

# Public Notices

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

DATE: November 22, 2024

### YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of that certain Mortgage that was executed by and between Allan G. Brandenburger, as Mortgagor, and the First State Bank of St. Joseph, n/k/a Sentry Bank, as Mortgagee, which Mortgage is dated November 26, 2001 and was recorded, as document number 990098, on December 3, 2001 with the Office of the County Recorder in and for Stearns County, Minnesota, and which Mortgage was subsequently modified as follows: (1) by a Modification of Mortgage dated November 25, 2016 and recorded, as document number A1484066, on December 8, 2016 with the Office of the County Recorder in and for Stearns County, Minnesota and (2) by a Modification of Mortgage dated November 3, 2021 and recorded, as document number A1618993, on November 8, 2021 with the Office of the County Recorder in and for Stearns County, Minnesota.

2. The Mortgage has been assigned as follows: n/a

3. The maximum principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: \$60,000.00

4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage and with all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.

6. As of the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is: \$47,990.39.

7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed on the real property legally described as follows:

**That part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township One Hundred Twenty-four (124) North, Range Twenty-nine (29) West, described as follows: Commencing at the West Quarter corner of said Section 11; thence South 89° 06' 08" East on an assumed bearing along the East-West Quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 505.50 feet for the point of beginning of the tract to be described; thence continue South 89° 06' 08" East along said quarter line 148.26 feet; thence South 02° 06' 52" East 175.45 feet to the centerline of County Aid Road #134; thence South 87° 09' 00" West along said centerline 153.22 feet; thence North 00° 31' 15" East 185.80 feet to the point of beginning.**

**ALSO: That part of the W 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 11, Township 124, Range 29 described as follows: Commencing at the West Quarter corner of said Section 11; thence South 89° 06' 08" East on an assumed bearing along the East-West quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 653.76 feet for the point of beginning of the tract to be described; thence South 02° 06' 52" East 175.45 feet to the centerline of County Aid Road #134; thence North 87° 09' 00" East along said centerline 2.42 feet to its intersection with a line which is parallel with and 10 feet Westerly of the West line of Lot 3 of Block 1 of Mohs 2nd Addition according to the recorded plat thereof as measured at right angles thereto; thence Northerly along said parallel line to said East-West Quarter line; thence Westerly along said quarter line to the point of beginning.**

with the following street address and tax parcel identification number:

Street Address: 1315 East Minnesota Street, St. Joseph, Minnesota 56374

Tax Parcel Identification Number: 84-53432-0078

and will be sold by the Sheriff of Stearns County, Minnesota at public auction on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Office of the Stearns County Sheriff, Stearns County Law Enforcement Center, 807 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303.

8. The time allowed by law for redemption by the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

9. The date on or before which the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns must vacate the property if the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. § 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is July 16, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

10. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR OR THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINN. STAT. § 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

### THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

#### WINTHROP & WEINSTINE, P.A.

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(Pub. Dec. 3, 2024 - Jan. 7, 2025)

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: December 5, 2024

### YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage dated January 13, 2017, executed by Kristopher Germe a/k/a Kristopher Gjerme, a single person, as Mortgagor, to St. Cloud Financial Credit Union, as Mortgagee, and filed for record January 26, 2017, as Document No. A1488146, in the Office of the County Recorder of Stearns County, Minnesota. The land described in the Mortgage is not registered land.

2. The Mortgage has not been assigned.

3. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$88,000.00.

4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof.

5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.

6. At the date of this Notice the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is \$87,102.95.

7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land located in Stearns County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Lot 3, Block 3, Cloverdale Townhouse Addition, Stearns County, Minnesota

will be sold by the County Sheriff of Stearns County, Minnesota, at public auction on

January 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Stearns County Sheriff's Department, located at 807 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

8. To the best of Mortgagee's information, the property being foreclosed has a property address of 128 Ninth Avenue SE, Saint Joseph, Minnesota 56374, and has tax parcel identification number 84.53475.0081.

9. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

10. The property must be vacated by 11:59 p.m. on July 28, 2025, provided the Mortgagor has not reinstated the Mortgage under Minnesota Statutes, Section 580.30 or redeemed the property under Minnesota Statutes, Section 580.23. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

11. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

### THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

#### ST. CLOUD FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION

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#### Attorneys for Mortgagee

(Pub. Dec. 10, 2024 - Jan. 14, 2025)

## STATE OF MINNESOTA STEARNS COUNTY

### DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 73-JV-24-8876 Case Type: Juvenile

#### Summons and Notice Termination of Parental Rights Matter

#### In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

Chan Morgan Allgood (Mother)

and

Simon Mondragon Sesnit aka Simon M Sesnit Mondragon (Alleged Father)

### NOTICE TO: Simon Mondragon Sesnit aka Simon M Sesnit Mondragon, above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court located at 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed.

2. Notice is hereby given that the matter of said Termination of Parental Rights Petition will be called for hearing before the Juvenile Court located 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, on January 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM or as soon after as the Matter can be heard.

3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.

4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.

5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, in-

cluding permanently severing the parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) and taking permanent custody of the child/ren named in the Petition.

Dated December 11, 2024

WITNESS, the Honorable Laura Moehrle Judge of District Court

BY: Shannon Walz

(Publish Dec. 17 - 31, 2024)

## STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

### DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 73-PR-24-9748

#### AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### Estate of

Merle G. Nelson,

#### Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 17, 2025, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Jon M. Nelson, whose address is 11536 306th Ave NW, Princeton, MN 55371 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

This hearing will be held administrative and you will not be required to appear unless objections are filed.

#### BY THE COURT

Dated: December 10, 2024  
William Cashman  
Judge of District Court

Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
Dated December 10, 2024

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#### Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

#### ASSUMED NAME: Dovetail Design & Remodeling

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:  
31820 Cedar Ridge Rd  
Saint Joseph, MN 56374  
USA

APPLICANT(S):  
Name:  
Dovetail Kitchen Designs, LLC

Address:  
31820 Cedar Ridge Rd  
Saint Joseph, MN 56374  
USA

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

**By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I have signed this document under oath.**

SIGNED BY:  
Daniel T. Zimmermann  
MAILING ADDRESS:  
None Provided

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chris@dovetailkitchendesigns.com

(Publish Dec. 17 & 24, 2024)

#### Benton-Stearns Education District #6383 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Wed., December 18, 2024

Board Members Present:  
Meier (Holdingford)  
Moehrle (Sartell-St. Stephen)  
Loidolt (Sauk Rapids-Rice)  
Anderson (Foley)  
Gallagher (Kimball)  
Nierenhausen (ROCORI)  
Others Present:  
Perry (Foley)  
Bergstrom (Sauk Rapids-Rice)  
Widvey (Kimball)  
Dohrmann  
Swenson (Holdingford)  
Rivard (Sartell-St. Stephen)  
Nelson

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to approve the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of November 20, 2024 Board Minutes.

Payment of bills, including wire transfers, employee reimbursement through payroll and checks numbered 58966-59021 Electronic funds transfers (EFT).

November 2024 Budget to Actual Comparison.

Approval of resignation, Jesse Formanek, Paraprofessional, effective December 6, 2024.

Approval of hire, Melissa Buser, Paraprofessional, Step 5, effective January 2, 2025.

Approval of hire, Matthew Oleson, Paraprofessional, Step 6, effective January 2, 2025.

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by ROCORI to accept the donation from Sharon Schreifels of various items to be used as part of the Pioneers Winter Market. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by ROCORI to accept the donation from Sandy Holthaus of \$100 Cash and various items valued at approximately \$100 to be used as part of the Pioneers Winter Market. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by ROCORI to accept the donation from Lori and Robert Rooney of \$250 to be used as part of the Pioneers Winter Market. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to approve the revised quote from Granite City Roofing for \$16,660.00 for roof repair at the Voyagers Building. The motion was unanimously approved.

First Reading of the following policies:

#526 Hazing Prohibition

#531 The Pledge of Allegiance

#532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds

There was a motion by Holdingford, seconded by Foley to approve the changes to Policy 524 Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Updates

BSED Program Enrollment Update

Early Intervention Monthly

#### Service Update

Recognition of Departing Board Members

There was a motion by Foley, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved. The next regular meeting of the Benton-Stearns Board will be January 15, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved.

(Publish December 24, 2024)

#### Stearns County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 3, 2024

#### Call to Order

4:00 PM Meeting called to order by Tarryl Clark, Chair, on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 in the Board Room of the Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN.

#### Roll Call

Present: Commissioner District 1 Tarryl Clark, Commissioner District 3 Jeff Bertram, Commissioner District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier and Commissioner District 5 Steve Notch

Absent: District 2 Joe Perske

#### Approve Agenda

After moving Administration Item M.1. to be considered after Environmental Services, motion was made to approve the agenda.

#### RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

SECONDER: District 5 Steve Notch

#### Consent Agenda

E.1. Approve Minutes of November 19, 2024 County Board Meeting.

E.2. Approve as recommended by the Stearns County Planning Commission, a request for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Franklin Outdoor Advertising, Clearwater MN, on behalf of Joseph Boeckman, Richmond MN and adopt 5 Planning Commission Findings-of-Fact. This is according to Sections 4.8, 7.25 and 9.11.5 of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to construct an off-premise sign (billboard) in the Industrial and Shoreland Overlay zoning district. The property is in part of Government Lot 1 (aka the SW1/4 NW1/4), lying south of Highway 23 and north of 226th Street in Section 19 of Wakefield Township (123/30). The property address is 19172 226th St, Richmond MN. One condition applies.

E.3. Approve as recommended by the Stearns County Planning Commission, a request for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Rochelle Muller, St. Joseph MN on behalf of Mark R. Muller Trust, St. Joseph MN and adopt 5 Planning Commission Findings-of-Fact. This is according to Sections 4.8, 6.34 and 9.3.5 of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to operate a commercial kennel for boarding animals in the Agricultural 40 zoning district. The property is in part of the NE1/4 SE1/4 and part of the SE1/4 NE1/4, lying south of County Road 160 in Section 30 of St. Joseph Township (124/29). The property address is 12463 County Rd 160, St. Joseph MN. Three conditions apply.

E.4. Approve as recommended by the Stearns County Planning Commission, a rezoning request submitted by Ken McGowan, St. Cloud MN on behalf of James T. McGowan Trust, South Haven MN, adopt 5 Planning Commission Findings-of-Fact and enact Ordinance No. 683. This is according to Section 4.10 of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439 to rezone approximately 10 acres from the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district to the Residential 10 (R-10) zoning district. The property is part of the W1/2 SW1/4 in Section 31 of Fairhaven Township (122/28). The property address is 7124 140th St, South Haven MN.

#### ORDINANCE NUMBER 683 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

#### STEARNS COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 439

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Stearns County, after a public hearing duly called and held, as required by law, and after due investigation and consideration, has recommended in writing, to the Stearns County Board of Commissioners, that certain boundary changes may be made on the Official Zoning Map; and

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WHEREAS, the Stearns County Board of Commissioners, after due consideration, find that approving said boundary changes will be consistent with the Stearns County Comprehensive Plan.

**THE COUNTY BOARD OF STEARNS COUNTY ORDINANCES:**

**Section 1.0** That the following described property in Fairhaven Township is hereby rezoned from the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district to the Residential 10 (R-10) zoning district: See attached Exhibit A

**Section 2.0** The Official Zoning Map, on file in the Stearns County Environmental Services Office, Stearns County Service Center, Waite Park, Minnesota is hereby amended to change the district boundaries as shown in Exhibit B which is hereby incorporated by reference as though a part of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.0** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of December 2024.

E.5. Approve Resolution 24-52 vacating County interest in portion of right-of-way easement for CSAH 44.

E.6. Approve 3-year contract renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement with SHI in the amount of \$3,145,730.55 (\$1,048,576.85 per year) and approve 3-year contract for Microsoft Unified Support with SHI in the amount of \$278,273.13 (\$92,757.66 per year). Funding for one year for both contracts as in the 2025 IT budget.

E.7. Approve Renewal Application and License to Sell On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor Submitted by Holding-Ford Snoflyers for the period December 3, 2024 through May 31, 2025 at their clubhouse located in Holding Township.

E.8. Appoint Jerry Huls to the Dairy Advisory Committee for a Three-Year Term Beginning on December 3rd, 2024.

E.9. For Informational Purposes Only, Claims Paid for November 9th, 2024, through November 22nd, 2024, amounted to \$3,837,033.89, Excluding Investment Purchases.

**Consent Agenda Vote:** Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 3 Jeff Bertram

**SECONDER:** District 5 Steve Notch

**Human Services Board Consent Items**

F.1. Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign contract with Avivo for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the provision of employment services for MFIP-eligible clients at a total expenditure not to exceed \$1,520,172.00.

F.2. Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign 2025 Grant Amendment with Minnesota Department of Human Services for Child and Teen Checkups Program with reimbursement payable by the Minnesota Department of Human Services in the calendar year of 2025 in the amount of \$259,302.00.

F.3. Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Grant Agreement with the Local Public Health (LPH) and Foundational Public Health Responsibilities (FPHR) Grant with Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.

1. Award amount for January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025: \$851,777.00.

i. Local Public Health (LPH) \$675,362.00;

ii. Foundational Public Health Responsibilities (FPHR) \$176,415.00.

2. Award amounts for January 1, 2026 - through December 31, 2029, will be determined annually by MDH.

F.4. Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign grant award contract by the Minnesota Department of Human Services to accept Adult Mental Health funding for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$556,670.00, (\$278,335.00 each year).

F.5. For Informational Purposes Only Human Services Claims Paid October 11, 2024, through November 15, 2024, in Amount of \$199,304.45

**Human Services Consent Agenda Vote:**

Motion was made to approve the Human Services Consent Agenda.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 5 Steve Notch

**SECONDER:** District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

G.1. Continue Public Hearing for consideration of Ordinance No. 679: Cannabis Events, Retail Business Registration and Compliance.

A public hearing was continued from the November 19, 2024 County Board Meeting for consideration of Ordinance No. 679 - Cannabis Events, Retail Business Registration and Compliance. Brenda Theis, Senior Attorney, provided a brief update and stated no written comments were received. Chair Clark asked if anyone from the public wanted to provide input on the proposed ordinance. No one came forth to be heard, therefore Chair Clark closed the public hearing. Chair Clark then moved on to the continuation of public hearing under Environmental Services for consideration of enacting Ordinance No. 680: Cannabis Amendments to Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. After their public hearing and vote on Ordinance No. 680, Chair Clark came back to address Ordinance No. 679. Ms. Theis briefed the Board on changes to key components of the proposed ordinance. After some discussion, **motion was made to approve enact Ordinance No. 679: Cannabis Events, Retail Business Registration and Compliance.**

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 5 Steve Notch

**SECONDER:** District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

**STEARNS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 679 CANNABIS EVENTS, RETAIL BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that the Stearns County Board of Commissioners, during its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, at 4:00 PM., following the public hearing, adopted Ordinance 680 adopting zoning regulations for cannabis businesses. The ordinance adopts performance standards, hours of operations, setbacks and regulates cannabis businesses by the type of license issued by the Office of Cannabis Management.

The above summary of Ordinance Number 679 is only a summary publication. A printed copy of the ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the office Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer, Room 128, Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

**Environmental Services H.1. Continue Public Hearing to Enact Ordinance #680: Cannabis Amendments to Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439**

A public hearing was continued from the November 19, 2024 County Board Meeting for consideration of Ordinance No. 680: Cannabis Amendments to Land Use and Zoning Ordinance No. 439. Angie Berg, Environmental Services Supervisor, addressed the proposed ordinance and stated no correspondences were received. Chair Clark asked if anyone from the public wanted to provide input on the proposed ordinance. No one came forth to be heard, therefore Chair Clark closed the public hearing. Ms. Berg provided an update on the proposed amendments. After some discussion, **motion was made to approve the following content within proposed Ordinance No. 680: Cannabis Amendments to Land Use and Zoning Ordinance No. 439:**

1. Approve using the Interim Use Permitting process rather than the Conditional Use Permitting process for zoning when establishing a cannabis business in certain zoning districts.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 3 Jeff Bertram

**SECONDER:** District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

2. Approve the proposed setbacks as follows: Cannabis business shall meet the following setbacks as measured in a straight line from the closest point of the property line of the parcel upon which the cannabis business is located, to the property line of the following uses: 1000 feet of a school; 500 feet of a day care; 500 feet from a residential treatment facility; 500 feet from an attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors, including a public ground or athletic field.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 5 Steve Notch

**SECONDER:** District 3 Jeff Bertram

3. Approve the proposed retail hours of operation as follows: No sales of cannabis, hemp, or products containing cannabis or hemp by a cannabis business with a license or endorsement authorizing the retail sale of cannabis shall occur between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday nor between 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 5 Steve Notch

**SECONDER:** District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

Ms. Berg then reviewed the remaining modifications to Ordinance No. 680. **Motion was made to approve and enact the modified Ordinance No. 680: Cannabis Amendments to Land Use and Zoning Ordinance No. 439.**

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 3 Jeff Bertram

**SECONDER:** District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

**STEARNS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 680 AMENDMENTS TO STEARNS COUNTY LAND USE AND ZONING ORDINANCE 439 RELATING TO CANNABIS BUSINESSES**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that the Stearns County Board of Commissioners, during its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, at 4:00 PM., following the public hearing, adopted Ordinance 680 adopting zoning regulations for cannabis businesses. The ordinance adopts performance standards, hours of operations, setbacks and regulates cannabis businesses by the type of license issued by the Office of Cannabis Management.

The above summary of Ordinance Number 680 is only a summary publication. A printed copy of the ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the office of the Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer, Room 128, Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

**Administration M.1. Approve Close-Out of ARPA Funds**

Dr. Williams, County Administrator, provided a brief overview. After some discussion, motion was made to approve the remaining funds for the "Revenue Loss Category" and for the "Expenditures the County has Incurred for Governmental Services" which will allow \$906,443 of the \$31,286,930 to be earmarked in the General Fund's fund balance for future programs/expenditures in the spirit of the program but without the time constraints imposed by US Treasury deadlines.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 3 Jeff Bertram

**SECONDER:** District 5 Steve Notch

**Closed Session**

I.1. *Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.03 Subd. 1. (b) for Discussion of Labor Agreements between Stearns County and all bargaining units for January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.*

**Resume Open Session to Act Upon Discussion from Closed Session if Necessary**

J.1. *Resume open session to act upon discussion from closed session.*

Motion was made to approve entering into labor agreements between Stearns County and the following bargaining units for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027:

1. AFSCME Attorney's, AFSCME HPM, AFSCME HS & MNA
2. Teamsters General Unit
3. LELS Jail/Dispatch, LELS Supervisors
4. MNPEA Patrol
5. Approve non-union policy to reflect similar language.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 3 Jeff Bertram

**SECONDER:** District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

**Adjournment**

Chair Clark adjourned the County Board Meeting at 5:27 p.m.

**Truth and Budgeting Hearing**

N.1. *Conduct (TNT) public hearing on the County's 2025 Proposed Budget/Levy.*

A public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud MN

56303 for consideration of the County's 2025 Truth in Budgeting.

**Members present were the County Budget Committee:**

County Administrator Michael Williams, Assistant County Administrator Jill Suurmeyer, Auditor-Treasurer Randy Schreifels and Financial Director Sarah Utsch.

County Administrator Dr. Williams discussed the budget timeline and what is involved in the budget process. He stated Stearns County's mission statement is to provide exceptional public services to assure a safe, healthy and vibrant County. This mission is achieved by the County's values of being approachable, responsive and fair and equitable. Dr. Williams reviewed the budget revenues from 2024 to 2025 and budget expenses from 2024 to 2025.

Sarah Utsch, Financial Director, reviewed the 2025 budget levy drivers and provided an expenditure breakdown for 2025. She discussed funds that are contributed to outside agencies and reviewed the budget use of fund balances.

Jill Suurmeyer, Assistant County Administrator, reviewed project highlights for 2025. Among the projects are major road construction plans, a new Human Services Prevention Unit in Family & Children Services, increasing hours of availability at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility and HHW Mobile Unit, 2025 Property Services Projects, groundbreaking for the Justice Center and Park Developments.

Randy Schreifels, County Auditor-Treasurer, discussed how Stearns County compares to other counties regarding per capita levy rates. Stearns County ranks as the 8th lowest per capita preliminary levy of counties in Minnesota. He discussed changes in tax base for payable 2025. Mr. Schreifels reviewed the estimated impact of the 2025 budget on select property classes.

Dr. Williams provided an overview of changes in Human Services expenditures and revenues and also increased personnel costs that were not part of the preliminary budget. These changes will be incorporated into the final budget but has no impact on the property tax levy.

Chair Clark opened the public hearing for public comment. No one came forth to be heard, therefore Chair Clark closed the public hearing. Dr. Williams stated no correspondences from the public were received.

The final levy and budget will be approved at the December 17, 2024 County Board Meeting.

**Adjournment**

Chair Clark adjourned the Truth and Budgeting Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

(Publish December 24, 2024)

**Stearns County Board of Commissioners Meeting Draft Minutes Tues., December 17, 2024**

**Call to Order**

10:00 AM Meeting called to order by Tarryl Clark, Chair, on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in the Board Room of the Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN.

**Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner District 1 Tarryl Clark, Commissioner District 2 Joe Perske, Commissioner District 3 Jeff Bertram, and Commissioner District 5 Steve Notch

Remote: District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier (via Teams from 150 Division Street East, Buffalo MN 55313)

**Approve Agenda**

After removing Item K.4. from the agenda as it is a duplicate of Item K.6., motion was made to approve the agenda.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 3 Jeff Bertram

**SECONDER:** District 2 Joe Perske

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

**Consent Agenda**

E.1. Approve Minutes of December 3, 2024.

E.2. Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign the 2024-2027 Stearns County Solid Waste Hauler Contract with Waste Management.

E.4. Approve 2025 Emergency Operations Plan

E.5. Authorize Environmental Services Director to issue 2025 Solid Waste Collection and Transportation Licenses for the following applications that were received:

1. Ace Solid Waste
2. Bumble Bee Express
3. Borgmann Disposal Services LLC
4. Clarks Service and Rental
5. Lakeshore Recycling Systems
6. Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal, Inc.
7. Opatz Metals, Inc.
8. Pflipsen Trucking LLC
9. Rapid Container Service
10. Ricks Towing & Auto Salvage
11. Republic Services
12. City of St. Cloud
13. Tom Kraemer, Inc.
14. Trashmaxx LLC
15. Veit Container Corp.
16. Waste Mgmt. of St. Cloud
17. Waste Mgmt. of Sauk Centre
18. West Central Sanitation
19. B & C Clean-Up

E.6. Approve Resolution 24-53 authorizing proposed collaborative joint powers agreements allowing Stearns County to register retail cannabis businesses, conduct compliance inspections and enforce Stearns

County Ordinance 679 with the jurisdictions of the townships and those certain cities which enter into the agreement.

E.7. For Informational Purposes Only, Claims Paid from November 23rd, 2024, through December 6th, 2024, amounted to \$53,009,536.68, Excluding Investment Purchases.

E.8. Authorize County Auditor-Treasurer to Approve Draft Minutes for Publication Before the End of 2024.

E.9. Approve Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling submitted by Farming Lions Club for their event to be held on April 4, 2025 at Trappers Grub and Pub located in Farming Township.

E.10. Approve Stearns County Right of Way Plat No. 73 Related to SP 073-602-050; CSAH 2 Improvements between the Sauk River and County Road 165 South of Cold Spring.

E.11. Approve bid award to Houle Excavating, LLC for SAP 073-599-085; Proposed Structure 73J46 along 220th Street in Zion Township, 3.5 Miles North of Paynesville in the amount of \$148,984.00.

E.12. Approve Resolution 24-54 supporting the City of Paynesville Safe Routes to School Grant Application

E.13. Approve the following resolutions Certifying Availability of Local Match Funding for Region 7W and St. Cloud Area Planning Organization (APO) Federal Applications:

1. Resolution 24-55 supporting CSAH 133 and 4th Avenue South Intersection Improvements in Sartell

2. Resolution 24-56 supporting CSAH 137 and County Road 135 Intersection Improvements in Waite Park

3. Resolution 24-57 supporting County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 13 Resurfacing form Sauk River Park to North Melrose City limits

E.14. Approve the Purchase of Truck Builds from Townmaster, LLC in the amount of \$459,354.00 under State of Minnesota Contract No. 222949.

E.15. Authorize the Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer to sign the State of Minnesota Grant Contract Agreement NS25-003 for the acquisition of approximately 202 acres of land, the Liestman Property located near the Paynesville Golf Course, upon guarantee of the funding match from the Paynesville Area Community Foundation.

**Consent Agenda Vote:** After pulling Item E.3. for discussion, motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 3 Jeff Bertram

**SECONDER:** District 5 Steve Notch

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and

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**Season's Greetings From The Green Team!**

As the holiday season fills our hearts and homes with joy, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude to this wonderful community. Whether you've trusted us to help you find your dream home, sell a beloved property, or simply shared a kind word along the way, your support means the world to us.

This season is a time to reflect on the places we call home and the people who make them so special. We're honored to be a part of your journey and are excited to continue serving our neighbors this coming year.

From our family to yours, we wish you a holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished memories. May the new year bring happiness, health, and the fulfillment of all your dreams.

With gratitude,  
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District 5 Steve Notch
Item Pulled for Discussion

E.3. Authorize Board Chair to sign the Tri-County Solid Waste Allocation Agreement

After some discussion, motion was made to authorize Board Chair to sign the Tri-County Solid Waste Allocation Agreement.

RESULT: APPROVED [3 to 2]

MOVER: District 5 Steve Notch

SECONDER: District 2 Joe Perske

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

NAYS: District 2 Joe Perske and District 3 Jeff Bertram

Public Works

F.1. Authorize County Engineer to approve Wetland Credit Reservation Agreement

Motion was made to authorize County Engineer to approve Wetland Credit Reservation Agreement for 1.68 Acres of Wetland Credits for CP 073-157-021; County Road 157 Reconstruction between Freeport and Albany at a cost of \$155,053.92.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 5 Steve Notch

SECONDER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

F.2. Continued Public Hearing to consider amendments to Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439

A public hearing was continued from the October 1, 2024 County Board Meeting for consideration of amendments to Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439 related to utilities placed on private easements outside of county road right-of-way. Jodi Teich, County Engineer, provided a brief overview. She stated Stearns Electric submitted a possible addition to the language, however after discussion with them, they agreed the proposed amendment language covers their concerns. Chair Clark asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak. No one came forth to be heard, therefore Chair Clark closed the public hearing. After some discussion, motion was made to approve the proposed revised amendments to Ordinance #439 and approve and enact Ordinance No. 677.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 677 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STEARNS COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 439

THE COUNTY BOARD OF STEARNS COUNTY ORDAINS:

A. That the following is hereby enacted as Section 7.11.7 of Stearns County Ordinance Number 439:

7.11.7 New Essential Services and Substantial Reconstruction Setback

All proposed essential service installations or substantial reconstructions within or adjacent to but outside of a County highway right-of-way shall be submitted to the Stearns County Engineer for review. The Stearns County Engineer shall approve essential service installations or substantial reconstructions unless there is conflict with a proposed County project. New or substantially reconstructed essential services shall be located entirely within a public right-of-way unless otherwise allowed in 7.11.7 A or 7.11.7 B of this Ordinance.

A. Utilities are placed outside of the 42-foot construction clear zone from the center line; or

B. The utilities are placed outside of County proposed right-of-way acquisition as identified in the County's Road Improvement Plan.

B. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 7, 2025.

Passed by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of December 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 5 Steve Notch

SECONDER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

Human Services Board Consent Items

G.1. Approve and authorize

Board Chair to sign contract with Nexus-Kindred Family Healing to provide supervised visitation services for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026, at the following rates:

Supervised visitation: Observation: \$45.65/hour Virtual Observation: \$45.65

Parent Coaching: \$51.07/hour Professional Court Testimony: \$51.07

Therapeutic: Billed directly to Medical Assistance Consultation: \$51.07/hour Transportation: \$51.07/hour, billable in 15-minute increments

G.2. Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign contract with Central Minnesota Mental Health Center for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, to provide the following:

Detoxification/Withdrawal Management Services: \$800.00 per day (no increase).

G.3. Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign grant contract with COMMUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI) for the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant effective August 18, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in an amount of \$241,265.

G.4. Appoint Kelly Martini as the Chair of the Human Services Advisory Committee for 2025.

G.5. For Informational Purposes Only Human Services Claims Paid November 22, 2024, through December 6, 2024, in Amount of \$51,521.48.

Human Services Consent Vote:

Motion was made to approve the Human Services Consent Agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 5 Steve Notch

SECONDER: District 2 Joe Perske

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

Auditor-Treasurer

H.1. Conduct Public Hearing on Ordinance #684 Imposing a Stearns County Sales and Use Tax

A public hearing was held for consideration of Ordinance No. 684 - Imposing a Stearns County Sales and Use Tax. Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer Randy Schreifels, provided a brief overview. Chair Clark opened the public hearing for public comment. Mr. Schreifels stated no correspondences were received. No one came forth to be heard therefore, Chair Clark closed the public hearing. After some discussion, motion was made to approve and enact Ordinance #684 - Imposing a Stearns County Sales and Use Tax.

COUNTY OF STEARNS STATE OF MINNESOTA ORDINANCE NO. 684 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A STEARNS COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX THE COUNTY BOARD OF STEARNS COUNTY ORDAINS:

Statement of Intent and Purpose.

The intent and purpose of this Ordinance Imposing a Stearns County Sales and Use Tax (this "Ordinance") is to impose a new three-eighths of one percent (0.375%) local sales and use tax beginning April 1, 2025.

1.0 Authority

At the general election held November 5, 2024, the voters of Stearns County approved the imposition of a three-eighths of one percent (0.375%) local option sales and use tax to finance all associated costs of constructing and financing a new Justice Center.

Pursuant to Minnesota Session Laws 2023, Regular Session, Chapter 64, Article 10, Section 47 (the "Special Law"), the Minnesota Legislature authorized Stearns County to impose a local sales and use tax within the County to provide revenues to pay the costs of collecting and administering the tax to the Commissioner (defined below) and to finance up to \$325,000,000, plus an amount sufficient to pay costs relates to the issuance of any bonds including interest on the bonds, for the payment of the capital and administrative costs related to construction of a Justice Center facility, consisting of a law enforcement center, judicial center, and jail (the "Designated Project"). The County approved the act in accordance with applicable law.

2.0 Definitions

The following words and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, unless the language or context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the meanings given them in this section.

"County" means the County of Stearns, Minnesota

1. "Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner of Revenue for the State of Minnesota or such other person or entity designated to administer and collect the County tax.

2. "Designated Project" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.0 of this Ordinance.

3. "Special Law" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.0 of this Ordinance

4. "State Sales and Use Tax Laws and Rules" shall mean those provisions of the state revenue laws applicable to state sales and use tax imposition, administration, collection, and enforcement, including Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 270C, 289A, 297A, and Minnesota Rules, chapter 8130, as amended from time to time.

2.0 Imposition of Tax

A local sales tax is imposed in the amount of three-eighths of one percent (0.375%) on the gross receipts from sales at retail sourced within the jurisdictional limits of the County that are taxable under the State Sales and Use Tax Laws and Rules. A local use tax is imposed in the amount of three-eighths of one percent (0.375%) on the storage, use, distribution, or consumption of goods or services sourced within the jurisdictional limits of the County that are taxable under the State Sales and Use Tax Laws and Rules. All of the provisions of the State Sales and Use Tax Laws and Rules apply to the local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance. The local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance shall be collected and remitted to the Commissioner on any sale or purchase when the state sales tax must be collected and remitted to the Commissioner under the State Sales and Use Tax Laws and Rules and is in addition to the state sales and use tax.

3.0 Effective Date, Transitional Sales

Except as otherwise provided herein, the local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance shall apply to sales and purchases made on or after April 1, 2025 and shall be in addition to all other taxes now in effect including the Stearns County transit sales and use tax. The local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance shall not apply to:

1. The gross receipts from retail sales or leases of tangible personal property made pursuant to a bona fide written contract, which unconditionally vests the rights and obligations of the parties thereto, provided that such contract was enforceable prior to April 1, 2025, and that delivery of the tangible personal property subject thereto is made on or before April 1, 2025.

2. The purchase of taxable services, including utility services, if the billing period includes charges for services furnished before and after April 1, 2025, but the local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance shall apply on the first billing period not including charges for services furnished before April 1, 2025.

3. The gross receipts from the purchase of goods or services sold for the performance of a bona fide written lump sum or fixed price construction contract that was signed and enforceable before April 1, 2024, and that does not provide for an allocation of future taxes, provided that the such tangible personal property or services are used exclusively in performing the contract and the materials are delivered before October 1, 2025, which is the date that is six months after the effective date of the sales tax imposed by this Ordinance.

4. Lease payments for tangible personal property and motor vehicles that includes a period before and after April 1, 2025, but the local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance shall apply on a prorated basis to lease payment amounts attributable to that portion of the lease payment period on or after April 1, 2025 and on the entire lease payment for all lease payment periods thereafter.

4.0 Collection and Enforcement

(A) All the revenues, interest, and penalties derived from the local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance collected by the Commissioner and remitted to the County shall be deposited by the County Auditor-Treasurer in the County treasury and shall be credited to the fund establishes to pay the costs of collecting the local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance and to finance the capital and administrative costs directly related to the Designated Project.

5.0 Tax Clearance; Issuance of Licenses

A. The County may not issue or renew a license for the conduct of a trade or business within the County if the Commissioner notified the licensing division of the County that the applicant owes delinquent County taxes (including the sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance) as provided in this Ordinance, or penalties or interest due on such taxes.

B. Delinquent taxes does not include a tax liability if: (1) an administrative or court action which contests the amount or validity of the liability has been filed or served, (2) the appeal period to contest the tax liability has not expired, or (3) the applicant has entered into a payment agreement and is current with the payments.

C. Applicant means an individual if the license is issued to or in the name of an individual or the corporation or partnership if the license is issued to or in the name of a corporation or partnership.

D. As provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 270C.72, a copy of the notice of delinquent taxes given to the licensing division of the County shall also be sent to the applicant taxpayer. In the case of renewal of a license, if the applicant requests in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the notice of hearing, then, a contested hearing shall be held under the same procedures as provided in Minn. Stat. 270A for the state sales and use tax imposed under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 297A; provided further that if a hearing must be held on the state sales and use tax, hearings must be combined.

6.0 Agreement with the Commissioner

The County may enter into an agreement with the Commissioner regarding each party's respective roles and responsibilities related to the imposition, administration, collection, enforcement, and termination of the local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance. Any such agreement shall not abrogate, alter, or otherwise conflict with the State Sales and Use Tax Laws and Rules, this Ordinance, or Minnesota law (including the Special Law).

7.0 Termination of Taxes

The local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance shall terminate at the earlier of:

(1) March 31, 2055, which is the date that is 30 years after the tax is first imposed; or

(2) When the County Board determines that the \$325,000,000 plus an amount sufficient to pay the costs related to issuing bonds and interest on the bonds has been received from the local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance to pay for all the capital and administrative costs directly related to completing the Designated Project. Any funds remaining after payment of all such costs and retirement or redemption of the bonds shall be placed in the general fund of the County. The local sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance may terminate at an earlier time if the County Board so determines by Ordinance. In any event, the local sales and use tax imposed under this Ordinance may only terminate on the last day of a calendar quarter upon 90 days' notice to the Commissioner.

8.0 Effective Date

These Ordinance shall be effective and in force from and after its passage and publication. This Ordinance shall be recorded in the ordinance book in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer within 20 days of publication, and proof that the County published notice in its official newspaper of the proposed Ordinance at least 10 days before the Board of Commissioners adopted it shall be attached to, and filed with, this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

Passed by a majority vote of the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of December, 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 2 Joe Perske

SECONDER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

H.2. Election Review

Randy Schreifels, County Auditor-Treasurer along with Laura Laudenbach, Election Director, and Roxanne Gerads, Election Supervisor, provided a review of the 2024 Election process starting with the PNP in March through the November General Election. The voter turnout in Stearns County was 81% in for the General Election.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY - NO VOTE

Property Services

J.1. County Ditch 28 Obstruction

Chad Martini, Property Services Director, provided a brief overview of County Ditch #38. He stated County staff found that a bridge installed over County Ditch #38 was impeding the flow of water and collecting vegetation. After some discussion, motion was made to adopt the Findings and Order pursuant to MN 103E.07. This allows staff to address the obstruction if the Holdingford Snoflyers Snowmobile Club or property owners do not. It also provides the Drainage Authority the legal right to remove the bridge and charge back costs to the property owners and absolves the Drainage Authority of liability for damage to the bridge.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 5 Steve Notch

SECONDER: District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

Administration

K.1. Authorize the County Administrator to execute an agreement with MIDCO for a project in Wakefield Township with a subsidy of \$88,952 and Continue Negotiations with ISPs for Collegeville Township.

Jill Suurmeyer, Assistant County Administrator, requested no action be taken at this time due to waiting for confirmation from township partners before moving forward with broadband project.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY - NO VOTE

K.2. Adopt a Resolution Approving the 2025 Budget and Tax Levy

Motion was made to approve a Resolution 24-58 adopting the 2025 Budget & Levy.

RESOLUTION 24 - 58

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has given careful consideration to the various budget requirements for the County of Stearns for the year 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board hereby adopts a tax levy of \$96,965,859 levied on all taxable property for Stearns County as taxes payable in 2025 for the following County Funds: REVENUE FUND \$47,884,190; ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$7,211,273; HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FUND \$2,280,000; HUMAN SERVICES FUND \$34,099,348; BUILDING FUND \$100,000; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND \$100,000; PARK FUND \$1,330,994; CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$1,700,000 and LIBRARY FUND \$2,260,054 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to spread such amount upon the tax rolls of the County for taxes payable in 2025 and that the collections on said levies be credited to their respective funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board hereby adopts the proposed budget totaling \$211,498,327 for 2025 consisting of the following fund amounts: REVENUE FUND \$78,172,124; ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$15,444,733; HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FUND \$41,985,000; HUMAN SERVICES FUND \$69,547,934; BUILDING FUND \$100,000; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND \$100,000; PARK FUND \$1,826,394; SOLID WASTE FUND \$1,282,088; LIBRARY FUND \$2,260,054; and PROJECT FUND \$780,000.

Adopted by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of December 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

SECONDER: District 2 Joe Perske

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

K.3. Approve 2025 Legislative Priorities

Motion to approve the 2025 Legislative Priorities as the basis for discussion with local legislators.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

SECONDER: District 5 Steve Notch

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

K.5. Adopt Resolution Establishing 2025 Commissioners' Salaries

After some discussion, motion was made to approve Resolution 24-59 establishing Commissioners' salaries in the amount of \$46,252.50 for 2025 (5% increase).

RESOLUTION 24 - 59

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 375.055 Subd. 1 requires the County Commissioners in all counties to fix the amount of compensation for services rendered by them for their respective counties in the form of annual salaries, per diem payments, and reimbursement for necessary expenses in performing the duties of the office, by resolution of the county board, and

WHEREAS, the Stearns County Board of Commissioners has determined that \$46,252.50 is a reasonable annual salary for each Stearns County Commissioner, and

WHEREAS, the Stearns County Board of Commissioners has determined that its members should receive reimbursement in accordance with Stearns County personnel policies for necessary expenses in performing the duties of the office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners:

1. That commencing January 1, 2025, the annual salary of each Stearns County Commissioner shall be \$46,252.50.

2. That each member of the Stearns County Board of Commissioners shall receive reimbursement for necessary expenses in performing the duties of the office in accordance with Stearns County personnel policies and for actual and necessary traveling expenses in accordance with Minn. Stat. §471.665, Subd. 1 for travel incurred in attending meetings of the Stearns County Board of Commissioners.

3. That each member of the Stearns County Board of Commissioners necessarily occupied in the discharge of their official duties while acting on any committee under the direction of the Stearns County Board of Commissioners shall be allowed and paid their actual and necessary traveling expenses in accordance with Minn. Stat. §471.665, Subd. 1 for travel incurred in the discharge of such committee work.

4. That the Chair of the Stearns County Board of Commissioners shall receive mileage reimbursement in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 471.665, Subd. 1 for going to the County seat to sign warrants during recess of the County Board.

5. That mileage reimbursement shall be at the rate allowed as a business expense deduction for Federal Income Tax purposes (currently \$.67 cents per mile).

Adopted by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of December 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

SECONDER: District 5 Steve Notch

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

K.6. Approve 2025 Board and Committee Appointments

1. Motion was made to approve appointments of Commissioners to the various boards and committees for 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

SECONDER: District 2 Joe Perske

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

3. Discuss Airport Authority appointment and make an appointment.

Discussion took place on the appointment process. The County is seeking additional applicants. The Board will discuss again at January Board Meeting.

publishing 2025 Commissioners' Salaries

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WHEREAS, the Stearns County Board of Commissioners has determined that its members should receive reimbursement in accordance with Stearns County personnel policies for necessary expenses in performing the duties of the office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners:

1. That commencing January 1, 2025, the annual salary of each Stearns County Commissioner shall be \$46,252.50.

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3. That each member of the Stearns County Board of Commissioners necessarily occupied in the discharge of their official duties while acting on any committee under the direction of the Stearns County Board of Commissioners shall be allowed and paid their actual and necessary traveling expenses in accordance with Minn. Stat. §471.665, Subd. 1 for travel incurred in the discharge of such committee work.

4. That the Chair of the Stearns County Board of Commissioners shall receive mileage reimbursement in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 471.665, Subd. 1 for going to the County seat to sign warrants during recess of the County Board.

5. That mileage reimbursement shall be at the rate allowed as a business expense deduction for Federal Income Tax purposes (currently \$.67 cents per mile).

Adopted by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 17th day of December 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

SECONDER: District 5 Steve Notch

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

K.6. Approve 2025 Board and Committee Appointments

1. Motion was made to approve appointments of Commissioners to the various boards and committees for 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

SECONDER: District 2 Joe Perske

ROLL CALL VOTE:



## Miscellaneous

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**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY - NO VOTE**  
4. Note where we are seeking applicants for three committee positions.

The County is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on the Board of Adjustments, Human Services Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission.

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY - NO VOTE**

5. After some discussion, motion was made to approve the per diem rates for community members on the various committees. Administration will come back at a future Board Meeting for further consideration of rates.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** District 3 Jeff Bertram

**SECONDER:** District 2 Joe Perske

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

**Adjournment**

Chair Clark adjourned the County Board Meeting at 12:17 p.m.

(Publish December 24, 2024)

## STATE OF MINNESOTA STEARNS COUNTY

**DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File Number: 73-JV-24-8033 Case Type: CHIPS-Permanency**

## Summons and Notice Termination of Parental Rights Matter (CHP-115)

**In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:**

Elizabeth Michelle DuVall (Mother)

and

Daryl Kim Jungroth (Father)

## NOTICE TO: Elizabeth Michelle DuVall, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed.

2. This is your notice that this Termination of Parental Rights case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 725 Courthouse Square Room 134, St. Cloud, MN 56303, on January 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information.

3. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.

4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.

5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently severing the parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition.

Dated December 18, 2024

BY: Shantel T. Stearns County Court Administration 725 Courthouse Square Room 134 St. Cloud, MN 56303 320-656-3620

(Publish Dec. 24 - Jan. 7, 2025)

## For Rent

### APARTMENT FOR RENT

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF THE AMENDING OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 10 CANNABIS EVENTS, RETAIL BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE AND AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAND USE AND ZONING CHAPTER 107

The Richmond City Council gives notice that it will hold a public hearing on January 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon after that as can be heard, at the City Council Chambers at Richmond City Hall located at 45 Hall Avenue SW in Richmond, Minnesota, to hear all persons present upon the City Council's proposed amendment of Chapter 10 of the City of Richmond City Code, Cannabis Events, Retail Business Registration and Compliance and Chapter 107 Zoning.

The City Council invites any person desiring to comment on this matter to do so in writing or orally at the public hearing. Inquiries should be directed to Stacy Kalthoff, City Administrator at 320-597-2075.

Stacy Kalthoff,  
City Administrator

(Publish December 24, 2024)

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: December 19, 2024

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage dated November 25, 2011, executed by James J. Boos and Joanna M. Boos, husband and wife, as Mortgages, to Liberty Bank Minnesota, successor in interest to Liberty Savings Bank, fsb, as Mortgagee, and filed for record December 2, 2011, as Document No. A1356570, in the Office of the County Recorder of Stearns County, Minnesota; modified pursuant to a Modification of Mortgage dated May 1, 2022, and filed for record July 28, 2022, as Document No. A1637659, in the Office of the County Recorder of Stearns County, Minnesota. The land described in the Mortgage is not registered land.

2. The Mortgage has not been assigned.

3. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$276,800.00.

4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof.

5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.

6. At the date of this Notice the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is \$228,730.32.

7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land located in Stearns County, Minnesota, described as follows:

LOT 6, BLOCK 2, SPRINGWOOD ESTATES, STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

will be sold by the County Sheriff of Stearns County, Minnesota, at public auction on February 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Stearns County Sheriff's Department, located at 807 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

8. To the best of Mortgagee's information, the property being foreclosed has a property address of 22814 Grovewood Lane, Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320, and has tax parcel identification number

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Richmond is accepting applications for seasonal, part-time Civic Arena Maintenance worker/Zamboni Driver, approximately 10 - 20 hours per week. Shifts would be evenings and weekends. A complete job description and applications are available at the Richmond City Hall, 45 Hall Avenue South. Applications will remain open until position is filled. The City of Richmond is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Richmond is accepting applications for part time/seasonal arena Concession Stand workers, for approximately 10-15 hours per week on various shifts including evenings and weekends at the River Lakes Civic Arena. A complete job description and applications are available in the lobby of the Richmond City Hall, 45 Hall Avenue S.W., in Richmond. Applications will remain open until positions are filled. The City of Richmond is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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#### POSITION OFFERS:

Competitive pay & benefits offered including health insurance, company paid life insurance, vacation, paid holidays, 401k with match.

Email resume to [info@westwindwoodworkers.com](mailto:info@westwindwoodworkers.com) or stop in for an application at 405 West Wind Court, Cold Spring



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9. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgages or Mortgages' personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

10. The property must be vacated by 11:59 p.m. on August 11, 2025, provided the Mortgages have not reinstated the Mortgage under Minnesota Statutes, Section 580.30 or redeemed the property under Minnesota Statutes, Section 580.23. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

11. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGORS, THE MORTGAGORS' PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

LIBERTY BANK MINNESOTA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LIBERTY SAVINGS BANK, FSB

/s/ David J. Meyers  
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[Dmeyers@RinkeNoonan.com](mailto:Dmeyers@RinkeNoonan.com)

Attorneys for Mortgagee

(Pub. Dec. 24, 2024 - Jan. 28, 2025)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ROCKVILLE

Notice is hereby given that the Rockville City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at approximately 6:30 p.m. at Rockville City Hall - 229 Broadway Street East** to consider amending City of Rockville Fees and Charges Schedule.

All persons attending the hearing and wishing to address the City Council will have an opportunity to do so. Those not able to be present at this meeting should submit their opinions in writing to the Rockville City Administrator, P.O. Box 93, Rockville, MN 56369 prior to the hearing.

Bobbi Kessel  
City Administrator

(Publish Dec. 24 & 31, 2024)

**Advertisement for Bids**  
Sealed bids will be received by Rocori Public Schools, Cold Spring, MN, Stearns County for furnishing all equipment, labor, and materials for: building envelope repairs.

Bids must be addressed and delivered as instructed in the bid documents, with the name of the bidder showing, no later than 2:00 p.m., January 24th, 2025. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

Bids shall be delivered to: Mr. Brent Neisinger Director of Buildings & Grounds

Rocori Public Schools  
534 5th Ave. North  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check from a solvent bank in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security that if awarded the work, the bidder will sign a contract.

All Contractors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference to inspect the job site and to ensure comprehension of the specifications. Specifications shall be distributed at the time of the pre-bid meeting, January 10th, 2025 at 10:00am, Rocori High School. Contractors who do not attend the pre-bid conference shall be disqualified

from bidding.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities or irregularities and enter into such contract or contracts as deemed in the best interests of Rocori Public Schools.

(Publish Dec. 24 & 31, 2024)

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD Independent School District No. 750 Cold Spring, Minnesota November 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 750 was called to order by Chair Bohnsack at the ROCORI District Office Boardroom at 6:30 pm.

Board Members present: Sunny Hesse, Jennifer Bohnsack, Lynn Schurman

Board Members absent: Matt Thompson, Kayla Nierenhausen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion by Lynn Schurman to approve the agenda. Seconded by Sunny Hesse. The motion carries unanimously.

A motion by Lynn Schurman to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Sunny Hesse. The motion carries unanimously.

#### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting and the School Board Work Session held on October 28, 2024 and the Regular Board Meeting held on November 12, 2024. Recommend approval of the minutes from the meetings.

#### B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Treasurer Thompson will have been at the school site to review bills, ask questions, and confirm information prior to the meeting. Recommendation is to approve the bill payment of \$1,794,936.46 subject to any adjustments or direction offered by the Treasurer.

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## Horoscopes

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

It's easy for your mind to wander and get caught day-dreaming, Aries. You could be feeling a little restless and in need of a change. A vacation or a night with friends may just do it.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, even if you are trying to save money, this week some situations will arise that will require you to open your wallet. This is why you have an emergency fund.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, sometimes people do not know which side of you they might encounter and might keep you at arms' length as a result. Try to be more open this week.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Exciting things are on the horizon, Cancer. This might be something you have been anticipating for some time.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, this week you might need to stick up for someone or fight for a cause you believe in, even if it adversely affects your popularity. Stand your ground in these situations.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you might want to swallow your pride and ask for help rather than trying to do everything on your own. Going it alone hasn't helped you in the past, so why should it now?

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Someone steps in and helps you along at work, Libra. Instead of feeling he or she took liberties, thank this person for giving you the extra boost you likely needed at the time.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, try to look at a situation from a new angle and then you might get some of the answers you desire this week. Is someone acting out of character?

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Learn how to deal with conflict in a productive way, Sagittarius. Then you won't get bogged down by others when they are going head-to-head. Aries might play a role this week.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

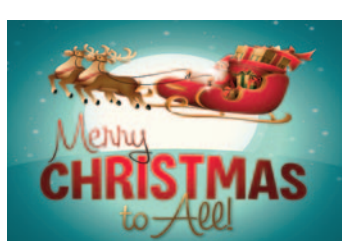
This week you may find that all of your efforts to build up to a pinnacle moment perhaps didn't give you the feelings you desired. Try getting back to basics.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, something that has been stretching on for quite some time finally gets finished, giving you the closure you need. Share the news slowly with others.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if what you are doing right now is giving you gratification, you might not need to make many big changes in the weeks to come.



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**C. EMPLOYMENT**  
 Recommend approval of the assignment as outlined.  
 a. Cold Spring Elementary Spartan Spot Childcare Aide - Shelby Thelen  
 b. ROCORI Childcare Assistant - Kali Wilcken  
 c. ROCORI Childcare Assistant - Sadie Phillipp  
 d. Cold Spring Elementary Spartan Spot Site Leader - Katilyn Bayerkohler  
 e. Cold Spring Elementary 3 hour lunchroom monitor - Theresa O'Connell  
 f. ROCORI High School .333 FAC's teacher - Erin Peterson  
**D. RETIREMENTS-RESIGNATIONS**  
 Recommend approval of the following resignations and/or retirements.

a. ROCORI Secondary School Special Education paraprofessional - Olivia Spychala. Resignation effective December 20, 2024.  
 b. ROCORI Secondary School Cook's Helper - Jordan Barker. Resignation effective December 20, 2024.  
**E. TERMINATION**  
 Recommend approval of the following termination

a. ROCORI Secondary School Head Custodian - John Homer. Termination effective November 15, 2024.

A motion by Sunny Hesse to approve payment to Cold Spring Bakery with Check #115683 in the amount of \$81.47, seconded by Jennifer Bohnsack. Motion carries with Lynn Schurman abstaining from vote.

A motion by Sunny Hesse to approve the band/choir field trip request for March 6-March 10, 2025, seconded by Lynn Schurman. Motion carries unanimously.

The following resolution was moved by Lynn Schurman and seconded by Sunny Hesse:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and  
 WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full." and  
 WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Rocori Public Schools, ISD 750, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

- Donor
- CSE PTO
- Item
- \$12,420.00
- Designated Purpose(if any)
- Field Trip Funds

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:  
 Aye: Sunny Hesse, Jennifer Bohnsack, Lynn Schurman  
 Nay: None  
 Absent: Matt Thompson, Kayla Nierenhausen  
 Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

A motion by Sunny Hesse to approve the 2025-2026 budget

planning timeline as presented, seconded by Jennifer Bohnsack. Motion carries unanimously.

The following policies were presented for a secondreading. No formal action was taken.

- A. Policy 431 - Preparation Time
- B. Policy 432 Certified Staff Evaluation
- C. Policy 503 Student Attendance
- D. Policy 543 Governing International Studies
- E. Policy 713 Student Activity Accounting

Superintendent Kevin Enerson provided an update on the district.

Director of Activities Mitch Dorr provided an update on the activities department.

The Budget Comparison Report for October 2024 was reviewed.

Board members made updates on their respective committees.

Chair Bohnsack called for comments and requests from visitors.

Upcoming events and activities on the school calendar were reviewed.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
 Sunny Hesse, Clerk

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS**

**DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION**  
 Court File No.: 73-PR-24-10083

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OR DISTRIBUTION AND FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL (EXEMPT ESTATE)**

**Estate of Mechthild Elizabeth Ellis, also known as Mechthild Ellis, also known as Tildy Ellis,**  
**Decedent**

Notice is given that a petition has been filed requesting that the Estate assets be summarily assigned.

The Petition requests the probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's last Will dated July 7, 1983, and separate writings under Minn. Stat. § 524.2-513 ("Will").

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and if no objections or claims are filed or raised, the Court may issue a decree distributing or assigning the Estate's assets.

It is Ordered and Notice is now given that the Petition will be heard on January 24, 2025, at 8:45 AM, by this Court at 725 Courthouse Sq., St. Cloud, Minnesota.

This hearing will be held administratively and no appearances are required unless objections are filed.

**BY THE COURT**

Dated: December 17, 2024  
 James Dehn  
 Judge of District Court

Dated: December 17, 2024  
 George Lock  
 Court Administrator

Filed in District Court  
 State of Minnesota  
 Dated December 17, 2024

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**Richmond News**

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your loved ones and ensure a joyous and accident-free holiday for all."

CPSC is highlighting the following additional safety tips for safe and happy holiday activities including toy-buying, cooking and decorating.

**Toys**  
 CPSC, in collaboration with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), seized nearly 1.6 million dangerous or illegal toys in fiscal year 2024. Of those, nearly 101,900 toy seizures were related to lead content.

**Wrap your holiday with a protective bow with these giving gift safety tips:**

- Follow age guidance and other safety information on toy packaging and choose toys that match each child's interests and abilities.
- Get safety gear, including helmets, for scooters and other riding toys—and make sure that children use them every time.
- Keep small balls and toys with small parts away from children younger than age 3 and keep deflated balloons away from children younger than age 8.
- Once the gifts are open, immediately discard plastic wrappings or other packaging on toys before they become dangerous playthings.

**Cooking**  
 The largest share of the 352,400 annual residential fires are cooking related (45%), according to CPSC's report on Residential Fire and Loss Estimates. Cooking fires spike on Thanksgiving Day with an average of 1,400 cooking fires – more than three times the daily average of cooking fires. CPSC data also shows that Black Americans have the highest rate of deaths from fire, nearly twice the overall rate across the population.

**Prep holiday cooking with these tips for a safe and fire-free holiday season:**

- Never leave cooking food unattended on the stove or in the oven.
  - Only fry a turkey outside and away from your home or other flammable materials. Never use turkey fryers in an enclosed area like the garage or on the porch.
- Holiday Decorations**  
 There are about 160 Christmas decorating-related injuries each day during the holiday season, with nearly half of the injuries involving falls. In the 2023 holiday season (Nov. 1, 2022 – Jan. 31, 2023), about 14,900 people were treated in emergency rooms due to holiday decorating-related injuries.

**Keep holiday decorating safe, festive, and bright with these helpful tips:**

- Water your live Christmas tree and look for the "Fire Resistant" label when buying an artificial tree.
  - Never leave candles unattended. Keep burning candles in sight, away from flammable items and put them out before leaving the room. Use flameless candles whenever possible.
  - Never string together more than three sets of incandescent lights and never overload electrical outlets.
- Online Toy Shopping**  
 • Know your seller. Purchase toys from stores and

online retailers you know and trust.

• When purchasing toys and games online that contain small parts, balls, marbles and balloons, look for a choking hazard warning statement on the firm's advertising page about these products.

**Out and About!**

**Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race is On! January 10-11, 2025!**

It's back on! The Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race is a continuous race of approximately 100 miles. The race is composed of two runs approximately 50 miles. The start, layover and finish are all located at the Trail Center, along the Gunflint Trail. For general information, please call Sarah Hamilton at 218-388-2214 or email trailctr@boreal.org.

The Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race is a continuous race consisting of two legs of equal distance, separated by a mandatory layover. There are two classes in the race: a 12-dog, 110-mile race and an 8-dog, 70-mile race. Keep up with all of the preparations for the 2025 race via [www.gunflint-mail.com](http://www.gunflint-mail.com) or Facebook.

**John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon: Begins the 40th running January 26-28, 2025**

Established in 1980, the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon is the longest sled dog race in the lower 48 states. Every year, world-class mushers compete in the nearly 400 mile event. The Beargrease is a qualifier for the famed Iditarod race in Alaska. For more information, please call 218-461-1834 or visit [www.beargrease.com](http://www.beargrease.com).

**Brainerd Jaycees \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Gull Lake, February 1, 2025 from noon-3 p.m.!**

Ice fishing's largest prize package will be up for grabs as thousands of anglers take to the ice for a day of fun with family and friends. With over \$150,000 in cash and prizes, this event is a can't miss affair! All proceeds are donated to Confidence Learning Center and other local charities.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is urging motorists to use caution on Highway 371 on January 28th during Gull Lake Fishing Extravaganza. Mn/DOT and State Patrol encourage motorists traveling northbound and southbound Highway 371 during the daylight hours to be alert to lane closures in front of Gull Lake-Hole In the Day Bay and the Brainerd International Raceway, during the Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza. Highway 371 traffic will be single lane at Gull Lake to allow for a shuttle bus/vehicle drop off site. Law enforcement will be controlling traffic in the area. Cost is \$50.00/ticket. For more information, please visit: [icefishing.org](http://icefishing.org).

**Please Continue to Support Our Businesses! It is Greatly Appreciated!**

*Merry Christmas! Have a Great Week! Please, if you drink, please don't drive!!  
 Til' Next Time~*

**Rockville News**

**Rockville City Council Meetings**

**Regular Scheduled Monthly Meetings**

• Council meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Workshop (if needed) at 5:30 p.m.

• Last Wednesday of the month meetings are as needed.

• Meeting location: Rockville City Hall, 229 Broadway Street East.

Check the "Calendar of Events" tab (<https://www.rockvillecity.org>) to verify the date and time of the next meeting.

**Events**

PLEASE if you know of any upcoming Rockville events, let us know at the COLD SPRING RECORD to P.O. BOX 456, COLD SPRING, MN 56320, email [csrecord@midconetwork.com](mailto:csrecord@midconetwork.com) or call 320-685-8621. Thank you.

**Rockville Area Sportsman's Club**

The group sponsors a program where old fishing rods and reels can be refurbished and reused. The drop off point is behind the Hideaway Bar.

**Rockville Post Office**

**Retail Hours:**  
 Monday - Friday  
 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
 Saturday: 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
**P.O. Box Access Hours:**  
 Monday - Friday  
 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Saturday: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Phone:** 320-251-0176

**Weekend Masses**

**St. Boniface:**  
 M-F 8:00 a.m.  
 Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
 Sun. 9:30 a.m.  
**St. James:**  
 Fri. 8:00 a.m.  
 Sun. 8:00 a.m.  
**Saints Peter & Paul:**  
 Wed. 8:30 a.m.  
 Sat. 5:00 p.m.  
 Sun. 10:00 a.m.  
**Mary of the Immaculate Conception:**  
 Thur. 8:00 a.m.  
 Sun. 7:30 a.m.  
 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)  
 Masses streamed on: ChristCatholic.com, Channel 10 (Arvig/Midco).  
**Holy Cross:**  
 Sat. 4:00 p.m.

**MIC News**

**Adoration:**  
 Every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (occasionally there is benediction at 6:45 p.m.). Volunteers needed, especially for the morning and early afternoon. Call Tудie 252-3017. Jesus awaits YOU in the Eucharist! The Rosary of the unborn is recited before 8 a.m. mass every fourth Thursday of the month.

**500 Cards:** Everyone 60+ is welcome to join us on the third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the John Clark Community Room in Rockville.

**Infant of Prague Mission Group:**

Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**LOM:**  
 Meets Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**Rockville's Future Vision Coming into View**

The City of Rockville is in the process of updating its comprehensive plan and zoning codes. These are important documents that influence how, when, and where development and growth occur in a community. The comprehensive plan sets a vision for the City for the next 15 to 20 years. And the zoning code regulates what types of buildings can be built, and where. It also establishes standards for the development such as size and setbacks.

For more information about the comprehensive plan and zoning code updates, visit the website at: <https://arcg.is/qy9TO1>.

The City Council and Planning Commission have held five joint workshops to discuss issues and opportunities and review draft policies, goals, maps, and chapters. To gather public input, the city conducted a brief survey and has held four focus groups with business owners, property owners and planners. The top three issues based on responses to the survey were infrastructure, agriculture and parks and trails.

Based on the work so far, the following vision and mission statement have been drafted to guide the planning process.

**Draft Vision Statement**

A community that is tackling today's challenges while retaining its natural and agricultural history.

**Draft Mission Statement**

The city's mission is to support its current farmers and build its tax base by planning for new businesses that provide residents

with jobs, goods, services, and recreation.

The planning process began by looking at the city's natural resources such as lakes, rivers, wetlands, steep slopes, vegetation, and soil types. Maps of these resources are on the project website (link above) and wall maps are available at city hall. Areas with high quality farmland and sensitive areas such as steep slopes would not be planned for sewer development. Next, we considered where infrastructure such as roads, sewer and water are located and could support urban development.

Based on these analyses and discussions, a future land use map was drafted and reviewed at a focus group of property owners and farmers on November 19, 2024. Approximately 20 people attended and suggested changes that were incorporated into the draft Future Land Use Map.

The draft Future Land Use map is available for the public to review on the City's website [www.rockvillecity.org](http://www.rockvillecity.org) or a wall map is posted in City Hall.

If you have comments on this proposed future land use map, please feel free to submit a comment here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/FutureLandUseComment](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FutureLandUseComment)

**Next Steps:**

The City Council and Planning Commission have their next workshop on February 5, 2025, at 6 p.m. at City Hall. They will be discussing the future land use map and zoning code changes. The public are welcome to attend the meeting.

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**Forest Prairie Township Crash**

On December 18, 2024, at 11:10 p.m., the Meeker County Sheriff's Office received a report of a single-vehicle personal injury accident in the 36000 block of CSAH 2 in Forest Prairie Township. Meeker County Deputies, Watkins Ambulance, Watkins Fire, and Watkins Rescue responded to the scene.

When deputies arrived they learned Jonathan

Kellen, 24, of Litchfield, was driving north on CSAH 2 when he left the roadway striking a tree. Kellen was transported to the Meeker Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. Alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor in the crash. After being treated for his injuries, Kellen was booked into the Meeker County Jail on DUI related charges.