

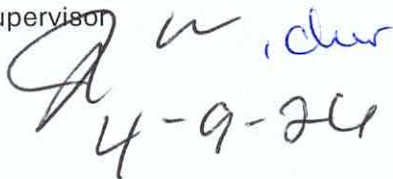
MAT Spring Short Course – Arlington MN – March 25, 2026
Attended by Supervisors Ed Nytes and DeAnn Croatt


The Supervisors were welcomed by District 4 Director Diane Johnson and Executive Director Jeff Krueger.
Topics:

1. MN State Fire Marshall Division with department updates by John Ehret
 - a. Vector Solution is a free online training option for fire departments.
 - b. "When buying fire trucks, buy Chevy and stop all the customization!" Departments don't need a parade truck. Consider gently used trucks.
2. Gravel and paved roads maintenance options and recommendations by Matt Stordahl
 - a. Pits who sell products to MNDOT will have test equipment onsite.
 - b. Township roads over 25' are generally too wide and should be narrowed by adding dirt/grass seed, otherwise you are spending too much on gravel.
 - c. Dust Control best products are calcium chloride or magnesium chloride
 - d. Traffic counts on gravel roads above 200 vehicles/day require a paving study
 - e. Cost of paved vs. gravel road maintenance is about the same – until a reconstruction is needed! That's why maintenance is so important. Crack fill is the best bang for the buck.
 - f. Micro surfacing is a good product.
3. MATIT update and legislative review
 - a. MAT needs our new email addresses
 - b. Put 1st and 3rd Tuesday on your calendar for Township Tuesday; all available on demand afterwards.
 - c. Jeff asked that when we attend Lobby Days at the Capitol, we stay non-partisan. A legislator complained about receiving questions and comments that were not related to townships.
4. Road liability
5. 6-year grace is over
 - a. "mistakes" are "hallucinations"
 - b. Don't include bank information in Minutes; too easy for criminals. They didn't address how to handle designating a depository at our Annual Meeting or Reorganizational Meeting.
 - There was an online survey offered, but no opportunity for suggested topics. If we have any suggestions, let's share with MAT to make these sessions more valuable.
 - Presentations will be available on MAT's website.
 - The District 4 meeting is August 5th at Spring Lake Town Hall.
 - The MAT Conference is December 10-12 at Grandview Lodge. 2027 is tentatively scheduled for Mystic Lake Casino Hotel.

DeAnn picked up a township manual, which will be invoiced to the township with the registrations for two officers.

Respectfully submitted by
DeAnn Croatt, Supervisor


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