

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
February 20th, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024. Members present: Commissioners Forman, Edwin, Kaasa, Shoff and Eckstrom.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 24-069
Approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda as provided
in the Freeborn County Board Rule of Procedure 9(A)

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the governing body of Freeborn County, and;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board has implemented a Consent agenda to perform the duties of the board in a more effective and efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, the following items have been placed for approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners on the current Board meeting Consent Agenda as provided by the Board rules of procedure, being routine and of a regular action;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place the following are hereby approved for appropriate action:

- 1) Approval of the February 20th, 2024 minutes;

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

The Commissioners provided Board Committee updates.

Presentation of Rose Olmsted award to Linda Lares. The selection committee has recognized the outstanding commitment provided by Ms. Lares. Linda has been a role-model in the community, an advocate for family values, showing those new to the community that Albert Lea/Freeborn County can be a great place to live. Her work with SEMCAC helped connect aide to those who needed financial and physical assistance. Linda became the voice for those who didn't have a voice, and for those who didn't know where to go to get assistance. She served all without prejudice. Her beaming smile and confident, gentle way instilled hope in those who were underserved and struggling to make their way in the world.

Chairman Edwin asked if there was any public comment and there was none.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 24-070
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STATE OF MINNESOTA – COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM
INTERAGENCY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2024-2025

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute names the County Agency as responsible for local operation of child support services; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota State Department of Human Services requires an Interagency Cooperative Agreement to be renewed every two years with each Human Services entity within the State in order to receive reimbursement for provision of Child Support Services; and

WHEREAS, Freeborn County and the State of Minnesota are empowered to enter into interagency agreements in order to administer child support services, utilizing state and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services requires the assistance of the County Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office in order to fully provide child support services; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced entities are empowered to enter into cooperative arrangements for the provision of services to the public; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CY 2024-2025 STATE OF MINNESOTA-COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM INTERAGENCY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT be approved and the Freeborn County Department of Human Services Director have the authority to execute required Cooperative Arrangements and Attachments to the Agreement in order to carry out the provision of the Child Support Program in Freeborn County.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION # 24-071
A RESOLUTION GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO KLEMMENSEN GRAIN AND
CUSTOM FARMING PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF FREEBORN COUNTY,
MINNESOTA, CHAPTER 42

WHEREAS, KLEMMENSEN GRAIN AND CUSTOM FARMING applied for a conditional use permit to the Zoning Administrator on 01/09/24 pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of Freeborn County, Minnesota, Chapter 42 (Zoning Ord.) for the establishment of private use grain storage structures and grain storage support buildings located outside of the farmyard, in the "A" Agricultural District, on the following described property owned by, Randy and Linda Tru Klemmensen Living Trust.

"See Exhibit A"

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application on 02/05/24 in accordance with the Zoning Ord., Art. VIII, Sec. 42-612.

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission made a decision on the application and forwarded its required findings of fact and recommendations to the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners in the attached report.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners approves and adopts the findings of fact and recommendations of the County Planning Commission in the attached report,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the application for a conditional use permit by Klemmensen Grain and Custom Farming is hereby granted, subject to the conditions and guarantees required below:

- (1) Site shall be constructed in accordance with the site plan on file in the Environmental Services Office.
- (2) Site shall be constructed in accordance to the provisions set forth in the Freeborn County Code of Ordinances Chapter 42, Article II, Division 2; Section 42-107.
- (3) Site is designated for grain storage and associated storage support. The site shall remain agricultural in nature.
- (4) Owner/Operator shall cooperate with the affected road authorities to upkeep and maintain the roads utilized by the grain storage facility.
- (5) The premises and storage of equipment thereon shall be kept in an orderly and presentable manner.
- (6) The facility may not be extended or expanded without review and approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners.
- (7) The permit may be revoked by the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners at a public hearing to be held

after 30 days' notice is given for failure to comply with the provisions of this permit.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 24-072

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A PERMIT TO HELPING HANDS JUNK REMOVAL LLC FOR THE COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID WASTE PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA, CHAPTER 32

WHEREAS, HELPING HANDS JUNK REMOVAL LLC applied for a Hauler Permit to the Solid Waste Officer on 01/17/24 pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of Freeborn County, Minnesota, Chapter 32 (Solid Waste Ord.).

WHEREAS, the County Solid Waste Officer reviewed and deemed the permit application complete in accordance with the Solid Waste Ord., Art. VIII, Sec. 32-228.

WHEREAS, the County Solid Waste Officer made a decision and forwarded the permit application for a hauler permit to the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners in the attached report.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners approves the application for a hauler permit,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the application for a permit to collect and transport solid waste by Helping Hands Junk Removal LLC is hereby granted, subject to the conditions and requirements set forth in Chapter 32, Article VIII of the Freeborn County Code of Ordinances:

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 24-073

BE IT RESOLVED, that Freeborn County grants tobacco licenses to the following applicants:

Hollandale Three in One Bar & Restaurant, Hollandale

Staples Enterprises, Inc, d/b/a ExpressWay-Alden, Alden

GB&G, d/b/a Geneva Bar & Grill Geneva

Freeborn County Co-op Oil, Inc. Alden

United Fuels Midwest LLC d/b/a Woah-n-Go Speedway Manchester Township

Dhillon Enterprise, LLC d/b/a Clarks Grove Market Clarks Grove

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Shoff.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 24-074

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$7500 FROM USPCA K-9 REUNITE TO BE USED FOR THE K-9 PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Statute 465.03 allows for counties to accept donations and grants through resolution by the board.

WHEREAS, Freeborn County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Tim Bennett applied for and received a grant for \$7500 from USPCA K-9 Reunite.

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office has a K-9 program and recently received its newest service dog.

WHEREAS, the grant monies are to be used for Law Enforcement K-9 programs.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Freeborn County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, accepts the grant of \$7500 from USPCA K-9 Reunite to be deposited into 01-202-000-0000-5752 to be utilized for the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office K-9 program.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Shoff.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 24-075
PERMISSION TO FILL THE FREEBORN COUNTY CPCW – SOCIAL WORKER / CASE MANAGER POSITION

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County employees have the responsibility for providing quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees, and;

WHEREAS, Becky Gullickson, Freeborn County CPCW – Social Worker / Case Manager has been promoted to a Family Therapist effective March 4th, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the filling of the vacant Freeborn County CPCW – Social Worker / Case Manager position.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-076
BOARD APPOINTMENT TO THE OPIOID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, each year the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners must decide which of its members represents them on its various committees and to those organizations which require or desire their participation; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of Procedure of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners establishes several standing committees as well as the process for the establishment of temporary committee assignments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Commissioner Kaasa to the Opioid Advisory Committee until such assignment is changed by a subsequent action of this Board of Commissioners.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 24-077

RESOLVED AS, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Freeborn County and Pat Martinson for consulting services to the Auditor-Treasurer office. Pat will be consulting periodically with Kelly Hendrickson

through various processes and procedures in the Auditor-Treasurer's office. The pay rate in the agreement is at the same level that Pat was receiving based on an hourly rate upon her retirement.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Shoff.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 24-078
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before February 23, 2024.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 662,414.79
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 135,350.35
05	Human Services	\$ 186,010.86
06	Public Health	\$ 66,387.84
31	Capital Improvements	\$ 44,214.84
40	County Ditch	\$ 17,178.33
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 14,096.92
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 26,415.69
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	\$ 46.00
80	Tax Collection Fund	\$ 2,405.75
	FUND TOTALS	\$ 1,154,521.37

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 182

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$15,743.91

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Shoff.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted. Commissioner Edwin voted yes, abstaining from the claims regarding the Credit Bureau of Albert Lea.

Chair, Commissioner Edwin adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5th 2024.

By: _____
Brad Edwin
Chair

Attest: _____
Erin Hornberger
County Clerk