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May 2026

Our Values



Leading the Way

We notice issues proactively and work to solve them before they have wider impact. We take first steps on big issues and organize the work of many members and partners. We prepare individual members to be a strong voice and advocate for the needs of their county.

Meeting Member Needs

We adapt to meet member and staff needs as they arise. We are a reliable source of information for our members and other partners.

Stronger Together

We are a statewide voice for all of Minnesota's counties. We are stronger together than we are alone as individual counties. We value collaboration among counties, affiliates, outside groups, state agencies, and other partners to get strong results and outcomes. We demonstrate respect for all perspectives.

AMC Services



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Government Relations



Education & Training



Research



Grant Services

Communications



Business Solutions



Affiliate Services



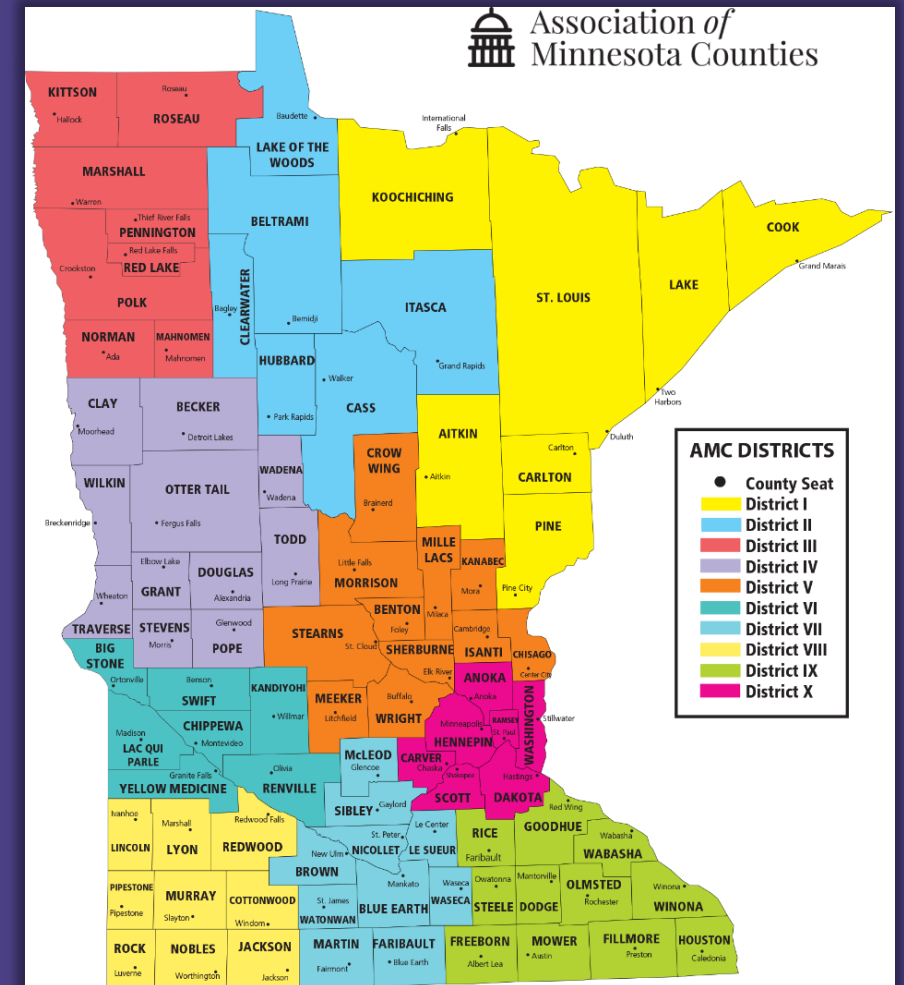
AMC Governance



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Board of Directors

- 5 Officers
- 16 District Directors representing 10 districts
- 5 National Association of Counties (NACo) representatives
- 5 Policy Committee chairs
- 2 Member Services Committee chairs



2026 Executive Committee



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SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Jenny Mongeau
Clay County Commissioner

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Barbara Weckman Brekke,
Scott County Commissioner

PRESIDENT

Larry Lindor
Pope County Commissioner

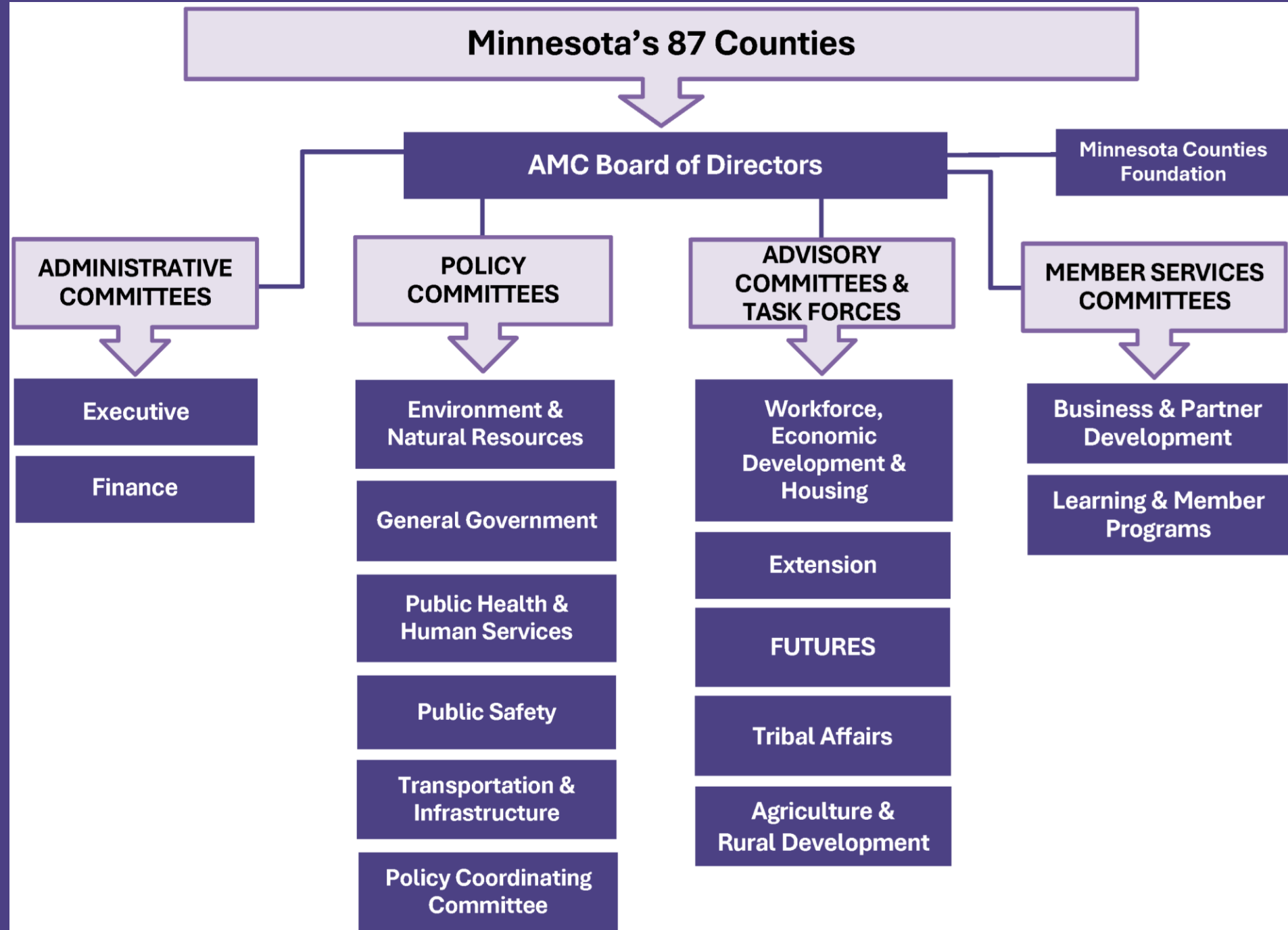
PAST PRESIDENT

Mike Slavik
Dakota County Commissioner

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Steve Schmitt
Meeker County Commissioner

Committee Structure



Ramsey County ROI



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- County Program Aid for Ramsey County increased by \$2,151,812 in 2020 and \$6,226,315 in 2023 for a total increase of **\$8,378,127**. These increases are ongoing, not one-time, and are included in the total CPA allocation of \$26,195,141.
- The Legislature provided relief from the liability for tax forfeited property settlement, estimated to be **\$10,913,635** for Ramsey County.
- Across all categories of transportation funding, the increase to Ramsey County over the last several years was **\$17,212,423**.
- Community Corrections Act funding for the county has increased by **\$3,079,679**.
- AMC successfully lobbied to avoid over \$400 million in human services cost shifts in 2025. The estimated impact of these shifts on Ramsey County was more than **\$13,000,000**.

Influence and Engagement in AMC



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- Volunteer for committees, engage consistently, be a reliable source of information
- Participate in District 10 to grow metro area partnerships, participate in the AMC Board of Directors to grow statewide partnerships
- Attend statewide and national workshops to learn content and build relationships
- Build coalitions on issues before it's time for formal votes. Find points of commonality, clarify points of disagreement, seek compromise
- Participate in formal decision-making settings like policy committees and the annual business meeting

Ramsey County Engagement



AMC Standing Committee Appointments

- AMC Board of Directors: **Commissioners McMurtrey & McGuire**
- Environment and Natural Resources: **Commissioner Miller & Jebens-Singh**
- General Government: **Commissioner Xiong**
- Public Health and Human Services: **Commissioners Moran & Jebens-Singh**
- Public Safety: **Commissioner McGuire**
- Transportation and Infrastructure: **Commissioner Ortega**
- Workforce, Economic Development, and Housing: **Commissioner Xiong & Manager Becker**
- Tribal Affairs: **Commissioner Miller (Chair)**
- Futures: **Commissioner McGuire**
- Learning and Member Programs: **Commissioner McGuire**

... and more!

Engagement through Affiliates



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Full Time Staff provided by AMC (5)

- Local Public Health Assn
- MN Assn of Corrections Act Counties
- MN Assn of County Social Services Administrators
- MN Assn of Workforce Boards
- MN County Information Technology Leadership Assn

Part Time Staff provided by AMC (10)

- MN Assn of Assessing Officers
- MN Assn of City/County Facility Managers
- MN Assn of County Agricultural Inspectors
- MN Assn of County Feedlot Officers
- MN Assn of County Administrators
- MN Assn County Planning & Zoning Admins
- MN Assn of Professional County Economic Developers
- MN County Engineers Assn
- MN County Human Resource Mgmt Assn
- Solid Waste Administrators Assn

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Staff provided by other organization (8)

- Association of MN Emergency Managers
- MN Association of County Health Plans
- MN Association of County Officials
- MN Assn County Veterans' Services Officers
- MN County Attorneys Association
- MN County Computer Cooperative
- MN Rural Counties
- MN Sheriffs Association

No Staff (3)

- MN Assn of County Land Commissioners
- MN Assn of County Surveyors
- MN County GIS Association

Ramsey County Leadership in AMC 2026 Legislative Initiatives



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- HHS Steering Committee: **Commissioner McMurtrey**
- SNAP: **Commissioner Xiong & Ali Ali, Director of Financial Assistance**
- Medicaid: **Commissioner McMurtrey & Jason Hedin, Deputy Director of Financial Assistance**
- Long Term Care: **Alex Kotze, Deputy County Manager & Katy Molinare, Social Services Deputy Director**
- MAAFPCWDA: **Commissioner Moran & Christos Jensen, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney**
- Gov.'s proposal for Transformational HHS Systems Modernization and Roles: **Ling Becker, County Manager**
- Defeat of several bad tax shift/assessment proposals: **Patrick Chapman, County Assessor**

Priority Funding

- HHS Technology Modernization
- SNAP Error Rate/
Administrative Cost Shift
- Medicaid Work Requirements
- MAAFPCWDA
- Long Term Services & Supports
- HCMC /Uncompensated Care

2026 Legislative Session



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Priority Policies

- Human Services Transformation Study
- Battery Disposal
- Juvenile Age of Delinquency
- Workforce Development Fund
- LAHA/SAHA Admin Funding

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**Actively
Engaged &
Monitoring**

- Probation & 911 Telecommunicator Pension
- Capital Project Replacement Accounts
- Foster Youth Policy
- Foster SSI
- Continuity of Care
- Contracted Case Management
- Local Homelessness Prevention Aid Extension
- Assessor Policy Defense
- Levy Limits Defense
- Local Govt Non-disclosure Agreements

... and much more!

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