

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
May 4, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Members present: Commissioners Belshan, Edwin, Forman and Herman in person, with Commissioner Shoff via Zoom.

Commissioner Herman offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented

Motion seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

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

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-124
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 April 20, 2021 minutes;
- 2) Approval of Drainage Repairs: CD5, CD63; and CD77.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

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

The Commissioners provided Board Committee updates.

Commissioner Shoff asked if there was any public comment, attorney Matt Benda read a statement to the board on behalf of the 4H Group(s) regarding the utilization for the fairgrounds for a 4H showcase.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-125
Approving the Acceptance of a \$500 Donation

RESOLVED, approving the acceptance of a \$500.00 donation from a Freeborn County citizen to the Freeborn County Sheriff's office to be put towards the sheriff's office equipment fund line item 01-201-6601.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

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

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-126
Appointing Philip Wacholz, PE as Freeborn County Engineer

RESOLVED, per MN State Statute 163.07 to reappoint Philip Wacholz, PE as the Freeborn County Engineer for a four-year term.

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

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-127
Appointing Steven J. Thompson, LS as Freeborn County Surveyor

RESOLVED, per MN State Statute 389.011 to appoint Steven J. Thompson, LS as the Freeborn County Surveyor for a four-year term.

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

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-128
Placing Alex Blaschko, Detention Deputy, on
Regular Full Time Employment Status with Freeborn County

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, Alex Blaschko has successfully completed his required probationary employment period with Freeborn County and does provide the necessary services to her department and the public,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place Alex Blaschko, Freeborn County Detention Deputy, on regular full time status

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

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-129
Aligning Family Child Care Licensing Fees in Freeborn County
with the Statutorily Allowed Amounts

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute mandates the provision by local agencies of licensure services for Family Child Care Providers in each county; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is committed to providing quality services to meet the licensing needs for child care homes in Freeborn County; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human is permitted by Statute to charge licensing and relicensing fees; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is able and willing to provide this service; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that family child care licensing fees in Freeborn County will align with the amounts allowed by Minnesota Statute governing this service.

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

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-130
Approval of 2021 Tax Abatement

WHEREAS, the County Board has reviewed the application for property tax abatement of real estate and/or refund of taxes paid, taxes payable 2021 or Tracy and Sue Skaar, and

WHEREAS, and the County Auditor-Treasurer has re-calculated the homestead adjusted tax from non-homestead for Tracy and Sue Skaar of the listed abatements,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the abatements as listed below and presented be approved in the amount of \$6890.00 for payable 2021 property tax

		2021 Certified Tax	Certified Calss Code	2021 Adjusted Tax	Adjusted Class Code	DIFFERENCE
07.016.0050						
Rec 1	Ag. Land & Buildings (not house & site)	\$ 824.00	101-0-001	\$ -	101-1-001	
Rec 2	2nd house on Site & 1 ac - not occupied by owner	\$ 704.00	209-0-099	\$ 704.00	209-0-099	
Rec 3	House/Garage/1 ac - occupied by owner	\$ 2,022.00	101-0-000	\$ 1,766.00	101-1-000	
TOTALS		\$ 3,550.00		\$ 2,470.00		\$ 1,080.00
07.020.0030						
Rec 1	76.47 deeded acres	\$ 4,970.00	101-0-002	\$ 2,408.00	101-1-002	\$ 2,562.00
07.017.0040						
Rec 1	38.50 Tillable Acres	\$ 2,416.00	101-0-003	\$ 1,208.00	101-1-033	
Rec 2	21.50 Rural Vacant Land	\$ 212.00	111-0-004	\$ 106.00	111-1-004	
TOTALS		\$ 2,628.00		\$ 1,314.00		\$ 1,314.00
07.020.0011						
Rec 1	70.00 deeded acres	\$ 3,870.00	101-0-005	\$ 1,936.00	101-1-005	\$ 1,934.00
				Total 2021 Abatement		\$ 6,890.00

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

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-131
Approval to open the Freeborn County Fairgrounds and Buildings
for approved organizations and events

WHEREAS Freeborn County is a public entity within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS the County of Freeborn, Minnesota has been and will be significantly impacted by COVID 19,
and

WHEREAS, Freeborn County Public buildings and facilities were closed to the public by Resolution 20-93 on March 30, 2020 and by Resolution 20-113 on April 21, 2020 in an attempt to reduce the exposure of the citizens and reduce transmission of the virus COVID 19, and

WHEREAS, Freeborn County Public buildings were re-opened to the public by Resolution 21-084 on March 17, 2021 with an approved re-opening plan, and

WHEREAS, the recent changes in guidance regarding public, outside gatherings by the State of Minnesota do provide for a controlled, contained and safe reopening of the Freeborn County fairgrounds, and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Agricultural Society will continue with the approval of day to day operation of the Freeborn County Fairgrounds, as authorized by the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Board hereby allows, on a case by case basis, the use and opening of the Freeborn County Fairgrounds and Buildings to limited public assess and business.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Herman.

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

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-132
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before May 7, 2021.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 402,953.79
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 419,606.40
05	Human Services	\$ 157,871.42
06	Public Health	\$ 58,514.62
31	Capital Improvement	\$ 72,270.11
40	County Ditch	\$ 73,961.58
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 9,569.98
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 29,580.66
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	\$ 2,702.50
	FUND TOTALS	\$1,227,031.06

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 63

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$6,620.18

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

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

Chair, Commissioner Shoff adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

By: _____
Christopher N. Shoff
Chair

Attest: _____
Thomas Jensen
Clerk/Administrator