

# How to use a roundabout

**Question:** In my community and on my daily commute I encounter two roundabouts each morning, others that I work with will encounter three roundabouts in less than five minutes. Please use your platform to remind drivers how to safely and properly use a roundabout. I see, almost on a daily basis, drivers physically stop their vehicle for other drivers that have not even entered the roundabout. They'll allow multiple vehicles to traverse the roundabout before they even attempt to enter the roundabout. This creates a very dangerous situation as my assumption is that the vehicle will slow to begin entering the roundabout and then safely enter, but when they slam on their brakes, it then causes me the need to adjust and brake abruptly, even when slowing to 20 mph or whatever the posted speed limit is. To cite Minnesota's own website... "Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout." Roundabouts are meant to keep the flow of traffic moving at a safe constant speed, not disrupt the flow with



## Ask a Trooper

**Trooper Jesse Grabow**  
Minnesota State Patrol  
Safety Education Officer

drivers stopping. If possible, please be clear about what is considered safe driving in a roundabout and what is not.

**Answer:** This is always a good topic for conversation and a reminder. To start with how do roundabouts work? Due to the curvature of the roundabout entry, drivers slow and check traffic coming from the left. A raised center prevents drivers from watching other traffic and only being concerned with yielding to traffic already in the circle. This prevents the intersection from "locking up," which could happen if the traffic in the roundabout had to stop for entering traffic. Pavement markings, curves at entry points, and raised islands direct traffic into a one-way counter-clockwise

flow around the center island. The radius of the roundabout and the angles of entry slow the speed of all vehicles to around 15-25 mph.

### For Drivers:

- Slow down when approaching a roundabout. For multi-lane roundabouts, get into the appropriate lane.
- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk when entering and exiting the roundabout. It's the law.
- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout. Merge into the traffic flow when it is safe.
- Continue through the roundabout until you reach your exit. Do not stop or pass in a roundabout.
- Exit the roundabout immediately if an emergency

vehicle approaches and then pull over. Do not stop in the roundabout.

- Give large trucks extra space in a roundabout. Large trucks may straddle both lanes while driving through a multi-lane roundabout or use the truck apron on the center island if needed.

### For Pedestrians:

- Cross only at crosswalks and always stay on the designated walkways.
- Never cross to the central island.
- Cross the roundabout one approach at a time. Use the median island as a half-way point where you can check for approaching traffic.

*A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on "X" @MSPPIO\_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).*

# Announcing my candidacy

## Citizens, family, and friends,

I am proud to officially announce my candidacy for Wadena County Sheriff.



For over 29 years, I have dedicated my life to serving the people of Minnesota as a Licensed Peace Officer. My career began in 1997 as a part-time officer for the cities of Verndale and Sebeka, as well as a deputy for the Wadena County Sheriff's Office. I later became a full-time officer in Verndale and was honored to serve as Chief of Police for 13 years.

As Chief, I led with accountability, managed department operations and budgets, and worked to ensure the safety of our community every day. I also spent over six years as a School Resource Officer, building relationships with students and helping create a safe learning environment. Since 2023, I have continued my service as a police officer with the Wadena Police Department.

My experience spans every level of law enforcement from courtroom bailiff to department leadership giving me a well-rounded understanding of what it takes to serve and protect effectively. I believe strong leader-

ship means being present, working collaboratively, and listening to the needs of the community. Throughout my career, I have built lasting partnerships with schools, local businesses, human services, and other agencies to strengthen public safety across Wadena County.

This community is home. I was raised here, built my career here, and raised my family here. I understand the values that make Wadena County special, and I am committed to protecting them. As your Sheriff, I will prioritize safety in our communities, support for our schools, and strong, transparent leadership you can trust.

I am ready to serve Wadena County with integrity, experience, and dedication.

I would be honored to earn your support.

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Warrants Approved for Payment 03/27/2026

Vendor Name	Amount
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	2,706.36
ANOKA COUNTY TREASURY OFFICE	2,875.00
ARVIG ENTERPRISES INC	261.80
ASSOCIATION OF MN COUNTIES	400.00
ASTERA HEALTH	737.39
BCA/TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	300.00
COASTTEC LLC	1,513.90
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	402.75
CONTACT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	121.90
DAKOTA MAILING AND SHIPPING EQUIPM	481.03
DIAMOND DRUGS INC	862.54
DS SOLUTIONS INC	500.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	860.85
HELTAMES ELECTRIC LLC	1,693.40
HENRY SCHEIN	119.61
HUTSON/NEIL	208.80
JOHN'S CAR CARE	2,556.82
JOSHUA NUCKOLS LAW PA	2,500.00
KRAEMER/PATRICIA	122.90
LAYMAN EXCAVATING	2,280.00
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	1,427.33
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	2,875.87
MIDWEST MACHINERY CO	898.83
MINNESOTA COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCI	1,035.00
MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES CORPO	4,198.77
MNCCC	100.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	1,345.00
NORTH CENTRAL BUS & EQUIPMENT INC	1,109.98
OFFICE OF MNIT SERVICES - AR	1,959.99
PRZYBYLSKI/DAVID	500.00
RDO TRUCK CENTERS LLC	153.60
SIMPLIFIED STORAGE LLC	3,650.00
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL LLC	850.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	274.44
VERIZON WIRELESS	378.57
WADENA IRON & METAL INC	121.40
WADENA TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR	411.60
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MINNESOTA IN	4,840.36
WENT NORTH LLC	188.01
WEST CENTRAL TELEPHONE ASSN	1,955.78
YOUNGBAUER/LINDA	141.75
12 Payments less than 100	652.19
Final Total:	50,573.52

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#### WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

Warrants Approved for Payment 04/10/2026

Vendor Name	Amount
ATCO MANUFACTURING COMPANY*	126.75
BARRETT/JEROME & MICHELLE A	2,086.05
BENNING PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INC	200.00
BRINK/JULIE	166.75
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC	2,791.04
CENTRAL LAKES MENTAL HEALTH	465.00
CHARM-TEX INC	224.90
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC	72,610.49
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	5,121.00
CULLIGAN	115.80
EVCO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS INC	990.00
FLEET SUPPLY	133.95
FOXSTER OPOCO LLC	3,285.48
FRIENDLY RIDER TRANSIT	135.00
GIRARD'S BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC	2,021.00
HAYES/KRISTIN	154.43
HEARTLAND TIRE INC	864.00
HOCKERT INC	504.88
KANGAS/JONATHAN	217.50
KOPP ELECTRIC LLC	516.00
KREKLAU/MURLYN	126.15
LAUGHLIN/LAURE	156.60
LEAF RIVER AG SERVICE	4,420.46
LOEFFEN/JACQUELYN	118.18
LOFGREN/JORDAN	150.45
MARATHON: JOHN'S CAR CARE CENTER	231.10
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	40,888.00
MERICKEL LUMBER MILLS INC	1,171.92
MIDWEST MACHINERY CO	8,026.45
MINNESOTA COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC	427.62
MINNESOTA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOC	250.37
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	23,679.22
MINNESOTA DEPT OF FINANCE, TREASUR	5,257.50
MINNESOTA POWER	480.68
MNCCC	415.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	4,000.00
NAPA CENTRAL	267.87
NESS/SARAH	232.73
NORTHLAND FIRE PROTECTION	1,502.90
NYHUS CHEVROLET INC	511.55
OTTER TAIL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	111.50
OTTER TAIL COUNTY SOLID WASTE	1,787.50
PETERSON/JENALEE J	3,500.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	70,097.20
REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	25,750.00
RESOLUTE LAW LLC	252.00
RISEING PHOENIX/THE	278.12
SATELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE LLC	107.25
SCHMITZ SEPTIC SERVICE LLC	206.00
STEVE'S ALIGNMENT & AUTO REPAIR INC	193.88
TONY'S TRANSFER INC	500.00
TREASURER CITY OF MENAHA	805.29
WADENA COUNTY AUDITOR-TREAS	235.95
WADENA COUNTY RECORDER	184.00
WADENA TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR	1,030.64
WEST CENTRAL TELEPHONE ASSN	1,338.19
ZIEGLER INC	1,514.56
11 Payments less than 100	523.92
FINAL TOTAL:	293,460.77

### SUMMARY OF PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF WADENA COUNTY BOARD ADJOURNED MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2026 PER MN STATUTE 372.12 PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS\*

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners' Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 in the Wadena County Courthouse Small Courtroom at 415 Jefferson St. S., Wadena, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Noon and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. As published, this is an in-person meeting only with no Zoom technology. Present were: Commissioners Bryan Winkels, Ron Noon, Bill Stearns, Jon Kangas, and Murlyn Kreklau; County Attorney Kyra Ladd, Auditor/Treasurer Heather Olson, County Engineer Anthony Maule, Planning & Zoning/Building Services Administrator Deana Malone, Human Services & Human Resources Director/Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Westrum, County Administrator Colleen Winter, Support Services Supervisor Amie Gendron, Deputy Bryan Savaloja, IT Coordinator Neil Hutson, West Central Project Supervisor Josh Pearson and Gary Van Dam. Winkels/Kangas to approve today's Agenda after adding a Part Time Extension Position Clarification. Motion carried unanimously. Winkels/Kangas to approve the Consent Agenda after pulling the Hometown Planners Comprehensive Plan for further discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Kreklau/Kangas to approve the Status Report from Hometown Planners on Comprehensive Plan as presented. After a reminder from Commissioner Stearns, Commissioner Kreklau amended his motion from approve to accept the Status Report from Hometown Planners on Comprehensive Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Winkels/Kreklau to approve the request by Gary Van Dam, land owner of parcel R0 01291040, to perform the maintenance on County Ditch 5 located in Section 29 of Aldrich Township at his own expense. Motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing for Tax Abatement on parcel 02-001-3012 was opened at 9:26 a.m. and a request for public comment was made. Stearns/Winkels to allow the Human Services Behavioral Health Unit position to remain for 2026 and be included in the 2027 budget. Motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing for Tax Abatement on parcel 02-001-3012 was closed at 9:56 a.m. Kreklau/Noon to approve the Sheriff's Office to enter into agreement with Sourcewell for an internship program and to post for the open position. Motion carried unanimously. A break was taken from 10:17 a.m. - 10:28 a.m. Winkels/Kreklau to approve the request of West Central to bring underground fiber lines into the fairgrounds property to provide free WiFi service to the public. Motion carried unanimously. Winkels/Kangas to adopt this AI Policy as the baseline standard for Wadena County effective May 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously. Winkels/Kangas to approve Resolution 2026-17 and the application for Community Benefit Funds through Sourcewell in the amount of \$30,000. Motion carried unanimously. Winkels/Kreklau to go forward with applying for Impact funds through Sourcewell in July, with those funds to be used to make the small courtroom a dedicated Board room space that is community accessible, ADA compliant, and technologically compliant. Motion carried unanimously. Kangas/Kreklau to approve the Housing Tax Abatement for parcel 02-001-3012. Motion carried unanimously. Winkels/Kreklau to clarify that the part-time Extension position is a permanent part-time position. Motion carried unanimously. Kreklau/Stearns to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. 5-13c

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Warrants Approved for Payment 04/03/2026

Vendor Name	Amount
ADAM'S PEST CONTROL INC	148.02
ALDRICH TRACTOR	390.02
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	120.66
AUTO VALUE - WADENA	1,148.59
BARR ENGINEERING CO	979.00
BEARINGS AND MORE OF WADENA	183.20
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC	24,041.88
DE LAGE LANDEN	213.20
DIAMOND MOWERS LLC	2,140.08
ERGOTECH CONTROLS LLC	420.94
FRONTIER PRECISION INC	240.00
GALLS LLC	1,182.46
GRAINGER INC	315.39
GUARDIAN RFID	5,720.00
INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORPORATION	555.65
KARVONEN & SON FUNERAL HOME INC	538.38
KEN'S TOWING	250.00
LAYMAN EXCAVATING	3,662.74
LEAF RIVER AG SERVICE	5,931.43
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC	1,206.25
MACK/JASON OR KAYLA	114.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	18,433.27
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	407.32
MNCCC	5,944.61
PROWEST & ASSOCIATES INC	16,583.76
RAMPART AUDIT LLC	3,218.80
SCHMITZ SEPTIC SERVICE LLC	200.00
SKOOG/BEN	242.34
STEVE'S ALIGNMENT & AUTO REPAIR INC	175.90
TALKPOINT TECHNOLOGIES INC	250.95
WADENA COUNTY AUDITOR-TREAS	13,089.64
WADENA COUNTY DAC	150.40
WADENA FAMILY DENTAL	947.00
WADENA IRON & METAL INC	119.34
WADENA TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR	1,147.34
WEBER'S WADENA HARDWARE COMPANY	666.24
WEST CENTRAL TELEPHONE ASSN	1,404.00
ZIEGLER INC	119.67
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## HOMESTEAD NOTICE

### MOBILE HOME OWNERS

If you own and occupy your mobile home, you could qualify for homestead. You must file an application form with the County Assessor's Office in the Wadena County Courthouse. Any one who qualifies is urged to fill out a homestead application by May 29, 2026 as this is the deadline to receive homestead. Applications may be obtained in the Assessor's Office.

Jason Jorgensen, SAMA  
Wadena County Assessor

5-13,20c

## PUBLIC FEE HEARING NOTICE

### WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Fee Hearing regarding the proposed changes to the Wadena County Fee Schedule and provide an opportunity to Wadena County citizens to give comment relating to same.

All current, and proposed fee changes, are located on the Wadena County Website, [www.co.wadena.mn.us](http://www.co.wadena.mn.us), under "News."

The hearing is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at 9:15 am** in the Wadena County Small Courtroom, 415 Jefferson St S., Wadena, Minnesota 56482.

Heather Olson,  
Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer

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## WADENA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### General Notice to Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds

Notice is hereby given this 13th day of May 2026, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 1 (2009), That all persons in Wadena County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they occupy or are required to maintain. Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method, but the method(s) applied may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice, Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 2 (2009), will be issued. An individual notice will mean that the inspector having jurisdiction may either hire the work done or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If the work is done by the inspector, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. You may obtain a list of the plants that are designated noxious and the members of the appeal committee from your County Agriculture Inspector or County-Designated Employee. You can also obtain this information from your Local Weed Inspectors. Local Weed Inspectors include the township supervisors, city mayors, or their appointed assistants. More information regarding the MN Noxious Weed Law and a list of County-Designated Employees can be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Web Site by visiting: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/noxious-invasive-weeds>

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