

2026 Commissioner Committee Assignments - Updated 02-03-2026

Assignment or Meeting	Contact Person	Email Address	Meeting Frequency	Commissioner Representing Assignment					
Board Chairman				R. Noon					
Board Vice Chairman				B. Winkels					
County Regular Board Meeting	Heather Olson	Heather.Olson@wcmn.us	At least the 1st & 3rd Tuesday 9 am	R. Noon	B. Winkels	B. Stearns	M. Kreklau	J. Kangas	
County Board Work Sessions and/or Special Board meetings	Heather Olson	Heather.Olson@wcmn.us	Workshops on 2nd Tuesday or as needed	R. Noon	B. Winkels	B. Stearns	M. Kreklau	J. Kangas	
Board of Equalization	Jason Jorgensen	jason.jorgensen@wcmn.us	June 22, 2026 @ 3:00pm	R. Noon	B. Winkels	B. Stearns	M. Kreklau	J. Kangas	
Township Association Semi-Annual meetings	Neal Malcore	218-472-3316		R. Noon	B. Winkels	B. Stearns	M. Kreklau	J. Kangas	
				District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	
All Commissioner Committee Assignments				R. Noon	B. Winkels	B. Stearns	M. Kreklau	J. Kangas	
Budget Committee	Heather Olson	Heather.Olson@wcmn.us	Calendar is given at March Meeting for the year	R. Noon	B. Winkels	B. Stearns	M. Kreklau	J. Kangas	
Personnel Committee (Chair & Vice Chair)	Jennifer Westrum	Jennifer.westrum@wcmn.us	3rd Monday of the month	R. Noon	B. Winkels				
Hwy 10, Greenwood Ave., Fair Grnds Drnge Com (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Anthony Maule	anthony.maule@wcmn.us	As needed	R. Noon		B. Stearns			
Todd/Wadena Corrections Joint Powers Executive Board & Advisory	Michael Schommer	michael.schommer@co.todd.mn.us	2nd Monday of the month	R. Noon		B. Stearns			
MTW Community Health Board	Sarah Ness	sarah.ness@wcmn.us		R. Noon	B. Winkels				
The Alliance, WCEDA (West Central Economic Development Alliance)		wceda@wcta.net	2nd Tuesday of the month			B. Stearns-Alt	M. Kreklau		
Strategic and Efficient Government Committees									
AMC Environmental & Natural Resources Committee	Brian Martinson	bmartinson@mncounties.org	Meet at conferences & as needed		B. Winkels				
AMC General Government Committee	Matt Hilgart	mhilgart@mncounties.org	Meet at conferences & as needed				M. Kreklau		
	Matt Freeman & Kari Oldfield-Tabbert	mattokodfield@mncounties.org				B. Stearns		J. Kangas	
AMC Health & Human Services			Meet at conferences & as needed						
AMC Public Safety	Emilio Lamda	elamda@mncounties.org	Meet at conferences & as needed	R. Noon					
AMC Transportation & Infrastructure	Emily Murray	emurray@mncounties.org	Meet at conferences & as needed					J. Kangas	
AMC Business Growth	Laurie Klupacs	lklupacs@mncounties.org						J. Kangas	
AMC County Futures	Ryan Erdmann	rerdmann@mncounties.org				B. Stearns			
Recorder's Compliance Fund Committee (Land Records)	Tracy Borchert	tracy.borchert@wcmn.us	As needed	R. Noon			M. Kreklau		
Health Insurance Advisory Committee	Brenna Tessier	brenna.tessier@wcmn.us	As needed			B. Stearns		J. Kangas	
Management Team Committee (Chair & Vice Chair)	Randy Jahnke	Randy.Jahnke@wcmn.us	2nd Wednesday of the month	R. Noon	B. Winkels				
Negotiations Committee			As needed	R. Noon				J. Kangas	
Zoning & Planning Commission (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Deana Malone	deana.malone@wcmn.us	3rd Thursday of month		B. Winkels				
Tax Abatement Committee	Heather Olson	Heather.Olson@wcmn.us	Annually in first quarter				M. Kreklau	J. Kangas	
Safety and Security Committee (Chair and Vice Chair)	Betsy Heller	elizabeth.heller@wcmn.us		R. Noon	B. Winkels				
Counties Providing Technology Board - Joint Powers	Jina Marlow	jina.marlow@cptmn.us	4th Monday every other month		B. Winkels			J. Kangas-Alt	
Community Growth Committees									
Central MN Council on Aging	Lori Vrolson	Lori@cmcoa.org	Thursday once a month				M. Kreklau-Alt	J. Kangas	
FSC collaborative-Public Health (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Laure Laughlin	Laure.laughlin@wcmn.us	3 times a year	R. Noon					
Opioid Committee	Sarah Ness	sarah.ness@wcmn.us	3rd Wednesday of the month	R. Noon					
Old Wadena Committee (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Darlys Hamberg	darham2000@yahoo.com	2nd Thursday of the month		B. Winkels				
Region 5 Development Commission	Cheryl Lee Hills	chills@regionfive.org	Mostly the last Thursday of the month				M. Kreklau		
Public Health Advisory/CLT (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Sarah Ness	sarah.ness@wcmn.us		R. Noon					
Transit Board - Friendly Rider TAC Meeting	Randy Jahnke	Randy.Jahnke@wcmn.us	Quarterly meetings		B. Winkels	B. Stearns			
Wadena County Parks Board	Deana Malone	deana.malone@wcmn.us	Semi-annual meeting				M. Kreklau	J. Kangas	
Environmental Resources Committees									
County Wide Ditch Committee - Forming Charter	Anthony Maule	anthony.maule@wcmn.us	As needed			B. Stearns	M. Kreklau		
IT Committee	Neil Hutson	neil.hutson@wcmn.us	1st Tuesday of the month		B. Winkels			J. Kangas	
Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority	Karen Lehmann	klehmann@pimswa.com	4th Wednesday of the month			B. Stearns	M. Kreklau-Alt		
Soil & Water Conservation District (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Anne Oldakowski	anne.oldakowski@wadena.mnswcd.org	3rd Monday of the month				M. Kreklau		
Solid Waste Department Committee	Chris McConn	cmcconn@co.ottertail.mn.us	Every Other 3rd Monday			B. Stearns		J. Kangas	
Red Eye Watershed Policy Committee	Nicole Lundeen	nicole.lundeen@eot.mnswcd.org	Once a year in March				M. Kreklau		
Crow Wing One Watershed One Plan	Anne Oldakowski	anne.oldakowski@wadena.mnswcd.org			B. Winkels				
Community Engagement Committees									
Extension Committee	Heather Olson	heather.olson@wcmn.us	1st Monday of the month, quarterly starting in Feb.	R. Noon			M. Kreklau		
Fair Board/Ag Society Committee (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Eric Bakken	wadenacounty/fair@gmail.com	2nd Sunday of the month, 6pm		B. Winkels		M. Kreklau-Alt		
Kitchigami Regional Library	Melissa Whatley	whatleym@krls.org	3rd Thursday of alternate months & May, June & July	R. Noon-Alt			M. Kreklau		
MAHUBE-Otwa Board	Liz Kuoppala	lkuoppala@mahube.org	Last Friday of the month					J. Kangas	
MN Rural Counties Caucus (MRC)	Rob Vanasek	rob@capitalhillassoc.com		R. Noon-Alt	B. Winkels-Alt	B. Stearns-Alt	M. Kreklau-Ld	J. Kangas-Alt	
Public Health CHAMP Board (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Laure Laughlin	Laure.laughlin@wcmn.us	Quarterly Meetings	R. Noon					
Wadena Historical Society (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Jebb Willis	jebbillis1955@gmail.com	Monthly meetings	R. Noon					
Friends of Wadena County Youth (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Dan Sartell	Dansartel55@gmail.com	As needed - as Liaisons Only		Bryan W.	B. Stearns			
Community Safety Committees									
Central MN Emergency Services Board (800 MHZ)	Shari Gieseke	shari.gieseke@ci.stcloud.mn.us	6 times a year	R. Noon-Alt				J. Kangas	
Central MN Emergency Services Joint Powers Board (Liaison/Non-Voting)	Marion Larson	marion.larson@co.stearns.mn.us	5th Friday of the month that has 5 Fridays	R. Noon				J. Kangas-Alt	
Joint Public Health & EMS Preparedness	Tyler Wheeler	tylerw@wcmn.us	Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday Feb, May, Aug, Nov 1-2 p.m.	R. Noon				J. Kangas-Alt.	
Law Library Committee	Trisha Mernitz	trisha.mernitz@courts.state.mn.us			B. Winkels				
Trauma-Informed Wellness Committee	Cheri Dodds	Cheri.Dodds@wcmn.us	Quarterly meetings		B. Winkels				
Court Coordination	Kelly				B. Winkels				
CRE Design Team	Stacy Veen	stacy.veen@wcmn.us	Quarterly meetings		B. Winkels				
West Central Regional Juvenile Center	Josh Swanson	Josh.Swanson@claycounty.us		R. Noon-Alt				J. Kangas	