

WATONWAN COUNTY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
February 25, 2026
7:00 P.M.

The Watonwan County Board of Commissioners met in special session on February 25, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room at Watonwan County Human Services, City of St. James. The following Board Members were present: Jim Branstad, Scott Westman, Bill Miller, Dillon Melheim and Jim Pettersen. Sheriff Bergman was also present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Westman opened with the purpose of the meeting was to listen to comments regarding the repeal of the shotgun-only zone and the option to limit the types of firearms that may be used to hunt deer within Watonwan County.

Commissioners listened to public comments.

Commissioner Westman thanked the public for comments. A decision to set a public hearing for a shotgun-only zone ordinance will be made at the regular board meeting on March 3, 2026.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Scott Westman, Chairman
Watonwan County Board

Kelly Pauling, Clerk
Watonwan County Board

ATTEST: Kelly Pauling
Watonwan County Auditor/Treasurer