



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS *Work Session Agenda*

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

9:30 AM

or immediately following the regular board meeting

*Meeting to be held in the County Board Room
at the Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie, MN.*

MEETING WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED AT: [HTTPS://WWW.CO.TODD.MN.US](https://www.co.todd.mn.us)

Agenda Item #

Agenda Time:

- 1 911 Address Blade Change**
Doug Thom & Adam Ossefoort, GIS Division

9:30

Address Blade – Vertical vs Horizontal

Topic – Discuss the possibility of switching address blades from our current vertical style (7x24”) to a horizontal style (6x16”) blade

Proposal – I propose to begin the implementation of horizontal address blades. We can start this year by using horizontal blades on all new and damaged/missing blades. Going forward we will need to discuss with townships a plan to replace all signs within each township.

Pros to switch

- Cheaper material due to smaller surface area
- Size of numbers will not change
- Natural reading left to right rather than up to down
- Less obstructions (snow/vegetation covering bottom number)
- Able to place more blades per sign post which reduces cost further
- Unison with surrounding counties/statewide.

Cons to switch

- Will have vertical and horizontal blades throughout county for some time
- Some townships may argue there is nothing wrong with current style and no need to spend money to replace

Pricing

- Current
 - o 7x24 blade - \$4.05
 - o White + Blue film + hardware - \$4.81
 - o Post - \$9.58
 - o Total = \$18.44
- Proposed
 - o 6x16 blade - \$2.69
 - o White + Blue film + hardware - \$2.92
 - o Post - \$9.58
 - o Total - \$15.19
- Savings of \$3.25 per sign

Things to consider

- How to go about the switch? I propose initially to make the switch and use new horizontal on all new address blades and blades that we find through inspections that are damaged and need to be replaced.
- Going forward, townships can decide if they want to do a blanket replacement or do X amount per year until township is fully converted
- Time and effort on Sign Technician
 - o Intersection replacements are nearing an end which will result in more free time from GIS related sign duties.
- GIS will track horizontal vs vertical in database just like we did with intersections.

Address blades per township

Townships	Addresses	Blade only replacement
Bartlett Twp	209	\$1,172.49
Bertha Twp	201	\$1,127.61
Birchdale Twp	758	\$4,252.38
Bruce Twp	382	\$2,143.02
Burleene Twp	216	\$1,211.76
Burnhamville Twp	826	\$4,633.86
Eagle Valley Twp	261	\$1,464.21
Fawn Lake Twp	421	\$2,361.81
Germania Twp	215	\$1,206.15
Gordon Twp	566	\$3,175.26
Grey Eagle Twp	657	\$3,685.77
Hartford Twp	325	\$1,823.25
Iona Twp	203	\$1,138.83
Kandota Twp	563	\$3,158.43
Leslie Twp	811	\$4,549.71
Little Elk Twp	215	\$1,206.15
Little Sauk Twp	495	\$2,776.95
Long Prairie Twp	453	\$2,541.33
Moran Twp	391	\$2,193.51
Reynolds Twp	327	\$1,834.47
Round Prairie Twp	370	\$2,075.70
Staples Twp	366	\$2,053.26
Stowe Prairie Twp	252	\$1,413.72
Turtle Creek Twp	350	\$1,963.50
Villard Twp	377	\$2,114.97
Ward Twp	297	\$1,666.17
West Union Twp	132	\$740.52
Wykeham Twp	218	\$1,222.98
Total	10857	\$60,907.77



- Bottom numbers may become obstructed in winter months due to large snow banks



- Bottom numbers also become obstructed by vegetation in summer months

- Mailboxes can also obstruct numbers

