

Township Day at the Capitol

January 27, 2025

10:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Present: Clerk Heather Taylor DuCharme, Deputy Clerk Kim Carlberg, and Supervisors Ed Nytes and DeAnn Croatt

Lunch table included Tom Tanghe, Northfield Township.

The group met at the Radisson Hotel and introductions were given by MAT President Jill Hall. ED Jeff Krueger reviewed the agenda. Attorney Graham discussed legislative priorities and provided the group with handouts.

Shep Harris gave suggestions for effective communication with the legislators.

After making our way to the Capitol, we met via ZOOM with Representative Kristi Pursell, who assured us she aligns with all the MAT priorities related to transportation funding, state aid, broadband/cell coverage funding and emergency services. We also discussed townships moving to November Elections.

Senator Lieske was in meetings and not available.

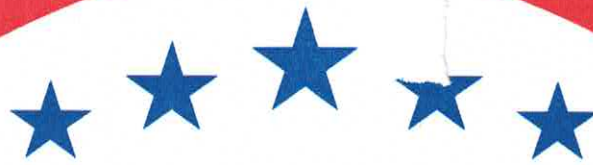
During a meet & greet in the Capitol's L'Etoile du Nord Vault, the group visited with State Auditor Julie Blaha, Rep. Ben Bakeberg and Brian Lawrence. They all seemed to respect townships and understood our concerns.

Nytes and Croatt departed about 3:30; DuCharme and Carlberg remained for the wrap up back at the Radisson.

Respectfully Submitted,

DeAnn Croatt, Supervisor

Edward Nytes 2-5-2025 - chair
DeAnn Croatt 2-5-2025 - clerk



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AGENDA FOR TOWNSHIP DAY AT THE CAPITOL

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025:

- 10:00 to 10:30** **Check-in for Township Day at the Capitol and social time**
- 10:30 to 11:45** **Program Begins: Welcome and Legislative Briefing**
Location: Radisson Capitol Ridge Hotel, Main Conference Room
- 11:45** **Speaker:** Senate Transportation Co-Chair Sen. John Jasinski (R-Faribault)
- 12:00 to 1:00** **Lunch Buffet** *(provided) at Radisson Capitol Ridge*
- 12:30** **Bus travel starts to State Capitol** *(3 blocks away)*
- 1:00 to 4:00** **Homebase: Capitol's L'Étoile du Nord Vault** *(tunnel level)*
- 1:00 to 4:00** **Individual Meetings with Representatives & Senators**
Various locations, separate schedule
- 1:30 to 3:30** **"Township Open House" in the Capitol's L'Étoile du Nord Vault**
- 2:00 & 3:00** **(Optional) Guided Capitol Tours**
Meet at MN Historical Society desk, 1st Floor Rotunda, SE corner
- 2:00** **Speaker in the Vault:** State Auditor Julie Blaha
- 2:40** **Speaker in the Vault:** Speaker of the House Lisa Demuth (R-Cold Spring)
- 3:45 to 4:00** **Last bus back to the hotel**
- 4:00 to 5:00** **Debrief and door prizes at the hotel, Conclusion**
Location: Radisson Capitol Ridge Hotel, Main Conference Room