

McLeod County

2018

Directory



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McLeod County Seat

Glencoe, Minnesota 55336

2015 Population - 35,942

475.05 Miles of Township Roads

401 Miles of County Roads

102 Miles of State Roads

503 Square Miles Overall

Telephone Numbers Emergency Only

All Emergencies County 911
(Call for Fire, Law Enforcement, and Ambulance)

Important Telephone Numbers

American Red Cross-McLeod County	320-587-0352
McLeod County Switchboard	320-864-5551
McLeod County Sheriff Non Emergency	320-864-3134
McLeod County Sheriff Toll Free	1-888-440-3134
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
Minnesota State Patrol	Dial "0" Ask for Zenith 7000

Access Phone Numbers

Hutchinson	320-484-4399
Stewart	320-328-4413
Winsted	320-395-2568

Access Web Addresses

McLeod County Web Site	www.co.mcleod.mn.us
McLeod County Historical Society	www.mcleodhistory.org

McLeod County Board of Commissioners

Joe Nagel, Chairperson 2018

First District - Ron Shimanski

320-327-0112

23808 Jet Ave

Election Term: January 2021

Silver Lake, MN 55381

Cities: Lester Prairie, Silver Lake, and Winsted

Townships: Bergen, Hale, and Winsted

E-mail: Ron.Shimanski@co.mcleod.mn.us

Second District - Doug Krueger

320-864-5944

9525 County Road 2

Election Term: January 2019

Glencoe, MN 55336

Cities: Glencoe and Plato

Townships: Glencoe and Helen

E-Mail: Doug.Krueger@co.mcleod.mn.us

Third District - Paul Wright

320-587-7332

15215 County Rd 7

Election Term: January 2021

Hutchinson, MN 55350

Cities: Hutchinson P3 and Stewart

Townships: Collins, Lynn, Penn, and Round Grove

E-mail: Paul.Wright@co.mcleod.mn.us

Fourth District - Rich Pohlmeier

320-587-6084

207 1st Ave S

Election Term: January 2021

Brownton, MN 55312

Cities: Biscay, Brownton, and Hutchinson P1

Township: Hassan Valley, Rich Valley, and Sumter

E-mail: Rich.Pohlmeier@co.mcleod.mn.us

Fifth District - Joe Nagel

320-587-8693

20849 196th Road

Election Term: January 2019

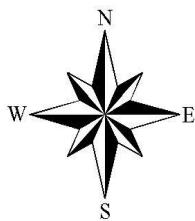
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Cities: Hutchinson P2

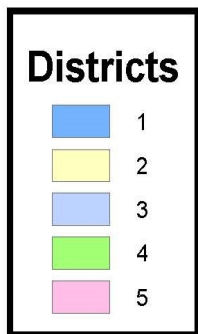
Townships: Acoma and Hutchinson

E-mail: Joseph.Nagel@co.mcleod.mn.us

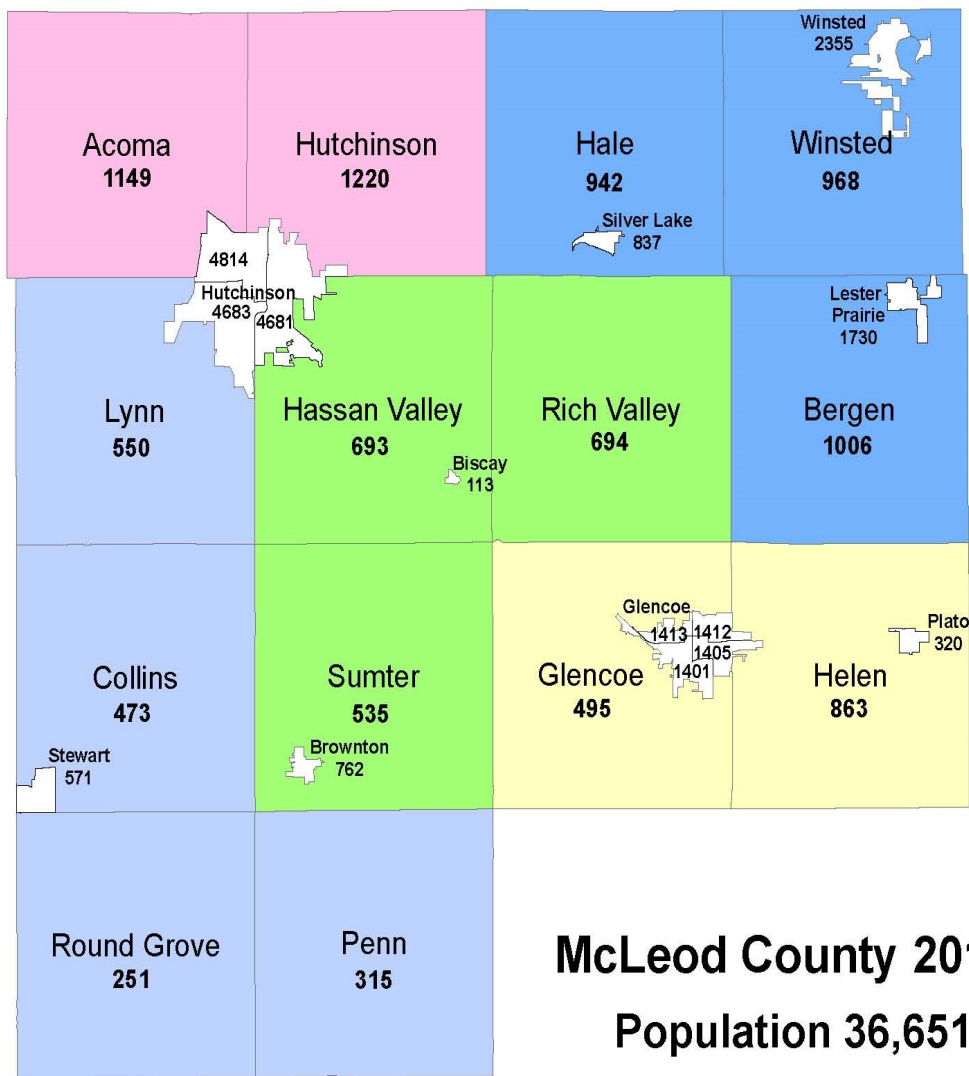
County Board Meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:00 A.M.



McLeod County Commissioner 2012 Districts



April 9, 2012



McLeod County Elected Officials

Attorney, Michael K. Junge

830 11th St E, Suite 112

Glencoe, MN 55336

E-mail: michael.junge@co.mcleod.mn.us

320-864-1265

Election Term: January 2019

Auditor-Treasurer, Connie Kurtweg —Interim

2391 Hennepin Ave N

Glencoe, MN 55336

E-mail: cindy.schultz@co.mcleod.mn.us

320-864-1235

Election Term: January 2019

Recorder, Lynn Ette Schrupp

2389 Hennepin Ave N

Glencoe, MN 55336

E-mail: lynnette.schrupp@co.mcleod.mn.us

320-864-1216

Election Term: January 2019

Sheriff, Scott Rehmann

801 10th St E

Glencoe, MN 55336

E-mail: scott.rehmann@co.mcleod.mn.us

320-864-1350

Election Term: January 2019

District Court Judges

District Court, Jody Winters - Seat 26

830 11th St E

Glencoe, MN 55336

320-864-1281

Election Term: January 2019

District Court, Jessica Maher - Seat 29

830 11th St E

Glencoe, MN 55336

320-864-1281

Election Term: January 2019

McLeod County Appointed Department Heads

Administrator, Cindy Ford 830 11th St E, Suite 110 Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: pat.melvin@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-864-1210
Assessor, Sue Schulz 2383 Hennepin Ave N Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: sue.schulz@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-864-1255
Planning, Zoning, Environmentalist, Larry Gasow 830 11th St E, Suite 113 Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail:	320-864-1214
Public Works Director, John Brunkhorst 1400 Adams St SE Hutchinson, MN 55350 E-mail: john.brunkhorst@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-484-0234
Information Systems, Vincent Traver 830 11th St E, Suite 111 Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: vincent.traver@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-864-1204
Parks Superintendent, Allan Koglin 840 Century Ave SW Hutchinson, MN 55350 E-mail: al.koglin@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-484-4307
Public Health Director, Jennifer Hauser 1805 Ford Ave, Suite 200 Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: Jennifer.Hauser@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-864-1373

Social Service Director, Gary Sprynczynatyk 1805 Ford Ave, Suite 100 Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: gary.sprynczynatyk@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-864-1395
Solid Waste Acting Director, Sarah Young 1065 5th Ave SE Hutchinson, MN 55350 E-mail: sarah.young@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-484-4319
Veteran Services, Jim Lauer 2381 Hennepin Ave N Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: james.lauer@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-864-1268
Zoning Administrator, Larry Gasow 830 11th St E, Suite 113 Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: larry.gasow@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-864-1218

McLeod County Appointed Positions

Agricultural Inspector, Allan Koglin 840 Century Ave SW Hutchinson, MN 55350 E-mail: al.koglin@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-484-4307
Medical Examiner, Dr. Quinn Strobl Midwest Medical Examiner 14341 Rhinestone St NW Ramsey, MN 55303	763-323-6400
Court Services, Mary Karle 830 11th St E, Suite 218 Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: mary.karle@state.mn.us	952-346-4882
Emergency Management, Kevin Mathews 801 10th St E Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: kevin.mathews@co.mcleod.mn.us	320-864-1339
Agricultural Extension Educator, Karen Johnson 840 Century Ave SW Hutchinson, MN 55350 E-mail: ande9495@umn.edu	320-484-4303
4-H Program Coordinator, Darcy Cole 840 Century Ave SW Hutchinson, MN 55350 E-mail: dacole@umn.edu	320-484-4305
Surveyor, Jeff Rausch 18486 202nd Cir, PO Box 35 Hutchinson, MN 55350	320-587-4789
Court Administrator, Karen Messner 830 11th St E, Suite 106 Glencoe, MN 55336 E-mail: karen.messner@courts.state.mn.us	320-864-1285

McLeod County Legislative Representatives

Representative Dean Urdahl- District 18A

Capitol Address: 253 State Office Building, 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone : 651-296-4344 Fax:

E-mail: rep.dean.urdahl@house.mn **Web Site:** www.house.mn/18a

Home Address: 54880 253rd St, Grove City, MN 56243

Phone: 320-857-2600

Representative Glenn Gruenhagen - District 18B

Capitol Address: 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Blvd, State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: 651-296-4229 Fax: 651-296-2080

E-mail: rep-glenn.gruenhagen@house.mn

Home address: 24203 Oday Ave, Hutchinson, MN 55350

Phone: 320-864-3911

Senator Scott J. Newman - District 18

Capitol Address: 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Capital Building, Room 301, St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: 651-296-4131 Fax: 651-296-9441

E-mail: sen.scott.newman@senate.mn

Home Address: 24203 Oday Ave, Hutchinson, MN 55350

Phone: 320-587-5965

U.S. Representative Collin Peterson - Seventh District

Capitol Address: 2211 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515

Phone : 202-225-2165 Fax: 202-225-1593

Minnesota Office: 320 4th St SW, Centre Point Mall, Willmar, MN 56201

Phone: 320-235-1061

E-mail: N/A

Web Site: www.collinpeterson.house.gov

U.S. Senator Tina Smith

Capitol Address: Hart Senate Building, Suite 309, Washington, DC 20510

Phone: 202-224-5641

Minnesota Office: 60 East Plato Blvd., Suite 220, St. Paul, MN 55107

Phone: 651-221-1016

E-mail: info@frankin.senate.gov

Web Site: www.franken.senate.gov

McLeod County Legislative Representatives (Cont'd)

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

Capitol Address; 302 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

Phone: 202-224-3244 Fax: 202-228-2186

Minnesota Office: 1200 Washington Ave S, Suite 250, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Phone: 612-727-5220 Fax: 612-727-5223 Toll-Free: 1-888-224-9043

E-mail: N/A

Web Site: www.klobuchar.senate.gov

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton

Address: Office of the Governor, 130 State Capitol Building,

75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155

1-800-657-3717, 651-201-3400, Fax: 651-797-1850

E-mail: mark.dayton@state.mn.us

McLeod County

2016 Population & Household Estimates

Townships	Total Popula- tion	Household Population	# of House- holds	Persons per Household
Acoma	1,119	1,115	423	2.64
Bergen	947	947	349	2.71
Collins	438	438	173	2.53
Glencoe	467	467	193	2.42
Hale	912	912	356	2.56
Hassan Valley	655	655	242	2.71
Helen	817	817	303	2.70
Hutchinson	1,204	1,204	440	2.74
Lynn	532	532	214	2.49
Penn	313	313	121	2.59
Rich Valley	664	664	260	2.55
Round Grove	223	223	100	2.23
Sumter	505	505	184	2.74
Winsted	915	915	343	2.67
Cities				
Biscay	101	101	39	2.59
Brownton	723	723	305	2.37
Glencoe	5,521	5,381	2,226	2.42
Hutchinson	14,146	13,881	6,062	2.29
Lester Prairie	1,696	1,696	652	2.60
Plato	305	305	136	2.24
Silver Lake	806	806	345	2.34
Stewart	548	548	229	2.39
Winsted	2,296	2,225	942	2.36
Total	35,853	35,373	14,687	2.42

McLeod County City Offices

Biscay

Clerk, Jana Kunkel
335 Grant St
Glencoe, MN 55336
E-mail: biscayclerk@gmail.com
Treasurer, Marian Knoll
Mayor, Tom Urban
Council Member, Gary Koch
Council Member, Leroy Knoll
Council Member, Dennis Schwanke
Council Member, Donovan Dose

320-455-1561
Fax: None Available
Website: www.biscaymn.com

City Council Meets:
2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Brownton

Clerk & Treasurer, Ella Kruse
335 3rd St S
PO Box 238
Brownton, MN 55312
Email: deputyclerk@cityofbrownton.com
Deputy Clerk & Treasurer, Diana Klabunde
Mayor, Norman Schwarze
Council Member, Tim Olson
Council Member, Douglas A. Block
Council Member, Curtis Carrigan
Council Member, Brian Dressel

320-328-5318
Fax: 320-328-5318
Website: cityofbrownton.com

City Council Meets:
1st Tuesday at 7 pm

Glencoe

Administrator, Mark Larson
1107 11th St E, Suite 107
Glencoe, MN 55336
E-mail: mlarson@ci.glencoe.mn.us
Financial Director, Todd Trippel
Mayor, Randy Wilson
Council Member, Milan Alexander P-1
Council Member, John Schrupp P-2
Council Member, Gary Ziemer P-3
Council Member, Cory Neid P-4
At Large, Allen Robeck

320-864-5586
Fax: 320-864-6405
Website: www.glencoe.mn.org

City Council Meets:
1st & 3rd Monday
at 7 pm

Hutchinson

Administrator, Matt Jaunich
111 Hassan St SE
Hutchinson, MN 55350
E-mail: mjaunich@ci.hutchinson.mn.us

320-587-5151
Fax: 320-234-4240
Website: www.ci.hutchinson.mn.us

Mayor, Gary T. Forcier
Council Member, John Lofdahl
Council Member, Chad Czmowski
Council Member, Mary Christensen
Council Member, Steve Cook

City Council Meets:
2nd & 4th Tuesday
at 5:30 pm

Lester Prairie

Coordinator & Treasurer, Marilyn Pawelk
37 Juniper St N, PO Box 66
Lester Prairie, MN 55354
E-mail: marilyn@lesterprairiemn.us

320-395-2646
Fax: 320-395-2646
Website: www.lesterprairiemn.us

Mayor, Eric Angvall
Council Member, Larry Hoof
Council Member, Ron Foust
Council Member, Tim Dahl
Council Member, Robert D. Messer

City Council Meets:
2nd Tuesday at 7 pm

Plato

Clerk & Treasurer, Gerri Scott
PO Box 7
Plato, MN 55370
E-mail: cityofplato@embarqmail.com

320-238-2432
Fax: 320-238-2542
Website: www.cityofplato.com

Mayor, Bob Becker
Council Member, Vee Ann Wood
Council Member, Dennis Oltmann
Council Member, Jake Nelson
Council Member, Stacy Sohns

Tuesday Hours 9-12
Thursday Hours 4-7
320-238-2432
City Council Meets:
2nd Monday at 7 pm

Silver Lake

Clerk & Treasurer, Kerry Venier
308 Main St W
Silver Lake, MN 55381
E-mail: kerry.venier@mchsi.com
Mayor, Bruce Bebo
Council Member, Nolan Johnson
Council Member, Ken Merrill
Council Member, Joshua Mason
Council Member, Brenda Fogarty

320-327-2412
Fax: 320-327-2299
Website: cityofsilverlake.org

City Council Meets:
1st & 3rd Monday
at 6:30 pm

Stewart

Coordinator & Treasurer, Ronda Huls
551 Prior St, PO Box 195
Stewart, MN 55385
E-mail: cityhall@mchsi.com
Mayor, Jason Pierce
Council Member, Curt Glaeser
Council Member, Kevin Klucas
Council Member, Carol Altrichter
Council Member, James Eitel

320-562-2518
Fax: 320-562-2518
Website: www.stewart.mn.citygovt.org

City Council Meets:
2nd Monday at 7 pm

Winsted

Administrator, Dan Tienter
Clerk & Treasurer, Raquel Kirchoff, Deputy
201 1st St N, PO Box 126
Winsted, MN 55395
E-mail: racqul.kirchoff@winsted.mn.us
Mayor, Steve Stotko
Council Member, Tom Ollig
Council Member, Mike Henrich
Council Member, Patty Fitzgerald
Council Member, George Schulenberg

320-485-2366
Fax: 320-485-2858
Website: www.winsted.mn.us

City Council Meets:
1st & 3rd Tuesday
at 6 pm

McLeod County Township Offices

Acoma

Clerk, Corrinne Schlueter
23157 215th St
Hutchinson, MN 55350
Email: corrineschlueter@gmail.com 320-587-6471

Treasurer, Gary Graham
21856 Walden Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350
Email: wa0cqa@xtratyme.com 320-587-4271

Supervisor, Lynn Splittgerber, Chairperson
24642 Upsala Ln
Hutchinson, MN 55350
Email: lrsplitt@hutchtel.net 320-587-2155

Supervisor, Tom Dahl
21767 Tague Avenue
Hutchinson, MN 55350
Email: tgjdahl@hutchtel.net 320-587-5111

Supervisor, Chuck Hausladen, Vice Chairperson
23529 Tagus Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350
Email: chuckhausladen@gmail.com 320-894-6532

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Bergen

Clerk, Tiffany Eggert
PO Box 744
Lester Prairie, MN 55354
Email: clerk@bergentownship.com 320-204-2280

Treasurer, Pat thiede
1504 185th St
Lester Prairie, MN 55354
Email: treasurer@bergentownship.com 612-532-0369

Supervisor, Francis Burch, Chairperson
16434 Zero Ave
Lester Prairie, MN 55354
Email: flburch9@gmail.com 320-395-2375

Supervisor, Albert Teubert, Vice Chairperson
5162 140th St
Glencoe, MN 55336 320-864-3827

Supervisor, Ryan Ide
16582 Dill Ave
Glencoe, MN 55336
Email: rvide74@xtratyme.com 320-395-2178

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Collins

Clerk, Gary Asche
12535 County Rd 7
Stewart, MN 55385
Email: www.garyasche@gmail.com

320-583-3023

Treasurer, Daniel Benson
23516 115th St
Stewart, MN 55385

320-562-2378

Supervisor, Pete Maiers , Chairperson
11286 Sunset Dr
Hutchinson , MN 55350

320-583-2773

Supervisor, Grant Hatten
24463 115th Street
Stewart, MN 55385

612-819-9934

Supervisor, Jay Reiner
12998 Yacht Ave
Stewart, MN 55385

320-587-0275

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday at 8 pm

Glencoe

Clerk, David Milbrand
7617 Co Rd 2
Glencoe, MN 55336
Email: dukkn@embarqmail.com

320-864-4200

Treasurer, Tim Haag
11501 Jade Ave
Glencoe, MN 55336

xxx-xxx-xxxx

Supervisor, Bruce Bargmann, Chairperson
9565 Jet Ave
Glencoe, MN 55336

320-864-6673

Supervisor, Mike Keenan
9062 95th Street
Glencoe, MN 55336

xxx-xxx-xxxx

Supervisor, Duane Haag
11504 Jade Ave
Glencoe, MN 55336

320-864-4873

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday at 8:00 pm

Hale

Clerk, Tammy Stifter
10255 225th St
Silver Lake, MN 55381
Email: tstifter@hotmail.com

320-327-2538

Treasurer, Julie Wendolek
9544 240th St
Silver Lake, MN 55381
Email: jwendolek@hotmail.com

320-327-2769

Supervisor, Roger Pokornowski
23232 Co Rd 2
Silver Lake, MN 55381

320-282-5052

Supervisor, John Shimanski
24195 Jade Ave
Silver Lake, MN 55381

320-327-2411

Supervisor, Ron Mickolichuk ,Chairperson
21898 Garden Ave
Silver Lake, MN 55381

320-327-2665

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday at 7:30 pm

Hassan Valley

Clerk, Robert Anderson
1545 Adams St SE
Hutchinson, MN 55350
Email: anderson@hutchtel.net

320-587-6055

Treasurer, Shirley Troska
15012 150th Street
Glencoe, MN 55336
Email: hvtreasurer@gmail.com

320-587-6148

Supervisor, Steve Reiner-Chairperson
15161 Page Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350
Email: reinerfm@hutchtel.net

320-587-9550

Supervisor, Randy Kirchhoff
15567 150th St
Glencoe, MN 55336
Email: randyk@hutchtel.net

320-587-7069

Vice Chair, Garrett Luthens-Vice Chair
18503 Nickel Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350
Email: garrett@luthens.com

320-234-6044

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Helen

Clerk, Karen Mackenthun
7102 80th St
Glencoe, MN 55336
Email: kbmack@embarqmail.com

320-864-6349

Treasurer, Tammy S. Mathews
6278 State Hwy 212
Glencoe, MN 55336
Email: helen_township@embarqmail.com

320-864-3036

Supervisor, Rodney Mathews, Chairperson
6714 110th St
Glencoe, MN 55336

320-864-6427

Supervisor, Mark Johnson
7453 Acorn Ave
Plato, MN 55370

320-238-2271

Supervisor, Chad Stuewe
12163 Echo Ave
Plato, MN 55336
Email: snow700@yahoo.com

612-363-2777

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday at 8:00 pm

Hutchinson

Clerk, Craig Schmeling
1250 State Hwy 7 E
Hutchinson, MN 55350
Email: craigschmeling1@gmail.com

320-583-9041

Treasurer, Marlys Swenson
17787 240th St
Hutchinson, MN 55350

320-587-8765

Supervisor, Brent Uecker, Chairperson
21657 Nature Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350

320-234-6148

Supervisor, Craig Powell
20284 Raven Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350

320-587-7066

Supervisor, Jon Christensen, Vice Chairperson
1245 State Hwy 7 E
Hutchinson, MN 55350

320-587-5663

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday at 8:00 pm

Lynn

Clerk, Kari Fraser
17384 Yacht Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-4423
Email: klfraser2020@gmail.com

Treasurer, Jackie Reiner
17186 Vale Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-5703
Email: jr1reiner@yahoo.com

Supervisor, Paul Merkins, Chairperson
24513 140th St
Stewart, MN 55385 320-587-9124

Supervisor, Doug Johnson
17795 Walden Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-7064

Supervisor, Corey Henke
13031 County Rd 7
Stewart, MN 55385 320-587-9143

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Penn

Clerk, Donald R. Albrecht
15702 40th St
Brownton, MN 55312 320-328-5375
Email: dralbrec@hutchtel.net

Deputy Clerk, Brad Schuch
14613 65th St
Brownton, MN 55312
XXX-XXX-XXXX

Treasurer, Veryl Becker
13504 65th St
Glencoe, MN 55336 320-864-4347

Deputy Treasurer, Kevin Lindeman
6637 Nature Ave
Brownton, MN 55312 320-328-4192
Appointed

Supervisor, Wilbert Hahn, Chairperson
15122 20th St
Brownton, MN 55312 320-328-5717

Penn (Continued)

Supervisor, Kevin Miller, Vice Chairperson
18376 30th St
Brownton, MN 55312

320-328-5921

Supervisor, Jeff Becker
15241 20th Street
Brownton, MN 55312

320-510-1514

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Rich Valley

Clerk, Theresa R. Rusten
16343 Ideal Ave
Glencoe, MN 55336
Email: trusten@gsl.k12.mn.us

320-864-6647

Treasurer, Faye Bruckschen
7474 160th St
PO Box 214
Glencoe, MN 55336

320-864-5747

Supervisor, Don Lhotka
7504 180th St
Lester Prairie, MN 55354

320-327-2521

Supervisor, John Mohr, Vice Chairperson
10954 160th St
Glencoe, MN 55336

320-864-6555

Supervisor, Tom Radtke, Chairperson
8506 180th St
Silver Lake, MN 55381

320-327-3164

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Email: richvalleytownshipmn@gmail.com Website: www.richvalleytownship.com

Round Grove

Clerk, Deborah Zellman
6845 Tagus Ave
Brownton, MN 55312
Email: roundgrovetownship@gmail.com

320-328-5277

Treasurer, LeRoy Hedtke
21756 40th St
Stewart, MN 55385

320-562-2521

Supervisor, Robert Doerr, Chairperson
2887 Ulm Ave
Stewart, MN 55385

320-296-1328

Round Grove (Continued)

Supervisor,
2538 County Rd 7
Stewart, MN 55385 320-562-2543

Supervisor, Darwin Wagner
2475 State Hwy 15
Brownton, MN 55312 320-328-5581

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm
(If falls on a holiday the meeting is held on Tuesday)

Sumter

Clerk, Janel Zimmerman
18584 110th St
Brownton, MN 55312 320-510-1069
Email: sumtertwsp@gmail.com

Treasurer, Donald Husske
15821 State Hwy 212
Brownton, MN 55312 320-328-5517

Supervisor, Gary Waller, Chairperson
8642 State Hwy 15
PO Box 27
Brownton, MN 55312 320-328-5371

Supervisor, Scott Erpelding
18241 100th St
Brownton, MN 55312 320-582-0377

Supervisor, Jeff Kosek
18766 110th St
Brownton, MN 55312 320-328-5543

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Winsted

Clerk, Shirley Carlson
PO Box 897
Winsted, MN 55395 612-227-7913
Email: winstedtownshipclerk@outlook.com

Treasurer, Nina Stifter
6642 237th St
Winsted, MN 55395 320-485-4732
nintwpttreasurer@hotmail.com

Winsted (Continued)

Supervisor, Tony Hausladen
1194 212th St
Lester Prairie, MN 55354

320-485-2856

Supervisor, Nathan Schmalz
19906 Cable Ave
Lester Prairie, MN 55354
schmalzn@hotmail.com

320-395-2077

Supervisor, Brian Anderson, Chairperson
4672 Castle Cir
Lester Prairie, MN 55354
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320-395-2806

Town Board Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday at 7:30 pm

MCLEOD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

School District #423

Superintendent, Daron VanderHeiden

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Joshua Gehlen - Chairperson

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Keith Kamrath - Vice Chairperson

320-587-2860

Fax: 320-587-4590

Website: www.isd423.org

Mike Carls - Clerk

Byron Bettenhausen - Director

Chris Wilke - Director

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Superintendent, Jeremy Schmidt

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Lester Prairie, MN 55354

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Alice Daak, Business Manager

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School Board (Meeting on 3rd Monday at 5:45 pm)

Corby Hentges - Chair

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Meganne Stfier - Knoll

Rebecca Heimerl

Marc Sebora

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320-693-2444

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Website: www.litchfield.k12.mn.us

Chase Groskreutz - Director

David Huhner - Vice Chairperson

Marlin Schutte - Chairperson

School District #2159

Superintendent, David Hansen

220 3rd St W, PO Box 307

Hector, MN 55342

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Kathy Kalenberg

Allen Schmidt —Chair

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Nathan Schroeder

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Mike Kuehn-Chairperson

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School Board (Meetings on 2nd & 4th Monday at 6:00 pm)

Charles Bush

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Website:hlww.k12.mn.us

Paul Bravinder - Vice Chairperson

Dwayne Diers

Joanie Lasiuk - Treasurer

Lacy Detlefsen

School District #2859

Superintendent, Chris Sonju

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School Board (Meetings on 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 pm)

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320-864-2498

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Jason Lindeman - Vice Chair

Donna Vonberg - Director

Anne Twiss - Clerk

McLeod County Committees

AMC Delegates

Commissioner Ron Shimanski	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Doug Krueger	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Joe Nagel	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Paul Wright	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier	January 1, 2019
Cindy Ford - Administrator	January 1, 2019
John Brunkhorst - Publis Works Director	January 1, 2019
Gary Sprynczynatyk - Social Service Director	January 1, 2019
Connie Kurtzweg- Auditor-Treasurer (Alternate) —Interim	January 1, 2019
Lynette Schrupp - Recorder (Alternate)	January 1, 2019

Term Expires

Board of Adjustment

Larry Gasow - Zoning Administrator (Ex-Officio)	Indefinite
Marc Telecky - Zoning Office (Ex-Officio)	Indefinite
Merlin Mackenthun - Brownton	January 1, 2020
Ron Mickolichuk - Silver Lake	January 1, 2019
Leslie Engelmann - Plato	January 1, 2019
Chuck Hausladen - Hutchinson	January 1, 2020
Robert Doerr - Stewart	January 1, 2019

Budget Committee

Commissioner Doug Krueger	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Paul Wright	January 1, 2019
Cindy Ford- Administrator	Indefinite
Sheila Murphy	Indefinite
Connie kurtzweg- Auditor-Treasurer —Interim	Indefinite

Buffalo Creek Watershed District

Donald Belter - President 43540 180th St Glencoe, MN 55336	May 17, 2019
Corey Henke - Financial Secretary 13031 County Rd 7 Hutchinson, MN 55350	May 17, 2019
Larry Phillips - Treasurer 8495 Ideal Ave Glencoe, MN 55336	May 17, 2019

Buffalo Creek Watershed District (Continued)**Term Expires**

Matt Melberg - Secretary
83259 CR #22
Hector, MN 55342

May 17, 2019

Larry Kramer
87132 State Hwy
Hector, MN 55342

May 17, 2019

Board Meeting Schedule: 4th Tuesday at 1:00 pm November - March
or 8:00 pm April - October at Glencoe City Center, 1107 11th St E,
Glencoe, MN.

Crow River Joint Powers Board

Commissioner Doug Krueger
9525 County Rd 2
Glencoe, MN 55336

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Paul Wright (Alternate)
15215 County Rd 7
Hutchinson, MN 55350

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Mike Housman - Meeker County - Vice Chair
325 Sibley Ave N
Litchfield, MN 55355

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Paul Setzepfandt - Renville County -Chairperson
105 S 5th St
Olivia, MN 56277

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Jeff Johnson - Hennepin County
Government Center
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487

January 1, 2019

Crow River Joint Powers Board (Continued)

Commissioner Larry Lindor - Pope County
130 E Minnesota Ave
Glenwood, MN 56334

Term Expires

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Charlie Borrell - Wright County
10 2nd St NW
Buffalo, MN 55313

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Tim Lynch - Carver County
600 E 4th St
Chaska, MN 55318

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Roger Imdieke - Kandiyohi County
2200 23rd St NE, Suite 2020
Willmar, MN 56201

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Joy Cohrs - Sibley County
400 Court Ave
Gaylord, MN 55334

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Jeff Mergen - Stearns County
705 Courthouse Square
St Cloud, MN 56303

January 1, 2019

Ditch Committee

Mike Mickolichuk

January 1, 2019
1st Comm. District

Xxx-xxx-xxxx

Larry Phillips
8495 Ideal Ave
Glencoe, MN 55336
whill.phillips@gmail.com

January 1, 2019
2nd Comm. District

320-510-0504

Steve Reiner
15161 Page Ave
Hutchinson, MN 55350
skreiner@hutchtel.net

January 1, 2019
4th Comm. District

320-583-8470

Francis Svoboda
14114 200th St
Hutchinson, MN 55350

January 1, 2019
5th Comm. District
320-587-8718

Ditch Committee (Continued)

Scott Streich
12986 Zane Ave
Stewart, MN 55385
streichsfs@gmail.com

Term Expire8
January 1, 2019
3rd Comm. District

320-583-5324

Vacant - County Environmentalist
Connie Kurtzweg - Auditor-Treasurer –Interim
Christy Christensen - GIS Director/Highway Department

January 1, 2019
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Employee Enrichment

Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier
Lynn Ette Schrupp - Department Head Rep
Sherrie Buckentin - Non-Union Supervisor Rep
Doug Munsch - LELS Rep
Pat Schommer - Teamsters Highway Rep
Theresa Dwovak - AFSCME Rep (Treasurer)
Elizabeth Anderson - Teamsters Local 320
Sadie Jenkins - Non-Union Professionals (Chairperson)
Vacant - Administrator's Office Rep

January 1, 2020
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Environmental Services Advisory Committee

Corey Henke - Buffalo Creek Watershed
Kevin Lindemann - Farmer
Charles Mathews - SWCD Representative
Skip Quade - Hutchinson
Virgil Voigt - Hutchinson
Donald Albrecht - Township Representative
Commissioner Paul Wright (District 3)
Lee Sundmark - DNR Representative
Adam Bielke - BWSR Representative
Clayton Schmitz - District Conservationist
Karen Johnson - Agricultural Extension Educator
Ryan Freitag - SWCD Representative
Emily Gable - Environmentalist
Jeremy Moul - BWSR Representative

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Extension Committee

Scott Streich - Stewart
Randy Jurgenson - Hutchinson
Ashley Kohls - Hutchinson
Carla Kuehn - Plato (Vice-Chair)
Kim Hausladen - Winsted
Becky Kobow - Hutchinson
Commissioner Paul Wright
Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier
Cindy Schultz Ford- Auditor-Treasurer (Secretary)
Nathaniel Hausladen - Youth Representative
Emily Ward - Youth Representative

Term Expires

January 1, 2019
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GIS Committee

Commissioner Paul Wright (District 3)
Commissioner Doug Krueger (District 2)
Christy Christensen - GIS Director
Jen Otto - Sheriff's Office
Kevin Mathews - Sheriff's Office/EMS
Deb Jensen - Recorder's Office
Brenda Chmielewski - Assessor's Office
All Department Heads
Cindy Ford— Administration

January 1, 2019
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Health Insurance Steering

Commissioner Ron Shimanski
Lisa Pfarr - Auditor-Treasurer's Office (Alternate)
Jennifer Hauser - Public Health Director
Betty Stras - Clerical
Shelly Lange - AFSCME
Vacant - Administrator's Office/HR
Cindy Ford - Administrator
Kerry Ward - Public Health

January 1, 2019
Indefinite
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High Island Watershed District

Leonard Eibs, President
26697 371st Ave
Henderson, MN 56044

Term Expires

August 31, 2019

Kevin Miller, Manager
18717 30th St
Brownton, MN 55312

August 02, 2019

Orville Polzin, Treasurer
48126 210th St
Gaylord, MN 55334

August 31, 2019

Vern Schlueter, Secretary
25804 431st Ave
Arlington, MN 55307

August 31, 2019

Dwight Swanson, Vice President
74679 500th St
Hector, MN 55342

Indefinite

Human Service Board & Committee

Commissioner Joe Nagel
Commissioner Paul Wright
Commissioner Doug Krueger
Commissioner Ron Shimanski
Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier

January 1, 2019

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Hutchinson Area Joint Planning Board

Commissioner Paul Wright
Garrett Luthens - Hassan Valley Twp
Doug Johnson - Lynn Twp
Tom Dahl - Acoma Twp
John Lofdahl - Hutchinson City
Dan Jochum - Hutchinson City (Ex-Officio)
Larry Gasow - Zoning Administrator (Ex-Officio)
Marc Telecky - Zoning (Ex-Officio)

January 1, 2019

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March 1, 2019

January 1, 2019

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Individual Sewage Treatment Systems Committee

Commissioner Joe Nagel	January 1, 2019
Curtis Carrigan - Brownton	January 1, 2019
Paul Merkins - Stewart	January 1, 2019
Mark Johnson - Plato	January 1, 2019
Robert Billiet - Hutchinson	January 1, 2019
Donald Albrecht - Brownton	January 1, 2019
Robert Heil - Brownton	January 1, 2019
William Hard - Hutchinson	January 1, 2019
Karen Johnson - Agricultural Extension Educator (Ex-Officio)	January 1, 2019
Vacant - Environmentalist (Ex-Officio)	January 1, 2019
Larry Gasow - Zoning Administrator (Ex-Officio)	January 1, 2019
Emily Gable - Environmental Services (Ex-Officio)	January 1, 2019

Law Library Board

Commissioner Joe Nagel	Term Expires January 1, 2019
Michael Junge - Attorney	Indefinite
Judge Terrence Conkel	Indefinite

McLeod McLeod For Tomorrow

Joe Nagel - Commissioner	January 1, 2019
Cindy Ford- County Administrator	January 1, 2019
Sheila Murphy- Human Resource	January 1, 2019
Tasha Schiedel- Program Coordinator	Indefinite

McLeod County Improvement Team

Al Koglin - Parks Superintendent	Indefinite
Vacant - Highway Representative	Indefinite
Chris Marsh - Technical Specialist	Indefinite
Deb Jensen - Recorder's Office	Indefinite
Lisa Becker - Social Services	Indefinite
Rich Gronlund - Sheriff's Office	Indefinite
Cindy Ford - Administrator	Indefinite
Commissioner Doug Krueger (District 2)	Indefinite

McLeod County Public Health Advisory

Chris Sonju - Glencoe	Indefinite
Karen Gensmer - Hutchinson	Indefinite
Sue Demars - Silver Lake	Indefinite
Joan Ewald - Brownton	Indefinite
Catherine McGinnis, MD - Hutchinson	Indefinite
Donna Davidson– Winsted	Indefinite
Commissioner Ron Shimanski	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Joe Nagel	January 1, 2019
Jennifer Hauser - Public Health Director	Indefinite

McLeod County Trails Advisory

Mary Behrens - Lester Prairie	January 1, 2019
Keith Froemming - Hutchinson	January 1, 2020
Steve Cook – Hutchinson	January 1, 2019
Dean Nissen - Hutchinson	January 1, 2019
John Gillard - Hutchinson	January 1, 2019
Tony Hausladen - Lester Prairie	January 1, 2019
Kyle Strobel - Plato	January 1, 2019
Lawrence Winter – Glencoe	January 1, 2019
Jon Christensen – Hutchinson	January 1, 2019
Tim Olson –Brownton	January 1, 2019
Kevin Klucas	January 1, 2020
Al Koglin– Parks Director (Ex-Officio)	
John Brunkhorst - Publis Works Director (Ex-Officio)	
Kent Exner - Hutchinson Engineer (Ex-Officio)	
Matt Johonson - Mid MN Dev (Ex-Officio)	
All Five Commissioners (Ex-Officio)	

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Eric Westlund - Hutchinson	January 1, 2021
Mary Krueger - Glencoe	January 1, 2020
James Lindeman - Brownton	January 1, 2019
Adam Birkholz - Lester Prairie	January 1, 2021
Carol Altrichter- Hutchinson	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Doug Krueger	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier (Alternate)	January 1, 2019

McLeod Soil & Water Conservation District**Term Expires**

Charles Mathews - District 1
14918 Bergen Rd
Glencoe, MN 55336

January 1, 2019

Roger Schultz - District 2
1424 Queen Ave
Glencoe, MN 55336

January 1, 2019

Jeremy Bolland - District 3
331 3rd Ave N
Brownton, MN 55312

January 1, 2019

John Adamek - District 4
23497 County Rd 7
Hutchinson, MN 55350

January 1, 2019

Mark Schnobrich - District 5
24209 Unit Ave & Belle Lake Rd
Hutchinson, MN 55350

January 1, 2019

McLeod Treatment Program

Gloria Hilgers - Glencoe (Secretary/Treasurer)

February 1, 2019

Bev Wangerin - Hutchinson

November 1, 2019

Chester Hoernemann - Glencoe

December 1, 2019

Shirley Nowak - Glencoe (Vice President)

January 7, 2019

Kathy Nowak - (President)

January 7, 2020

Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier (Alternate)

January 1, 2019

Commissioner Ron Shimanski

January 1, 2019

Meeker - McLeod - Sibley Community Health Board

Commissioner Beth Oberg	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Mike Housman	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Joe Tacheny (Alternate)	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Ron Shimanski	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Joe Nagel	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Doug Krueger (Alternate)	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Bobbie Harder	January 1, 2019
Commissioner William Pinks	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Joy Cohrs (Alternate)	January 1, 2019

Minnesota County Computer Cooperative

Sue Schulz - Assessor (Delegate)	Term Expires January 1, 2019
Connie Kurtzweg- Auditor-Treasurer –Interim (Alternate)	January 1, 2019
Vincent Traver - Information Technology (Alternate)	January 1, 2019

Noxious Weed Appeal

Karen Johnson - Agricultural Extension Educator	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Paul Wright	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Ron Shimanski	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Doug Krueger	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Joe Nagel	January 1, 2019

Park Commission

Ryan Lemke - Glencoe	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Doug Krueger	January 1, 2019
Adam Griebe	January 1, 2019
Jerrt Eggert - Hutchinson	January 1, 2020
James Nowak	January 1, 2020
Brad Duesterhoeft - Hutchinson	January 1, 2019

Planning Advisory Commission

Chuck Hausladen - Hutchinson	January 1, 2019
Dave Hoerneman - Lester Prairie	January 1, 2020
Larry Phillips - Glencoe	January 1, 2020
Paul Merkins - Stewart	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier	January 1, 2019
Larry Gasow - Zoning Administrator (Ex-Officio)	Indefinite
Marc Telecky - Zoning Office (Ex-Officio)	Indefinite

Personnel Policy Review Committee

Commissioner Paul Wright	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Joe Nagel	January 1, 2019
Cindy Ford - County Administrator	January 1, 2019
Gary Sprynczynatyk - Social Services	January 1, 2019
Lynn Ette Schrupp - County Recorder	January 1, 2019
Sheila Murphy - Human Resources	January 1, 2019
Colleen Robeck - Accountant	January 1, 2019

Safety Committee

Commissioner Joe Nagel (Delegate)	Term Expires January 1, 2019
Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier (Alternate)	January 1, 2019
Scott Grivna - Building Services	Indefinite
Kevin Mathews - Sheriff's Office/EMS (Chair)	Indefinite
Donna Rickeman - Administrator's Office (Vice Chair)	Indefinite
Tamara Wilms - Social Services	January 1, 2020
Jason Zajicek - Highway Department	January 1, 2019
Randy Starke - Fairgrounds	Indefinite
Connie Kurtzweg - North Complex	January 1, 2020
Beth Ward - Sheriff's Office	January 1, 2020

Salary Committee/Union Negotiation/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Paul Wright	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Ron Shimanski	January 1, 2019
Cindy Ford - Administrator	Indefinite

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Joe Nagel	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Ron Shimanski	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Paul Wright	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Doug Krueger	January 1, 2019

Township Officers Association

Robert Anderson - Hassan Valley (Chair)	September 1, 2019
Jon Christensen - Hutchinson (Vice Chair)	September 1, 2019
Tammy Mathews - Helen (Treasurer)	September 1, 2019
Donald Albrecht - Penn (Secretary)	September 1, 2019
Francis Burch - Bergen (Director At Large)	September 1, 2019

Water Planning Task Force - Feedlot Subcommittee

Kevin Lindeman - Brownton	January 1, 2019
Larry Phillips	January 1, 2019
Virgil Voigt - Hutchinson	January 1, 2019
Paul Merkins	January 1, 2019
Chad Stuewe - Glencoe	January 1, 2019
Chris Hutton -	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Paul Wright	January 1, 2019
Ryan Freitag - SWCD Rep	January 1, 2019
Emily Gable - Environmentalist (Ex-Officio)	January 1, 2019
Karen Johnson - Agricultural Extension Educator (Ex-Officio)	January 1, 2019
Larry Gasow - Zoning Administrator (Ex-Officio)	January 1, 2019
Clayton Schmitz - Dist. Conservationist (Ex-Officio)	January 1, 2019

Wellness Committee Members

Janet Betsinger -North Complex	January 1, 2019
Pat Schommer - Highway Department	January 1, 2019
Katie Jones - Sheriff's Office	January 1, 2019
Kathy Strobel - Attorney's Office	January 1, 2019
Kristin Bates - Social Services	January 1, 2019
Kerry Ward - Public Health (Chair)	January 1, 2019
Jennifer Hauser - Public Health	January 1, 2019
Debbie Baker - Public Health	January 1, 2019
Donna Rickeman - Administrator's Office	January 1, 2019
Sarah Young - Solid Waste	January 1, 2019
Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier	January 1, 2019

The Life of Martin McLeod

McLeod County is rich in history that must be preserved and it is important to note the history of the man for whom our county was named, thus, from a letter written by George A. McLeod (Martin's brother) of which the original can be seen at the Minnesota Historical Society.. it gives insight on their family. He writes and I quote from a letter dated February 2, 1851 in part as follows: "I saw our Father and Mother and our sister, Margaret a few days since when on my way up from Montreal...I also heard from Norman while in Montreal, where he has a large Congregation, he has been in ill health for some time, but I am pleased to learn that his health is now good; our brother John is well and doing well, you should write to him; I have not heard lately from our sister, Elizabeth mentioning over the names of our family, brings my memory back to our early school days and to L'Orignal it is now thirteen years since I left L'Orignal and in that time what an amazing change has taken place. "It goes on to say things about their home town. There are letters Martin McLeod wrote to his mother, sister, and other family members, it tells of the plans of his siblings, coming to Minnesota, however, here I will only touch on some of the highlights.

John & Janet McLeod (Martin's parents) were born in Scotland and moved to Canada where they became the parents of 7 children. Let it be known that Martin McLeod was born August 30, 1813 at L'Orignal, Ontario, Canada, he spent his boyhood days there and was given a liberal education, attended the McGill University in Montreal...at age 23 worked as a bookkeeper for a wholesale house when his adventurous spirit enticed this French speaking Canadian to leave Montreal on July 17, 1836 and joined a General James Dickson at Buffalo, New York on October 1; part of Dickson's plan was to establish an Indian State. In part the route of Martin McLeod's travel were as follows:

On October 22, 1836 he entered what is now Minnesota from Lake Superior by canoe, (at this time his point of entry was Wisconsin Territory) he traveled a good part of the way on foot and stopped at Fort Garry December 20 - February 26, 1837 to wait for Spring. On March 21 they stayed at the Lake Traverse Trading Post until April 5 and traveled by cart following the north side of the river all the way to the Traverse des Sioux trading Post and three days later they reached Fort Snelling by canoe on April 16, 1837. McLeod endured wet, cold, fatigue, and hunger to the extent he had to eat one of his dogs to survive, and writes in his diary about the snowdrifts, lost companions, frostbite - his feet were blistered, he writes "the blood oozes through my moccasins"... his brave adventures and hardships are documented in his diary at the MHS.

After his arrival at Fort Snelling Henry Hastings Sibley persuaded Martin McLeod to work for the American Fur Company as a clerk and bookkeeper and he traded with the Indians for about three years.

Around the time of his marriage, he left Henry H. Sibley's employ and established his own Fur Trading Posts...he had posts in several places including Lac Qui Parle, Big Stone Lake, and Lake Traverse. It was later, that he also had a fur trading post at Traverse des Sioux. Changes in fashion play a part of the trading posts closing because the beaver hats went out of style in favor of silk hats.

About 1838 Martin McLeod was married to Mary Elizabeth Ortley near Fort Snelling by the Rev. Gideon Pond. Mrs. Mary Ortley McLeod and four children are listed as beneficiaries under the 1851 Treaty of Traverse des Sioux and received twelve hundred fifty dollars. Martin & Mary Elizabeth Ortley McLeod had six children, Namely, Walter Scott born at Iowa Territory as it was known then April 16, 1841; John George born at St. Peter in June, 1843 and died in July 1843, Mary Elizabeth born in July 1844 at Big Stone Lake; Janet born January 1848 at Lac qui parle; Isabella born May 1851 and a child died in infancy.

Martin McLeod was intelligent, quick-witted, loved to read and sagacious. He served the Territorial Council in 1849, and 1851 serving District 7 and in 1852 - 1853 he was President of the Territorial Council serving District 6. In 1849 he was a charter member in the establishment of the historical society as it is known today. His youngest daughter, Isabella, had the foresight to donate his papers to MHS.

In 1849, in the first territorial legislative session, he laid the foundation for a comprehensive school system for the territory. The bill, referred to as the "Act to Establish and Maintain Common Schools," authorized a tax of one fourth of a percent, and made the schools open free to all persons between the ages of four and twenty-one. Martin McLeod was a remarkable man. While overseeing his trading posts and serving the legislature, Martin McLeod acquired land in Oak Grove along the way. In 1849 the McLeod family moved to Oak Grove and built a beautiful home on the Minnesota river bluffs where he died November 20, 1860, In 1855, his brother, Rev. Norman McLeod suggested he donate four acres of his land to be used for a church and burial ground, on which Martin McLeod (died in 1860 at age 47) and most of his family is buried. In the same year the Presbyterian Church of Oak Grove was built and dedicated in January 1856.

May 17, 1855 - a party of investors and explorers headed by Col. John Harrington Stevens left St. Anthony in search of a new town site westward through the "Big Woods." The morning of the second day, May 18, they were joined by Martin McLeod, who was to guide them through the wilderness to the promise land; this brought them to a brook near where the village of Carver now stands. May 19 we continued a difficult journey through the big woods, it was a toilsome task to clear the way for the teams and most of them were unaccustomed to swinging the axe, and unused to felling trees, before noon all hands were blistered, twilight came and we had only traveled eight miles. A destructive fire earlier had swept across a portion of the timber land over which we traveled, this fire left scars upon the larger trees.

In crossing the burnt area every step taken, and every blow of the axe was accompanied by a shower of soot blacker than rich soil of the region. We camped for the night on the shores of what is now known as Lake Benton. On the evening of May 20 we camped by a lake... '(today known as Tiger Lake). Early May 21, 1855 we found an Indian trail and followed it through the forest to the prairie from the dense, shady native woods to the open smooth, sunny plains, the change was so sudden, and the contrast so great, that a new world of wondrous beauty seemed open to our view. The orders of the northwestern open country called by the red men Ta-tonka-ka-ga-pi, or the home of the buffalo. From the foliage overhead, trembling in the breeze, with glimpses of blue sky beyond, we had come to a groundwork of living green overtopped with bright, delicate flower's that gratefully yielded to caresses of the gentle zephyrs that wafted their fragrance to us, as we stood with uncovered heads, enchanted by our first view of the lonely, lovely wilderness, now first visited by the white men for settlement, here on the peninsula-shaped prairie that extended into the timber near the banks of Buffalo Creek they founded the town site of Glencoe.

They divided up parcels of land and formed a town site company. Martin McLeod never lived in McLeod County however he owned many parcels of land here. It has been stated that he raised potatoes and turnips on land belonging to Col. John Stevens who lived on a farm on the west edge of Glencoe near where the Haukos business is located and once was a part of the Mielke family farm. An early issue of a Glencoe newspaper ran an article that states and I quote, "McLeod was at no time a resident of the county." He owned land, therefore, his name was on several abstracts, however, he never built a home here; and another issue states that he has land for sale 150 lots or 6 shares in the town of Glencoe, McLeod County.

A fine farm near Glencoe, 20 acres fenced and improved; three farms in the vicinity of Glencoe, no improvements; 250 acres of excellent land, beautifully situated on "McLeod Lake' adjoining Kaerns (Karns) City; and two shares in Cedar City, McLeod County.

McLeod County Demographic & Economic Profile

Demographic Characteristics

With 35,942 people in 2014, McLeod County is now the 29th largest county out of 87 counties in the state of Minnesota. After gaining 1,753 people over the last decade, a 5.0% increase, it was the 31st fastest growing county in the state. In comparison, the state of Minnesota gained about 385,000 people from 2000 to 2010, a 7.8% increase. McLeod County's recent growth is part of a long-term trend. Over the last half century, McLeod County welcomed 12,250 people (+50.2%), from 24,401 people in 1960 to 36,651 people in 2010. In comparison, Minnesota grew 55.4% over the last 50 years.

According to the data from the American Community Survey, McLeod County has a slightly older population than the state of Minnesota. About 32% of the population was under 25 years of age, as compared to 33.2% in the state. Despite the presence of a 2-year post secondary institution, McLeod County has a slightly lower percentage of young adults in the 15 to 24-year old (11.6%) age group than the state (13.4%). With a median age of 39 years in 2010, about 39.2% of McLeod County's population was in their prime working years, of 24 to 54 years of age, as compared to 40.8% statewide. McLeod County has a slightly higher percentage of people in the 55 and older (28.8%) compared to the state (26.2%).

Despite the county's steady population growth, the size of McLeod County's labor has been volatile over the last decade. With 19,808 available workers in 2014, McLeod County lost about 50 workers since 2004, when it had 19,858 workers, a -0.3% decrease. In comparison, Minnesota's labor force grew 3.3% from 2004 to 2014, a gain of just under 94,000 workers. Unfortunately, the number of unemployed workers went up over the last 10 years, leading to higher unemployment rates in the county. After some significant layoffs, McLeod County's rate peaked at 9.5% in 2009, before falling back to 4.5% in 2014. By October of 2015 the rate has dropped below the state rate..

About 45.4% of McLeod County working residents both lived and worked within the county. With Hutchinson as a regional employment center, workers drive in from surrounding counties including Meeker, Renville, Sibley, and Wright Counties. At the same time, residents from McLeod County also drive to other counties for work, primarily the Twin Cities metro area. Travel times in McLeod County are relatively short in comparison with other Twin Cities metro fringe counties, with almost half (45%) of the workers commuting less than 15 minutes one way in 2014, but 16.2% of workers driving 45 minutes or more.

Industry Employment Characteristics

Through 2014, McLeod County was home to 979 business establishments with 16,761 covered jobs, paying out average annual wages of \$40,918. McLeod County also had 2,391 non-employer establishments in 2013 as well as 966 farms in 2012, according to the U.S. Census Bureau and the 2012 Census of Agriculture

Of the 16 main industry sector in McLeod County, nine gained jobs and seven lost jobs between 2013 and 2014. Manufacturing was the largest industry in McLeod County, providing over three in every ten jobs (32%) and gained the largest number of jobs over the year, adding 231 net jobs, for a growth rate of 4.5%. Manufacturing now has 5,351 jobs in the county and 86 business establishments.

Health care and social assistance was the second largest industry on McLeod County, with about 2,832 jobs at 97 service providers. After gaining jobs even during the recession, the sector shed 126 jobs between 2013 and 2014.

Retail trade was the next largest sector, providing 2,133 jobs at 140 establishments, also feeling massive job loses of 116 from 2013 to 2014. Similarly, the related accommodation food services industry shed 31 jobs, for a growth rate of -2.6%.

The educational services sector is also a large employing industry in the county, providing 996 jobs at 13 institutions, both elementary and secondary schools and postsecondary institutions.

Other important industries in McLeod County included the public administration, with 665 jobs in 25 institutions. The fastest growth in employment was in real estate and leasing industry with a 11.8% increase.

Biscay: The village of Biscay is situated in Hassan Valley. Historically it will be renowned as the site of the first creamery in the state of Minnesota.

Brownton: Brownton came into being in 1878. It received its name from Captain Alonzo Brown in honor of his brother Charles who died in the battle of Corinth, during the Civil War.

Glencoe: Glencoe was founded in 1855. John Harrington Stevens, the founder and Martin McLeod as guide set out exploring. After five days they came to a prairie, It was here on Buffalo Creek they settled “the prairie peninsula in the big woods” as the site of Glencoe. It was the first settlement in McLeod County.

Hutchinson: In September of 1855, three Hutchinson brothers, John, Judson, and Asa, began singing their way to Kansas. At Rockford, Illinois they met an old New England acquaintance, W.W. Pendargast who had visited Minnesota. They traveled and on November 19th, they reached the top of a hill and saw a sparkling winding river with gentle rolling prairie land. They ended their journey and on November 21st they traveled to Glencoe to establish the Hutchinson Townsite Company.

Lester Prairie: Lester Prairie is the youngest village in McLeod County. The first settlers arrived in 1856. The village was practically destroyed by the Sioux Uprising of 1862. On April 10, 1897, the Crow River and Buffalo Creek went on a rampage and Lester Prairie was washed away.

Plato: Plato is one of the thriving smaller cities of McLeod County. In 1888, the town filed the petition for incorporation. It lies in the heart of one of the most prosperous farming districts in the state.

Silver Lake: In 1874, a few houses had been built in the town known as Freemont. John J. Jerabek, John Mimms, and John S. Totusek bought a store from Theodore Mimms in 1881 and laid out the townsite of Silver Lake.

Stewart: After founding Hutchinson and Glencoe, home seekers began to venture south and west. There were two outstanding reasons for the later settlement around Stewart. The first being the timbered lands where fuel and wood for buildings was accessible. The second, the settlers were closer to the main avenue of communications, steamboat traffic.

Winsted: The village of Winsted was founded on July 30, 1857 when Eli Lewis purchased the land north of Main Avenue from Baptiste Campbell, a half Sioux Indian. The County Commissioners gave the name of Winsted to the town on April 5, 1858, after a vote was taken in the township.