

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

June 24, 2025

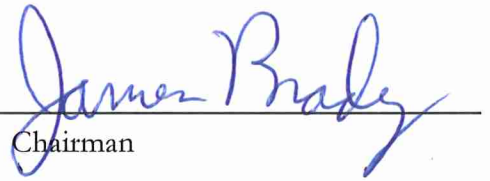
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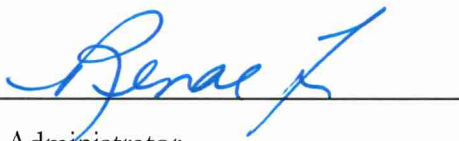
The Steele County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session at 4:00 p.m. on June 24, 2025 with Commissioner's Glynn, Prokopec, Abbe, Krueger and Brady present. Also present were Human Resources Director Gina McGuire, Finance Director Candi Lemarr, County Assessor Brian Anderson, Public Health Specialist Ethan Rindfleisch, MNP Director Tara Reich, County Administrator Renae Fry and Executive Assistant Rebecca Kubicek.

The Health Specialist brought forward the Local Homeless Prevention Aid (LHPA). LHPA was created to help local governments ensure no child is homeless. Counties must use this aid to fund new or existing family homeless prevention and assistance projects or programs. Steele County received \$127,697 of aid in 2024 to be spent by the end of 2025. The County is also slated to receive \$147,902 in 2025 to be spent by the end of 2026. On March 25, the Board authorized staff to solicit applications for this aid through an RFP process. Following the application deadline of May 18, County staff reviewed and scored applications to determine the recommended awards. Staff recommended allocating \$128,000 to the following applicants to be distributed on a reimbursement basis for actual costs incurred. The organizations recommended are Lighthouse of Southern Minnesota: up to \$38,000, Semcac: up to \$44,000, and Steele County Transitional Housing: up to \$46,000. If approved the Commissioners will receive a report to verify the objectives have been met. The Commissioners agreed to move this item to the Board meeting for a vote.

The Administrator updated the Board of Commissioners on the status of efforts to resume the provision of human services as a department of the county. DHS/DCYF acknowledged Steele Counties request to cut over to a Steele County operated Human Services Department and the Administrator confirmed that the cutover date will be in December of 2026. HMA consultants are planning the exit strategy from MNPrairie County Alliance. In addition, there was a conversation about Steele County's request for a meeting with specific representatives from Dodge and Waseca Counties to explain its proposal for exiting MNP and the confusion that followed when MNP scheduled it as an open meeting of the "finance committee" of MNP. MNP Executive Director confirmed it would be an information session only. With that clarification, Commissioner Brady, confirmed he would attend on behalf of the Steele County Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.


Chairman

ATTEST: 
Administrator