

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND
BUDGET COMMITTEE**
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Chair: Debbie Goettel, District 5
Vice Chair: Heather Edelson, District 6
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Kevin Anderson, District 7

1. Presentation

- 1.A. Metropolitan Mosquito Control District presentation by Daniel Huff, Executive Director and Alex Carlson, Public Affairs Manager

Attachments: [Hennepin County Annual Update 2026](#)

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- 2.A. January 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [AdminOpsBudget-COMMITTEEMINUTES-13-Jan-2026](#)

3. New Business

Routine Items

- 3.A. [**26-0035**](#)

Agmt PR00007893 with Senior Community Services for the provision of digital readiness training, 02/01/26-01/31/27, NTE \$30,000

- 3.B. [**26-0036**](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00004417 with Qwest Corporation for enterprise telecommunications services, ext end date to 02/28/27, incr NTE by \$265,440 for a new total NTE of \$5,564,440

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Board Action Request

TMP-26-0144

Item Description:

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District presentation by Daniel Huff, Executive Director and Alex Carlson, Public Affairs Manager



Making the outdoors better since 1958!

Hennepin County Annual Update

Presented by Alex Carlson, Public Affairs Manager

Thursday, February 5th, 2026

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District

- Established in state statutes in 1958
- Governed by a board of 18 elected County Commissioners
 - Commissioner Kevin Anderson (Exec. Committee)
 - Commissioner Angela Conley
 - Commissioner Heather Edelson
- 2,977 square mile service area
- Population 3,200,000+
- 88,000 wetland habitats
- 30,000 woodland habitats
- Funded by property taxes from residents.
 - Median home pays about \$11.00/year



Integrated Pest Management

SURVEILLANCE – Find larval and adult mosquito activity.

IDENTIFICATION – Determine species of collected mosquitoes.

CONTROL – Use effective, environmentally sensitive methods to control target species.

REVIEW – Ensure applications were effective with minimal impact to non-target species.

EDUCATION – Provide updates on mosquito activity and teach people to protect themselves.



Other MMCD Services

**Black Fly (Biting Gnat)
surveillance and control in
rivers and streams.**



**Tick population monitoring and
tick-borne disease education.**



**Website with interactive maps,
educational data, and weekly
reports.**



**Source reduction to remove
mosquito habitat like waste
tires.**

Big Stories from 2025

Record Year for West Nile

- 45 Human Cases (previous record = 28)
- 25,000 Mosquitoes Tested, 18.7% were positive
- Disease activity peaked earlier than normal.



Cattail Mosquitoes Return

- Highest number collected since 2020.
- Numbers peaked the week of July 8th.
- Extra treatments kept them below projection.



Spring Mosquitoes Absent

- 2023 set a record, 2024 was close behind, and 2025 had very few.
- Low precipitation in spring was likely the cause.



Insect Abundance



2025 Peak: Week of July 8th

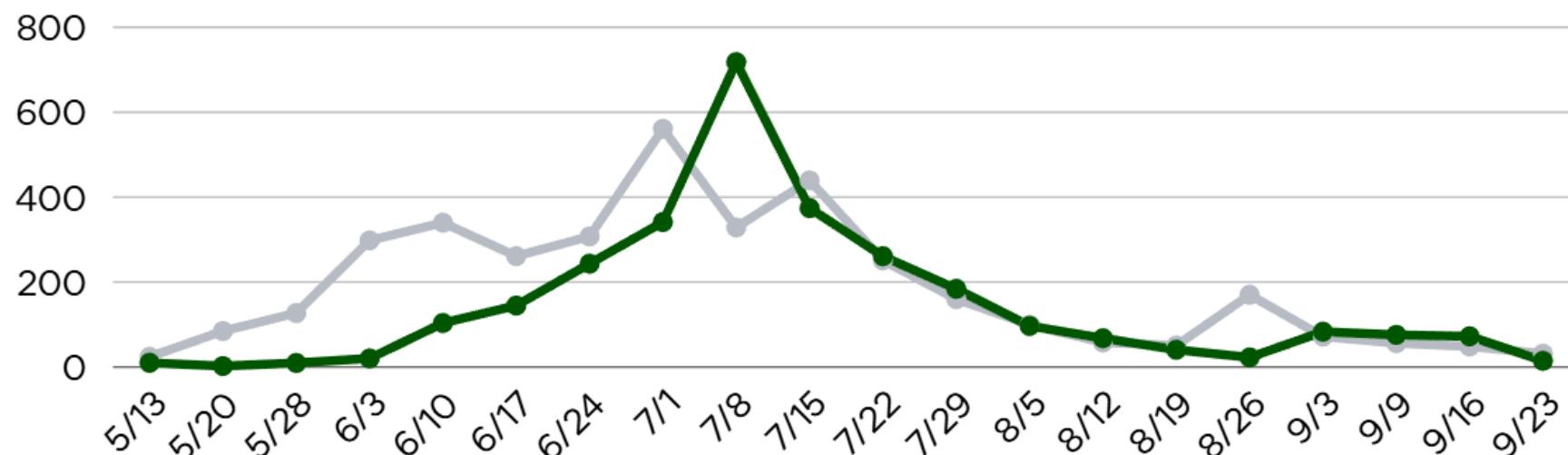
7 Weeks Were Above Average

13 Weeks Were Below Average

Most abundant species:
Coquillettidia perturbans
(cattail mosquito)
Aedes vexans (summer floodwater mosquito)

Weekly Average of Human-Biting Mosquitoes in CO₂ Traps

● 10-Year Average ● 2025



Larval Control

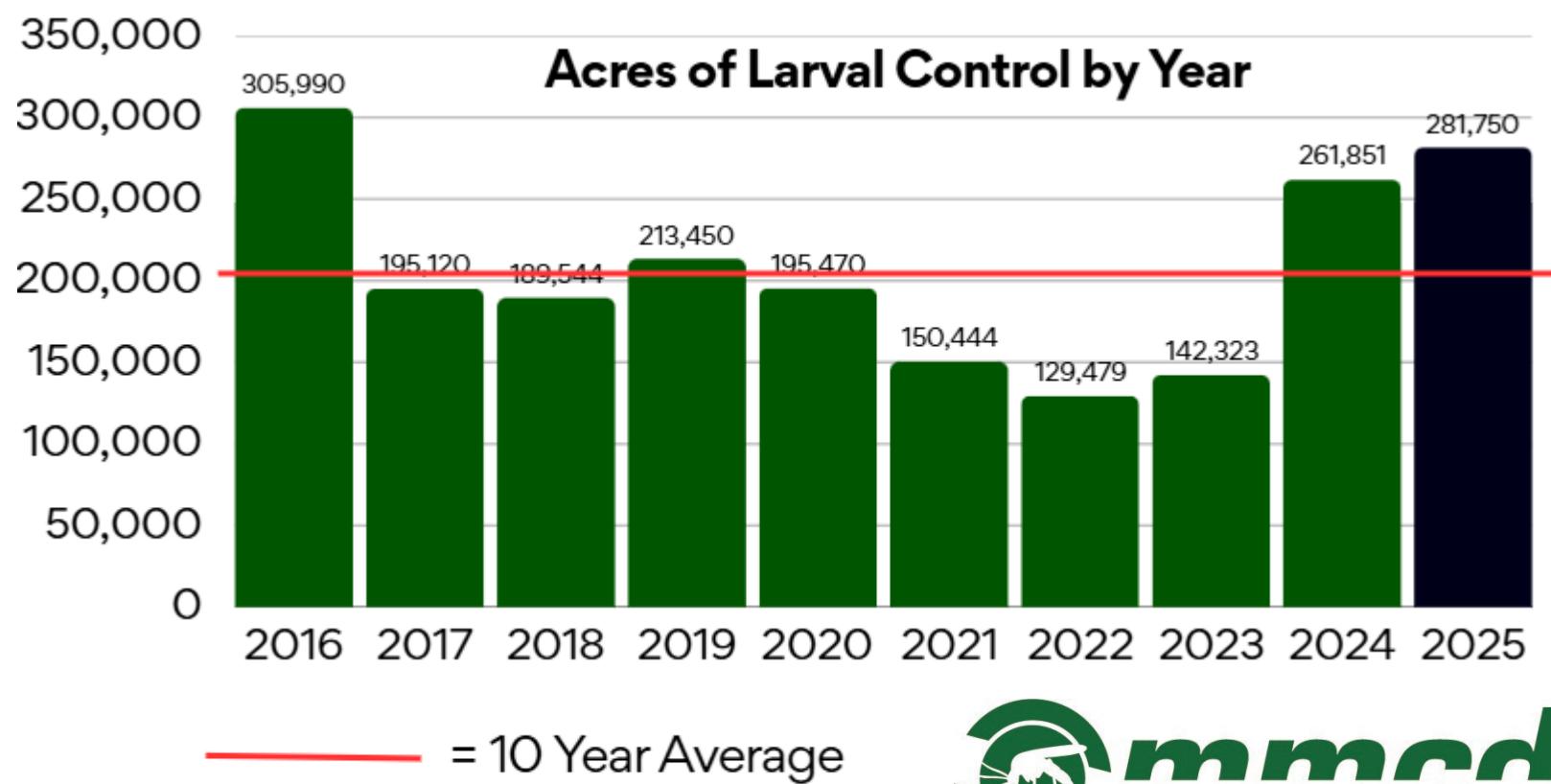
Most Acres Treated Since 2016!

- **247,187 acres** by helicopter
- **12,744 acres** by drone
- **16,295 acres** by hand or backpack

8 Drones were in use in 2025 and for the first time drones were used at every facility.

Drone acres tripled from 2024 to 2025.

Most common used active ingredients were *Bti* (1.32 million lbs) and Methoprene (0.25 million lbs)

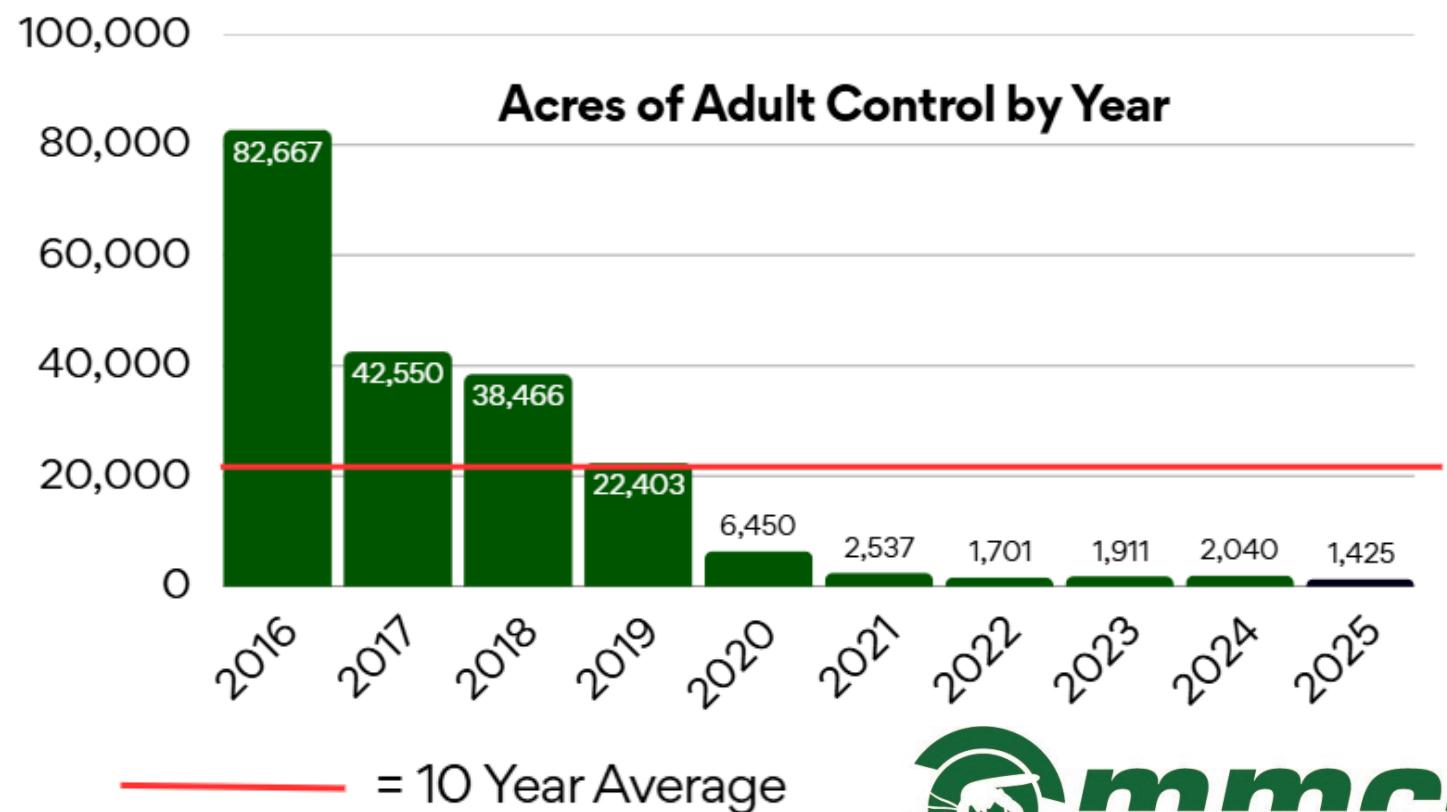


Adult Control

Fewest acres of Adult Control in 25 years.

Adult control using a backpack applicator or truck/ATV mounted cold fogger is primarily used to suppress disease vectors.

Primary active ingredients used are Permethrin and Etofenprox.



Hennepin County 2025

	2024	2025
Total Larval Inspections	22,157	18,213
Acres of Larval Treatment	66,872.71	78,522.49
Acres of Adult Mosquito Treatment	378.91	231.24
Catch Basin Treatments	47,248	62,450
Tires Removed and Recycled	1,454	2,285
Resident Inquiries (Calls/Emails)	671	315

Tax Levy and Expenditures Budget

	2025	2026	Change
Amount Levied	\$20,502,106	\$21,590,768	\$1,088,662
Hennepin Co. Levy	\$9,254,651	\$9,625,164	\$370,513
Budget	\$21,352,106	\$23,282,100	\$1,929,994

Median home in Hennepin County pays \$11.00/year.

Plans for 2026

- **Initiate new MMCD Strategic Plan** – focus on outreach and partnerships, resources and capacity, environmental sustainability, and expansion of IPM.
- **Focus on research** – Research Entomologist Dr. Caleb Corona and our lab staff will determine effective, safe ways to reduce disease and improve control.
- **Construction projects** – renovate the St. Paul lab and expand Maple Grove facility.
- **Expand Events and Presentations** – school presentations, city events, and more!



Tire Procedure for 2026

Recycling waste tires is an important way to remove potential mosquito habitat. MMCD has had a tire recycling program for decades.

Recently, the number of requests have been increasing and there has been strain on staff time and resources.

In 2025 Dakota, Scott, and Carver Counties piloted tire drop-off events in lieu of residential pickups. This removed more tires while also saving staff time.

This will be expanded to all counties in 2026. Look for dates of the 2026 Hennepin County events coming soon!



Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION: I'm having issues with mosquitoes (or black flies, ticks, etc.). What can I do?

ANSWER: Visit the MMCD website and use the “Submit a Tip” form. There you will also find a Resident’s Guide with 20+ tips for protecting yourself and live data about mosquito activity.

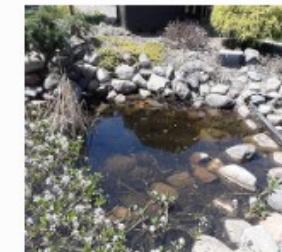
You can also call MMCD during business hours.

Tips for a Mosquito-Free Yard

We have received lots of inquiries from residents looking for quick do-it-yourself mosquito control methods so we have developed this homeowners guide to help everyone. There are a number of steps that homeowners can take to reduce annoyance from mosquitoes including source reduction, material treatments, physical barriers, and wearing appropriate clothing and repellents. Follow the steps below and contact us if you need any more details!



Eliminate
Habitat



Control
Larvae



Use Physical
Barriers



Control
Adults



Protect
Yourself

Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION: What products are you using and are they safe for me, my kids, pets, wildlife, pollinators, etc?

ANSWER: All of our products are listed on the MMCD website.

Larval control materials are specifically designed to target mosquitoes in water and have no toxicity to pollinators like bees or butterflies and no human health impacts.

Adult control materials are used sparingly and safely by trained staff.



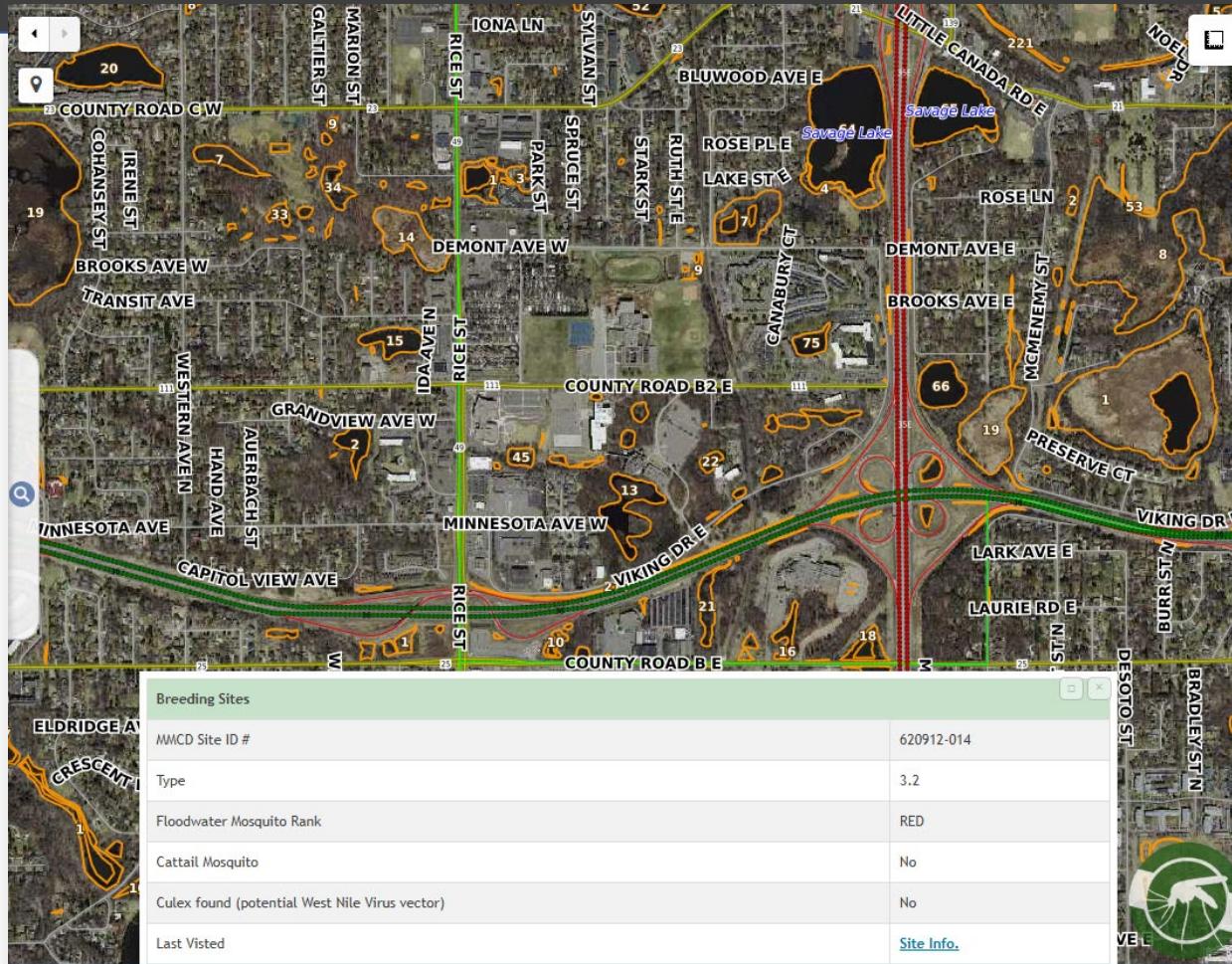
Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION: Can I ride in the helicopter?

ANSWER: No.



MMCD Maps



- Public maps to view larval surveillance and treatment can be found at MMCD.org
- Enter an address to zoom in and see wetland sites (outlined in orange) that are being monitored.
- Click on a site to view surveillance and treatment history.
- Data is updated in real-time during the season.

Outreach

- Public education is an important part of MMCD's IPM program. This involves connecting with a variety of groups to present information and to listen.
- If you know of a group that MMCD should connect with, or an event that we should attend, please let us know!



Questions/Comments?

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Board Action Request

TMP-26-0136

Item Description:

January 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026
1:30 PM

Chair: Debbie Goettel, District 5
Vice Chair: Heather Edelson, District 6
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Kevin Anderson, District 7

Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Chair, called the meeting of the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 to order at 2:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Kevin Anderson, Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Angela Conley and Commissioner Heather Edelson

1. 2026 Budget Update

1.A. January Presentation

County Administrator Jodi Wentland provided an introduction, followed by a presentation given by Chief Financial Officer, Joe Mathews.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

3. Open Appointment Interviews

3.A. 26-0007

2026 Watershed Board Applicants and Appointments - Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

Ricardo Bonner
Jessica Loftus
Richard (Dick) Miller
Janet Schaefer

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

3.B. 26-0008

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Capital Budgeting Task Force (CBTF)

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

Wajdi Al-Mowafak
Rustin Ekniss
Greg Sticha
Carol Vosberg

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

3.C. 26-0009

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - County Extension Committee (University of Minnesota Extension)

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

Susan Palchick Silver
Chris Van De Ligt

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

3.D. 26-0010

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Human Resources
Board

PROGRESS

There were no pre-recorded comments.

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

3.E. **26-0011**

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

Negin Emami Simones

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

3.F. **26-0012**

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Library Board

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

**Benjamin Ahrendt
Anthony Albright
Michael Gonsalves
Aaron Guggemos
Kim Kang
Jessica Kraft
Ashley Krohn
Rebecca Lowen
Brittany Michael
Mary Newstrom
Bethany Olson
Peter Routhier
Michael Sorenson
Amy Webster**

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

3.G. 26-0013

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Race Equity Advisory Council (REAC)

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

**Cresston Gackle
Lindsay Pluger
Calandra Revering
Anita Urvina Davis**

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

3.H. 26-0014

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board (WIOA)

PROGRESS

No individuals left pre-recorded comments.

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

3.I. 26-0015

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Birth Justice Community Advisory Board

PROGRESS

No individuals left pre-recorded comments.

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

4. New Business

Routine Items

4.A. 26-0016

Neg various agmts for IGNITE contracts for periods between 01/01/26-12/31/26 and total NTE \$51,600

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

4.B. 26-0017

Agmt PR00007919 with Three Rivers Park District to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment, 01/28/26-06/30/26, NTE \$9,990

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

Items for Discussion and Action

4.C. 26-0018

Designating Gun Violence as a Public Health Priority in Hennepin County - offered by Commissioner Edelson

REVISE

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to revise the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

26-0018 R1

Designating Gun Violence as a Public Health Priority in Hennepin County - offered by Commissioner Edelson

CONSENT

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

Addendum

4.D. 26-0033

Neg Agmt A2513315 with HUD to accept Lead Hazard Reduction Grant funding, 02/01/26-12/31/31, \$7,750,000 (recv)

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

4.E. 26-0034

Denouncing the violent and unlawful actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Hennepin County - Offered by Commissioners Conley, Fernando, and Edelson

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Edelson

There being no further business, the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Tuesday, January 13 2026 was declared adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

26-0035

Item Description:

Agmt PR00007893 with Senior Community Services for the provision of digital readiness training, 02/01/26-01/31/27, NTE \$30,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement PR00007893 with Senior Community Services, during the period of February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

This agreement provides targeted services to equip residents with essential digital skills.

Following a request for proposals (RFP) issued by the Broadband and Digital Inclusion Department, the vendor was selected to provide digital skills tailored to seniors, including:

- Easy-to-understand monthly digital skill training programs
- Guidance to help vulnerable seniors stay safe online
- Instruction offered in one-on-one or small group formats

This initiative supports the county's disparity elimination efforts by helping bridge the digital divide. Purchasing rules require County Board approval for service agreements when the vendor's total annual contract value exceeds \$100,000, including previous agreements that contribute to this amount.

Senior Community Services has previously provided services that met or exceeded performance expectations, including digital skills support and online safety training for residents with limited digital skills and limited mobility.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

26-0036

Item Description:

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00004417 with Qwest Corporation for enterprise telecommunications services, ext end date to 02/28/27, incr NTE by \$265,440 for a new total NTE of \$5,564,440

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00004417 with Qwest Corporation for enterprise telecommunications services, extending the contract period through February 28, 2027 and increasing the contract amount by \$265,440 to a new not to exceed total of \$5,564,440 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Qwest provides reliable telecommunications services across the enterprise, providing the vast majority of the county's public facing telephone numbers, and including utilities such as wired telephone lines, business lines, DSL, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), life safety lines (elevator lines), library lines and lines to secure fax machines. As a leader in the telecommunications ecosystem, the county has a long-standing relationship with Qwest. This is a critical extension of Hennepin County's communication blueprint; it is crucial for the county to have reliable voice services across all operations.

Qwest services provided under this Agreement include:

- Centrex (wired telephone lines)
- Business phone lines (copper lines)
- Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)
- Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)
- Life safety lines (elevator lines)
- Library phone lines
- Secure fax machine lines

Agreement PR00004417 was approved previously by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners through Resolutions 22-0191 and 25-0063. This technology request has been reviewed and approved by the office of the Hennepin County CIO.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval