



STEELE COUNTY STEELE COUNTY BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

Steele County Board Room - 630 Florence Avenue -
Owatonna, MN 55060

Steele County's Mission:
Driven to deliver quality services in a respectful and fiscally responsible way.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 at 4:00 PM
County Boardroom, Steele County Administration Center

Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Glynn at 4:00 pm. Members present were James Brady, John Glynn, Joshua Prokopec, James Abbe, and Greg Krueger. Also present were Robert Jarrett and Renae Fry.

2. Business

a. PowerOn Midwest project update presentation

Representatives from ITC and Great River Energy updated the Board members on the status of the PowerOn Midwest Project to construct a 765 kV power line across southern Minnesota.

Preliminary mapping places the line outside of Steele County. The Economic Impact Report was finalized and released publicly on May 26, 2026. A certificate of Need is being developed and is expected to be completed by February 2027. The process of obtaining route permits will take another 12 - 18 months thereafter. Information meetings will be held throughout the impacted counties in June. It is unclear whether PowerOn would make another presentation to Steele County if the route does not move north into the county. Information can be found on the [PowerOnMidwest.com](https://www.poweronmidwest.com) website.

b. Enterprise Leased Vehicle Follow Up

Alec McFarlane provided the Board with an update on the County's fleet and reported that data are being analyzed to determine whether the fleet size is adequate for county operations. Alec and Jake are recommending the Board install Geotabs in the vehicles assigned to the administration building to collect better information about usage. Lastly, Alec explained some of the services provided by Enterprise in support of acquiring and managing leased vehicles.

c. Update on 2026 County Highway Projects

This topic will be moved to the June 9 Work Session.

3. Other Business

None

Adjourn

Commissioner Glynn adjourned the meeting at 4:53 pm.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
ADMINISTRATOR