Name Amount

Alliant Engineering, Inc.	12,777.72
American Solutions For Business	7,283.84
Civis Plus LLC	56,010.21
Connexus Energy	6,691.82
Corporate Connection	4,550.00
Dacotah Paper Co	4,876.10
Deano's Collision Specialists Inc	13,797.64
Elk River Municipal Utilities	48,328.63
Fastenal Company	2,892.00
Garage Door Store	3,399.50
Guardian Fleet Safety, LLC	8,658.47
Heart & Soul, LLC	3,835.00
Houston Engineering Inc	6,280.75
Keefe Group Access Catalog	2,124.51
Keefe Supply Company	10,084.08
LHB Inc	4,497.45
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co	99,714.50
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainsville Inc	11,051.87
Maxima Supply-Vistar	3,210.32
NCIC Inmate Communications	68,888.62
Phoenix Supply LLC	7,902.72
Redstone Construction, LLC	4,024.35
SRF Consulting Group Inc	18,020.46
Summit Fire Protection Co.	3,988.35
Teamsters Local 320	6,594.00
Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	3,177.30
Transportation Collaborative and Cons	52,508.50
Union Supply Company	2,667.84
Wellpath LLC	358,381.86
Wiley Reber Law, PC	9,620.00
75 Payments less than 2000	29,798.48

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Warrants Approved On 12/20/2025 or Payment 12/20/2025

Vendor Name Amount

ADP, Inc	12,914.76
All Traffic Solutions Inc	6,906.25
Ames Construction	1,764,513.75
Anoka County Community Corrections	9,020.25
Anoka County Treasury Office	10,720.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc	14,061.00
Bryant/Blake	12,500.00
Carefree Cleaning LLC	5,056.00
CDW Government	2,381.25
Centerpoint Energy	18,277.13
Design Electric Inc	137,938.52
Galls, LLC	4,731.52
Helmin Construction Inc.	2,599.99
Houston Engineering Inc	13,572.49
Hubbard Electric LLC	2,429.18
InStream, LLC	6,000.00
Keefe Supply Company	11,322.12
Kimball Midwest	2,028.10
Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP	3,533.33
Magnet Forensics, LLC	8,170.00
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainsville Inc	19,718.56
Marco	6,810.00
Maxima Supply-Vistar	2,110.20
Minneapolis Forensic Psych Services LLC	3,456.25
Minnesota County Attorneys Association	11,543.00
Minnesota Department Of Corrections	9,000.00
MN Dept of Transportation	24,825.27
New Look Contracting Inc	925,834.37
Newman Signs, Inc.	8,337.80
Plaisted Companies Inc	2,113.07
Sanity Solutions Inc	10,947.21
Silversphere, LLC	2,214.40
Sir Lines-A-lot, LLC	18,494.06
State Treasurer	18,318.00
Suburban Tire Wholesale Inc	2,816.00
Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center	3,540.06
Transportation Collaborative and Cons	11,937.50
Triple H Aviation	2,334.00
Wiley Reber Law, PC	6,500.00
Wright County Sheriff	43,065.54
Xcel Energy	4,186.57
103 Payments less than 2000	34,401.66

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

As I sit gazing out the window, I harken back to my service days as a physicist for an unnamed three-letter intelligence agency. I wonder how the representation of the 6th District has come to this point. I know I shouldn't, but I researched the internet. Rep. Tom Emmer supported efforts to overturn certified election results in the past and now backs policies that erode civil liberties. These actions undermine USA democratic institutions and materially advance the destabilization goals long pursued by America's adversaries. By supporting efforts to invalidate lawful electors and endorsing coercive enforcement that undermines civil rights, Rep. Emmer has contributed to democratic backsliding in the United States - outcomes that directly benefit America's adversaries, irrespective of motive. Tom Emmer's actions weaken U.S. democracy in ways that benefit America's adversaries long-standing goal of destabilizing democratic governance.

William E. Gulbrandson
Veteran, Capt. USAF
Clear Lake, MN

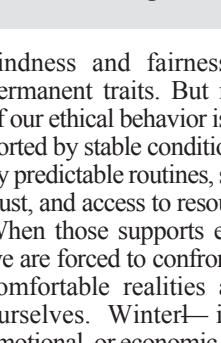
TO THE EDITOR:

Unless Congress acts by January 30, 2026, the U.S. faces a partial government shutdown. Not because the clock ran out, but because the work isn't done. Congress must

pass 12 appropriations bills to fund the government. So far, six have passed, and two more (State-Foreign Operations and Treasury-Financial Services) have passed the House but are still awaiting Senate action. That leaves four major bills unfinished: Homeland Security (funds FEMA, TSA, border operations (I.C.E.), and disaster response), Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (funds NIH, CDC, Head Start, and education grants), Transportation-HUD (funds housing assistance, transit, and FAA infrastructure), and one additional national-security funding bill stalled in negotiations. If these aren't passed or extended, the impact is immediate: delayed disaster aid, slowed housing assistance, paused medical research, and strained airport security. Congress has less than two weeks and only a handful of working legislative days left. Senator Lindsey Graham has proposed forcing members of Congress to forfeit their pay during shutdowns. I honestly don't think that's a harsh enough repercussion for not doing the job you were elected to do. ALL incumbents need to be voted out! Shutdowns aren't accidents. They're choices and we pay the price.

Vanessa Davenport
Big Lake, MN

What the Cold Teaches Us



By Andrew Diemand,
Contributing Writer

kindness and fairness are permanent traits. But much of our ethical behavior is supported by stable conditions—by predictable routines, social trust, and access to resources.

When those supports er

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners

January 14 County Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda

Gray/Schumacher unanimous to approve the regular meeting agenda, as presented.

Election of Board Chairperson

Election of 2026 Board of Commissioners' Chairperson.

Gary/Felber unanimous to elect Raeanne Danielowski as Chair of the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners for the calendar year of 2026.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

Election of 2026 Board of Commissioners' Vice-Chairperson.

Felber/Schumacher unanimous to approve Andrew Hulse as Vice-Chair of the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners for the calendar year of 2026.

Open Forum

No one was present to speak.

Consent Agenda

Gray/Felber unanimous to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

Consider Approval of the Official Minutes from December 16th, 2025, Regular Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners.

Reviewed and approved the Minutes from December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting of the County Board.

Consider Approval of the Official Minutes from the December 16th, 2025, County Board Workshop.

Approved the Minutes from the December 16, 2025 County Board Meeting Workshop.

Consider Acceptance of a Gift Card From Resources Training and Solutions.

Approved acceptance of a \$200.00 gift card to Sherburne County Administration from Resource Training and Solutions.

Consider Approval of the Gambling Premises Permit for Ducks Unlimited Wigeon Chapter #09 (Orrock Township).

Approved the Gambling Premises Permit for Ducks Unlimited Wigeon Chapter #09.

Consider Approval of 2026 Signature Authorizations and Designation of Depositories.

Approved and authorized execution of the following:

1) A Resolution designating Depositories of Public Funds for 2026 for The Bank of Elk River and First Bank Elk River.

2) Resolutions attesting to Chairperson's signature of record at the bank for checking accounts at US Bank/MAGIC and First Bank Elk River and 2026 Board Chair endorsement of appropriate signature forms.

3) 2026 Board Chair signature, as required for a check signature image, for 2026 warrants (as required by M.S. 385.05).

Consider Approval of the Sherburne County Investment Policy for 2026.

Approved the Sherburne County Investment Policy with no changes from 2025, as required annually under this policy.

Consider Approval of Commissioner & Manual Warrants Dated December 12th, 19th, 22nd, and 26th, 2025.

Approved the Commissioner & Manual Warrants Dated December 12th, 19th, 22nd, and 26th, 2025.

Consider Approval of December 12th, 19th, and 26th, 2025, HHS IFS Admin Warrants.

Approved HHS IFS Admin Warrants dated December 12, 2025, as presented.

Consider Approval of the 2026 Community Outreach Program Grant with CAMHI (CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative).

Approved, accepted, and authorized execution of a Contract for the 2026 Community Outreach Program Grant award from CAMHI (CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative).

Consider Approval of Appointing Three (3) Members to the Waste Management Advisory Committee.

Approved the appointment of the following members to the Waste Management Advisory Committee with the following terms, as recommended:

• Louisa Tallman, representing County Commissioner District 2: 2026-2028

• Mark Rask, Alternate Member: 2026-2028

• Jason Belair, Alternate Member: 2026-2028

Consider Approval to Authorize the Assistant Zoning Administrator as the Representative to Accept and Sign the Grant Contract Agreement for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's 2026 County Agricultural Inspector Grant.

Approved to authorize the Assistant Zoning Administrator to sign the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's 2026 County Agricultural Inspector Grant, in the amount of \$10,300.

Consider Approval of a Professional and Technical Services Agreement for Habitat Enhancement Work in County Parks.

Approved a professional and technical services contract with Natural Resource Services, Inc for habitat enhancement work in Two Inlets at Bdé Heháka – Omashkoos Zaaga’igaans and Island View Regional Park and Island View Park.

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 010626-AD-3257 Designating the County's Five-Year Bridge Replacement Plan.

Approved Resolution No. 010626-AD-3257 designating the County's Five-Year Bridge Replacement Plan (2026-2030), or when Local Bridge Bond Funding becomes available from the State of MN.

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 010626-AD-3258 to Petition Palmer Township to Vacate a Portion of 104th Ave.

Approved a Resolution 010626-AD-3258 for petition of Palmer Township Board to vacate a portion of 104th Avenue.

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 010626-AD-3259 to Extinguish an Access Easement across County Lands (former-Inholding Property at Two Inlets Regional Park).

Approved Resolution No. 010626-AD-3259 to extinguish access easement across County Lands.

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 010626-AD-3260 in Support of Sponsoring the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) for County State Aid Highway 23 Improvements in the City of Becker.

Approved Resolution No. 010626-AD-3260 in Support of Sponsoring the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) for County State Aid Highway 23 Improvements in the City of Becker.

Announcements and Correspondence

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, provided a request for discussion for the change in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's rules for hunting, National Association of Counties' Legislative Conference travel update, scheduling tour of Material Recovery Facility (MRF), inclement weather update, final report of the post-election review from the League of Women Voters of Minnesota received, congressional directed spending for the Sherburne County jail update.

Regular Agenda

Receive an Update on the Sand Dunes State Forest.

Received an update from the DNR regarding the Sand Dunes State Forest.

Receive an Update on the Sherburne County History Center.

Received a Sherburne County History Center Update.

Consider Approval of a Letter to Vonco II in Response to a Certificate of Need Request, Pursuant to Minn. State Statutes 115A.917.

Felber/Hulse were unanimous to approve a Letter Addressed to Vonco II in Response to a Certificate of Need Request, pursuant to Minn. State Statutes, 115A.917, and authorized the County Board Chair to execute the same.

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 010626-AD-3261 to Acquire Property for the County Highway 80 Improvement Project.

Gray/Schumacher to approve Resolution No. 010626-AD-3261 to Acquire Property for the County Highway 80 Improvement Project. Motion passed 4-1.

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 010626-AD-3262 to Acquire Property for the County Highway 94 Improvement Project.

Hulse/Schumacher to approve Resolution No. 010626-AD-3262 to Acquire Property for the County Highway 94 Improvement Project. Motion passed 4-1.

Consider Approval of Awarding Bid(s) for 2026 Official County Publications.

Schumacher/Felber were unanimous to approve and award the Bid for the 2026 Publication of the Delinquent Tax Listing to Patriot News MN.

Hulse/Gray were unanimous to approve and award the Bid for the 2026 Publication of the Financial Statements to Elk River Star News.

Gray/Hulse were unanimous to approve and award the Bid for the 2026 Publication of the Alternate Publication Financial Statements to Patriot News MN.

Schumacher/Felber were unanimous to approve and award the Bid for the 2026 Publication of the Commissioner Proceedings to Patriot News MN.

Consider, Discuss, and Approve the 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule for the County Board of Commissioners.

Hulse/Felber were unanimous to approve the 2025 County Board Meeting Schedule, as presented.

Consider Modifications to the Conditional Use Permit for Farm Related Business-Wine Bar - Carol Zimmerman.

Schumacher/Hulse to amend as presented along with friendly amendments added to conditions an existing Conditional Use Permit for Farm Related Business-Wine Bar, which was granted on May 16, 2023. For Property Address: 15913 41st Street SE, Becker. PID# 45-00021-2405 Legal Desc: W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 (full legal on file). Sec 21, Twp 35, Rge 28, Santiago Township. 5 acres Agricultural District. Motion passed 3-2.

Recess Regular Meeting, Open Regional Rail

Adjourn Regional Rail, Reconvene Regular Meeting

Recess Regular Meeting, Open Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting

Adjourn Housing & Redevelopment Authority, Reconvene Regular Meeting

Commissioner Correspondance, Committee Reports, Upcoming Meetings, Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Gray- Sherburne County staff holiday luncheon, MDT meeting

Commissioner Hulse- Sherburne County EDA meeting, work with Representative Novotny on Paid Leave program.

Commissioner Felber- Great River Regional Library Executive meeting, Renewable Energy Roundtable meeting, Tri-County Solid Waste meeting, Solid Waste working group meeting, Sherburne County History Center Candlelight Walk event, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency waste permitting training, Leading on Purpose program completed, readings on data centers and generation four and five nuclear powerplant.

Commissioner Schumacher- Rum River Watershed meeting, MDT meeting, 249th Township Road snowmobile issue work, City of Princeton correspondence, Sherburne County staff holiday luncheon, flight out of St. Cloud Sky Central Airport, ride on final NorthStar light rail.

Commissioner Danielowski- National Association of Counties (NACo) Central Region meeting, Sherburne County EDA meeting, Tri-County Solid Waste meeting, completed agenda review.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

Hulse/Schumacher unanimous to adjourn the regular meeting.

Open Workshop

Adjourn Workshop

Commissioner Warrants

12/12/25 397,109.52 General Revenue Fund

1,879,979.83 Public Works Fund

49.34 Human Service Fund

30,925.89 Solid Waste Fund

48,266.19 Jail Commissary Fund

266.67 Sherco Regional Rail Authority

91,609.02 Justice Center Enterprise Fund

6,878.05 Agency Collections
25,759.38 Payroll Fiduciary Fund
2,480,843.89 Total

Manual Warrants

12/12/25 12,858.50

12,858.50

Commissioner Warrants

12/19/25 177,961.91

2,926,358.16

3,627.25

21,072.49

17,205.96

48,293.13

18,319.00

6,778.43

434.31

1,128.52

3,221,179.16

Manual Warrants

12/19/25 1.00

347,071.01

347,072.01

Manual Warrants BMO

12/22/25 45,068.64

6,230.24

2.83

223.75

3,086.24

1,625.99

Commissioner Warrants

12/26/25 340,495.19

105,051.51

49.00

2,456.15

6,803.73

87,018.10

224,260.72

669.01

507.75

108,325.73

875,636.89

Manual Warrants

12/26/25 2,351.84

8,352.00

10,703.84

HHS IFS Admin Warrants

12/12/25 1,382.77

1,050.00

PUBLIC NOTICES

Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Certificate of Assumed Name
Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME:
Jubilee Christian School
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**Sherburne County Board of Commissioners
November 8, 2025
Community Health Board Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order
The Chair opened the Community Health Board meeting at 11:38am. Proposed Agenda for the Community Health Board Meeting.

Hulse/Felber were unanimous to approve the Community Health Board meeting agenda as presented.

Agenda
Special Community Health Board Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2025.

Danielowski/Felber were unanimous to approve the Community Health Board Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2025, as presented. (On file.)

Community Health Services Administrator's Bimonthly Update. Received the Community Health Board Services Administrator's bi-monthly update as presented by Community Health Services Administrator Nicole Ruhoff.

Adjourn Community Health Board Meeting

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski,

Board Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt,

County Administrator

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SHERBURNE COUNTY NOTICE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND INITIAL PUBLIC SALE

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75-00869-0030	CITY OF ELK RIVER	\$5,400.00	\$971.47

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January 10, 2026

/s/ Loraine Rupp

Sherburne County, Auditor-Treasurer

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HERBURNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE

2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	Community Health Board (CHB)/Ditch Authority (DA)
January 6	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	
January 20	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	CHB
February 3	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	
February 17	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	DA
March 3	Thursday	9:00am	Board Room	
March 17	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	CHB
April 7	Tuesday	6:00pm	Board Room	
April 21	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	DA
May 5	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	
May 19	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	CHB
June 2	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	
June 23	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	DA
July 14	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	
July 14 (Budget Workshop)	Tuesday	TBD	Board Room	
July 15 (Budget Workshop)	Wednesday	TBD	Board Room	
August 4	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	
August 18	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	DA
September 1	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	
September 15	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	CHB
October 6	Tuesday	6:00pm	Board Room	
October 20	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	DA
November 3	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	
November 17	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	CHB
December 1	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	
December 3 (Truth in Taxation)	Thursday	6:00pm	Board Room	
December 15	Tuesday	9:00am	Board Room	DA

Approved by the County Board on January 6, 2026.

Notice of Meeting via Remote Attendance is hereby provided pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 13D.04 Subd. 2 so that the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners may hold its Regularly Scheduled Meetings in 2026, as posted, with one or more Commissioner(s) attending via interactive technology, in accordance with Minnesota Statute § 13D.02.

2026 Regular Meetings are hereby posted so that one or more County Commissioners may attend remotely. All other conditions, provisions, and meeting parameters denoted in the Regular Meeting schedule published in January 2025 prevail.

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(3) at least one member of the body is physically present at the regular meeting location;

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CITY OF BECKER

2026 MINNESOTA CITY SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2026 budget information concerning the City of Becker to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete: the complete budget may be examined at Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Ave, Becker, MN 55308 or online at <https://ci.becker.mn.us/389/Budgets>. The city council approved this budget on December 2, 2025.

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BL Wrestlers eighth at HL-W-W Invite

By Ken Francis,
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake wrestling team finished eighth at the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted Invitational Saturday. Only four Hornets wrestled in the varsity competition, and three of them finished in the top five in their weight class.

Eli Schaller finished third at 114 pounds. He opened with a pin of Carter Peters of Buffalo at 0:46. He lost a 14-4 decision to Connor Bischof of St. Thomas Academy, then came back to beat Wyatt Andreotti of Mound-Westonka, 17-0. He beat Linkin Herr of Mounds View, 15-6 in his final match.

Austin Frederickson took third at 215 pounds. He opened with a pin of Logan Carrington of Becker at 3:26. He lost to Lucas Potter of Buffalo, 13-6 before beating Bennett Shelton of Kenyon-Wanamingo, 13-6.

He beat Lawrence Dinehart of Howard Lake, 2-1 in overtime in his final match.

Grant Volk placed fifth at 121 pounds. He lost by pin to Colton Kraft of St. Thomas Academy in his first match. He came back to pin Oliver Pomeroy of Howard Lake at 1:56 before losing a 6-2 decision to Keaton Colford of Becker. He pinned Logan McKee of Howard Lake at 1:39 in his final match.

Jack Lehto wrestled in the 174-192 pound division in JV and was the champion. He beat Grant Dietenberger of Minneapolis-Washburn, 12-1. He pinned Roan Kuznia of Howard Lake at 1:13 then pinned Marek Dykoski of Mound-Westonka at 1:01.

Triangular

Last Thursday, the Hornets lost in a triangular meet to Chisago Lakes, 49-24 and to Mora, 42-32.

Against Chisago Lakes, Big Lake won four

matches.

At 172, Jack Lehto pinned Henry DeCorsey at 4:40. At 215, Austin Frederickson pinned Connor Bresnahan at 2:26. Elijah Schaller had a forfeit win at 1 pounds. Ryker Jackman-Shaw had a forfeit win at 2 pounds.

Against Mora, Big Lake won six matches.

At 1, Elijah Schaller beat Connor Wentworth by tech fall, 15-0. At 121, Grant Volk beat Carter Hill, 15-14. At 3, Jaylen Rand pinned Mason Gorecki at 1:22. At 189, Liam Mayer pinned Ethan Hanson at 2:32. At 215, Austin Frederickson pinned Charles Whitbred at 0:50. At 285, Henry Kuchera pinned Oliver Miller at 1:15.

The Hornets wrestled in a triangular meet at Albany Thursday and hosted Cambridge-Isanti Friday, results next week.

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Plans and Specifications may be examined at the office of Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308, or obtained by contacting William Tessmer, PE at wteissmer@bogart-pederson.com or 763-262-8822. Plans will also be available for download online at www.QuestCDN.com. The cost to obtain a hard copy of the Plans & Specifications is \$ with a \$ mailing fee.

The projects includes: milling bituminous pavement, mailbox and sign replacement, gravel shouldering, and re-paving of the milled roads.

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The Township will consider award of the contract at the **March 16th** meeting contingent upon Engineer's review. It is the Township's intent to begin and complete construction in the year **2026**. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids, and to waive informalities.

/s/ William H. Tessmer, P.E.

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/s/ William H. Tessmer, P.E.

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TOWN OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Becker Township Planning Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, at the Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing:

7 p.m. and following

1 Winnetka LLC (Curbside Waste, Inc) applicants/owners, have submitted a conditional use permit application to operate a public drop Collection Site for Curbside Waste at 14813 162nd Ave SE, Big Lake, MN.

Anyone interested in this request is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you have questions regarding the requests please contact Lucinda Messman at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN, 763-261-5301. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at P.O. Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by email to clerk@becker-twp.org by 4:00 p.m., February 9, 2026.

Clerk, Becker Township

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AREA/SPORTS NEWS

Bulldog boys roll to 3 W's



THE BECKER BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM celebrated staff appreciation night last week during their win over Big Lake. (Submitted Photo.)

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

(Editor's Note: The following is a condensed version of coverage for the boys basketball team. To see the extended article with further coverage and stats, visit www.patriotnewsmn.com.)

The Becker boys basketball team rolled to three wins in recent action, including an 87-57 win over Big Lake.

The night began with a special moment as Becker celebrated Staff Appreciation Night, where each player invited a teacher or community member who has impacted their growth as a person to attend.

This created an emotional and energized atmosphere from the opening tip.

The ninth-ranked Bulldogs received gigantic performances from Nathan Weiss (36 points, 10 rebounds) and Bryce Paumen (19 points, 15 rebounds), as both notched a double-double.

"This was another game where our players, with a high level of unselfishness, took joy in playing for one another and celebrating one another, which led to a game where we had 27 assists and only seven turnovers," said Head Coach Cory Nuest.

Westonka

A night earlier, Becker defeated Westonka, 76-44, in a game Coach Nuest called "one of their most complete performances of the season."

Westonka entered the game with two very good guards, including one who averages 24 points per game and has a 53-point performance this season. Becker's defense rose to the challenge, with Nathan Weiss drawing the primary assignment and holding the high-scoring guard to just 11 points.

"Nathan was outstanding defensively," said Nuest. "He accepted the challenge, competed every possession, and made things really difficult on a player who can score at a high level."

Coach Nuest also praised his team's shot selection, with Isiah Boyer scoring 19 points and adding six assists, while Troy Nuest had 12 points, six assists and provided the steady, vocal leadership to help his team excel.

Bluejackets

Tuesday night, the Bulldogs racked up another M8 Conference win, downing Cambridge-Isanti, 76-59.

"Cambridge is always a tough place to go on the road and win," said Nuest. "They are a well-coached team, play a unique matchup zone, and shoot a ton of threes. I was really proud of our guys for how they played together and with toughness."

Becker had amazing balance in the game, with five players in double figures: Troy Nuest 14 points (five rebounds and assists), Paumen 16 points (nine rebounds), Weiss 16 points (seven rebounds, nine assists), Boyer 15 points (seven assists) and Saul Kreft 12 points.

Bulldog girls go 3-1

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

(Editor's Note: The following is a condensed version of coverage for the girls basketball team. To see the extended article with further coverage and stats, visit www.patriotnewsmn.com.)

Once again, the Becker girls basketball team is playing top competition, and in their most recent stretch they picked up three wins in four games.

Becker took on behemoth Minnetonka last weekend and fell 75-62 against a Class AAAA team, the Skippers, that moved to 15-1 on the season with the win and showed why they are the top ranked team in the state.

"This game was competitive throughout," Said Coach Dan Baird. "The game was very similar stat wise, as both teams had 30 rebounds and 13 turnovers."

The Skippers were able to hit a few more shots down the stretch to pull off the win.

For Becker, Adele Changamire was stellar throughout, proving that no stage is too big for the talented sophomore.

"She was going downhill and getting to the basket against some of the best guards in the state," Baird said.

She finished with 24 points, five rebounds, and four assists to lead Becker, while sister Andie Changamire had 15 points and six rebounds.

Vikings

The Bulldogs set a school record the week prior in a 107-19 win over North Branch.

Becker shot 68% and scored 79 points in the first half, as the starters garnered fewer minutes in the game than the reserves.

Ten different Bulldogs scored in the game, led by Andie Changamire's 24 points.

"Alyse Denne scored 14 points to go with her great defensive performance, snagging three steals to go with three deflections," Baird added.

B-Jackets

Last Tuesday, Becker knocked off M8 foe Cambridge-Isanti, 91-27.

The win gave Becker a 4-1 M8 Conference record and was highlighted by some amazing shooting from Adele Changamire.

She scored 23 points on a perfect nine-for-nine performance from the field. Andie Changamire added 20 points, while Denne chipped in 13 points, two steals and six deflections.

Baird also sang the

praises of his rebounders, as Becker held a 39-25 advantage on the boards, and also won the turnover battle, 11-20.

Hornets

Last Friday, Baird's charges were again on point en route to a 70-44 win over Big Lake in the Hwy. 10 Border Battle.

"The difference in this contest was the turnover battle and points in the paint," Baird said. "We committed only 6 turnovers compared to 23 for Big Lake, and we outscored them in the paint, 58 to 14."

Adele Changamire had 25 points for Becker, while Andie chipped in 23.

"Andie did a great job attacking, not settling for 3's, and did so without committing any turnovers," Baird noted.

With the win, Becker moved to 7-4 on the season, including 5-1 in the M8 Conference.



THE BECKER DANCE TEAM competed at the Mankato State University Send-Off Showcase. (Submitted Photo).

Becker archery kicks off the season strong

Submitted Article

The Becker Bulldogs Archery team kicked off the season with strong performances at two recent tournaments.

Earlier this month, 56 Bulldogs traveled to Roseville to compete in the Beacon Tournament. The team earned first place in High School 3D, fourth place in High School Bullseye, and third place in Middle School Bullseye.

Individual highlights from the Beacon Tournament included top 10 finishes by Sam Lumley, Quinn Williams, Landon Blum, Ethan Luethmers, Drake O'Brien, Leah Lutgen, Rylee Carter, Luke Carter, Ava Oeding, Maggie Stanley, Leland Mohler and Lorelai Schmidt, reflecting strong performances across all age levels.

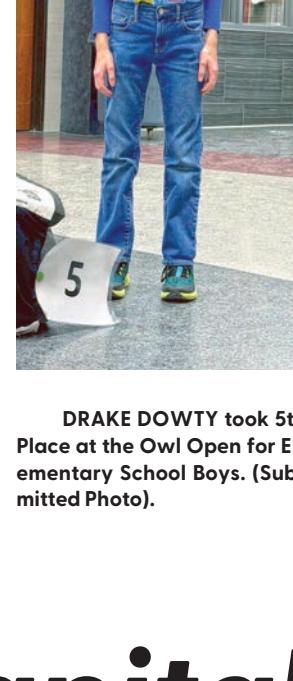
The Bulldogs followed that success with another solid showing at the Owl Tournament in St. Paul on Sat., Jan. 17, where 44 archers competed and 12 athletes shot personal best scores. Becker finished fifth in both the High School and Middle School divisions.

Several individual archers earned top 10 finishes in the Owl Bullseye competition, including MaKenna Hanson and Landon Blum at the high school level. Middle school archer Hunter Nelson also placed, along with elementary archers Drake Dowty, Cullen Willhite and Maggie Stanley, highlighting the depth of talent within the Bulldogs program.

The season continues January 24 as over 200 Becker archers head to Foley to compete on Saturday and Sunday. The Bulldogs appreciate the continued support from the Becker community as they aim true, shoot strong, and proudly represent Becker.



MAKENNA HANSON took 3rd Place at the Owl Open for High School Girls. Shot her Personal best Bullseye around with a score of 288. (Submitted Photo).



DRAKE DOWTY took 5th Place at the Owl Open for Elementary School Boys. (Submitted Photo).



QUINN WILLIAMS for the High School Girls shot her personal best Bullseye round with a score of 274 at the Owl Open. (Submitted Photo).



SAM LUMLEY (1st Place High School Girls 3D) and Leah Lutgen (4th Place Middle School Girls 3D) at the Beacon Shootout. (Submitted Photo).

BFS to kick off capital campaign

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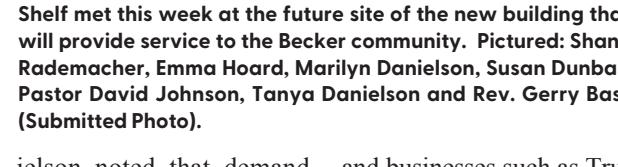
The Becker Food Shelf Board met last week and announced its intention to commence with a capital campaign to raise enough funds to build a permanent home to tend to the nutritional needs of area residents.

While the food shelf has been around for nearly 40 years, over time the needs of the community have changed, as has the usage of the integral service. The robust demand has created an urgent need for a stand alone building to facilitate the operation.

The Need

Currently, the food shelf operates out of the Furniture Mart building and the board expressed their gratitude to the owners of that business for their generosity and flexibility. However, a permanent structure will allow the food shelf to operate more efficiently and also expand their offerings.

Director Marilyn Dan-



BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS from the Becker Food Shelf met this week at the future site of the new building that will provide service to the Becker community. Pictured: Shane Rademacher, Emma Hoard, Marilyn Danielson, Susan Dunbar, Pastor David Johnson, Tanya Danielson and Rev. Gerry Bass (Submitted Photo).

ielson noted that demand grew sharply over the past few months, as hundreds of families were served in the month of December.

"Our current volunteers have been amazing," Danielson says. "They are a very dedicated group of people and we count on their support to be able to provide this service to the community."

One of the constraints of the current space is a lack of storage for dry goods, meaning that volunteers

chase for one dollar a plot of land behind the current Legion/Becker Township buildings, and "Future Home of the Becker Food Shelf" signs currently adorn that space.

The new facility will have ample storage for both dry goods and perishables, as well as more room to accommodate the ever-increasing residents who utilize the service.

Preliminary drawings for the building indicate a construction price tag approaching \$600,000, although the board is hoping to reduce costs through discounted pricing and donated labor and services.

"We plan to utilize all local contractors for the construction of the building," says Board President the Rev. David Johnson. "Country Lumber was generous in helping us with the drawings for the building and other businesses are already stepping up to help. We are extremely grateful for their contributions."

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