

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

July 8, 2025

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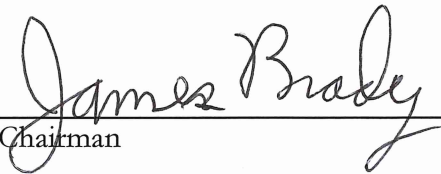
The Steele County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session at 4:00 p.m. on July 8, 2025 with Commissioner's Prokopec, Abbe, Krueger, Brady, and Glynn present. Also present were Finance Director Candi Lemarr, County Assessor Brian Anderson, IT Director Dave Purscell, County Attorney Robert Jarrett, MNP Director Tara Riech, County Administrator Renae Fry and Executive Assistant Rebecca Kubicek.

The Attorney spoke regarding a new law went into effect 7/1 that requires jail staff to administer an inmate's own prescription medications. Normally the inmate's medical condition was evaluated by onsite professionals who administered medication as deemed medically necessary based on the inmate's current condition. Requiring jail staff to administer the previously prescribed medication such as opioids, could result unintended drug interactions. This increases the County's liability significantly. Current medical is provided by Advanced Correction Healthcare (ACH) who has filed a lawsuit against the DOC challenging the new law. The County Attorney is seeking board authorization to file legal action against the DOC on behalf of the county to protect the County's rights under any injunctions that court might issue, delaying the application of the new law. The County would not be asking for damages. The Minnesota Attorney General did agree to a one-month TRO. The Board agreed to move the item to the Board meeting for action.

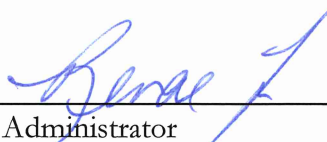
The Administrator gave an update on the Human Services. A staff leadership team has an extended meeting with HMA where there will be a first look at a possible structure and staffing models. HMA is also working on a first-year budget based by using the approximate numbers for current Steele County clients, MNP information from last year, and information provided to DHS by MNP. There has been no concern by state officials regarding the separation of Steele County from MNP as the goal is to provide better services to clients and residents, and they are not lost in the restructure.

Budget Workshop is July 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Administrator