

**County of Sibley
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Proceeding
Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

The Sibley County Board of Commissioners convened in the
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
in the City of Gaylord, MN on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM pursuant to notice given as required by law. Members of the board present noted in Call to Order.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 3. APPROVE THE AGENDA AND ANY AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS**

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Steve Saxton

SECONDER: Commissioner Lyle Grochow

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

- 4. CONSENT AGENDA**

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Peter Koch

SECONDER: Commissioner Keith Hennen

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

1. Approve Regular Board Proceedings of 08/12/2025
2. Approve Claims as submitted
3. EFT Report

- 5. SMIF PRESENTATION**

1. SMIF Presentation to the County Board

Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Vice President of Philanthropy & Community Vitality for Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), presented the Board with updates regarding SMIF.

SMIF focuses on early childhood development, economic development, promotes entrepreneurship and assists in growing local businesses.

They provide grants to businesses with hardship due to the pandemic.

SMIF is currently looking to find those interested in becoming child care providers. They will help them to develop and move forward to provide care for kids.

SMIF also has grants available for after-school care, outdoor play spaces, early care (new) - GFW has mobile food shelf through SMIF grant - Taylor Family Farm Donation

6. PAT NIENABER, SHERIFF

1. Requesting approval to order three Dodge Durango squads from Dodge of Burnsville per state contract.

Denley Kompelien, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented the Board for approval to purchase 3 new Dodge Durango squad cars. The old vehicles (likely a truck and 2 other vehicles) will go to auction.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

SECONDER: Commissioner Peter Koch

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

2. Information Only-Advertise for a Part-Time intermittent Sheriff Deputy

Pat Nienaber, County Sheriff, presented information to the Board informing them of the advertisement for a seasonal/temporary Deputy position in the Sheriff's Office. A current candidate is already trained in so will require minimal training and equipment.

7. JODI COLEMAN, HR DIRECTOR

1. Administrator Position

Jodi Coleman, HR Director, presented the Board to choose how to advertise the County Administrator position. We received quotes from two Executive Search Programs. David Drown Associates Company (DDA) quoted a price of \$24,000. South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC) quoted \$14,500 to assist in recruiting a County Administrator. Commissioner Saxton feels we have good internal candidates. Commissioner Lilienthal agrees. Commissioners would like to post the position internally first, prior to hiring a recruiting company.

Motion is to open internal posting for a period of one week. If there are more than two internal candidates, a hiring committee will narrow the candidates down to two.

A special meeting will be held on September 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM to conduct interviews.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Peter Koch

SECONDER: Commissioner Keith Hennen

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

8. KLEA RETTMANN, PHHS DIRECTOR

1. New Position CADI Social Worker

Klea Rettmann, PHHS Manager, presented the Board to request permission to hire a new CADI Social Worker. The cost of this position is included in the budget.

Kris Swenson is the Social Services Supervisor and currently oversees 18 staff, including one full-time CADI worker and two part-time CADI workers. Effective September 4th, there will be

a full-time CADI worker position open. Due to the high acuity cases, case loads are growing indicating the need for the position.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

SECONDER: Commissioner Lyle Grochow

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

9. TIM BECKER, COUNTY ENGINEER

1. Contract 2024-03 Final Payment

2024-03 Bridge CSAH 23 in Kelso township - would like to make final payment

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Peter Koch

SECONDER: Commissioner Keith Hennen

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

2. COUNTY SUPPORT FOR THE FUTURE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 19, STATE HIGHWAY 5, AND CSAH 21 IN THE CITY OF GAYLORD IN THE PURSUIT OF FUNDING FROM MHFP FOR FREIGHT IMPROVEMENTS ALONG TH 19 FROM THE CITY OF GAYLORD TO THE CITY OF HENDERSON IN SIBLEY COUNTY

MNDOT Section 7 applying for grant dollars for 2029 - would like to build round-about on St Hwy 19/St Hwy 5 and CSAH 21 to be created 2029-2030.

Motion made based on removal of round-about language in Resolution.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

SECONDER: Commissioner Lyle Grochow

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

3. Sign Truck Replacement Unit - Crane Purchase

Public Works would like to replace the current sign truck which is a 2002 with 100,000 miles and a cracked frame.

Need to manufacture truck body, order crane and truck.

Current crane is 14 ton, proposed new crane is 12 ton - includes more safety features

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Steve Saxton

SECONDER: Commissioner Keith Hennen

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

4. Sign Truck Replacement - Truck Body Purchase

Made of aluminum, cat walk goes up and down which is safer.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Keith Hennen

SECONDER: Commissioner Steve Saxton

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

5. Shop Door Replacement Winthrop and Gibbon

Winthrop and Gibbon shop overhead doors are deteriorating/rusting. Public Works would like to use Excel Overhead Door out of Willmar to replace all 6 doors.

No action was taken on this item. Public Works will look into replacing bottom panels of doors prior to purchasing new doors.

6. Approve moving ahead with MnDOT County Road Safety Plan (CRSP) study for 2025-2027.

MnDOT will provide funds for majority of project (80%). Consultant will go around and look at road conditions, accident areas - will provide study for road safety. SC uses study to make improvement plans moving forward and to help get funding for said projects.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Peter Koch

SECONDER: Commissioner Keith Hennen

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

10. MARILEE PETERSON, AUDITOR/TREASURER

1. Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) designated spending

Additional funds are sitting unused. Marilee Peterson, Auditor-Treasurer, recommends that funds be designated for Squad 152 in Sheriff's Office.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Peter Koch

SECONDER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

11. COUNTY BUSINESS

1. Approve Hazardous Waste Agreement with Scott County

Allows Sibley County to use Scott County Hazardous Waste.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Peter Koch

SECONDER: Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

AYES: Peter Koch, Christian Lilienthal, Keith Hennen, Steve Saxton, Lyle Grochow

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Commissioner Koch
2. Commissioner Hennen
3. Commissioner Grochow
4. Commissioner Saxton
5. Commissioner Lilienthal

13. CLEARING OF CALENDARS

August 26, 2025 - Board of Commissioners Workshop following regular meeting of the Board - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

August 26, 2025 - JD 15 (NS) at 1:30 PM in Nicollet County (Grochow, Saxton)

September 01, 2025 - Courthouse and Service Center Closed Holiday Observance

September 09, 2025 - Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

September 09, 2025 - Board of Commissioners Workshop following regular meeting of the Board - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

September 23, 2025 - Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

October 14, 2025 - Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

14. ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

John Glisczinski, County Administrator

Joe Kreger, Board