Steele County Commission
Meeting
Sept. 22, 2026

The Steele County Budget Hearing meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Richard Strand. Commissioners Brandon Oxton, Perry Brown, Brandon Krueger, and Chris Grandalen were present. Auditor Jana Flaten and Sady Verke were also present.

Flaten reviewed the proposed 2027 budget and discussed the requests submitted by employees.

Verke discussed the County's CDs and will check current interest rates for renewal. She also provided the Commissioners with a daily cash sheet for review.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed COLA, along with the step and grade increases for employees.

A few cuts were made to the proposed budget. The Commissioners agreed to wait until the October meeting before approving the final budget. They would like additional time to review the County's funds, as several large projects are coming up and the financial impact will need to be considered before finalizing the budget.

Commissioner Grandalen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Oxton. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Richard Strand- County Chairman
Jana Flaten -County Auditor

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