

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
January 21st, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025. Members present: Commissioners Severson, Edwin, Kaasa, and Eckstrom. Commissioner Shoff was absent from the meeting.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda with the following additions under Report of County Administrator: To accept the resignation of Rich Hall, Emergency Management Director, effective May 17th, 2025; and to fill the vacant Emergency Management Director position; and under Report of the Assessor; Consider a resolution to set the County Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting for June 16th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.; and to correct a parcel number under Report of the Assessor 13.021.0083 and to omit the first resolution under Report of Human Services; approving a contract agreement with REM Woodvale; and to add a resolution; Transfer of funds to the General Fund to the Health Insurance fund.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Severson.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 25-028
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 7th, 2025 minutes;
- 2) Approval of the January 15th, 2025 minutes;
- 3) Approval of Regular Full-Time Status employees.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

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

The Commissioners provided Board Committee updates.

Natasha Young-Ray – District Outreach Representative for Congressman Brad Finstad (MN-01) presented to the Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 25-029
RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL OPTION DISASTER ABATEMENT AND CREDIT
PARCEL 29.071.0010

WHEREAS the property at 215 Main Street, Hayward, MN suffered extensive property damage from a fire on February 16, 2024.

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 273.1233 and 273.1235 allow for property tax relief in the form of Local Option Disaster Abatement and Local Option Disaster Credit.

WHEREAS the minimum requirements of the status have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Local Option Disaster Abatement for Property taxes payable in 2024 and Local Option Disaster Credit for Property taxes payable in 2025 for 215 Main Street, Hayward, MN real estate parcel 29.071.0010.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Severson.

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

Commissioner Severson offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION 25-030
RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL OPTION DISASTER ABATEMENT AND CREDIT
PARCEL 13.021.0083**

WHEREAS the property at 24302 755th Avenue, Albert Lea, MN suffered extensive property damage from a fire on January 7, 2023.

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 273.1233 and 273.1235 allow for property tax relief in the form of Local Option Disaster Abatement and Local Option Disaster Credit.

WHEREAS the minimum requirements of the status have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Local Option Disaster Credit for Property taxes payable in 2025 for 24302 755th Avenue, Albert Lea, MN 56007 real estate parcel 13.021.0083.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

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

Commissioner Severson offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED AS, setting the Freeborn County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for June 16th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-032
AUTHORIZATION OF A COUNTY ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD,
UOCAVA BALLOT BOARD, AND MAIL BALLOT BOARD**

WHEREAS, Freeborn County is required by Minnesota Statute 203B.121, Subd. 1 to establish a County Absentee Ballot Board, UOCAVA Ballot Board and Mail Ballot Board; and

WHEREAS, this authorization will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned absentee, UOCAVA and mail ballots to the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer that would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in Sections 204B.19 to 204B.22; and

WHEREAS, this will eliminate the need for election judges to perform this technical and time consuming task on election day wherein the county absentee ballot board can begin this process 46 days prior to an election; and

WHEREAS, this will speed the processing of accepted absentee ballots delivered to the precincts to be incorporated into the vote counts on election day; giving election judges more available time for the voters at the polls; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer to implement a County Absentee Ballot Board, UOCAVA Ballot Board and Mail Ballot Board that would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 to perform the task.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

After discussion, a vote was taken and Commissioners Kaasa, Eckstrom and Edwin voted yay, and Commissioner Severson voted nay. Commissioner Shoff was absent from the vote, the Chair then declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Severson offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-033
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOAN TO THE DITCH SYSTEM

RESOLVE, that the Board of Commissioners authorize loans to the following ditches:

County Ditch No.	8 IMP	\$ 121,000.00	Project Currently in Progress
	31	\$ 18,000.00	Improvement due from Petition Stopped
	32 IMP	\$ 197,000.00	Project Currently in Progress
	68 IMP	\$ 111,200.00	Project Currently in Progress
		\$ 447,200.00	

Judicial Ditch No.	JD 8 F & W IMP	\$ 28,900.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J9	\$ 800.00	Cover expenses
	J12	\$ 21,900.00	Replace tile
	J 21 IMP	\$ 153,400.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J27 IMP	\$ 215,900.00	Project Currently in Progress
		\$ 420,900.00	
		\$ 868,100.00	

From the General Fund at an annual interest rate of 4.25% to cover cash shortages for 2024 and
Further be it resolved that loans will be repaid through the application of 2025 assessments.

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 NO. 25-034
AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR-TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND
TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Whereas, Freeborn County Board of Commissioners has approved the 2025 operating budget; and

Whereas, Freeborn County provides health insurance to its employees as an employment benefit; and

Whereas, the insurance payments are removed from the insurance funds prior to the employees paying their share of the premium.

Resolved, that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Auditor-Treasurer to transfer funds as needed from the General Fund to the Insurance Fund to cover the shortage needed for timely premium payment. The Auditor-Treasurer will notify the Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator of the shortage and the amount to be transferred.

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 25-035

***Resolution to accept a \$250 donation to the Freeborn County CVCC
From Emmons Lutheran Church – Women of the North American Lutheran Church***

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center directly serves those who have been victims of crime, domestic violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center plans events and campaigns bringing community awareness to the issues of crime, domestic violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the Emmons Lutheran Church – Women of the North American Lutheran Church has offered a donation to the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center in the amount of \$250 to be used for services provided by the CVCC; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center accepts the donation in the amount of \$250 from the Emmons Lutheran Church – Women of the North American Lutheran Church to be used for services provided by the CVCC.

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 25-036

Resolution to approve the 2025 Purchase of Service Agreement between the Freeborn County Department of Human Services and Dr. Annette Smick

WHEREAS, psychiatric services in rural Minnesota are becoming increasingly difficult to access; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is part of the 10-county South Central Community-Based Initiative (SCCBI) to provide services to persons with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the SCCBI purchases mental health services including psychiatric services from the Freeborn County Mental Health Center for residents of counties comprising the SCCBI; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Annette Smick is able to provide quality psychiatric services for clients of the Freeborn County Mental Health Center, increasing accessibility for local residents; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Mental Health Center and Dr. Annette Smick are credentialed to bill insurance for psychiatric services; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2025 Purchase of Service Agreement between the Freeborn County Department of Human Services and Dr. Annette Smick be approved for provision of the psychiatric services to residents of Freeborn County and of counties comprising the SCCBI.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Severson.

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

Commissioner Severson offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-037
Resolution to approve Purchase of Service Agreement with
Albert Lea School District #241

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services, Children's Mental Health Unit provides services to children with severe emotional disturbance and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services strives to collaborate with local partners to develop programs and services to reduce and prevent future out-of-home placement for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, Albert Lea School District #241 desires to purchase services in the form of small group skills related to the social and emotional needs of identified students within a Level 3 Identified Setting; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is able and willing to provide services as agreed upon with the District; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Purchase of Service Agreement between Albert Lea School District #241 and the Freeborn County Department of Human Services through May 31, 2025 is approved.

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 25-038

Resolution to approve the 2025-2026 Purchase of Service Agreement between the South- Central Community-Based Initiative and the Freeborn County Department of Human Services

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is part of the 10-county South Central Community-Based Initiative (SCCBI) to provide services to persons with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the SCCBI is to facilitate each mental health consumer's recovery by improving their quality of life, by assisting them to assume increased responsibility over their lives, and to help them function as actively and independently as possible in the community; and

WHEREAS, the SCCBI purchases mental health services in the form of case management, community support services, community mental health therapy, flexible spending funds, clubhouse services, and administration of these services from participating county human service agencies with specified grant dollars from the State of Minnesota in order to fulfill the mission; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2025-2026 Purchase of Service Agreement between the South-Central Community-Based Initiative and the Freeborn County Department of Human Services for provision of the mental health services identified in said agreement to eligible residents of Freeborn County.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Severson.

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-039

Resolution to approve an Agreement for Additional Reimbursement for Services Provided in 2024 between the South-Central Community-Based Initiative and the Freeborn County Department of Human Services

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services is part of the 10-county South Central Community-Based Initiative (SCCBI) to provide services to persons with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the SCCBI is to facilitate each mental health consumer's recovery by improving their quality of life, by assisting them to assume increased responsibility over their lives, and to help them function as actively and independently as possible in the community; and

WHEREAS, the SCCBI purchases mental health services in the form of case management, community support services, community mental health therapy, flexible spending funds, clubhouse services, and administration of these services from participating county human service agencies with specified grant dollars from the State of Minnesota in order to fulfill the mission;

WHEREAS, the SCCBI is able to reimburse the Freeborn County Department of Human Services for mental health services provided in 2024 beyond the amount originally contracted; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Purchase of Services Agreement between the South Central Community-Based Initiative and the Freeborn County Department of Human Services for additional reimbursement for the provision of the mental health services in 2024 identified in said agreement to eligible residents of Freeborn County.

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 NO. 25-040
BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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 following members of the Board of Commissioners are, hereby, assigned to the described committee until such assignment is changed by a subsequent action of this Board of Commissioners; to the:

Courthouse and Other County Property Committee
Commissioners Severson & Shoff

Freeborn County Special Board of Equalization
All Commissioners & Assessor

Personnel Committee
Commissioner Edwin & Kaasa

Extension Advisory Committee
Commissioner Kaasa; Eckstrom (alternate)

Freeborn/Mower Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority
Commissioner Eckstrom & Severson

One Watershed One Plan – Cedar River Watershed
Commissioner Kaasa

Le Sueur River Watershed 1W1P – Policy Advisory Committee
Commissioner Eckstrom & Edwin (alternate)

Blue Earth River 1W1P Policy Committee
Commissioner Eckstrom

Investment Committee
Commissioner Shoff

Freeborn Co. Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Commissioners Eckstrom and Severson

Freeborn County Housing and Redevelopment Authority
All County Commissioners

State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC)
Commissioner Severson, Public Health Director (alternate)

Freeborn County Planning Advisory Commission
Commissioner Eckstrom & Kaasa (alternate)

Southern Minnesota EMS Joint Powers Board
Commissioners Kaasa & Edwin (alternate)

Workforce Development, Inc Joint Powers Board
Commissioners Severson & Kaasa (alternate)

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance – Policy Board
Commissioner Eckstrom & Shoff (alternate)

MCIT Delegate
Commissioner Edwin

Shell Rock River Watershed 1WIP
Commissioner Edwin & Eckstrom (alternate)

Greater Jobs Inc./ ALEDA
Commissioner Edwin & Severson (alternate)

SEMREX JPA
Commissioners Eckstrom and Severson

Multi County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Commissioners Eckstrom & Severson (alternate)

CVCC/DIATP
Commissioners Shoff

Mental Health Advisory Committee
Commissioners Shoff

SEMCAC
Commissioner Severson

Highway Department Advisory Committee
Commissioners Shoff & Edwin

Shell Rock River Watershed Advisory Committee
Commissioners Severson

Albert Lea Housing and Redevelopment Authority Ex Officio Member
Commissioner Edwin & Severson (alternate)

Resource Sharing Committee with City of Albert Lea
Commissioners Severson & Edwin

South East Minnesota Emergency Communications Board
Commissioner Eckstrom & Kaasa (alternate)

Rural Minnesota Energy Board
Commissioner Severson & Kaasa (alternate)

State Line Lake Advisory Committee
Commissioner Eckstrom

Freeborn County Fair Board
Commissioner Kaasa

Cannabis Committee
Commissioner Edwin & Eckstrom
Opioid Advisory Committee
Commissioner Kaasa

Building Committee
Commissioner Shoff
Commissioner Severson
Facilities Manager

AMC Policy Committees
Transportation – Shoff
Health & Human Services – Severson
Environment & Natural Resources – Eckstrom
General Government – Edwin
Public Safety – Kaasa

Freeborn County Trail Core Planning Team
Commissioner Eckstrom & Edwin (alternate)

Freeborn County Convention & Visitors Bureau Ex Officio Member
Commissioner Severson

Judicial Ditch #2 – Commissioner Edwin & Severson

Judicial Ditch #5 – Commissioner Kaasa & Severson

Judicial Ditch #6 – Commissioner Edwin & Severson

Judicial Ditch #8 – Commissioner Edwin, Severson & Eckstrom

Judicial Ditch #12 – Commissioner Severson & Shoff

Judicial Ditch #14 – Commissioner Edwin, Kaasa & Eckstrom

Judicial Ditch #17 – Commissioner Severson, Kaasa, Eckstrom

Judicial Ditch #23 – Commissioner Severson & Edwin

Judicial Ditch #26 – Commissioner Severson & Kaasa

Judicial Ditch #301 – Commissioner Edwin & Eckstrom

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 25-041

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES FOR 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11, Section 1 of the Association of Minnesota Counties Bylaws, each member county shall be entitled to a number of delegates equal to three more than the number of persons on the board of county commissioners of the member county; and

WHEREAS, delegates shall be appointed annually by the county board from among the officials and employees of the county; and

WHEREAS, delegates that serve as members of the county board may be elected to the Association's Board of Directors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following officials and employees as delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties for 2024:

Nicole Eckstrom, Commissioner
Brad Edwin, Commissioner
Lukas Severson, Commissioner
Dawn Kaasa, Commissioner
Christopher Shoff, Commissioner
Suzanne Nerison, Director of Human Services
Phillip Wacholz, Director of Public Works
County Administrator

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 25-042

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JEANNE NELSON

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Assessor'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; Jeanne Nelson has been employed as an Assessment Technician since August 29th, 2022 and is resigning her position effective January 24th, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Jeanne Nelson as a Freeborn County Assessment Technician effective on or about January 24th, 2025.

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-043

PERMISSION TO FILL THE FREEBORN COUNTY ASSESSMENT TECHNICIAN 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, Jeanne Nelson, Freeborn County Assessment Technician, has resigned her position effective January 24th, 2025;

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

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following:

RESOLUTION 25-044

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF RICH HALL

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; Rich Hall has been employed as the Freeborn County Emergency Management Director since April 8th, 2013 and is resigning his position effective May 17th, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Rich Hall as a Freeborn County Emergency Management Director effective on or about May 17th, 2025.

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-045

PERMISSION TO FILL THE FREEBORN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR 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, Rich Hall, Freeborn County Emergency Management Director has resigned his position effective May 17th, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the filling of the vacant Freeborn County Emergency Management Director 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 No. 25-046
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before January 24th, 2025.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 889,971.74
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 104,254.04
05	Human Services	\$ 187,094.03
06	Public Health	\$ 74,212.24
31	Capital Improvements	\$ 118,818.18

40	County Ditch	\$ 9,838.50
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 17,514.78
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 15,728.53
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	\$ 14,906.15
77	Recorder's Clearing	\$ 4,012.00
79	Social Services Collaborative	\$ 3,595.39
80	Tax Collection Fund	\$ 92.00
FUND TOTALS		\$1,440,037.58

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 48
Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$ 6,688.97
Resolution seconded by Commissioner Eckstrom.
After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

The Board of Commissioner took a short recess at 9:04 a.m. until 9:15 a.m.

A Public Hearing on the Housing Tax Abatements began at approximately 9:15 a.m. The Board Chair asked if there were any public comments on the tax abatements. Hearing none the Board Chair closed the public hearing at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-047

RESOLUTION 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 continued 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 22-037 Freeborn County has continued to Participate in the above program through December of 2026 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 per the agreement with the City of Albert Lea to grant to WC Estates, LLC ("Property Owner") Housing Tax Abatement for the Property (the Property") legally described as:

2329 9th St W, Albert Lea, MN
Parcel No. 34.433.0060
Legal Description: See Attached Exhibit A

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 with Commissioners Severson and Kaasa voting nay, and Commissioners Edwin and Eckstrom voting yay. The Chair declared the resolution not approved.

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-048

RESOLUTION 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

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WHEREAS, Freeborn County has determined per the agreement with the City of Albert Lea to grant to WC Estates, LLC ("Property Owner") Housing Tax Abatement for the Property (the Property") legally described as:

2329 9th St W, Albert Lea, MN
Parcel No. 34.431.0130
Legal Description: See Attached Exhibit A

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 Severson offered the following resolution for reconsideration:

RESOLUTION 25-049

RESOLUTION 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 continued 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 22-037 Freeborn County has continued to Participate in the above program through December of 2026 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 per the agreement with the City of Albert Lea to grant to WC Estates, LLC ("Property Owner") Housing Tax Abatement for the Property (the Property") legally described as:

2329 9th St W, Albert Lea, MN
Parcel No. 34.433.0060
Legal Description: See Attached Exhibit A

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

Commissioner Kaasa offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-050

RESOLUTION 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 continued 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 22-037 Freeborn County has continued to Participate in the above program through December of 2026 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 per the agreement with the City of Albert Lea to grant to Richard and Marcia Hoffman ("Property Owner") Housing Tax Abatement for the Property (the Property") legally described as:

1507 Ashley Court, Albert Lea, MN
Parcel No. 34.370.0410
Legal Description: Lot 4, Block 3, Sundance Subdivision,

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

Commissioner Eckstrom offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION 25-051

**RESOLUTION 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 continued 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 22-037 Freeborn County has continued to Participate in the above program through December of 2026 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 per the agreement with the City of Albert Lea to grant to WC Estates, LLC ("Property Owner") Housing Tax Abatement for the Property (the Property") legally described as:

2334 9th St W, Albert Lea, MN
Parcel No. 34.443.0070
Legal Description: See Attached Exhibit A

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 seconded by Commissioner Kaasa.

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

Chair, Commissioner Edwin adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025.

By: _____
Brad Edwin
Chair

Attest: _____
Chelsea Barrett
County Clerk