

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

COMMITTEE MINUTES

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025
12:00 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

Budget Working Session

Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Chair, called the meeting of the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Wednesday, October 1, 2025 to order at 12:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Marion Greene

1. Open Forum Playback - Disparity Elimination

There were no individuals who provided pre-recorded comment.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. September 29 Budget Hearing Minutes - Disparity Elimination

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes.

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

Absent: Commissioner Greene

3. Discussion

3.A. 2026 Proposed Budget Presentation - Public Works and Law, Safety and Justice

Commissioner Debbie Goettel gave a brief overview and handed the floor to County Administrator Jodi Wentland. Ms. Wentland introduced the 2026 proposed budget on behalf of Lisa Cerney, Assistant County Administrator of Public Works. The 2026 proposed budget was presented by following individuals:

Rosemary Lavin, Director Environment and Energy
Joe Mathews, Chief Financial Officer
David McNary, Assistant Director Environment and Energy - Solid Waste Division
Carla Stueve, County Engineer and Director Transportation

Commissioner Goettel briefly recessed the meeting at 1:40 p.m. before reconvening at 1:45 p.m. County Administrator Jodi Wentland introduced the 2026 proposed budget on behalf of Chela Guzman-Wiegert, Assistant County Administrator of Law, Safety and Justice. The 2026 proposed budget was presented by the following individuals:

Dan Rogan, Deputy County Administrator - Resident Services
May Xiong, Chief Workforce Development Officer
Mary Ellen Heng, Director Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation

4. Old Business

4.A. [25-0364](#)

2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets

LAID OVER

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to lay over until Monday October 6, 2025.

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

Absent: Commissioner Greene

5. Open Forum Budget

Members of the public will be able to call in to record a comment that will be played for the board at the following budget hearing. The line will be open for four hours starting at the end of each budget hearing. Comments should be related to this specific hearing. Instructions to participate are available at hennepin.us.

There being no further business, the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for October 1, 2025 was declared recessed at 3:00 p.m. The 2026 proposed budget presentation will reconvene October 6, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

Sheri Selton
Deputy Clerk to the County Board