



**ITASCA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse  
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Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
(218) 327-2847

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Tuesday, February 17, 2026

2:30 PM

Itasca County Boardroom

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**ITASCA COUNTY MISSION:** Itasca County government strives to preserve and enhance the quality of life, the environment, and economic well-being within the community.

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**REGULAR SESSION AGENDA**

**2:30 PM I. CALL TO ORDER**

**2:31 PM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2:32 PM III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**2:33 PM IV. MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. Approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Regular Session.

**2:34 PM V. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda gives the County Board a means of handling routine non-controversial actions and motions that can be grouped together and handled in one motion. If, at the Board meeting, any Commissioner so requests, an item shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

1. Approve extended Letter of Understanding between Itasca County and AFSCME Local 1626 MIS On-Call Procedure.
2. Award 2026 Site Preparation Contract to Future Forests Inc. in the amount of \$73,314.00 to be paid from Forest Resources Fund 12 and authorize necessary signatures.
3. Award 2026 Tree Planting Contract to Thomas Forestry in the amount of \$20,164.17 to be paid from the Forest Resource Fund 12 and authorize necessary signatures.
4. Adopt the Resolution Re: Blackberry Snowmobile Trail - Warba Project Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant Application, and authorize necessary signatures.
5. Adopt the Resolution Re: Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant Application for the UPM/Blandin ATV/OHM Trail and Driftskipper Snowmobile Trail, and authorize necessary signatures.

**VI. REGULAR AGENDA**

**2:35 PM** 1. Commissioner Warrants, Gail Guck

**2:40 PM** 2. Job postings: one Highway Maintenance Worker, one Assistant County Attorney and one Legal Secretary, Chair Smith

**2:45 PM** 3. Family & Child Services Division 2025 Summary, Becky Lauer

- 2:50 PM** 4. 5 Year Plan for Highway Improvement Projects Presentation, Rachel Metelak
- 3:05 PM** 5. MOA - Little Fork Watershed, Matt Gutzmann
- 3:10 PM** **VII. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**
- 3:15 PM** **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 3:20 PM** **IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- X. CLOSED SESSIONS**
- 3:25 PM** **XI. ADJOURN**

**OTHER MEETINGS**

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, beginning at 2:30 p.m. – The Itasca County Board of Commissioners will meet in a Regular Session in the Boardroom of the Itasca County Courthouse. (Posted 12/2/2025)

**Note:** This time schedule is approximate!! Individuals with appointments should be available 10 minutes ahead of their appointment time.

Portions of this meeting may be closed to the public, if data classified as private or confidential is discussed.

If you require an accommodation to participate in this event, please contact the Administrative Services Department at (218) 327-7363 as soon as possible so necessary arrangements may be made.