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Looking back on the past year: 2024 in review

This year was a momentous one to report on. From public opinion in the U.S. to views around the globe, 2024 was chock full of shifts creating some notable highs and lows. Spanning U.S. politics and economics, global conflict, the workplace, wellbeing, and more.

October:
Singer/songwriter Stephen Stanley makes music with immediate emotional impact, revealing a depth of talent that comes from years of devotion to his craft. Hosted by the Win-E-Mac community Youth Ministry, Stephen Stanley performed at the Win-E-Mac Arts & event Center on Wednesday, October 16.

Fifteen area artists and designers were featured in the Artist Studio Crawl on Saturday, October 5. In McIntosh, Kathrine Howard demonstrated in her shop, Howard Soap Company. Designer Andrea Stordahl highlighted her portfolio of residential and commercial projects at Minnesota Rust. Artist Nate Illies showed his art at the Ginger Junker.

On Wednesday, October 9, the Win-E-Mac Chapter of the Minnesota Honor Society held their annual Induction Ceremony in the Arts and Events Center. Eight new members were accepted to join with the four current members to make up Win-E-Mac's chapter. The new members include: Lauren Kaupang, Karlie Schow, Paige

Breitbart, Josie Johnson, Joy Neubert, Josie Fortman, Abby Sauer, and Bergen Howard.

A film debut came to the Fosston Theater on Saturday, October 19th at 4:00 pm. Mr. Yanagi's Aliens, a film made by 2 young filmmakers Alex Buysee and Aamuro Kanda who are recent graduates of the University of Southern California's film program, where they met. They're both Colorado natives with family ties to Minnesota (including McIntosh). The duo met about 5 years ago and have been roommates for the last 3 years; Alex is a full-time film editor whereas Aamuro has been focusing on cinematography and directing. Many McIntosh residents are featured in the movie including, Roxanne Stordahl, Donna Larson, Wanda Kiefert Stordahl, Shirley Carver, Nathan Nelson, Ronald Roed, Bob Bursheim, Andrea Stordahl, Phil Lee, Bruce Haaven, Tom Hegg, Mic Evenson, Jim Lee, Dave Faldet, Virgil Lerfield, and Steve Carlson.

Connie Strom, a #1 Patriot fan, was at the Win-E-Mac school to share her love of books and quilting. She visited grades Pre-school through 3rd grades reading the book The Little Ghost Who Was A Quilt. She had her little ghost along with her, which the kids loved! The kids enjoyed the picture book about a little ghost who was a quilt instead of a sheet. Connie made the cuddly quilt

ghost to go along with the story as well

The Win-E-Mac juniors went to the Northern Valley Career Expo at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks on Wednesday, October 23. Students had the opportunity to explore high-wage and in-demand careers from over 60 area employers while taking part in exciting interactive exhibits.

The Win-E-Mac Halloween Party was held on Sunday, October 27 in the school gymnasium. This annual event was hosted by the Win-E-Mac Junior High Student Council and is a fun-filled time for kids up to 6th grade.

November:
On Friday, November 1, Mr. Langemo took a group of juniors and seniors to MSUM (Minnesota State University Moorhead) for an event called Be-A-Teacher. Students got to sit in on a class at MSUM with education majors, they got a tour of the MSUM campus, ate lunch on campus, and had a question & answer sessions with education students and professors. Students who attended the event with Mr. Langemo were Paige Breitbart, Livaeh Kiecker, Joy Neubert, Shelby Mandt, Lauren Kaupang, Cameron Svalen, and Josie Johnson.

Veteran's and community members gathered in the Win-E-Mac high school gymnasium on Monday, November 11 for a special school program

planned to honor the Veterans and their service to the nation. The program included the Presentation of Colors by the Winger American Legion along with various students, the Win-E-Mac band and choir performed American classic musical selections. Guest speakers for the program included Dr. Blanchard Krogstad, Lieutenant Army Corps and Bruce Krogstad, Lieutenant Colonel, Retired Chaplain USAF. The Quilters of East Polk presented Veteran's Chester Smeby and Don Fox with quilts, made locally by the quilting group..

The Friends of McIntosh Veterans interviewed local Veteran Dick Parent as part of the program that was featured on Veteran's Day. The show was presented on GVT Channel 30 on Monday, November 11. This was the fourth year a program was made for those who were not able to attend one in person. The program is also available online at www.friendsofmcintoshveterans.com. The one-hour program honors the local men and women who have served our country, including interviewing one of them to hear about their experience in the military.

The first ever Women in Business Christmas party was held in McIntosh on Thursday, November 14 at Minnesota Rush. The event was hosted by Thrivent & Andrea Stordahl. The ladies who attended the party were Margie

Illies (Ginger Junker), Meghan Palubicki (The Red Poppy), Andrea Stordahl (Minnesota Rust), Lauria Bursheim (Neil's Quality Meats & More and The Hen House thrift Room), Katie Gowan (Thrivent), Karen Norland (Northern Prairie Aromatherapy), Megan Rock, Jackie Huschle (American State Bank), Katherine Howard (Howard Soap Company), Jamie Detterman (Borealis Home), and Karli Finney (Thrivent).

The 5th Annual Spears, Beers and Decoy show held on Saturday, November 23 at the Lean To Tavern and Peachy's Pub on Main Street in Bejou, Minnesota, with over 30 vendors spread between the two venues and hundreds of attendees who were able to view and purchase the best spear fishing products in Northwest Minnesota, with many of the products made by local and regional artists and craftsmen. The popular show, now brought to you by Icesaw.com, was renewed and updated.

The Win-E-Mac Junior High Players are excited to perform "Good Cop Bad Cop" by Ian McWethy and Jason Pizzarello on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24. The play was about a catastrophic street sign switcheroo has two rookie detectives (played by Krista Shimpa and Callie Herriman) grilling a motley crew of suspects and witnesses. Everyone from the high school

mascot (Mya Strom) to a guy who may be Super Mario (Lukas Gensburger) is pumped for information...and while these suspicious characters are combative, ridiculous, and downright incompetent, none of them seems guilty. With the clock ticking and their jobs on the line, can this good cop and bad cop collar a suspect before it's too late? Other student actors and crew members include Elizabeth and Emma Determan, Ana Kolden, Haylee Beckett, and Adylaide Hickman.

To start off the holiday season, the Win-E-Mac school became a Blue Ribbon School on Tuesday, November 26, starting with a school wide community presentation. Win-E-Mac Science teacher, Mr. Hubred, presented Grandma Sparky, the founder of the "Who I Am Makes a Difference" movement, and special guest, via the internet. Grandma Sparky told her story about why she began the Blue-Ribbon movement. There are 19 Win-E-Mac 5th and 6th graders who are part of a team who planned this event, held many meetings and will serve as stewards of the movement throughout the school. If you are looking for a blue ribbon, you can look to them to have one for you. There are also five classrooms in the school that will have blue ribbons that you can

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Win-E-Mac Robotics recently competed in Bemidji. Team 5300D, made up of Hayden Johnson, Nathaniel Spry, Austin Langseth, and Carter Fortman, earned a trip to the State Tournament through their efforts in the Skills Field.

Income tax filing season has begun

The deadline to file and pay is Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Minnesota taxpayers begun filing their state income tax returns on Monday, January 27, 2025. This is the same date the Internal Revenue Service will begin accepting federal income tax returns. Taxpayers have until Tuesday, April 15, 2025, to file individual income tax returns and pay their state and federal income taxes.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue offers tips to income tax filers as they prepare to file their tax returns:

File electronically and choose direct deposit. Electronically filing your return and choosing direct deposit for your refund is the most secure and convenient way to file your taxes and get your refund. Last year, over 94 percent of Minnesota taxpayers filed their taxes electronically. Learn more about your electronic filing options and the benefits of choosing direct deposit.

See if you qualify for free filing and free tax preparation. If your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is \$84,000 or less, you may qualify to file electronically for free. Use the

links on our website to see if you qualify for free state and federal income tax filing.

You may also qualify for free tax preparation for your returns. Beginning in early February, more than 200 free tax preparation sites will be available across Minnesota through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax-Aide programs. Some sites offer in-person options while others offer virtual services. You can visit our website to find free tax preparation sites near you.

Save your receipts and other tax-related documents. If you claim certain deductions or credits, be sure to include all required documentation when filing and save copies in case you need to reference them in the future.

Check for accuracy. Enter your name, and any dependent's names, exactly as they appear on Social Security cards, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) cards or letters. Double-check bank routing and account numbers used on tax forms for

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The Clearwater Classics Snowmobile Show and Swap was held in McIntosh on Saturday, December 7th. The event took place in the former Wertish Oil Lots, now owned by Pam Aanenson. Each year the meet is an opportunity for classic snowmobile enthusiasts to gather for the free swap meet and to share their classic rides with others. There were riders from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Canada in attendance. The event is sponsored by the Fosston Lengby Knight Riders.

Help save MN waters, your pets and your wallet from too much salt this winter

As winter arrives in Minnesota, so does the chore of clearing pavement – sometimes with salt. But before you reach for that bag and begin to scatter, consider using other tools to the get the job done that are less toxic to our waterways and our beloved pets, and will save you money.

We scatter approximately 404,000 tons of chloride-containing salt on our paved surfaces across Minnesota each year. Not only does salt damage our infrastructure and plants, but it is harmful to our waters. When the snow melts or it rains, salt runs into storm drains and into nearby lakes, rivers, and groundwater. Salt is commonly over-applied, sending too much chloride into our waterways and wreaking havoc for fish and other wildlife. In fact, some waterways have so much chloride, they have been added to the state's impaired waters list.

It only takes one teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute five gallons of water. That's right: once the chloride is in our water, it's there for good, and continues to build up year after year.

Chloride from de-icing salt is one of the largest contributors to a growing salty water problem in Minnesota and continues to accumulate over time with no practical mechanism for removal in the environment.

Using less salt can also help protect our pets. Pets may consume deicing materials by eating them directly, licking their paws, or by drinking snowmelt and runoff, which can be toxic to them. Exposure to deicing salt can cause pets to experience painful irritation, inflammation, and cracking of their feet pads. Unfortunately, there are no standards for deicer packaging, so any companies could label their salt "pet friendly" without having to prove that it is. It is best to keep deicers away from pets.

Though no environmentally safe alternatives to de-icing salt are yet available, smart salting strategies that don't compromise on safety can help reduce chloride pollution in Minnesota waters, keep our pets safe and save us money:

Shovel and scrape. The more snow and ice you remove



manually, the less salt is needed to be effective. Plus, these tools can be used repeatedly year after year. Make sure to take breaks and don't overexert yourself.

Know what you're purchasing. There are no labeling requirements for deicer packaging. Beware of labeling claims such as 'environmentally or pet friendly' as no testing of deicers has been done to prove they are safe or will work in all conditions. It is the buyer's responsibility to fully research products and make decisions accordingly, so don't waste your money on something that won't work.

15°F and below is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand instead for traction but remember that sand does not melt ice.

Use the right amount. That crunch from sidewalk salt under your feet does not signify safety. People often think using more salt means more melting and safer conditions, but this is not true. Around 12 ounces — roughly a coffee mug full — effectively treats a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk

squares (about 1,000 square feet). Aim to apply salt evenly and use only in critical areas. Using more than the recommended is simply a waste, costing you money.

Sweep up visible salt on dry surfaces. Leftover salt is no longer doing any work and will just be washed away into local waters. You can keep it to reuse later, saving you money. Next time, try cutting back on the amount you use. When the correct of salt amount is used, there should not be any visible salt left behind.

Wear proper footwear. Wear shoes or boots with good traction and pay attention to where you are walking, avoiding icy spots, if possible. Take it slow and give yourself extra time to get where you're going. There are many ways to provide safe winter conditions and minimize impacts to the environment. The MPCA offers Smart Salting trainings for winter maintenance professionals, property managers, and others on how to provide safe surfaces in winter and minimize harmful environmental impacts.

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take to present someone with. In the high school, there are Mrs. Strom's, Mr. Eckman's, and Mr. Hubred's rooms. For the elementary school, there are Mrs. Frisk's room and Mrs. Cook's rooms. When honored with the blue ribbon, the person giving it to you will tell you all your positives and things they find great about you.

December: Who took Sasquatch down? On Sunday, December 1st, sometime after 5:00 pm someone deliberately took Sasquatch down. For several years Hill River has been home to Sasquatch by Hill River Dam. Popular in the township, he has been decorated in flannel, Vikings gear and a variety of hats, long with empty beverage boxes over the years. He was always watching over Hill River Dam and a fun, long time addition that Hill River residents count on.

After his semi-retirement, Dave Stordahl said he was looking for something to do on rainy days. Those are days he couldn't play golf. So, he chose to write a book about something that he knew, so became his new book 401k Basics, released in December 2024. Dave was the owner and operator of Stordahl Tax, Inc. where he specialized in individual and business taxes, accounting and payroll. He also represented a major investment firm and sold mutual funds, variable annuities, and small-business retirement plans. The book's goal is to educate people, mainly the younger generation, in an easy to read, conversational text. The book, although geared toward the younger crowd, is a valuable resource to anyone looking toward their retirement future. Going into this upcoming tax season, Dave, a seasoned accountant, will have prepared taxes for the past 44 years.

The Christmas season in McIntosh kicked off on Saturday, December 7th with a full afternoon of events downtown. The Shoppes of McIntosh

hosted an old-fashioned, small town Christmas Celebration including shopping, food, tree lighting, Santa, sledding, hay rides, music, hot cocoa, bonfires, s'mores, a cardboard sled competition, winter light pole decorating contest, mini-session photo shoots, and ending with a Christmas Parade.

The Winger Lions hosted their annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14 at the Winger Community Center. There was a pancake breakfast and then not only did the Winger Lion arrived but so did Santa Claus with his helpful elf. Along with breakfast, there was a silent auction for the Winger Playground Project.

Louie's Mercantile helped brighten the lives of families in need this past Christmas season. Shoppers could stop and pick an angel from the tree, pick a gift, wrap and return to Louie's. Santa made a stop at the Mercantile as well to help spread the holiday joy.

Win-E-Mac School Board members Sarah Strom and Jim Ferden have officially stepped down from serving on the Board. Both didn't seek re-election this past Fall. Sarah has served on the Board for the past eight years along with being the Board Clerk for several years. Jim has served on the Board for the past 16 years, 15 of which were spent as the Board Chairman. During this time, he also served on the Region 1 Information Management Services Joint Powers Board for 13 years in the positions of Treasurer and Vice-Chairman. Congratulations to both on your years of service. Board member Tyler Brekken received a Directors Award Certificate from the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) for attending 100 hours of training sessions and meetings over the past four years of serving on the Board. Tyler was re-elected to the Board in the past Fall's election.

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direct deposit. Incorrect information on tax forms can result in refund delays.

File your return by the April 15 due date, even if you owe more than you can pay. Pay as much as you can by the due date. You can include your banking information on your electronically filed return to make the payment or pay electronically with our e-Services Payment System. You can specify when the payment will be taken from your checking or savings account in advance or on the due date. If you do not pay the full amount, we will send you a bill for the remaining balance with options to pay.

After you file: **Track Your Refund.** You can track where your refund is in the process by using our Where's My Refund? You will be able to track which of the four stages your refund is in and whether you need to take any action to allow us to complete the processing of your refund.

Respond to correspondence if requested. The department may mail you a letter asking you to confirm your identity or provide documentation for various tax benefits you may have taken. Respond to these requests as soon as you can so we can use the information to complete our review

and process your return.

Contact Minnesota Department of Revenue if you move after filing your return. That way, anything sent to you will reach you, such as refund checks or requests for more information. You should do this even when requesting a direct deposit. Call us at 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 (toll-free) to change your address.



Wed. Jan. 29: Roman Shultz, Rachell Finseth, *Wes & Debbie Kaupang
Thurs. Jan. 30: Vicki Antonio
Sat. Feb. 1: Scott Grove, Todd Tranby, Dakota Hedlund
Sun. Feb. 2: Walker Vettleson
Mon. Feb. 3: Felicity Andress, Jazmine Burthwick, Katelyn (Johnson) Probst
Tues. Feb. 4: Paul Schow



Groundhog Day across the country

Groundhog Day originated in German-speaking areas of Europe.

When German immigrants migrated to the United States, they brought their traditions with them, particularly those who gravitated to areas of Pennsylvania.

It once was tradition in Germany to mark Candlemas Day, which occurred on February 2nd, as "Badger Day." If the badger emerged from its den and found a sunny day and cast a shadow, there would be four more weeks of winter. If there was no shadow to be seen, then an early spring could be predicted.

The Pennsylvania Dutch immigrants maintained the same traditions, except for the duration of winter - it would either be prolonged for six weeks instead of four or be shortened by six weeks. For these Pennsylvania communities, the groundhog, rather than a badger, was more common and therefore took on the role of the prognosticating animal.

Considering that Pennsylvania was the early centralized spot for celebrating Groundhog Day, it should come as no surprise that it is still ground zero for these types of celebrations. Gobblers Knob in Pennsylvania is where thousands gather to see Punxsutawney Phil come out of his den each year.

Yet this annual tradition is not exclusive to the Keystone state..

There are various regions where Groundhog Day also is

popular - and some do not even feature a groundhog.

Staten Island Chuck: Staten Island Chuck is touted as the most accurate groundhog for prognostication. Staten Island Chuck resides at the Staten Island Zoo on this island borough of New York City.

Sand Mountain Sam: People in Alabama celebrate Groundhog Day by referring to Sand Mountain Sam, who just happens to be an opossum.

Jimmy the Groundhog: Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, has been calling itself "The Groundhog Capital of the World" since 1948, when it was a way to commemorate Wisconsin's centennial year. Now it uses the title to celebrate Groundhog Day, when Jimmy makes his predictions.

Owlvivia and Owliver: Floridians in Cape Coral turn

to a set of owls, known as Owlivia and Owliver, to find out if there will be six more weeks of winter. These are burrowing owls, so they are no strangers to underground dens.

General Beauregard Lee: The General resides in Jackson, Georgia, and is so skilled at weather prognostication that he holds honorary degrees from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University.

Big Al: Everything is bigger in Texas, and Groundhog Day is no exception. Instead of a groundhog, Big Al the alligator offers his forecast in southeast Texas each year.

Punxsutawney Phil may get the majority of the glory, but there are plenty more hard-working animals predicting the weather each Groundhog Day.

Do sleep needs change as adults grow older?

Adults know much about their health changes as they grow older, but health experts note that sleep requirements generally remain the same throughout adulthood. According to the National Institute on Aging, older adults need roughly the same amount of sleep as all adults.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that the recommended amount of sleep for adults is at least seven hours each day, and various organizations recommend adults get between seven and nine hours of sleep per night.

Those recommendations

can promote optimal health into one's golden years, but that advice is not being heeded by a significant portion of the adult population.

The CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) tracked the sleeping habits of men and women between 2013 and 2022 and ultimately found that 37.5 percent of men and 36 percent of women were not getting enough sleep during that time period.

The percentage of individuals not getting enough sleep was particularly high among adults between the ages of 39 and 64, among whom nearly



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Sun. Feb. 2: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Wed. Feb. 5: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. Feb. 9: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Wed. Feb. 12: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

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Synodical Authorized
Rachel Roggenbuck,
SAM

Sun. Feb. 2: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. Feb. 9: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, McIntosh will run church services on Channel 30 on Garden Valley Channel 30. They will also be available on YouTube on channel One in Spirit - The Journey. Our Saviors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sunday until further notice.

MCINTOSH FREE LUTHERAN AFCLC
McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Pastor:
Jerry Moan

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am; 10:45am Sunday School

Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) 9:45am Sunday School; Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Wednesdays: 6:30pm Confirmation; 7:15pm Free Lutheran Youth meets at Pastor Moan's home

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Face Book: Gosen Church

Sun, Feb. 2: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, Feb. 4: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, Feb. 5: 6:30pm Bible Study at Connie Parr's

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Sun. Feb. 2: 9:00am Worship
Sun. Feb. 9: 9:00am Worship

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Winger, MN

Sundays: 9:00am Adult and Children's Sunday School; 10:00am Worship Service
Wednesdays: 7:00pm Bible Study

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winger

Sundays: 10:30am Coffee Fellowship; 11:00am Worship

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH- NALC
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POLK COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2025
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., January 7, 2025. Members present: Commissioner Paul Reese, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Mark Holy, Commissioner Joan Lee, and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Samuel Melbye, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR COMMISSIONERS-ELECT REESE, WILLHITE, AND HOLY BY JUDGE REMICK

The Administration of Oath of Office for Commissioners-Elect Reese, Willhite, and Holy was given by Judge Remick.

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Willhite, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order and proceeded to call for nominations for the Office of Chairman of the Polk County Board of Commissioners for 2025.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chair called for nominations for the Office of Chair of the Polk County Board of Commissioners for 2025. Commissioner Holy nominated Commissioner Lee as Chair of the Polk County Board, Commissioner Strandell nominated Commissioner Holy as Chair of the Polk County Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell to nominate Commissioner Holy as Chair of the Polk County Board, seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by 3 – 2 vote of the Board (YEA: Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Lee. NAYS: Commissioner Holy and Commissioner Reese). A motion was made by Commissioner Holy to nominate Commissioner Lee as Chair of the Polk County Board, seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by 4-1 vote (YEAS: Commissioner Holy, NAYS: Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Strandell, and Commissioner Reese). Commissioner Holy assumed the Chair.

The Chair of the Board asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair of the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell to nominate Commissioner Lee as Vice-Chair of the Polk County Board, seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board. Commissioner Lee assumed the Vice-Chair.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the January 7, 2025, agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the January 7, 2025, consent items:

1. Approve December 17, 2024, Board minutes.
2. Approve Auditor Warrants.
3. Approve Resolution (2025-03) Accepting Financial Donations on Behalf of the Sheriff's Office.

RESOLUTION (2025-03)

Accepting Financial Donations on Behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office

The following resolution (2025-03) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, Mary Filipski made a \$100.00 donation to the Polk County Sheriff's Office to support the K-9 program; and

WHEREAS, The Polk County Sheriff's Office wishes to have the County Board formally accept the donation on behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office for the K-9 program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The donation from Mary Filipski, which is listed above, is hereby accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and will be used for the K-9 program.

Commissioner Reese seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Lee. NAYS: None.

4. Approve for payment Lost Warrant No. 586373 dated December 20, 2024, issued to Brad Driscoll in the amount of \$254.98.

5. Approve payment to Bergstrom Electric, Grand Forks, ND, in the amount of \$107.22 for Juvenile Center Electrical Work for the Facilities Department.

6. Approve payment to Bergstrom Electric, Grand Forks, ND, in the amount of \$213.70 for Justice Center Electrical Work for the Facilities Department.

7. Approve payment to Bergstrom Electric, Grand Forks, ND, in the amount of \$1,887.00 for Justice Center LED Lamps for the Facilities Department.

8. Approve payment to Bergstrom Electric, Grand Forks, ND, in the amount of \$26,788.00 for Justice Center Fixtures and LED Lamps for the Facilities Department.

9. Approve payment to Chris Cournia, Crookston, MN, in the amount of \$250.00 for Telehandler Rental for the Facilities Department.

10. Approve payment to Forklifts of Minnesota, Inc., Bloomington, MN, in the amount of \$250.47 for Scissor Lift Annual Inspection for the Facilities

Department.

11. Approve payment to Forklifts of Minnesota, Inc., Bloomington, MN, in the amount of \$196.65 for Vertical Lift Annual Inspection for the Facilities Department.

12. Approve payment to McIntosh Auto & Farm Repair, McIntosh, MN, in the amount of \$191.20 for Traverse Oil Change for the Facilities Department.

13. Approve payment to NAPA Auto Parts, Crookston, MN, in the amount of \$1,690.33 for Air Handlers in the Polk County Jail for the Facilities Department.

14. Approve payment to Northern Plumbing Supply, Grand Forks, ND, in the amount of \$1,340.99 for Polk County Jail Plumbing Supplies for the Facilities Department.

15. Approve payment to Northern Plumbing Supply, Grand Forks, ND, in the amount of \$524.00 for Justice Center Plumbing Supplies for the Facilities Department.

16. Approve payment to Northern Plumbing Supply, Grand Forks, ND, in the amount of \$1,218.00 for Polk County Jail Plumbing Supplies for the Facilities Department.

17. Approve payment to Northwest Iron Fireman, Inc., Fargo, ND, in the amount of \$3,154.40 for RRVJC Heating Services for the Facilities Department.

18. Approve payment to Northwest Iron Fireman, Inc., Fargo, ND, in the amount of \$1,280.40 for NWRCC Heating Services for the Facilities Department.

19. Approve payment to Proulx Refrigeration Heating & Appliance, Inc., Crookston, MN, in the amount of \$4,527.66 for Justice Center Materials/Labor for the Facilities Department.

20. Approve payment to PSM, Bemidji, MN, in the amount of \$6,500.00 for Polk County Jail Insulation for the Facilities Department.

21. Approve payment to PSM, Bemidji, MN, in the amount of \$5,847.14 for Polk County Jail Damper for the Facilities Department.

22. Approve payment to Pye Barker Fire & Safety, St. Paul, MN, in the amount of \$1,902.00 for Justice Center Novec System Inspection for the Facilities Department.

23. Approve payment to Scan Air Filter, Inc., Lonsdale, MN, in the amount of \$906.84 for RRVJC Air Filters for the Facilities Department.

24. Approve payment to Valley Electric of Crookston, LLC, Fisher, MN, in the amount of \$926.00 for Justice Center Heater Installation for the Facilities Department.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER
ISSUE FORUM

1. Approve Resolution (2025-04) Designating Delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties & Payment of Dues.

RESOLUTION (2025-04)

Designating Delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties & Payment of Dues

The following resolution (2025-04) was offered by Commissioner Reese:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Minnesota, has availed itself of the authority granted under Section 375.163, M.S.A., and will pay the dues of said County to the State and National Association of County Commissioners for the year 2025, and it is the intention of said Board of County Commissioners to designate individuals to attend meetings of said Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Minnesota, does hereby designate all of its members as delegates from said County to serve on various committees of that Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon presentation of a properly verified claim, the finance department be and hereby is authorized to reimburse each of said person for their actual and necessary expenses in attending such meetings, and to pay the annual dues of the County for membership in the Association of Minnesota Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following named individuals are Polk County's official delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties: Commissioner Reese; Commissioner Strandell; Commissioner Willhite; Commissioner Holy; Commissioner Lee; Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator; Samuel Melbye, County Director of Property Records; and Richard Sanders, County Highway/Ditch Engineer.

Commissioner Strandell seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Lee. NAYS: None.

2. Commissioner Reese brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

- a. No meetings.

3. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

- a. West Central Rural Water District meeting. (Draft of MOU on file in the Administrator's Office)

4. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

- a. Negotiation meeting with Local 49ers Solid Waste Management Union.

5. Commissioner Holy brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

- a. Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed One Watershed One Plan meeting.

- b. Red Lake River Watershed One Watershed One Plan meeting.

- c. Received phone calls from concerned residents regarding properties not being able to be sold due to zoning issues (flood plain) and

cost/requirements that go along with this issue.

6. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended the following meetings:

- a. Negotiation meeting with Local 49ers Solid Waste Management Union.

- b. Discussed the East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District newsletter.

PUBLIC HEARING

Annalee Jones, Deputy Director of Property Records, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Public Hearing:

1. Housing Incentive Program & Property Tax Abatements for the City of East Grand Forks

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the Housing Incentive Program & Property Tax Abatements for the City of East Grand Forks.

a. Opening of Public Hearing

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to open the Public Hearing at 8:33 a.m.

b. Close of Public Hearing

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to close the Public Hearing at 8:35 a.m.

c. Approve Resolution (2025-05) Proposed Tax Abatements for the City of East Grand Forks

RESOLUTION (2025-05)

Proposed Tax Abatements in the City of East Grand Forks

The following resolution (2025-05) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, The County of Polk has held a Public Hearing on the proposed abatements in the City of East Grand Forks pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1812 through and including 469.1815.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners has proposed to abate the County's share of property taxes on the following parcels for two years, unless otherwise noted:

City of East Grand Forks	
83.04059.00 - AUSTIN SKJEL	\$1,496.88
83.04408.00 - JARED & DANIELLE WOINAROWICZ	\$1,681.01
83.04409.00 - MATT & CIERRA HANGSLEBEN	\$1,589.18
83.04080.00 - MICHAEL & LAURA LUKKASON	\$1,512.51
Total for City of East Grand Forks	\$6,279.58

Commissioner Reese seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Lee. NAYS: None.

SHERIFF

James Tadman, Polk County Sheriff, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Monthly Sheriff's Reports

The December 2024 Monthly Sheriff Reports were discussed and presented to the Board. (Reports on file in the Administrator's Office)

2. Post and Hire for Open Deputy Position

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve posting and hiring for the open Deputy position.

3. Post and Hire for Open Telecommunicator Position

A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve posting and hiring for the open Telecommunicator position.

4. Discussion of 2024 Public Safety Funds

More information will be gathered before discussion of 2024 Public Safety Funds will take place. No action taken on this item at the request of Sheriff Tadman.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Alecia Helms, Human Resources Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement – Local 49ers Solid Waste Management

Negotiations have concluded with the Local 49ers Solid Waste Management group, and they have voted to approve the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Willhite seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Local 49ers Solid Waste Management Collective Bargaining Agreement.

HIGHWAY

Richard Sanders, Polk County Engineer, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Resolutions Supporting Federal Transportation Alternative Funds Grant Application

a. Resolution (2025-06) Polk County to Act as Sponsoring Agency for the Maple Lake/Mentor Multi-Use Trail Project Seeking Federal Transportation Alternative Funds

RESOLUTION (2025-06)

Polk County to Act as Sponsoring Agency for the Maple Lake/Mentor Multi-Use Trail Project Seeking Federal Transportation Alternative Funds

The following resolution (2025-06) was offered by Commissioner Reese:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Polk County agrees to act as sponsoring agency for the project identified as Maple Lake/Mentor Multi-use Trail Seeking Federal Transportation Alternative Funds and has reviewed

and approved the project as proposed. Sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Richard C. Sanders, PE, is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this sponsoring agency.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Lee. NAYS: None.

b. Resolution (2025-07) Polk County to Operate and Maintain Property and Facilities Related to the Federal Transportation Alternative Funds Project

RESOLUTION (2025-07)

Polk County to Operate and Maintain Property and Facilities Related to the Federal Transportation Alternative Funds Project

The following resolution (2025-07) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of right-of-way or property ownership acquired without prior approval from the FHWA; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Alternatives projects receive federal funding; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has determined that for projects implemented with alternative funds, this requirement should be applied to the project proposer; and

WHEREAS, Polk County is the sponsoring agency for the transportation alternatives project identified as Maple Lake/Mentor Multi-se Trail.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the sponsoring agency hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned transportation alternatives project.

Commissioner Willhite seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Lee. NAYS: None.

2. Resolution (2025-08) City of Fosston, MN, Federal Transportation Alternative Funds Program Grant Application Sponsor

RESOLUTION (2025-08)

City of Fosston, MN, Federal Transportation Alternative Funds Program Grant Application Sponsor

The following resolution (2025-08) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Polk County agrees to act as sponsoring agency for the project identified as FIT Trail seeking Federal Transportation Alternative Funds Program and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed. Sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Richard C. Sanders, is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this sponsoring agency.

Commissioner Reese seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Lee. NAYS: None.

3. City of East Grand Forks Bridge Crossing Planning Grant

The City of East Grand Forks will be applying for a RAISE Planning Grant for the bridge crossings between MN and ND. The City of East Grand Forks is asking Polk County to submit a letter of support. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve signing the letter of support.

2025 PUBLICATION BIDS

Pursuant to published notice, bids were opened and publicly read at 9:15 a.m., for the Official Newspaper and the Delinquent Tax List:

Official Newspaper Bidder Bid Per Column Inch

Crookston Daily Times	\$6.50
Fertile Journal	\$5.00
McIntosh Times (Richards Publishing)	\$2.50

Delinquent Tax List Bidder Bid Per Column Inch

Crookston Daily Times	\$6.50
Fertile Journal	\$4.50
McIntosh Times (Richards Publishing)	\$2.50

1. Resolution (2025-01) Designating the Polk County Official Newspaper

RESOLUTION (2025-01)

Designating the Polk County Official Newspaper

The following resolution (2025-01) was offered by Commissioner Reese:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the

Board of County Commissioners of Polk County that the McIntosh Times be and the same is hereby designated by the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County as the Official Newspaper of Polk County for 2025, and as such, is the newspaper designated in which shall be published all notices and publications which the County is required to publish during the year of 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid of \$2.50 per column inch be accepted for the official publications of Polk County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the publication of notices and other publications shall be at the rates as established in the bids and as accepted by the Board.

Commissioner Willhite seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Lee. NAYS: None.

2. Resolution (2025-02) Designating Publication of the Delinquent Tax List Statement of Polk County

RESOLUTION (2025-02)

Designating Publication of the Delinquent Tax List Statement of Polk County

The following resolution (2025-02) was offered by Commissioner Reese:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County that the

Fertile Journal with a bid of \$4.50 per column inch be and the same is hereby accepted for the Publication of the Delinquent Tax List Statement of Polk County to be published in 2025.

Commissioner Strandell seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Willhite, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Lee. NAYS: None.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Karen Warmack, Social Services Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Social Worker-CPS Replacement Request

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve filling a Social Worker-CPS position, and to fill any internal subsequent position vacancies occurring because of this action.

2. Fill Office Support Specialist Position to a Case Aide Position

An Office Support Specialist resigned in the East Grand Forks office. Requesting to hire the position as a Case Aide position to provide leadership, training, and support in our East Grand Forks Office front reception area. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve filling the Case Aide position, and any internal subsequent position vacancies occurring because of this action.

3. Department of Human Services Respite Care Grant Contract Amendment Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Children's Mental Health Respite Care Grant contract in the amount of \$178,698.00, effective January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

4. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council Housing Services Contract Approval

AUDITOR WARRANTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board that the following Auditor Warrants were approved:

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/02/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Andover Township Treasurer	68,486.26
Angus Township Treasurer	19,927.57
Badger Township	22,234.11
Belgium Township Treasurer	23,225.06
Beltrami City Clerk- Treasurer	29,278.69
Brandsvold Township Treasurer	32,992.94
Brandt Township Treasurer	24,536.09
Bremer Bank Na	178,901.22
Bremer Bank Na	104,559.30
Brislet Township Treasurer	28,028.48
Bygland Township	25,614.41
Chester Township Treasurer	2,622.26
Climax City Treasurer	23,569.80
Columbia Township Treasurer	34,710.93
County Emergency Medical Serv.	103,072.03
Crookston Area Ambulance Inc	77,387.97
Crookston City	1,621,348.81
Crookston Township Treasurer	40,870.55
East Grand Forks City	2,878,430.92
Eden Township Treasurer	11,016.83
Erskine City Clerk- Treasurer	74,589.70
Esther Township Treasurer	27,341.67
Euclid Township Treasurer	46,580.72
Fairfax Township Treasurer	38,787.10
Fanny Township Treasurer	36,888.41
Farley Township Treasurer	30,479.97
Fertile City	98,539.66
First Care Medical Services	102,962.10
Fisher City	115,661.62
Fisher Township Treasurer	28,060.63
Fosston City	381,931.04
Garden Township Treasurer	44,143.86
Garfield Township Treasurer	55,050.56
Gentilly Township Treasurer	16,435.00
Godfrey Township Treasurer	53,328.89
Grand Forks Township Treasurer	14,781.27
Grove Park Tilden Township	39,113.60
Gully City	9,952.88
Gully Township Treasurer	7,787.41
Hammond Township Treasurer	27,148.70
Helgeland Township Treasurer	15,189.78
Higdem Township	58,992.90

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A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the contract with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council to provide housing services and housing stabilization services from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, not to exceed the amount of \$167,648.00.

ADMINISTRATION

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. 2025 Mileage, Meals, and Lodging Reimbursement Rates a. Adopt the IRS 2025 Mileage Reimbursement Rate of \$0.70 Per Mile

A motion was made by Commissioner Willhite seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve adopting the IRS 2025 mileage rate of \$0.70 per mile for county business travel with a personal vehicle.

b. Adopt 2025 Federal Meal Reimbursement Rates for Minnesota and Other States

Hill River Township Treasurer	23,377.16
Hubbard Township Treasurer	31,643.40
Huntsville Township Treasurer	68,814.41
Johnson Township	13,071.50
Kertsonville Township Treas	7,279.56
Keystone Township Treasurer	26,405.41
King Township Treasurer	19,540.60
Knute Township Treasurer	28,987.66
Lengby City	4,675.67
Lessor Township Treasurer	16,910.55
Liberty Township Treasurer	38,071.21
Lowell Township Treasurer	40,716.95
Maple Lake Imprvmnt District	24,544.60
Marshall Polk Rural Water Sys	23,396.18
Mcintosh City	103,483.17
Mentor City	16,750.35
Middle- Snake- Tamarac Rivers Wtrshd Di	303,801.84
Nesbit Township Treasurer	50,582.23
Nielsville City	16,646.29
Northland Township Treasurer	28,201.30
NW Regional Development Comm	43,248.62
NWMN HRA	108,023.18
Onstad Township Treasurer	12,759.12
Parnell Township Treasurer	23,197.86
Queen Township Treasurer	26,932.14
Red Lake Watershed District	687,452.71
Reis Township Treasurer	14,762.50
Rhinehart Township Treasurer	27,233.23
Roome Township Treasurer	24,804.91
Rosebud Township Treasurer	40,610.95
Russia Township Treasurer	27,465.80
Sand Hill River W S District	289,739.99
Sandsville Township Treasurer	38,860.50
Scandia Township Treasurer	16,324.93
School District 2176 Treas	162,078.45
School District 2311 Treas	8,781.05
School District 2609 Treas	90,262.08
School District 2906 Treas	12,606.99
School District 592 Treas	74,873.13
School District 593 Treas	332,125.61
School District 600 Treas	162,849.46
School District 601 Treas	192,140.69
School District 630 Treas	4,149.64
Sletten Township Treasurer	35,951.00
Sullivan Township Treasurer	38,914.05
Tabor Township Treasurer	29,974.93
Tynsid Township Treasurer	7,099.57
Union Lake Sarah Improvement Dist	5,422.95
Union Lake Sarah Improvement Dist	42,104.74
Vineland Township Treasurer	29,743.44
Wild Rice Watershed Dist Treas	12,111.54
Winger City Clerk Treasurer	36,317.88
Winger Township Treasurer	26,631.20
Woodside Township Treasurer	134,699.04
3 Payments less than 2000	1,293.33
Final Total:	10,383,008.95

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/03/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Abentroth Brothers Constructions	2,500.00
Gladen Construction Inc	4,581.28
Northdale Oil Inc	19,054.84
Polk County Highway Department	7,705.45
Trail County	236,569.11
10 Payments less than 2000	4,917.77
Final Total:	275,328.45

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/10/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Abdo Financial Solutions LLC	26,174.10
AMP Robotics Corporation	5,034.12
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp	7,393.85
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	6,894.12
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	3,266.42
Fertile Oil Company	17,208.60
Gordon Construction of Mahnomen Inc	24,470.15
GP Excavating LLC	19,520.00
Hoffman,Philipp, & Martell, PLLC	53,245.00
Knife River Materials	193,298.74
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc	59,770.34
Lepier Oil Company Inc	4,470.90
Liberty Business Systems Inc	6,610.75
Mn State Treasury	6,605.50
Northdale Oil Inc	4,293.99
Sandhill Snowcruisers	2,759.11
US Bank Voyager Fleet Sys	4,618.45
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	2,480.00
26 Payments less than 2000	14,286.54
Final Total:	462,400.68

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/17/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
AT&T Mobility	2,839.28
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	5,989.81
Bergan Travel Inc	2,358.61
Bertils Gravel & Excavation Llc	2,010.00
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	47,745.66
Fosston Municipal Utilities	2,624.65
Great Plains Natural Gas Co	10,816.69
Kronos SaaShr Inc	3,398.20
Marshall County Coop	2,783.85
Office of MN.IT Services	3,223.51
Ottertail Power Co	22,482.20
Polk County	6,899.92
Polk County	84,022.80
Regents Of The Univ Of Mn	41,524.95
Seaberg Solar Salt	2,121.10
Traill County	478,647.25
Verizon Wireless	3,683.27
33 Payments less than 2000	19,152.35
Final Total:	742,324.10

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/20/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
1 Payments less than 2000	15.00
Final Total:	15.00

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/24/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Altru Health System	2,653.00
Angus Township Treasurer	21,620.00
Crookston Water Department	4,453.44
Fosston Municipal Utilities	51,916.38
GF- Bergstrom Electric Inc	28,675.00
Higher Ground	22,860.00
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc	70,424.89
Mn County Attorneys Assoc	5,821.00
Norman County Public Health	9,086.60
One Stop Student Services	12,754.80
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc	10,000.00
Polk County Public Health	10,487.00
SHI International Corp	37,723.70
21 Payments less than 2000	10,243.08
Final Total:	298,718.89

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/24/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Dakota Natural Gas LLC	11,327.85
Final Total:	11,327.85

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/24/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Dakota Natural Gas	3,065.45
Final Total:	3,065.45

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/24/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Dakota Natural Gas	3,188.81
Final Total:	3,188.81

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/24/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Dakota Natural Gas LLC	12,263.64
Final Total:	12,263.64

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/24/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
PERA	100,261.70
Final Total:	100,261.70

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/27/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
1 Payments less than 2000	15.00
Final Total:	15.00

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/31/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	4,456.93
Cole Papers Inc	9,880.87
Mn State Treasury	6,491.00
Northern Plumbing Supply	3,082.99
Peterson Sheet Metal Inc	12,347.14
Polk County Highway Department	7,678.23
Proulx Refrigeration	4,527.66
Xcel Energy	2,496.19
15 Payments less than 2000	8,159.97
Final Total:	59,120.98

AUDITOR WARRANTS 12/31/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Northwest Iron Fireman Inc	5,444.82
2 Payments less than 2000	2,349.12
Final Total:	7,793.94

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/02/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Mn Dept Of Rev Tax Division	49,656.27
Final Total:	49,656.27

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/06/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Internal Revenue Service	201,012.23
Minnesota Revenue	34,931.51
Final Total:	235,943.74

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/16/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Internal Revenue Service	204,825.72
Minnesota Revenue	35,716.47
Final Total:	240,542.19

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/20/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	88,656.57
Final Total:	88,656.57

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/20/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	1,569.85
Final Total:	1,569.85

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/20/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Minnesota Revenue	4,386.00
Mn Dept Of Rev Tax Division	85,347.74
3 Payments less than 2000	1,405.14
Final Total:	91,138.88

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/20/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Mn Dept Of Revenue	5,994.00
Final Total:	5,994.00

MANUAL WARRANTS 12/20/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Internal Revenue Service	203,709.43
Minnesota Revenue	35,159.00
Final Total:	238,868.43

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 o'clock a.m., January 21, 2025.

Mark Holy, Chair

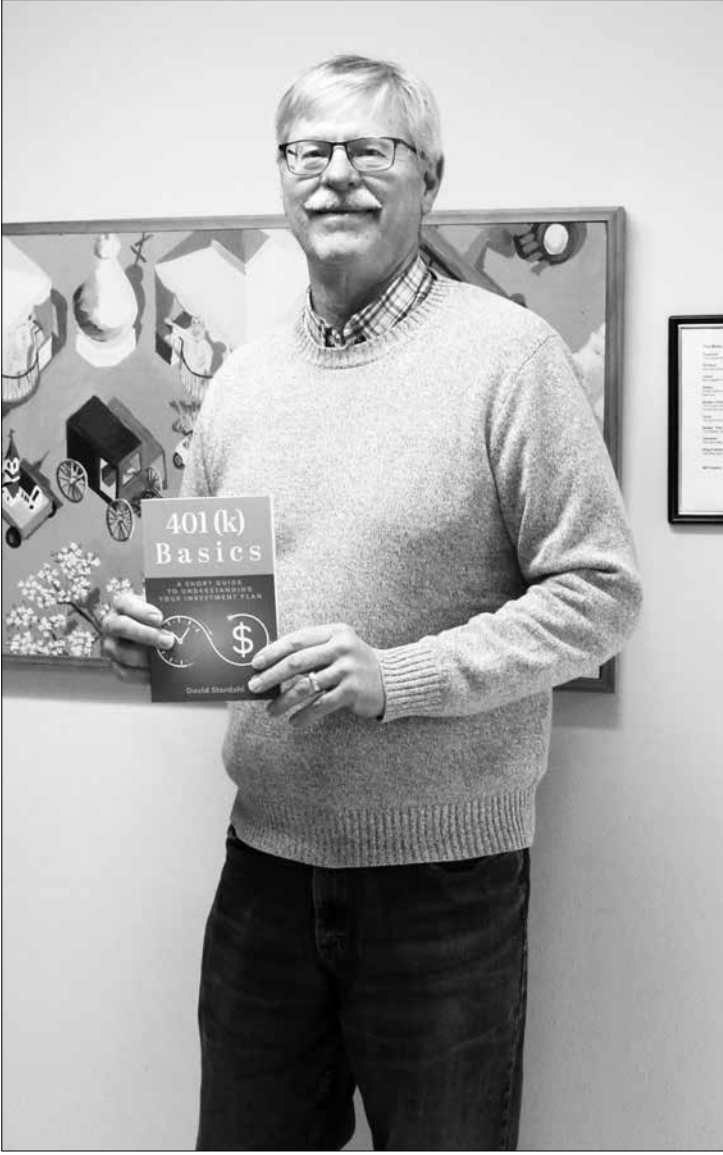
ATTEST:

Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator
Clerk of the Board

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October: The film debut of Mr. Yanagi's Aliens was shown at the Fosston Theater on Saturday, October 19th to a sold out theater. The film, made by 2 young filmmakers Alex Buysee and Aamuro Kanda, was about the two young filmmakers and one Japanese monster movie director looking for aliens around McIntosh, Minnesota, where much of the movie was filmed.



December: Dave Strodahl with his new book, 401k Basics, He will have a book launch and signing event at Minnesota Rust on Tuesday, December 10th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.



November: The Win-E-Mac Veteran's Day program held on Monday, November 11th for students and community members were honored to hear from 103 year old Dr. Blanchard Krogstad, Lieuenant Army Corps, World War II Veteran. He spoke of our blessings and freedoms in the United States. Along with him, his son, Bruce Krogstad, Lieutant Colonel Retired Chaplain USAF also spoke. They are pictured here with Gary Sontelie, a member of the Fengstad - Solie American Legion and a cousin to the Krogstads.