

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
February 4th, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025. Members present: Commissioners Severson, Edwin, Kaasa, Shoff and Eckstrom.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Severson offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda with the following changes; Under Report of County Administration, the removal of accepting the contract for the County Administrator, Melanie Aeschliman.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 25-052
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 January 21st, 2025 minutes;
- 2) Approval of Regular Full-Time Status Employees;
- 3) Approval of Drainage Repairs

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Severson.

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

The Commissioners provided Board Committee updates.

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 25-053

Resolution to approve the 2025 Purchase of Service Agreement between the
Freeborn County Department of Human Services and REM Woodvale, Inc. for
Semi-Independent Living 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, REM Woodvale, Inc., as an approved vendor in Minnesota of case management services to individuals with disabilities, has been providing services to residents of Freeborn County over the preceding year; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services wishes to purchase specific services from REM Woodvale, Inc.; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2025 Purchase of Service Agreement between the Freeborn County Dept. of Human Services and REM Woodvale, Inc., is approved for provision of the semi-independent living services to residents of Freeborn County.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Severson.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 25-054
ACCEPTING THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEE #1122

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office 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; Employee #1122 has been employed as a Freeborn County Detention Deputy since February 13th, 2023 and has been terminated of their position effective January 26th, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the termination of employee #1122 as a Freeborn County Detention Deputy effective on or about January 26th, 2025.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Severson.

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

Commissioner Severson offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-055

PERMISSION TO FILL THE FREEBORN COUNTY DETENTION DEPUTY 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, Freeborn County Detention Deputy has terminated employee #1122 of their position effective January 26th, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the filling of the vacant Freeborn County Detention Deputy position.

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 25-056

**PERMISSION TO FILL THE FREEBORN COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION CHILD WELFARE SOCIAL
WORKER / CASE AMANGER 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, Ashley Hacker, Freeborn County Child protection Child Welfare Social Worker / Case Manager has accepted a new position within DHS as a Child Mental Health Case Manager effective February 10th, 2025;

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

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-057

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF LISA RIPPENTROP

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office 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; Lisa Rippentrop has been employed as the Freeborn County Public Safety Telecommunicator since December 21st, 2014 but has a total of 31 years in between The City of Albert Lea and Freeborn County, and is resigning his position effective March 28th, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Lisa Rippentrop as a Freeborn County Public Safety Telecommunicator effective on or about March 28th, 2025.

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 25-058

**PERMISSION TO FILL THE FREEBORN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR
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, Lisa Rippentrop, Freeborn County Public Safety Telecommunicator has resigned her position effective March 28th, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the filling of the vacant Freeborn County Public Safety Telecommunicator position.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

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

Commissioner Severson offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-059

RESOLUTION APPOINTING INTERIM SUPERVISOR OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners appointed Kelly Hendrickson as the Freeborn County Interim Supervisor of the Assessor's Office on November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners intends to recruit and appoint a County Assessor to fill the vacancy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners hereby ends Kelly Hendrickson's appointment as Interim Supervisor of the County Assessor's Office as requested by Kelly Hendrickson, Auditor-Treasurer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the Interim County Administrator as Interim Supervisor of the Assessor's Office effective January 28th, 2025, during the recruitment process to fill the County Assessor position

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. 25-060

Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before February 7th, 2025.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 729,600.00
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 84,168.35
05	Human Services	\$ 200,640.66
06	Public Health	\$ 73,644.36
31	Capital Improvements	\$ 38,260.50
40	County Ditch	\$ 45,898.92
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 54,651.11
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 12,279.95
79	Social Services Collaborative	\$ 3,575.49
	FUND TOTALS	\$ 1,242,719.34

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 157

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$ 16,452.86

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Severson.

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

Chair, Commissioner Edwin adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025.

By: _____
Brad Edwin
Chair

Attest: _____
Chelsea Barrett
County Clerk