

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled board meeting in Room #705 of the Anoka County Government Center. Due to the applicable Governor's Emergency Executive Orders, and a determination by the board chair that public attendance was not feasible due to the health pandemic, there were no members of the public in the board room where this meeting was held. Notice of this meeting included that monitoring of this meeting by the public could be done through audio streaming over the internet or by telephone. Public monitoring in this manner was done pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021.

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

April 27, 2021

Chair Schulte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	District #1	Matt Look
	District #2	Julie Braastad
	District #3	Robyn West
	District #4	Mandy Meisner
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Tony Palumbo, County Attorney; and staff

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Commissioner Braastad made motion granting reductions of valuation and/or abatements of taxes, special assessments, costs, penalties and/or interest as requested and approved by the county assessor, county auditor and/or county treasurer. (A full text of persons receiving tax abatements is on file and available for public inspection in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Look made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending April 9, 2021, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending April 9, 2021. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the minutes from the April 13, 2021, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chair Schulte presented information relating to the county's Awards of Excellence Program created to recognize the excellent work being done by Anoka County employees.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the 2021 Award of Excellence for Modeling our Mission to Job Training Center Employment and Eligibility Intake Technician Aimee DeMond for her skills, knowledge of the job, and policies that service Job Training Center Programs.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the 2021 Award of Excellence for Performance to Information Technology Systems Integration Architect John Goebel for his hard work and dedication in implementing a new case-management system in the County Attorney's Office.

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Commissioner Gamache presented a 2021 Award of Excellence for Leadership to Finance Accounting Director Paula Bownik for coordinating the CARES Act Team and State Small Business COVID Grant Relief Program in addition to her ongoing workload, to ensure resources and processes were in place to properly report and utilize available funding.

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Commissioner Look presented a 2021 Award of Excellence for Leadership to Human Services Adult Mental Health Supervisor Mark Davis for his work planning and implementing the Anoka County COVID-19 disaster response by developing plans, policies, and protocols of assessment, engagement, and set-up, response for the Warmline, testing with the National Guard, and the vaccination clinics.

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Commissioner Meisner presented a 2021 Award of Excellence for Teamwork to the mailroom staff in Finance and Central Services who were integral to the success of the absentee ballot mailing operation in 2020 by working with Elections to mail out a record number of absentee ballots and prepare the returned ballots for pickup.

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Commissioner West presented a 2021 Award of Excellence for Teamwork to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office staff for performing critical COVID-19 related services to the community, which included fielding calls, investigating deaths remotely and on-scene, and working with the Minnesota Department of Health unreported death program.

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Commissioner Reinert presented a 2021 Award of Excellence for Teamwork to the Public Health Emergency Response Team who, in collaboration with Emergency Management, are the primary responders for the COVID-19 pandemic in Anoka County. The team had a major impact on providing prevention services that lessened the spread of the coronavirus and worked together tirelessly to keep residents safe.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the 2021 Award of Excellence for Customer Service to Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) staff Tricia Lehti and Lynda Keenan for developing a Virtual Tax Assistance Pilot Program which allowed trained volunteers to provide virtual tax filing assistance to residents.

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Chair Schulte thanked and recognized County Administrator Rhonda Sivarajah for her hard work and dedication over the past year.

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Community Corrections Director Dylan Warkentin and Chief Deputy Kevin Halweg presented information relating to law enforcement and public safety.

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Commissioners Braastad, West, Schulte, Meisner, Gamache, Reinert, and Look offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-48

**RECOGNIZING PEACE OFFICER WEEK
IN ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Peace Officer Week; and,

WHEREAS, peace officers are our guardians of life and property, defenders of the individual's right to be free, warriors in the war against crime, and dedicated to the preservation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and,

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of their law enforcement agencies and that members recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence or disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby recognize the week of May 9, 2021, through May 15, 2021, to be Peace Officer Week in Anoka County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners calls upon all citizens in this community to honor and show their sincere appreciation for law enforcement officers in this county by deed, remarks, and attitude, and to make every effort to express their thanks to the men and women who make it possible for us to leave our homes knowing we are protected by men and women willing to sacrifice their lives to guard our loved ones, property, and government against all who violate the law.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioners Schulte, Meisner, Gamache, Reinert, Look, Braastad, and West offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-49

**RECOGNIZING DETENTION DEPUTIES, CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, AND
CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES IN ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the week of May 2, 2021, through May 8, 2021, has been designated as National Correctional Officers Week; and,

WHEREAS, this week is devoted to increasing the public awareness of the excellent job performance by the Anoka County Detention Deputies, Correctional Officers, and staff; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners is honored to have a group of men and women who are trained professionals and who serve in the County's Jail and Correctional Facilities; and,

WHEREAS, these professionals serve valiantly to provide humane conditions of confinement while ensuring public safety, maintaining facility security, and contributing to offender rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, these Detention Deputies, Correctional Officers, and staff provide essential services and exemplify the highest of professional standards by their commitment to protecting the public and the offenders:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby honor these dedicated professionals who supervise inmates at the Anoka County Jail and Community Corrections Facilities and provide special recognition to them during National Correctional Officer Week.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Chair Schulte recognized County Surveyor Chuck Gitzen for his years of dedicated service to Anoka County and congratulated him on his retirement.

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Commissioner West presented the Management Committee report from the meeting of April 13, 2021. All items were of an informational nature and required no board action.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee report from the meeting of April 19, 2021.

Highway

1. Commissioner Look offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-50

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DETOUR AGREEMENT
WITH MnDOT FOR TH 47 DETOUR
(CONTRACT #C0008534)**

WHEREAS, Anoka County (“County”) is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT is planning to complete a mill and overlay project, which will include bituminous mill and overlay, ADA improvements, and revision of a traffic control signal system upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway 47 (TH 47) from Pleasant Street to East Mineral Pond Boulevard under State Project No. 0206-69; and,

WHEREAS, MnDOT requires a detour to carry TH 47 traffic on CSAH 57 (Sunfish Lake Boulevard) and CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) during the construction and will reimburse the County for the road life consumed by the detour as set forth in the Detour Agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby approve entering into MnDOT Agreement #1046475 (Anoka Contract #C0008534) with MnDOT for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of CSAH 57 and CSAH 116 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to TH 47 from Pleasant Street to East Mineral Pond Boulevard under State Project No. 0206-69.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County board chair and county administrator are authorized to execute the Detour Agreement, and any amendments thereto, and may take such further actions as are necessary to implement the terms of the agreement.

(Contract is on file in the Highway Department.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

Transit

2. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving Contract #C0008533, Transit Link Service Agreement between Anoka County and Transit Team, Inc., for the new dial-a-ride service contract within Anoka County; and authorizing the county board chair and county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving Contract #C0008441, Transit Link Service Agreement between Anoka County and the Metropolitan Council for the new dial-a-ride service contract within Anoka County; and authorizing the county board chair and county administrator to execute said agreement, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Highway Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Look presented the Finance and Capital Improvements Committee report from the meeting of April 20, 2021.

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving Contract #C0008548 with Wold Architects and Engineers, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite W 2000, St. Paul, MN 55101, for site plan design services related to Public Safety and Correctional Facilities, in an amount not to exceed \$44,500, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file the Finance Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

2. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving Contract #C0008532 with Central Roofing Company, 4550 Main Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55421, for completion of the Mississippi Library Roof Replacement, for an amount not to exceed \$191,580, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file the Finance Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Gamache made motion authorizing a fee name and description change for the Finance and Central Services CAFR (Published Document Costs) to AFR (Published Document Costs) with no change in the fee amount. Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Braastad made motion adopting the 2022 Budget Calendar as a planning document for the 2022 Budget Process. Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Reinert presented the Human Services Committee report from the meeting of April 20, 2021, which also acts as the Local Social Services Agency and Health Board.

CONSENT

Community Corrections

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the following, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality:
 - A. Entering into Contract #C0008529, (joint powers agreement renewal) with the Minnesota Department of Corrections Work Release Unit to house select inmates at the Anoka County Workhouse at a rate of \$60 per day per offender from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
 - B. Entering into Contract #C0008528 with the Minnesota Department of Corrections for continued participation in the Intensive Supervised Release (ISR) grant program in an amount of up to \$267,800 per year from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

(Contracts are on file in the Human Services Department.)

Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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JOB TRAINING CENTER

2. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving Contract #C0008542, accepting the National Health Emergency / COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) in an amount of \$179,541, and any additional funding, through June 30, 2022, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner West made motion approving Contract #C0008545, accepting a Youth at Work grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's Office of Youth Development in an amount of \$150,000 for work services to youth from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

4. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving Contract #C0008536 with Recover Health for COVID-19 vaccine administration in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 through December 31, 2021, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving Contract #C0008516 with Jacon, LLC, in an amount of \$714,210 for relocation construction of the Rice Creek compost site, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

6. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving submitting a certificate of need support letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in response to request from Elk River Landfill. Commissioner West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

7. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving submitting an application to the Minnesota Department of Corrections for Reentry and Halfway Housing grant (Contract #C0008546) in an amount of \$87,600 to temporarily house up to six homeless offenders released from prison at the Anoka County Workhouse, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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8. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-51

APPROVING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACTIONS AND PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby approve and ratify the following client actions of the Anoka County Economic Assistance Department for March 2021: Medical Assistance and General Assistance medical payments in the amount of \$291,322.78 as set forth in the Monthly Economic Assistance Actions and Payments Authorization document on file in Human Services Administration.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

9. Commissioner Reinert offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-52

PROCLAIMING MAY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN ANOKA COUNTY

WHEREAS, for more than sixty years, our country has celebrated May as Mental Health Month to raise awareness about mental illness and the importance of mental wellness for all; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 13.1 million adults age 18 and older in the United States have a serious mental illness and 2.3 million youth age 12-17 had a depressive episode during the past year; and,

WHEREAS, adults with a serious and persistent mental illness are dying, on average, 25 years earlier than the general population from heart disease, diabetes, or other treatable conditions; and,

WHEREAS, this past year presented so many different challenges and obstacles that tested our strength and resiliency; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, many people who had never experienced mental health challenges found themselves struggling for the first time; and,

WHEREAS, increased awareness of mental health can lead to earlier recognition and treatment of mental health concerns; and,

WHEREAS, Behavioral Health Services in Anoka County is working on a “Zero Suicide Framework”, an evidence-based framework that uses a system-wide approach to look at organizations to build a support culture, as well as look at client safety; and,

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2021, the Mental Wellness Campaign for Anoka County Inc., will be hosting the 12th Annual 5K Walk for Mental Wellness at the Bunker Hills Regional Park to raise awareness surrounding the issues of stigma for individuals with mental illness:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 2021 to be Mental Health Month in Anoka County.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Intergovernmental and Community Relations Committee Chair report.

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving Contract #C0008527 between the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to provide autopsy services for the Red Lake Nation and Fond du Lac Reservation, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Medical Examiner's Office.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Meisner presented the Property Records and Taxation Committee report from the meeting of April 19, 2021.

1. Commissioner Meisner offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-53

**AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF
ANOKA COUNTY PROPERTY TAX PENALTIES FOR FIRST HALF TAXES
PAYABLE IN 2021 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented disruption in the lives of the residents of Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, the disruption caused by COVID-19 includes an increase in unemployment and other serious economic effects; and,

WHEREAS, the increase in unemployment and other serious economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic creates the possibility that some Anoka County residents may be unable to fully pay required property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners finds that it would be unjust and inequitable to require certain qualifying taxpayers to pay penalties associated with unpaid property taxes when payment of those taxes has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby passes this resolution to exempt qualifying residents from the accrual of penalties for late payment of certain property taxes, as more fully set forth below:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to MS § 279.01, subd. 2, Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby authorize the division manager of Property Records and Taxation to grant abatement of the penalty for late payment of the first half 2021 property taxes, due to a financial hardship directly related to the COVID-19 state, federal or local emergency declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this abatement of penalty will only apply to current year non-escrow residential and non-residential properties with under \$50,000 annual property tax owed for all properties owned by the taxpayer; excluding railroad and utility parcels. The penalty abatement will also apply only if the first half payment is made in full by June 15, 2021. A completed application must be submitted to qualify for this abatement.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioner Meisner offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-54

**AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF TAX-FORFEIT LAND TO
GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION FOR CONDITIONAL USE
IN THE CITY OF BLAINE (PIN 24-31-23-14-0104)**

WHEREAS, property identified for tax purposes by the Anoka County Division of Property Records and Taxation as PIN 24-31-23-14-0104, and legally described as: OUTLOT A LUCKOWS

PINE VIEW; SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, has forfeited to the State of Minnesota, in trust for the taxing districts for the failure to pay ad valorem real estate taxes; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Section 282.01, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has classified the forfeit property as non-conservation; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute, Section 282.01, Subd. 1a, par. (e) authorizes non-conservation tax-forfeited land to be conveyed by the Commissioner of Revenue to a Governmental Subdivision for an authorized public use, if an application is submitted to the Commissioner of Revenue which includes a statement of facts as to the use of the land and upon the favorable recommendation of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute, Section 282.01, Subd. 1a, par. (e), an application for conveyance of forfeit property has been made by the Anoka County Highway Department ("Governmental Subdivision") to the Commissioner of Revenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is advisable that the application be approved and the forfeit property be conveyed to the Governmental Subdivision:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby favorably recommend the application for the conveyance of the forfeit property to the Governmental Subdivision for the authorized public use stated in the application.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

3. Commissioner Reinert offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-55

**AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF TAX-FORFEIT LAND TO
GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION FOR CONDITIONAL USE
IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS (PIN 24-32-22-22-0003)**

WHEREAS, property identified for tax purposes by the Anoka County Division of Property Records and Taxation as PIN 24-32-22-22-0003, and legally described as: THAT PRT OF THE W1/2 OF THE NW1/4 DESC AS FOL: BEG AT THE PT OF INTER OF THE W LINE OF SD NW1/4 WITH OLD SLY R/W LINE OF CSAH NO 23 (AKA LAKE DR NE), TH SLY ALG SD W LINE 800 FT, TH ELY AT RT ANG 920 FT, TH NLY AT RT ANG 423 FT +OR- TO SD SLY R/W LINE, TH NWLY ALG SD SLY R/W LINE 995 FT +OR- TO THE POB; EX RD; SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, has forfeited to the State of Minnesota, in trust for the taxing districts for the failure to pay ad valorem real estate taxes; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Section 282.01, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has classified the forfeit property as non-conservation; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute, Section 282.01, Subd. 1a, par. (e) authorizes non-conservation tax-forfeited land to be conveyed by the Commissioner of Revenue to a Governmental Subdivision for an authorized public use, if an application is submitted to the Commissioner of Revenue which includes a statement of facts as to the use of the land and upon the favorable recommendation of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute, Section 282.01, Subd. 1a, par. (e), an application for conveyance of forfeit property has been made by the Anoka County Highway Department ("Governmental Subdivision") to the Commissioner of Revenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is advisable that the application be approved and the forfeit property be conveyed to the Governmental Subdivision:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby favorably recommend the application for the conveyance of the forfeit property to the Governmental Subdivision for the authorized public use stated in the application.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

4. Commissioner Meisner offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-56

**AUTHORIZING SALE OF NON-CONSERVATION
TAX-FORFEIT PROPERTY FOR THE REMOVAL OF BLIGHT
IN THE CITY OF FRIDLEY (PIN 15-30-24-44-0014)**

WHEREAS, certain real property situated in the City of Fridley, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, which is identified as PIN 15-30-24-44-0014 and is legally described as: LOT 7 BLK 18 FRIDLEY PARK, SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, Anoka County, Minnesota, has forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of ad valorem real estate taxes (“Subject Property”); and,

WHEREAS, the Subject Property has been classified by the County of Anoka (“County”) as non-conservation, and has not been sold at a tax-forfeit land sale or repurchased by the prior owner; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §282.01, Subd. 1a (d) non-conservation tax-forfeited lands may be sold by the county board to an organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state or state agency for less than their fair market value if:

(1) the county board determines that a sale at a reduced price is in the public interest because a reduced price is necessary to provide an incentive to correct the blighted conditions that make the land undesirable in the open market, or the reduced price will lead to the development of affordable housing; and,

(2) the governmental subdivision or state agency has documented its specific plans for correcting the blighted conditions or developing affordable housing, and the specific law or laws that empower it to acquire real property in furtherance of the plans; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fridley (“City”) has prepared specific plans to use the property to correct blighted conditions, and that a sale of the Subject Property at a reduced price is needed to provide an incentive to correct a blighted area that make it undesirable in the open market:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby find that the sale of the Subject Property at the reduced price is needed to provide an incentive to correct a blighted area within the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby approves of the sale of the Subject Property for the reduced price of \$5,000.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

5. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving the following Application for Repurchase of Tax-Forfeited Lands by Zack Fink, heir of Maureen Childs – PIN 36-30-24-43-0100, city of Columbia Heights. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Braastad presented the Public Safety Committee Chair report.

Sheriff’s Office

1. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-57

**ACCEPTING DEDICATED DONATION
FROM BLAINE FESTIVAL THROUGH THE
EAST BETHEL FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY**

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office received the two Lifepak Defibrillator 1000 AEDs to be placed in squads assigned to the City of Ham Lake from Blaine Festival through the

East Bethel Fire Department Auxiliary. The value of the donation is \$4,400 (\$2,200 for each AED); and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 465.03 requires a county to accept the donation by resolution expressed in terms prescribed by the donor in full; and,

WHEREAS, acceptance of the gift is in accordance with the donors' terms and in the best interest of the County of Anoka:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby accept the above-described gift from Blaine Festival through the East Bethel Fire Department Auxiliary and extends its grateful appreciation.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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The following item came forward on an additional agenda:

Commissioner Gamache presented the Information Technology Committee report from the meeting of April 26, 2021.

1. Commissioner Gamache made motion approving purchase orders issued annually with Insight Public Sector for the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement and Server Cloud Enrollment for the following in an amount not to exceed \$2,609,634.76:

- 2021 renewal cost of \$828,455.48
- 2022 renewal cost of \$828,455.48
- 2023 renewal cost of \$828,455.48
- 2021-2024 Total estimated change order cost of \$124,268.32

Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Meisner offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2021-58

RESOLUTION APPROVING ANOKA COUNTY'S 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH GRANT REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Anoka County is an Entitlement County that includes the Entitlement Community of Coon Rapids for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County is entitled to HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding through its participation in the Dakota County HOME Consortium with the cities of Coon Rapids and Woodbury and the counties of Anoka, Dakota, and suburban Ramsey; and,

WHEREAS, each Entitlement Community is required to adopt a Consolidated Plan that establishes priorities for the use of CDBG and HOME funds; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed projects in the 2021 Annual Action Plan are eligible projects and are priorities identified in the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the application process for CDBG and HOME funds requires the submission of an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Annual Action Plan requires a thirty-day public notice and public hearing before approval; and,

WHEREAS, the required public hearings were held on February 23, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. during the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board meeting in Room 705 of the Anoka County Government Center, 2100 Third Avenue, Anoka, Minnesota; and at 2:00 p.m. on February 22, 2021, at the Dakota County Administration Center, 1590 West Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota, and the Anoka County public comment period for the PY21 Annual Action Plan was held from February 26, 2021, through March 29, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, one written comment was received at the public hearing and no written comments were received during the 30-day public comment period and considered during the development of the 2021 Annual Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, receipt of the CDBG funds will require execution of a grant agreement between Anoka County and HUD:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby approve the Anoka County 2021 Annual Action Plan for the CDBG and HOME programs for submission to HUD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County board chair or her/his designee is authorized to execute and submit the Application for Assistance and Certifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County administrator or the executive director of the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority are hereby designated as the certifying officers for the environmental reviews.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board chair or her/his designee is authorized to execute the Fiscal Year 2021 CDBG Agreement with HUD for the acceptance of the CDBG funds upon final receipt of the documents and the Fiscal Year 2021 HOME Agreement with Dakota County Community Development Agency for the acceptance of the HOME funds upon final receipt of the documents.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the director of Community and Government Relations is authorized to execute agreements and/or contracts with cities and agencies receiving CDBG and HOME funding (Exhibit A).

(Exhibit A is on file in the County Administration Office.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Committee appointments:

1. Commissioner Look made motion reappointing Dee Guthman to the Anoka County Community Action Program, representing the public sector, for a three-year term expiring May 2024. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Commissioners Schulte, Meisner, Gamache, Reinert, Look, and Braastad voted “yes.” Commissioner West abstained. Motion carried.
2. Commissioner Braastad made motion reappointing Dwight McCullough to the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers for a three-year term ending May 27, 2024. Commissioner West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Gamache made motion appointing/reappointing the following to the Community Corrections Advisory Board for 2-year terms ending April 2023:
 - A. Appointing Mike Berger, representing Public Defenders, replacing Virginia Murphrey
 - B. Reappointing Commander Dave Pacholl, representing Law Enforcement
 - C. Reappointing Jerry Pederson, representing Social Services

Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Chair Schulte presented, for informational purposes, his appointment of Samantha Markman, Anoka County Economic Development Director, to the Anoka County Workforce Development Board, replacing Jacquell Hajder, with a term expiring June 30, 2023.

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Commissioner Meisner noted that Anoka County Elections and Voter Registration was recognized by the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Affairs for Government Innovation in Minnesota for its “Absentee Ballot: Behind the Scenes” video available on the website before the primary election providing an in-depth look at the absentee ballot process.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

By: _____
Rhonda Sivarajah
County Administrator

By: _____
Scott Schulte, its Chair

Motion carried means all commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively unless otherwise noted.