

Becker County, Minnesota

County Administrator Finalists

Melanie Aeschliman currently serves as the City Administrator with the City of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, where she has been in the role for one year. Prior to this, she served as the State Supervisor of Assessments with the Office of North Dakota State Tax Commissioner for one year, as the Director of Planning (2 yrs.) and the Director of Assessments (2 yrs.) with the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and as the City Assessor (1 yr.) and Commercial/Residential Appraiser (2 yrs.) with the City of Mandan, North Dakota. Ms. Aeschliman holds a bachelor's degree in organizational management/human resources and a master's degree in public administration, both from Colorado Christian University. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Administration.

Carrie Smith currently serves as the Human Resources Director for Becker County, Minnesota, where she has been in the role for nearly two years. She has also been serving as the Interim County Administrator since February 2024. Prior to this, she was employed by Cass Human Service Zone (North Dakota) as a Social Work Supervisor (7 yrs.) and as a Social Worker III for 22 years. Ms. Smith holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Moorhead State University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Dakota – Grand Forks.

Tyler Treichel currently serves as the City Administrator for the City of Braham, Minnesota, where he has held the position for one and a half years. Prior to this, he served as a Risk Manager for Stearns County, Minnesota, for 16 years, as a Safety and Health Officer 2 for the State of Minnesota for one and a half years, and as an Environmental Health Specialist with the University of Minnesota for over six years. Mr. Treichel holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Bethel College and a master's degree in public administration from Hamline University.