

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
October 5, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Members present: Commissioners Shoff, Belshan, Edwin, Forman and Herman

Commissioner Forman 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 Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-240
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 September 21, 2021 written minutes, but correcting comments in the video-taped meeting to reflect that Commissioner Belshan was present via telephone at 8:31 a.m., not 9:31 a.m. as stated and disconnected approximately 7 minutes early during the approval of claims agenda item.
- 2) Approval of Drainage Repairs: CD8.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

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

The Commissioners provided Board Committee updates.

At approximately 8:34 a.m. Sheriff Freitag provided a background to his office nominating Rich Hall for a top award at the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers national conference. The Board recognized Rich Hall, Freeborn County Emergency Manager being selected as the State of Minnesota Emergency Manager of the year 2021.

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

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-241
Placing Ivan Estupinan, Human Services Enforcement Aide,
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, Ivan Estupinan has successfully completed his required probationary employment period with Freeborn County and does provide the necessary services to his department and the public,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place Ivan Estupinan, Freeborn County Human Services Enforcement Aide, on regular full time status

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

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

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-242
Accepting the Resignation of Cheyenne Lundak

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Sheriff's Department has the responsibility for providing a 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;

WHEREAS; Cheyenne Lundak has been employed as a 911 Dispatcher since December 21, 2014 and is resigning her position effective October 14th, 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Cheyenne Lundak as a 911 Dispatcher effective on or about October 14th, 2021.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

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

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-243
Permission to fill the Freeborn County 911 Dispatcher 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, Cheyenne Lundak, 911 Dispatcher has resigned her position effective October 14, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the filling of the vacant 911 Dispatcher position.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Forman.

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

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-244
Authorizing a Housing Tax Abatement on Property within Freeborn County for the purpose of Funding Development Costs for Construction of a New Single Family Home

WHEREAS, the City of Albert Lea has adopted and ISD #241 has joined in approving a tax abatement housing assistance policy to aid in promoting residential dwelling construction within the city limits of Albert Lea; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Albert Lea has requested continues participation by Freeborn County in accordance with the terms and conditions of said policy; AND

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners deem it appropriate to participate in said policy insofar as Freeborn County's share of tax revenue is concerned;

WHEREAS, by Resolution 19-184 Freeborn County has continued to participate in the above program through December of 2021 in accordance with and subject to the requirements and limitations imposed by the policy adopted by the City of Albert Lea, with the specific additional condition that the City of Albert Lea provide timely notification to the Freeborn County Auditor/Treasurer of any construction in a given year that qualifies for tax abatement under the existing city policy;

WHEREAS, Freeborn County has determined a need to grant to Richard and Vonda Rocklin ("Property Owner") Housing Tax Abatement for the Property (the Property") legally described as:

Lot 11, Block 5, Wedgewood Cove Estates No. 1, City of Albert Lea, Freeborn County, Minnesota; PID 34-476-0400

WHEREAS, the Property Owner has met the statutory requirements outlined under Minn. Stat. § 469.1813 as well as the City of Albert Lea Tax Abatement Housing Assistance Policy guidelines for abatement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Local Option Abatement Application as described above

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

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

Commissioner Edwin moved to table the consideration of a resolution approving the revised Freeborn County Employee COVID protocol/response plan until the October 19, 2021 regular board meeting in order to discuss in further detail at a workshop.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

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

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-245
Moving the December 7, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

RESOLVED, moving the December 7, 2021 regular Board Meeting to Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. due to the annual Association of Minnesota Counties conference being held December 5, 6 and 7th, 2021.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Forman.

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

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-246
Setting Truth in Taxation Meeting

RESOLVED, setting the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

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

Commissioner Herman offered the following motion:

MOVED, setting a workshop for October 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion was 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. 21-247
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before October 8, 2021.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 398,803.89
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 1,356,231.05
05	Human Services	\$ 156,623.85
06	Public Health	\$ 59,629.63
31	Capital Improvement	\$ 23,312.00
40	County Ditch	\$ 107,100.34
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 317,499.65
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 32,442.56
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	\$ 845.00
80	Tax Collection Fund	<u>\$ 35,704.42</u>
	FUND TOTALS	\$ 2,488,192.39

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 65

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$8,663.66

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Herman.

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

At approximately 9:01a.m., the Board entered into closed session permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 1(b) to consider strategy for labor negotiations.

At approximately 9:42 a.m. the Board of Commissioners adjourned the closed session and after a short break, the Chair reconvened the meeting and Administrator Thomas Jensen provided a summary. The county currently has eight unions, four of which we are negotiating with. There are tentative agreements with two of them which includes a cost of living spread over a period of 3 years at 7.75% and other issues which are simply housekeeping issues in regards to language. Once the agreements are ratified, they will be brought to the Board at the October 19th meeting for approval.

Chair, Commissioner Shoff adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

By: _____
Christopher N. Shoff
Chair

Attest: _____
Thomas Jensen
Clerk/Administrator