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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah Elected Anoka County Board Chair**

For the second consecutive year, Anoka County Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah was elected chair of the seven-member county board at its organizational meeting January 3, 2012. Commissioner Robyn West was elected vice chair.

“I appreciate the opportunity to once again serve as board chair,” Sivarajah said. “Last year we initiated significant changes to improve efficiency and incorporate new technology in our day to day operations. We continue to face sizable challenges in today’s difficult economy but if we keep refining how we conduct the business of county government, I am confident we’ll be well-positioned in the future.”

Sivarajah has been a member of the county board since 2003. In addition to her duties as board chair, she will serve as chair of the county’s Airport and Human Services Committees and vice chair of the Management and Public Works Committees. She also was named to the Internal Audit; Finance & Capital Improvements; Web Oversight; Wetlands Review; Benefits and Compensation; and Ag Preservations Credit Ad Hoc Committees.

Sivarajah also was named chair of the Anoka County/Blaine Airport (Janes Field) N.W.

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Building Area Joint Powers Board and vice chair of the Anoka County Regional Railroad Authority. She is a Workforce Council Liaison and will serve on the Anoka County-Blaine Airport Advisory Commission; Anoka County Housing & Redevelopment Authority; the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Radio Cost Allocation Committee of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board; I-35E Coalition; and Board of Oversight of Court-Appointed Attorneys. She is a voting delegate for the Association of Minnesota Counties and serves on its board of directors and is the lead commissioner in the area of elections/reapportionment/voter registration.

Sivarajah also serves on the Governor’s Workforce Development Council; Minnesota Workforce Council Association; Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Minnesotans; and the Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee.

Sivarajah represents District 6 in eastern Anoka County which includes Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbus, Lexington, Lino Lakes, Linwood, and a portion of Blaine.

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Anoka County Board Chair Rhonda Sivarajah



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