

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND
BUDGET COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. March 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [AdminOpsBudget-COMMITTEEMINUTES-24-Mar-2026](#)

2. Public Hearing

2.A. Public comment on the issuance of debt under the county's 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

2.B. Public comment on the HUD 2026 Annual Action Plan

Attachments: [Legal Notice Public Hrg and Comment 2026](#)

3. Open Appointments

3.A. [26-0139](#)

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

3.B. [26-0140](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) Board

3.C. [26-0141](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Human Resources Board

- 3.D. [26-0142](#)
2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Race Equity Advisory Council (REAC)
- 3.E. [26-0143](#)
2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board (WIOA)

4. New Business

Routine

- 4.A. [26-0144](#)
Ratification of permits, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements approved by the County Administrator, period 10/01/25-12/31/25

Attachments: [Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator Fourth Quarter 2025](#)
- 4.B. [26-0145](#)
Neg Agmt LS00000044 with Inner City Christian Ministries for rental of twenty-two (22) parking stalls at 1801 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, 05/01/26-04/30/27 (\$18,000 first year gross rent)

Attachments: [BAR Map - Parking License Agmt LS00000044](#)
- 4.C. [26-0146](#)
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- 4.D. [26-0147](#)
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- 4.F. [26-0149](#)
Neg various agmts for FORTIFY contracts for periods between 04/20/26-01/31/27 and total NTE \$176,142.37

4.G. [26-0150](#)

Amds to 7 Agmts, ext the terms and increasing the NTE amounts to allow for the acceptance of PY26 and PY27 funds

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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Minneapolis, MN
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Board Action Request

TMP-26-0341

Item Description:

March 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 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, March 24, 2026 to order at 2:02 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. March Presentation

County Administrator Jodi Wentland provided an introduction before handing the floor to Chief Financial Officer, Joe Mathews.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. March 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando 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. New Business

Routine Items

3.A. [26-0104](#)

Principal Agmt PR00008306 with Wayzata Public Schools for fiber optic collaboration, 04/07/26-12/31/27

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

3.B. [26-0105](#)

Re-allocate \$69,725 in State Fiscal Year 2026 Youth at Work funding from Lutheran Social Service to Brooklyn Park Economic Development Authority (Brooklynk)

CONSENT

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

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

3.C. [26-0106](#)

Neg Agmt PR00008310 with PFM Financial Advisors LLC to provide municipal advisory services, 05/01/26-04/30/31, NTE \$1,300,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, 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

3.D. [26-0107](#)

Agmt A2613332 with The Minneapolis Foundation to receive matching funds for the Anti-displacement Community Prosperity Program, 12/01/25-03/31/31

REVISE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to revise the Resolution.

[26-0107R1](#)

Agmt A2613332 with The Minneapolis Foundation to receive matching funds for the Anti-displacement Community Prosperity Program, 04/01/26-03/31/31, as amended

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the revised Resolution.

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

Addendum

3.E. [26-0130](#)

Support for an increase in the county sales tax to support Hennepin Healthcare System, North Memorial and Target Field - offered by Commissioners Conley and Lunde

CONSENT

Commissioner Angela Conley 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

3.F. [26-0131](#)

Authorize supplemental appropriations to amend the 2025 Sheriff's Office budget

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando 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

There being no further business, the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Tuesday, March 24, 2026 was declared adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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300 South Sixth Street
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Board Action Request

TMP-26-0335

Item Description:

Public comment on the issuance of debt under the county's 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

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300 South Sixth Street
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Board Action Request

TMP-26-0334

Item Description:

Public comment on the HUD 2026 Annual Action Plan

**HENNEPIN COUNTY
PUBLIC COMMENT SOLICITED and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners is soliciting public comment on the Hennepin County Consortium draft 2026 Action Plan

The Hennepin County Consortium includes all cities in suburban Hennepin County.

Public Comment Periods:

- 2026 Action Plan 30-day comment period; March 23rd, 2026, through April 22nd, 2026; and
- Public Hearing on the draft 2026 Action Plan will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Administration, Operations, and Budget Committee meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners (Hennepin County Government Center, A2400, 300 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis)

Public Comment Purpose:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the county to prepare and submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan to receive HUD entitlement funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. Hennepin County's current Five-Year Consolidated Plan, approved May 20, 2025, covers funding years 2025-2029.

The 2026 Action Plan will guide the use of approximately \$4.7 million in funding for housing and community development activities in suburban Hennepin County through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). All funding comes from HUD. The Consortium's 2026 Action Plan program year runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

The draft 2026 Action Plan will be available March 23rd, 2026, on the county's website (<https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/research-data/housing-plans-accomplishments>). If you would like a copy of either draft plan or have questions, please contact the Hennepin County Housing and Economic Development Department at 612-543-4342.

Written comments **must** be submitted by 4:30 p.m., April 22, 2026, and addressed to Omar Martinez, Manager, Hennepin County Housing and Economic Development Department, 300 South 6th Street, MC 685, Minneapolis, MN 55487, or omar.martinez@hennepin.us. Written comments received by April 22 will receive a written response. A copy of the comment letter and the county's response will be included in the documents submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PLEASE NOTE, the public hearing will be conducted via telephone and other electronic means as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021 and Revenue Procedure 2020-21, issued by the Internal Revenue Service on May 4, 2020, as modified by Revenue Procedure 2020-49, issued by the Internal Revenue Service on November 4, 2020. Interested persons may attend the public hearing by telephone conference by using the following instructions and all such persons shall be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the Hennepin County Consortium Action Plan. To attend the public hearing via telephone, call the toll-free dial-in telephone conference number 855-340-8151.

If you need help to make it possible for you to come and be active in the public hearing such as sign language interpreter or assisted hearing equipment, this help can be provided if you ask. To ask for help, please call 612-543-4342 at least three days prior to the hearing.

Board Action Request

26-0139

Item Description:

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

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Birth Justice Community Advisory Board:

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on April 21, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

Board Action Request

26-0140

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) Board

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) Board:

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on April 21, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

Board Action Request

26-0141

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Human Resources Board

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Human Resources Board:

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on April 21, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

Board Action Request

26-0142

Item Description:

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

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Race Equity Advisory Council (REAC):

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on April 21, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

Board Action Request

26-0143

Item Description:

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

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board (WIOA):

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on April 21, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

Previously appointed in January 2026 to the Community Based Organization position by the Hennepin County Board, Kelsey Rogness accepted a vacant Private Sector Business position that better suited her qualifications for the community advisory board.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

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Board Action Request

26-0144

Item Description:

Ratification of permits, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements approved by the County Administrator, period 10/01/25-12/31/25

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the agreements listed on the report entitled "Quarterly Summary of Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator, Fourth Quarter 2025: 10/1/25-12/31/25, dated December 31, 2025" be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 97-04-238, dated April 29, 1997, authorized the County Administrator to sign temporary permits, licenses, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements, provided that the resulting expenditure does not exceed \$15,000 per year. Resolution 11-0339, dated August 16, 2011, delegated to the County Administrator the responsibility for the management and administration of all leases within the building located at 701 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis. Resolution 24-0433, dated November 19, 2024, delegated the County Administrator authority to acquire tax-forfeited land being sold through public auction by the Hennepin County Auditor. All agreements executed by the County Administrator pursuant to these resolutions are presented to the County Board for ratification on a quarterly basis.

Current Request: Ratification is requested of those agreements signed by the County Administrator for the period October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, as identified on the report entitled, "Quarterly Summary of Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator, Fourth Quarter 2025: 10/1/25-12/31/25, dated December 31, 2025."

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

**Quarterly Summary of Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator,
Fourth Quarter 2025: 10/1/25-12/31/25
Dated 12/31/25**

Contracting Party	Subject Matter and Property	Date Approved	Authorizing Resolution
FMJC, LLC, dba Jones Specialty Coffee	Amd 1 to Lease Agreement A2211277 for the rental of approximately 750 square feet of space at Ridgedale Regional Center located at 12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka, extending the lease through December 31, 2028. Rent to be \$500.00 per month.	11/24/25	97-4-238
Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.	Amd 1 to Lease Agreement A2211339 for the rental of approximately 7,088 square feet of the building known as Cottage 3, and the adjoining surface parking lot, all located at 14300 County Road 62, Minnetonka, extending the lease through December 31, 2026. Rent to be \$1,250 per month.	12/2/25	97-4-238
City Café, LLC	Amd 1 to Lease Agreement A2412288 for the rental of approximately 525 square feet of space at Brookdale Regional Center located at 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, extending the lease through December 31, 2026. Rent to be \$250.00 per month.	12/12/25	97-4-238
The Sanctuary Covenant Church, Inc.	Amd 4 to Lease Agreement LS00000001 for the rental of approximately 436 square feet of space by Hennepin County at 710 West Broadway Avenue, Minneapolis, extending the lease through December 31, 2026. Rent is estimated to be \$756.67 per month.	12/18/25	97-4-238
Minnesota Board of Public Defense	Lease A2513281 for the rental of approximately 81,605 square feet by Minnesota Board of Public Defense of floors 10 – 14 of the 701 Building located at 701 Fourth Avenue South, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. First year Rent and Operating Rev. \$1,803,389.	12/18/25	11-0039

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Board Action Request

26-0145

Item Description:

Neg Agmt LS00000044 with Inner City Christian Ministries for rental of twenty-two (22) parking stalls at 1801 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, 05/01/26-04/30/27 (\$18,000 first year gross rent)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Parking License Agreement LS00000044 with Inner City Christian Ministries for rental of twenty-two (22) parking stalls located at 1801 Park Avenue, Minneapolis during the period May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027, in the amount of \$18,000 first year rent, 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 accept and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Hennepin County owns and operates the building located at 1800 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis ("Building"). Existing parking capacity is insufficient to meet current needs of staff and tenants of the Building. Parking License Agreement LS00000044 with Inner City Christian Ministries ("Owner") will grant the County the use of 22 parking stalls at 1801 Park Avenue during business hours on Mondays through Fridays. The monthly rent will be \$1,500. The initial term will be for one (1) year. The County will have multiple options to extend the agreement for additional six (6) month terms. Either party will have the right to terminate the agreement at any time with 90 days' notice. The Owner will be responsible for maintenance of the parking lot, including trash removal and snow/ice management.

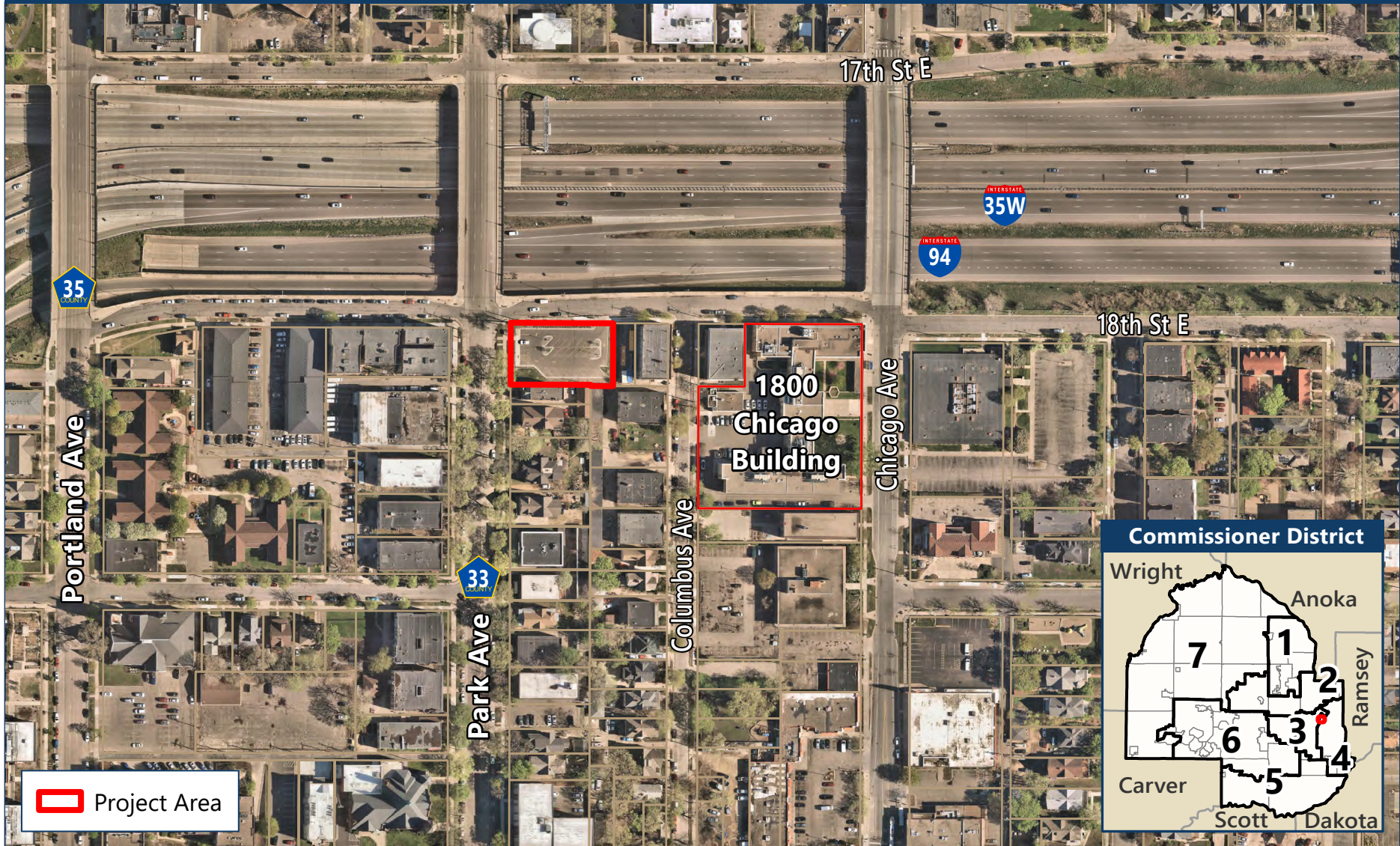
Current Request: Authorization to negotiate Agreement LS00000044 with Inner City Christian Ministries, for the rental of 22 parking stalls during the period May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, with the not-to-exceed amount of \$18,000 first year gross rent.

Impact/Outcomes: Approval of Agreement LS00000044 will provide additional parking capacity for county employees and tenants of the 1800 Chicago building.

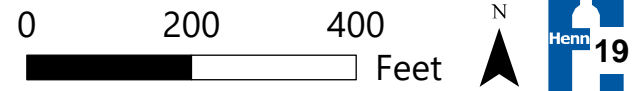
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Parking Lot License Agmt LS00000044

1801 Park Avenue, Minneapolis 55404



BAR map date:
2/9/2026



Board Action Request

26-0146

Item Description:

Authorize transfer of surplus properties located at 3200 Queen Ave N, 3211 Penn Ave N, and 3206 Penn Ave N in Mpls to the HCHRA

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners authorizes a transfer of surplus properties located at 3200 Queen Avenue North (PID: 080-29-24-14-0204), 3211 Penn Avenue North (PID: 080-29-24-14-0205), and 3206 Penn Avenue North (PID: 090-29-24-23-0224), within the City of Minneapolis, to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HCHRA) for the purpose of affordable housing with ground floor active or commercial uses; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign all required documents on behalf of the county; that upon sale of the property, the HCHRA provides Hennepin County with the sales proceeds excluding holding and transaction costs; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Resolution 99-12-958 designated Lowry Avenue (County State Aid Highway 153) as a Hennepin County Community Works Project. This Community Works project was an initiative of Hennepin County, the City of Minneapolis, the adjacent neighborhood, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Minneapolis School Board and provided for the reconstruction and redevelopment of Lowry Avenue between Victory Memorial Parkway and Interstate 94. The Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan, approved by Minneapolis City Council in July 2002, identified strategies to revitalize Lowry Avenue, including reconstruction of the roadway, consolidation of retail and services into transit-oriented nodes, and redevelopment of properties along the corridor. Resolution 04-3-120 authorized property acquisition by direct purchase or condemnation, including relocation expenses and removal of structures on properties required for reconstruction and redevelopment of the Lowry Avenue Corridor Project.

The properties located at 3200 Queen Avenue North, 3211 Penn Avenue North, and 3206 Penn Avenue North were acquired by Hennepin County at various times from October 2005 to December 2007.

Resolution 10-0236 declared the excess right of way and redevelopment properties as surplus.

The subject properties (3200 Queen Avenue North and 3211 Penn Avenue North on the northwest side of Penn/Lowry, and 3206 Penn Avenue North on the northeast side of Penn/Lowry) represent an opportunity to advance several county priorities, including disparity elimination, affordable housing production, and climate resilience. Further, 3206 Penn Avenue North is adjacent to four properties owned by the City of Minneapolis and a combined offering creates a more impactful and feasible development site.

A collaborative Land Sale Request for Proposals (RFP) process was conducted by the Housing and Economic Development (HED) department in coordination with the City of Minneapolis beginning in November 2024. The RFP did not prescribe a specific use or combination of uses but instead provided general direction on priorities around housing affordability, configuration of uses, building design, and site amenities. These priorities were informed by outreach work undertaken by Hennepin County during the Penn Avenue Community Works

program as well as general guidance provided in the City of Minneapolis' Comprehensive Plan.

A total of nine proposals from seven organizations were received.

Staff recommends transfer of the subject properties to the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HCHRA) for final redevelopment disposition. If approved, a companion resolution accepting transfer and recommending final disposition consistent with the collaborative RFP will be considered by the HCHRA.

Current Request: This request is for authorization to transfer the surplus properties located at 3200 Queen Ave N and 3211 Penn Ave N on the northwest corner of Penn and Lowry Ave N; and 3206 Penn Ave N on the northeast corner of Penn and Lowry Ave N, within the City of Minneapolis to the HCHRA for the development of affordable housing with ground floor active or commercial uses.

Impacts/Outcomes: Approval of this request will allow the disposal of surplus property no longer needed for county use and for properties for redevelopment purposes to be redeveloped.

Disparity Domains: This request supports Hennepin County disparity elimination efforts in employment, housing, and transportation by supporting future redevelopment projects with affordable housing and potential employment opportunities that will benefit the surrounding community, including low-income communities and communities of color.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

26-0147

Item Description:

Neg 1 award modification to PR00007323 with St. Louis Park Housing Authority, 07/01/25-06/30/70, incr NTE by \$40,000 for a new total NTE of \$786,635

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate a modification to the 2025 HOME Investment Partnerships Program award to St. Louis Park Housing Authority, or an affiliated entity, for the 2025 Stable Home - Tenant Based Rental Assistance project (Agreement PR00007323, Resolution 25-0192), to increase the not to exceed amount by \$40,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$786,635, during the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2070; that the following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreements and other necessary documents on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Hennepin County to adopt a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan to receive HUD entitlement funds, including the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners authorized submission of the 2025 Action Plan and negotiation of receivable contracts with estimated grant amounts via Resolution 25-0192 on May 20, 2025.

Resolution 25-0192 authorized Agreement PR00007323 with the St. Louis Park Housing Authority (NTE \$327,000) to provide tenant-based rental assistance in suburban Hennepin County. Since adoption of Resolution 95-0192 in May 2025, the award has been modified twice: the award was increased by \$19,635 per an increase to the Hennepin County's HOME grant from HUD (Resolution 25-0286) and increased again by \$400,000 using funds from a separate rescinded award (Resolution 25-0295).

The St. Louis Park Housing Authority (Housing Authority) partners with the Housing Stability area within Hennepin County's Human Services and Public Health department to offer tenant-based rental assistance to families experiencing homelessness or supported by other case management teams. The Housing Authority works with the family and their case manager to identify housing and anywhere in Hennepin County and work toward housing stability.

Staff now recommends an additional increase of \$40,000 in funding for the tenant-based rental assistance program to ensure appropriate administration funding for the entirety of the contract term.

Current Request: This request is for authorization to negotiate an award modification for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance with St. Louis Park Housing Authority with a new not to exceed amount of

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\$786,635 from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2070.

Impact/Outcomes: This action will ensure tenant-based rental assistance for 45 households at or below 50 percent of AMI.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

26-0148

Item Description:

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00007260 with Regents of the University of Minnesota to provide the programming and maintenance for two community gardens, ext end date to 12/31/26, incr NTE by \$30,000 for a new total NTE of \$116,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00007260 with Regents of the University of Minnesota to provide the programming and maintenance of two community gardens be extended through December 31, 2026 and increase the contract amount by \$30,000 to a new not to exceed total of \$116,000; 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:

Agreement PR00007260 was signed in June 2025 with Regents of the University of Minnesota for the continued programming and maintenance for two community gardens located on tax forfeited lots in North Minneapolis

This board action requests the extension of the contract term to December 31, 2026; and a \$30,000 increase to the NTE to include a second growing season for which the UMN will be providing community programming and garden maintenance.

Services provided include, but are not limited to:

- Community Collaboration and Engagement
- Summer internship
- Gardening and food production
- Health, wellness, and education
- Reporting, budgeting, and contract management

This action supports the county's goals of environmental stewardship, engaging communities, enhancing quality of life, and protecting the environment for current and future generations.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

26-0149

Item Description:

Neg various agmts for FORTIFY contracts for periods between 04/20/26-01/31/27 and total NTE \$176,142.37

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following agreements during the period April 20, 2026 to January 31, 2027, with a total amount not to exceed \$176,142.37;

- PR00008351 with CAPI USA for the installation of a community garden at their Immigration Opportunity Center in Brooklyn Center, not to exceed \$62,134.37;
- PR00008346 with Congregations Caring for Creation for the implementation of tabletop heat exercises for local faith groups, not to exceed \$25,000.00;
- PR00008344 with The Sanneh Foundation for the installation of an urban agriculture plot on a vacant plot in South Minneapolis, not to exceed \$25,000.00;
- PR00008343 with Strong Mind Strong Body Foundation for the installation of a community garden at Ella Baker Elementary School, not to exceed \$39,000.00;
- PR00008345 with Zone for Integrated Resources and Alliances with Nature for the installation of a community garden, not to exceed \$24,999.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The FORTIFY program provides funding to organizations to support tangible projects that build climate resiliency within their communities, contributing to countywide climate targets.

Eligible organizations include:

- Community-based organizations;
- neighborhood associations; and
- non-for-profit organizations.

The county released a request for proposals in January 2026. A total of 37 applications were received. A total of 5 awards were recommended, for a total amount of \$176,142.37.

Current Request:

This request is to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate five FORTIFY agreements during the period April 20, 2026 through January 31, 2027, with a total amount not to exceed \$176,142.37.

Impact/Outcomes:

The FORTIFY projects support the county's goals of increasing resilience of the built environment and protecting natural resources, partnering in ways that can be most impactful, and protecting and engaging people, especially vulnerable populations.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

26-0150

Item Description:

Amds to 7 Agmts, ext the terms and increasing the NTE amounts to allow for the acceptance of PY26 and PY27 funds

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Amendments to Agreements for the provision of employment services be approved:

- HS00001649 with Goodwill Easter Seals, extend the term to 06/30/2029 and increase the NTE amount to \$4,878,000.
- HS00001650 with Avivo, extend the term to 06/30/2029 and increase the NTE amount to \$4,878,000.
- HS00001651 with Hired, extend the term to 06/30/2029 and increase the NTE amount to \$4,878,000.
- HS00001652 with Minnesota Training Partnership, extend the term to 06/30/2029 and increase the NTE amount to \$2,000,000.
- PR00006217 with Carver County, extend the term to 06/30/2029 and increase the NTE amount to \$2,585,000.
- HS00001645 with Brooklyn Park Economic Development (BrookLynk), extend the term to 12/31/2028 and increase the NTE amount to \$750,000.
- HS00001646 with Tree Trust, extend the term to 12/31/2028 with no increase to the NTE amount and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreements on behalf of the County; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the acceptance of grant funding for this grant funding by Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

Under Title 1 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) the Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker programs are federally funded and designed to strengthen and improve our public workforce system by assisting individuals, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers and help employers hire and retain skilled workers. The State Dislocated Worker and Minnesota Youth programs operate in conjunction with the federal programs and have similar goals, measures and outcomes, but are funded at the state level.

Under Resolution 25-0119, Hennepin County is authorized to receive funding from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for the period of January 1, 2025,

through December 31, 2029. These funds support services under the WIOA Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker, State Dislocated Worker, and Minnesota Youth Programs.

On November 16, 2023, the Workforce Development Board (WDB) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) pursuant to Hennepin County requirements for the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and MN State Dislocated Worker Programs as well as an RFP pursuant to the Hennepin County requirements for the WIOA Youth and Minnesota Youth programs. An independent panel of eight reviewed and selected providers. Contracts were executed with Hired, Avivo, Goodwill Easter Seals, Minnesota Training Partnership, BrookLynk, and Tree Trust for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027. The contract with Carver County was executed for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

To enable program providers to receive and fully utilize PY26 and PY27 WIOA Adult, WIOA Dislocated Worker, WIOA Young Adult, MN State Dislocated Worker Program, and SFY27/SFY28 Minnesota Youth Program grant funds, the contract terms must be extended two program years and the not-to-exceed (NTE) amounts must be increased to accommodate the allocation of PY26/SFY27 and SFY27/SFY28 funds.

The agreements include programmatic mandated services such as:

- Career services; Outreach, job search and placement assistance, comprehensive assessments, development of individual employment plans, counseling and career planning, and labor market information available to all job seekers.
- Training services; Links for customers to job opportunities in their communities, including both occupational training and training in basic skills. Participants use an individual training account to select an appropriate training program from a qualified training provider.
- Supportive services; Transportation, child care, dependent care; housing and needs-related payments are provided under certain circumstances to allow an individual to participate in the program.
- WIOA Youth services; Summer and year-round employment, work experience and academic enrichment to suburban Hennepin and Carver Counties with 75% out-of-school youth and 25% in-school youth.
- Minnesota Youth Program Services; provides summer employment services, work experience, and academic enrichment to suburban Hennepin County in-school and out-of-school youth.

The contracted providers included in this action request have demonstrated strong performance through PY24 and PY25 and are well positioned to continue delivering high-quality services through PY26 and PY27.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval