ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
December 19th, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023. Members present: Commissioners Forman, Edwin, Kaasa, Shoff and Eckstrom.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented.

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 23–335
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 November 28th, 2023 minutes;
2) Approval of Regular Full-Time Status Employees;
3) Approval of Drainage Repairs.

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

The Commissioners provided Board Committee updates.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 23-336

RESOLVED, Robert Ackland was the owner of real estate parcel 34.007.0080, 225 Pearl Street, Albert Lea, MN. Said property forfeited to the State of Minnesota on June 20, 2023.

RESOLVED, Robert Ackland's company, A & A Towing was the owner of real estate parcel 34.007.2980, 502 Adams Avenue, Albert Lea, MN. Said property forfeited to the State of Minnesota on June 20, 2023.

RESOLVED, John Ackland has applied to the Board of Freeborn County to repurchase said property identified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, John Ackland has been appointed by the Third Judicial District to act as Personal Representative for the Robert Neil Ackland Estate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Freeborn County has reviewed the Application to Re-purchase Tax Forfeited property from John Ackland. The Board of Freeborn County hereby grants the right to Re-Purchase real estate tax parcels 34.007.0080 and 34.007.2980 for the sum of $7,541.27. Said properties will revert back to ownership prior to the tax forfeiture date.

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

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 23 –337

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER ECKSTROM
RESOLUTION ADOPTING INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM LOANS

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice given as required by law and Resolution, the County Board has met and heard and passed upon all obligations to the proposed assessments for the Individual Sewage Treatment System Loan Program and has set the assessments and distribution of costs as follows: total Individual Sewage Treatment System Loans for 2024 taxes payable is $22,675.00.

NOW, THEREFORE

THE COUNTY OF FREEBORN RESOLVES:

Sec.1 That such proposed assessments, a copy of which is on file in the office to the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer, are hereby accepted and shall constitute the special assessment against the lands named herein, and each tract of land therein included is hereby found to be benefited by the proposed improvement loan in the amount of the assessment levied against it.

Sec.2 That assessments for the Individual Sewage Treatment Systems shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 15 years, as per the attached Auditor's Tabular Lien statement, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2023 and shall bear interest at the rate of six (6.00) percent stated on the attached Auditor's Tabular Lien statement from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution. To each subsequent installment when due shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid assessments.

Sec.3 That the owner of any property so assessed may, at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the County Auditor-Treasurer, pay the whole of the assessment on such property or they may make partial payments pursuant to the ordinance providing therefore, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the County Auditor-Treasurer, and they may, at any time thereafter, pay to the County Auditor-Treasurer the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before December 31 of the current year or interest will be charged through December 31 of the next succeeding year per the terms of the special assessment.

Sec.4 The Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer's Office shall complete a tabular lien statement and send it to the Freeborn County Recorder's Office to place this lien on record. The total amount of installments and interest which is due to be extended on the proper tax lists of the County, and such assessments shall be collected and paid over in the same manner as other county taxes.

Sec.5 That reading of this resolution is waived by Board consent.

That the motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Shoff, and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Commissioners: Shoff, Kaasa, Eckstrom, Edwin and Forman

And the following voted against the same:

Commissioners: N/A

Introduced, read and passed December 19, 2023.

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-338

RESOLUTION RENEWING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FREEBORN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND INDEPENDENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES (IMS) FOR GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, Freeborn County Department of Human Services has identified a need for Guardianship and Conservator services related legal services for indigent persons who are impaired to the extent of lacking sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible personal decisions, and who have demonstrated deficits in behavior which evidence an inability to meet personal needs for medical care, nutrition, clothing, shelter, or safety, or concerning the person's estate or financial affairs and have demonstrated deficits in behavior which evidence an inability to manage the estate or financial affairs; and

WHEREAS, this is a mandated service under Minnesota Statute 524, article 5; and

WHEREAS, this vendor has satisfactorily provided these services to residents of Freeborn County under an existing contract; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to continue to purchase such services from Independent Management Services; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners supports the renewal of the Purchase of Service Agreement with Independent Management Services to provide Guardianship and Conservator services for the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

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

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-339

Resolution to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between the Freeborn County Department of Human Services and Independent Management Services (IMS).

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute mandates provision of services to children and adults meeting specific disability and/or vulnerability criteria in order to ensure health, safety and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is committed to providing quality services to meet the needs of the population of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services ensures person centered and client directed semi-independent living services in order to maintain quality of life for individuals with disabilities in their homes or in the least restrictive setting possible; and

WHEREAS, Independent Management Services (IMS) is an approved vendor, according to Minnesota Statutes, of case management services to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services wishes to purchase specific services from Independent Management Services (IMS); therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024-2025 Purchase of Service Agreement between the Freeborn County Dept. of Human Services and Independent Management Services (IMS), is approved for provision of the semi-independent living services to residents of Freeborn County.

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

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-340

Resolution to execute a Purchase of Service Agreement between the Freeborn County Department of Human Services and Lutheran Social Services (LSS).

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute mandates provision of services to children and adults meeting specific disability and/or vulnerability criteria in order to ensure health, safety and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is committed to providing quality services to meet the needs of the population of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services ensures person centered and client-directed semi-independent living services in order to maintain quality of life for individuals with disabilities in their homes or in the least restrictive setting possible; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is an approved vendor, according to Minnesota Statutes, of Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS) to individuals with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services wishes to purchase specific services from Lutheran Social Services (LSS); therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024-2025 Purchase of Service Agreement between the Freeborn County Dept. of Human Services and Luthrean Social Services (LSS), is approved for provision of the semi-independent living services to residents of Freeborn County.

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-341

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FREEBORN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND AMERICAN BAPTIST HOMES OF THE MIDWEST, DBA "CREST SERVICES".

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute mandates provision of services to children and adults meeting specific disability and/or vulnerability criteria in order to ensure health, safety and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is committed to providing quality services to meet the needs of the population of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services ensures person centered and client directed semi-independent living services in order to maintain quality of life for individuals with disabilities in their homes or in the least restrictive setting possible; and

WHEREAS, American Baptist Homes of the Midwest, dba "Crest Group Home" is an approved vendor, according to Minnesota Statutes, of case management services to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services wishes to purchase specific services from American Baptist Homes of the Midwest, dba "Crest Group Home" therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024-2025 Purchase of Service Agreement between the Freeborn County Dept. of Human Services and American Baptist Homes of the Midwest, dba "Crest Group Home" is approved for provision of the semi-independent living services to residents of Freeborn County.

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

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-342

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FREEBORN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND MOWER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute mandates provision by local agencies of licensure services for Family Child Care Providers; 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 Services and Mower County Health and Human Services have historically had an agreement for purchase of Mower County Child Care Licensure Services from Freeborn County; and

WHEREAS, Mower County Health and Human Services wishes to purchase Child Care Licensure Services from the Freeborn County Department of Human Services; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024-2025 Purchase of Service Agreement between the Freeborn County Dept. of Human Services and Mower County Health and Human Services is approved for provision of child care licensure services.

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

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-343

Resolution to write off accounts determined uncollectible effective 2023

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services/Mental Health Center maintains accounts of debts owed to the Freeborn County Mental Health Center for specific services as allowed by Minnesota Statute; and

WHEREAS, criteria for writing off uncollectible accounts varies, depending on the program area and type of debt; and

WHEREAS, uncollectible debts have been identified by DHS accounting staff for 2023 using Minnesota Statutes applicable to each program area and guidance from the Minnesota Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, all collection efforts have been exhausted for each identified account; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners does hereby write off uncollectable accounts in the amount totaling $398.11 for Freeborn County Mental Health Center accounts deemed uncollectible effective 2023.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-344

Resolution to write off accounts determined uncollectible effective 2023

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services maintains accounts of debts owed to the Human Services Department for specific services as allowed by Minnesota Statute; and

WHEREAS, criteria for writing off uncollectible accounts varies, depending on the program area and type of debt; and

WHEREAS, uncollectible debts have been identified by DHS accounting staff for 2023 using Minnesota Statutes applicable to each program area, guidance from the Minnesota Department of Revenue, direction from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and reports provided by the Minnesota Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, all collection efforts have been exhausted for each identified account; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners does hereby write off uncollectable accounts in the amount totaling $358,846.57 for Human Services accounts deemed uncollectible effective 2023.

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

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-345

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FREEBORN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT WITH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is required to administer the Diversionary Work Program, Minnesota Family Investment Program, Family Stabilization Services, along with supports and qualifying extensions and/or sanctions to those programs; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services has historically contracted with Workforce Development, Inc. for provision of these services with the goal of increasing economic stability of low-income families receiving MFIP and DWP within Freeborn County; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Biennial Service Agreement, required under Minnesota Statutes section 256J.626, subd. 4, and previously approved by the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, details figures and expenses for each program in order for counties to receive MFIP Consolidated Funds from the State of Minnesota, necessary to administer said programs; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services has incorporated receipt of MFIP Consolidated Funds, in conjunction with the contracted services with Workforce Development, Inc. into the budget in order to administer mandated programs; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners approve the Freeborn County Department of Human Services contract with Workforce Development, Inc. for calendar year 2024.

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 23-346
AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT OF SAP 024-626-023

IT IS RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Highway Department has the responsibility of maintaining the county road system; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the work for aggregate base, bituminous surfacing and aggregate shoulders on CSAH 26 by Ulland Brothers Inc. of Albert Lea, MN, has been completed in a satisfactory manner; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to make final payment in the amount of $629,445.82

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

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-347

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUP OUTREACH

WHEREAS, Freeborn County Community Health Board will amend the contract with Minnesota Department of Human Services for the Child and Teen Checkup (C&TC) Outreach;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 145A.14 states that the community health board shall identify local public health priorities and implement activities to address the priorities and the areas of public health responsibility including assuring health services;

WHEREAS, the contract amendment is for Freeborn County Public Health to connect with families on Medical Assistance with children birth through age 20 to encourage them to get their children in for their well child check-ups utilizing the C&TC Program, to coordinate with other programs, and to recruit and train local providers about the C&TC program. The funding is in the amount of $47,938.00 for FY2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners/Freeborn County Community Health Board does hereby approve the contract agreement with Minnesota Department of Human Services for Child and Teen Checkup Outreach.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-348

Resolution to Accept a Grant Contract Agreement Amendment with Minnesota Department of Health for Emergency Preparedness and Response

WHEREAS, Freeborn County Community Health Board will contract with Minnesota Department of Health for Emergency Preparedness in order to continue to support a robust response to emergencies through planning, training, exercises, and response at the local level;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 145A.04 allows for preparing and responding to emergencies by engaging in activities that prepare public health departments to respond to events and incidents and assist communities in recovery, such as providing leadership for public health preparedness activities with a community; developing, exercising, and periodically reviewing response plans for public health threats; and developing and maintaining a system of public health workforce readiness, deployment, and response;

WHEREAS, the grant contract amendment is for the Emergency Preparedness and Response from Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). This is new state funding. The grant project agreement is effective from December 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027. The award amount is $100,641.82 for FY2024. This funding will allow Freeborn County Public Health to better prepare and respond to emergencies in the future. Grant activities will align with the approved areas of focus: workforce capacity; sustainability; health equity; and communication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners/Freeborn County Community Health Board does hereby approve the contract grant agreement amendment with Minnesota Department of Health for Emergency Preparedness and Response.

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

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-349

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH PETERSEN

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services 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; Joseph Petersen has been employed as a Substance Treatment Provider since July 5th, 2016 and is resigning his position effective December 11th, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Joseph Petersen as a Freeborn County Substance Treatment Provider effective on or about December 11th, 2023.

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 23-350

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH RYAN RASMUSSON FOR FREEBORN COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners appointed Ryan Rasmusson as County Administrator on November 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board and the County Administrator wish to document the terms and conditions of employment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the employment agreement between Freeborn County and Ryan Rasmusson for the position of Freeborn County Administrator herein attached.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following:

RESOLUTION 23-351

RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2024 SALARY FOR THE FREEBORN COUNTY ATTORNEY

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes §388.18 Subd 2 requires the county board to annually shall set, by resolution, the salary of the county attorney which shall be paid to the county attorney; and

Whereas, Freeborn County Board of Commissioners considered and openly discussed at public meetings the factors outlined by the statute, including duties, responsibilities, education, experience and performance of the County Attorney, which included review and consideration of the data and documentation provided by the County Attorney and County Administrator; and

Whereas, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners also considered and have openly discussed at public meetings, the performance of the County Attorney in his capacity, responsibility and service to Freeborn County;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners by resolution does hereby set the 2024 salary for the Freeborn County Attorney at $138,000 annually at such intervals as determined by the board.

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

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-352

RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2024 SALARY FOR THE FREEBORN COUNTY SHERIFF

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes §387.20 Subd 2 requires the county board to annually set, by resolution, the salary of the county sheriff which shall be paid to the county sheriff; and

Whereas, Freeborn County Board of Commissioners considered and openly discussed at public meetings the factors outlined by the statute, including duties, responsibilities, education, experience and performance of the Sheriff, which consideration included review and consideration of the data and documentation provided by the Sheriff and County Administrator; and

Whereas, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners also considered and have openly discussed at public meetings the performance of the Sheriff in his capacity, responsibility and service to Freeborn County;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners by resolution does hereby set the 2024 salary for the Freeborn County Sheriff at $137,000 annually at such intervals as determined by the board.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved. Commissioners Shoff and Kaasa voting nay and Commissioners Eckstrom, Edwin and Forman voting yay.

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-353

RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2024 SALARY FOR THE FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §375.055 Subd 1 requires the county board to annually set, by resolution, the salary of the members of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners have considered and have openly discussed at public meetings, the performance of the Board of Commissioners in their capacity, responsibility and service to Freeborn County, which included review and consideration of data and documentation provided by the County Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners by resolution does hereby set the 2024 salary for the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners at $27,000 annually at such intervals as determined by the board.

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

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 23-354

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 3% COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO THE WAGE SCALE FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners understand the importance of providing and maintaining a competitive and market rate wage table for all departments within the County; and

WHEREAS, Freeborn County recognizes the need for a competitive and market rate wage to successfully develop and maintain a strong, reliable, and viable workforce;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves to adopt a 3% cost of living adjustment to the wage scale for all union and non-union employees, effective the first payroll in January 2024.

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

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23 – 355

Resolved, that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners does, hereby, certify to the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer that it proposes the following tax levy which, if adopted pursuant to Minnesota Law, will be ordered on all taxable property in Freeborn County, payable in 2024, to wit:

Freeborn County
Final 2024 Tax Levy

	2024 Levy
For General Revenue Fund	$16,355,261
For Soil & Water Conservation Dist.	183,000
Total General Fund	$16,538,261
For Human Services Fund	$5,678,698
For Road and Bridge Fund	$5,352,990
For Public Health Fund	$141,720
For Capital Improvement Fund	$1,124,000

For County Library Fund	$286,800
For Capital Improvement Bond	$707,039
TOTAL TAX LEVY	**$29,829,508**
Less State Aid	$(2,408,387)
TOTAL LOCAL TAX LEVY	**$27,421,121**

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution:

Resolution 23 - 356

Resolved, that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners does, hereby, propose a final budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 a summary of which is as follows:

Freeborn County

Final 2024 Budget

BUDGETED REVENUE

General Revenue Fund	$ 25,048,763
Human Services	$ 14,114,430
Highway	$ 16,843,740
Public Health	$ 3,901,762
Ditch Fund	$ 1,217,500
Capital Improvements Fund	$ 1,809,000
Capital Improvements Bond	$ 707,039
Library	$ 286,800
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 63,929,034

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

General Revenue Fund	$ 25,510,763
Human Services	$ 14,114,430
Highway	$ 16,843,740
Public Health	$ 3,901,762
Ditch Fund	$ 977,337
Capital Improvements Fund	$ 2,304,000
Capital Improvements Bond	$ 673,370
Library	$ 286,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 64,612,202

Further, be it resolved that this budget shall be certified to the Freeborn County Auditor/Treasurer.

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

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolutions;

RESOLUTION NO. 23-357

RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE INVESTMENT DEPOSITORIES TO THE FINANCE MANAGER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 118A.02, the Freeborn County Board may authorize the treasurer or chief financial officer to designate depositories and make investments as provided in the subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 118A.02, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Finance Manager to designate depositories and make investments of the funds of the County.

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

Commissioner Shoff offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 23-358
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before December 22nd, 2023.

FUND	NAME	AMOUNT
01	General Fund	$ 979,457.98
03	County Road & Bridge	$ 332,409.01
05	Human Services	$ 181,222.82
06	Public Health	$ 67,440.64
31	Capitol Improvement	$ 251,024.96
40	County Ditch	$ 22,725.03
61	Social Welfare	$ 351.81
70	Trust & Agency	$ 147,428.63
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	$ 24,273.52
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	$ 13,027.05
77	Recorder's Clearing	$ 3,375.00
79	Social Services Collab.	$ 411.93
80	Tax Collection Fund	$ 225,753.21
	FUND TOTALS	**2,248,901.59**

Number of Claims not exceeding $300 – 221
Dollar amount of claims not exceeding $300 – $ 20,276.65
Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Chair, Commissioner Forman adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2023.

By: _____ Attest: _____

John Forman, Chair

Erin Hornberger, County Clerk