

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

COMMITTEE MINUTES

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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 Monday, October 6, 2025 to order at 12:00 noon.

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

Absent: Commissioner Marion Greene and Commissioner Jeff Lunde

1. Open Forum Playback - Public Works and Law, Safety and Justice

There were no individuals who provided pre-recorded comment. There was a technical issue that prevented the call-in line for public comment to open following the budget presentations for Public Works and Law, Safety and Justice lines of business. Callers were encouraged to call in again during the week of October 6 for those budget hearings.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. October 1 Budget Hearing Minutes - Public Works and Law, Safety and Justice

APPROVE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Minutes.

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

Absent: Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Lunde

3. Discussion

3.A. 2026 Proposed Budget Presentation - Sheriff's Office and County Attorney's Office

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 Hennepin County Sheriff Dawanna Witt. The 2026 proposed budget was presented by following individuals:

Rick Byzewski, Director of Finance for Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
Pat Enderlein, Chief Deputy

Commissioner Goettel briefly recessed the meeting at 1:23 p.m. before reconvening at 1:32 p.m. County Administrator Jodi Wentland introduced the 2026 proposed budget after which County Attorney Mary Moriarty presented.

4. Old Business

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

2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets

LAI D OVER

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to lay over until Monday October 20, 2025.

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

Absent: Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Lunde

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 6, 2025 was declared recessed at 3:00 p.m. The 2026 proposed budget presentation will reconvene October 20, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

Sheri Selton
Deputy Clerk to the County Board