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submitted to the Stearns Coun-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;

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

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

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 Healing to provide supervised visitation services for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026, at the follow-

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 15minute 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 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 inTransition from Homelessness (PATH)Grant effective August 18, 2024, 1.0 of this Ordinance through June 30, 2025, in an amount of \$241,265.

Services Advisory Committee

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

prove the Human Services of one percent (0.375%) on the Consent Agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: District 5 Steve

SECONDER: District 2 Joe

Perske

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, Dis-

trict 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and

District 5 Steve Notch Auditor-Treasurer ing 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, provid- purchase when the state sales or in the name of a corporation ed a brief overview. Chair tax must be collected and re-

APARTMENT FOR RENT

ALBANY

- Cat ok (\$20/month Pet Rent)

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 ty Engineer for review. 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 OR-**DAINS:**

Statement of Intent and Purpose.

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

1.0 Authority

At the general election held November 5, 2024, the voters of Stearns County approved the imposition of a threeeighths of one percent (0.375%) local option sales and use tax **SECONDER:** District 3 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 colwith Nexus-Kindred Family lecting 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

4. "State Sales and Use Tax Laws and Rules" shall mean G.4. Appoint Kelly Martini those provisions of the state as the Chair of the Human 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 Motion was made to ap- in the amount of three-eighths 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 threeeighths of one percent (0.375%) on the storage, use, distribution, or consumption of goods or services sourced within the iurisdictional limits of the County that are taxable under the State Sales and Use Tax H.1. Conduct Public Hear- 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

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mitted 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 En-

forcement (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 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

(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 \$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 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 FUND \$780,000. Commissioners this 17th day of December, 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 2 Joe

SECONDER: District 3 Jeff Bertram

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: District 1 Tarryl Perske 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 Elec-

RESULT: INFORMA-TIONAL 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 impending 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 JNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 5 Steve

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: INFORMA-TIONAL 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 &

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 PROJ-ECTS FUND \$1,700,000 and LIBRARY FUND \$2,260,054

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED, 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 RE-

SOLVED, that the County Board hereby adopts the probudget totaling \$211,498,327 for 2025 consistof the following fund amounts: REVENUE FUND \$78,172,124; ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$15,444,733; HIGHof publication, and proof that WAY CONSTRUCTION FUND \$41.985.000: HUMAN SERV-ICES FUND \$69,547,934; BUILDING FUND \$100,000; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND \$100,000; PARK FUND \$1,826,394; SOLID WASTE \$1,282,088; LIBRARY FUND \$2,260,054; and PROJECT

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

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 4 Leigh

SECONDER: District 2 Joe **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 leg-

islators. RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 3 Jeff

SECONDER: District 5 Steve Notch

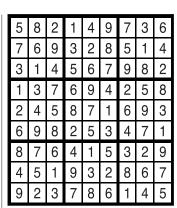
AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier, and District 5 Steve Notch

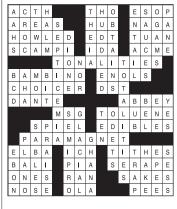
K.5. Adopt Resolution Establishing 2025 Commissioners' Salaries

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

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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, charm is one of your strongest attributes. This week your magnetism is magnified and can work to your advantage. You might attract people who can help with a situation.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, it is never easy to reevaluate finances and cut back. However, this is the week when you likely have to keep your credit card in your wallet; otherwise, the bills add up.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, now is the time to turn great opportunities into big ideas. Make a plan of action and spell out the steps necessary to see an opportunity come to fruition. Ask for help, if needed.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, others are supportive of a new project you recently proposed. Maintain that support by staying focused on the tasks at hand. It's time to move things along.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

You are open to new activities and friendships, Leo. Luckily, you may not have to work too hard to make these things happen. Bring new members into existing

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 Do whatever it takes to have some quality time to yourself, Virgo. This may include taking a trip or book-

ing a relaxing day at a nearby spa.

friend groups.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, allow some time to pass by before offering an assessment. Responding too quickly might produce a knee-jerk reaction that could prove regrettable

down the road. SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Take extra care dealing with a sticky situation at work, Scorpio. You may need to be very careful about checking for mistakes in detail-oriented tasks without stepping on any

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You might need to bargain to get something you want this week, Sagittarius. Figure out what you are willing to give up and then identify a person you can work with. CAPRICORN - Dec

22/Jan 20

Clear communication is needed right now, Capricorn; otherwise, you may fall victim to hearsay or crossed signals. Get the facts before sharing your opinion.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Start contemplating big changes pertaining to your employment situation, Aquarius. An opportunity might come along that proves too good to pass up. PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

The feelings you have for someone will help you overlook any imperfections you have noticed, Pisces. Keep your relationship strong by focusing on this person's good points.

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