

## FRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL PUSHES GARBAGE AGENDA Government plans may lead to allowing only one hauler to operate in city

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

To an audience of between thirty to forty people, Mayor Scott Lund announced that “it was not by design” that the agenda item they came to discuss was last on the city council’s agenda.

Lund wanted to be sure that everyone understood that there is “an order of business” in which each city council agenda is organized and nothing underhanded had been done to make the audience wait.

The issue? Garbage. Who should control its pick-up? Should local governments step in and control which haulers get to do business in the city and which do not? Should city hall dictate to homeowners whom they have to do business with and take away their free-market choice?

Few of these questions were answered at the Dec. 2 Fridley City Council meeting because residents who came to speak at the meeting didn’t find out until they got there that Mayor Lund was not going to allow any public comment.

Richard Walch, a Fridley resident who is on the city’s charter commission, came to the podium to ask about whether public comment was going to be allowed, after the mayor had made his opening statements. Lund bristled slightly to the impertinence, firmly saying “I will follow the letter of the law” and explained that state statute does not call for a public hearing at this stage of the process. He said that people may have been misled into believing the agenda item was a public hearing. Lund said that public hearing would be scheduled later, per statutes.

The statute that lets cities change to an Organized Garbage

Collection plan was greatly modified in the last legislative session to allow for a faster process toward that end. The bill, sponsored by DFL legislators, shortened the time frame required for input from haulers and the public. Organized Collection is a euphemism for government controlling garbage pick-up by using a legal contract with one hauler that would be given the exclusive right to pick up residential garbage in the city. Only by having such a contract, can the government legally dictate where the garbage is taken and the business practices of the hauler. One of the provisions of the new statute is that the five licensed haulers now operating in Fridley could negotiate together as one unit for the contract.

The issue has been a hot-button one — homeowners have overwhelmingly been against limiting trash hauling to a single government-approved vendor. The proposal was dropped in Coon Rapids a few years ago but was ordered by the Maplewood City Council in 2011 despite citizens’ protests. Roseville is currently studying the issue.

Eric Boyles, a citizen member of Fridley’s Environmental Quality and Energy Commission, presented a slideshow of the commission’s views, which parroted the findings of many other cities’ reports — reports which have used the same information from sources such as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The findings most often cited, and disputed by haulers and those against the Organized Collection concept, is

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## FORMAL PROTEST TO BE FILED OVER INELIGIBLE ANOKA COUNTY UNION BID

The *Anoka County Record* plans on filing a formal protest with the county next week concerning their acceptance of an ineligible bid from the *Union*. The Record believes that county staff’s acceptance of their bid was in violation of the county’s bid rules.

In the packet distributed to all bidders, Page 6, Section II-B states that the county is to be charged the lowest rate “for the same or similar services of the equivalent quantity and quality for delivery or performance during the same periods of time”.

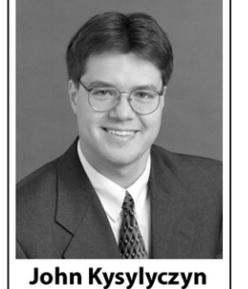
The proposal from the *Union* violates this bid rule and should have been rejected by county staff. The *Union* bid three different legal classified ad rates, \$5.90, \$4.90, and \$3.00. County notices will appear in the same paper, same section, same page, same column, and same text type and size of in the *Union* and yet will be charged different rates. It is impossible for a bidder to offer government the lowest rate when they have three different rates for the same identical service.

For example, the *Union* bid \$3.00 per column inch to publish the county board meeting summaries. Then they bid \$5.90 per column inch to publish the board of appeal minutes. County staff stated that both notices were relatively small. Both are legal classified ads and would be published in the same place and manner. There is no difference between these ads from a publishing perspective yet county taxpayers will pay twice as much to publish one versus the other.

Another example would be the publication of a meeting summary and the publication of a separate public hearing notice. One would be charged a rate of \$3.00 per column inch, and \$5.90 per column inch for the other. The two rates would apply even though both notices could be received by the *Union* at the same time, be the same size, and be placed right next to each other in the same column on the same page. If the ads were 8 column inches each, the county would be charged \$24 for the first ad and \$47.20 for the second. The Record believes that this violates the county’s bid rules.

While the county would never agree to buy two identical chairs at the same time, one for twice the cost as the other, they appear to have no problem allowing the *Union* to charge them twice as much for one legal classified ad versus the other, completely ignoring the bid

Publisher’s Column



John Kysylyczyn

## FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, RECORD SUBMITS LOWEST BID As in 2013, County Administration Directs Board to Select Higher Bidder Taxpayers to Pay More in 2013 & 2014

County bids for the publication of 2014 legal notices were opened on December 6, 2013. For a second year in a row, *Anoka County Record* was the lowest bidder. In total there were six bids submitted. Increasing in price from the Record’s bid was the *Anoka County Union*, *Press Publications*, *ABC Newspapers*, and the *Forest Lake Times* coming in with the highest bid.

The Record submitted two bids, both of which were the lowest of the six submitted. The first and lowest bid was for a flat rate of \$32,500 for the publication of all legal notices and inserts. The Record was the only newspaper to submit a flat rate bid. Under the Record’s flat rate bid, frequency of publication would move from bi-weekly to weekly.

A flat rate system would provide numerous benefits for the county. From a budgetary perspective, the total cost of all publications would be known at the beginning of the year. Billing per legal ad, the county would have no idea how much would be spent on legal publications for 2014 until January or February of 2015. Also the county would spend significantly less staff time verify billing records as a flat rate system would have equal monthly payments instead of billing by the column inch. A flat rate would also eliminate the concern that a publication may increase type size in order to generate additional revenue in selling legal ads.

Based upon county financial records from 2011-2013, the county spent approximately \$63,000 in publication costs in 2011, approximately \$68,000 in publication costs in 2012, and will spend an estimated \$45,000 in publication costs in 2013. The drop in publication costs from 2012 to 2013 was due to the Record participating in the bidding process, not the result of publishing fewer notices. In 2013, the Union dropped its rate by more than 30% in response to our bidding presence.

The percentage of savings the county would realize under the Record’s flat rate bid would vary. It would be approximately 25% less than the bid from the *Union*, and approximately 80% less than the bid from the *Times*. In total dollars, the Record’s flat rate bid would save the county an estimated \$12,500 from 2013 and an estimated \$10,000 versus the 2014 *Union*’s bid.

The Record’s flat rate bid of \$32,500 applies to five of the county’s publication categories. The price would remain the same regardless of how many categories the county chose to award to the Record. The Record estimates that the flat rate price is equivalent to about \$3.00 per column inch. The Record chose to offer this discounted price because not only does it reduce administrative costs for the county, a flat rate system also reduces administrative costs for the Record.

The second bid submitted by the Record was for a flat rate of \$4.50 per column inch. Under this bid, the Record would maintain its bi-weekly publication schedule. This schedule only allowed the Record to bid on approximately 80% of the county’s total publication business. The county wished to publish approximately 20% of their notices with a weekly paper only, although no law mandates this.

The next higher bidder was the *Union*, which submitted a bid that ranged from \$3.00 per column inch to \$5.90 per column inch depending upon the category of legal publications. In legal classified bidding categories where the Record

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## Charitable gambling up in the state and in Anoka County

Reports issued last week show charitable gambling is up in Minnesota – with Anoka County playing a significant role. Congratulations to all the hardworking local volunteers for being very active with our charities.

The Star Tribune says gross revenue is up for the third-straight year — 8.6 percent this fiscal year – after decades of declining numbers. The paper indicates Anoka County showed a 14-percent spike in 2013, with its \$101 million in receipts adding up to \$300 per man, woman and child in the county.

The same article reports 90 percent of the statewide charitable gaming revenue comes from paper pulltabs, which are in resurgence among young players. On the other hand, electronic pulltabs are still not coming anywhere close to meeting the pie-in-the-sky projections we received before they were unveiled.

Here is a link to the full article: <http://www.startribune.com/local/north/235166491.html>

On a separate gaming note, the Minnesota State Lottery typically sends me annual lottery totals specific to our legislative district soon after the New Year. I will pass that along after I receive the 2013 figures.



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### CAMPAIGN PRESS RELEASE

## Gamache to run for LeDoux County Board seat

Andover Mayor Mike Gamache has announced he is forming a campaign committee and will be running for Anoka County Commissioner in 2014. In 2012 Gamache ran unopposed for Mayor of Andover and his current term ends at the end of 2014.

“I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved in Andover over the last 13 years including bring over 1500 jobs to the city.” According to Gamache, Andover’s business and commercial districts have seen a 23% job growth while all of Anoka County businesses have experienced a 3% loss in jobs.

“Making Andover a business friendly city has been one of my main objectives as Mayor and these numbers prove we have been successful.”

That is Mike’s objective for Anoka County as well, “My business experience in the corporate world along with what I have learned in my 13 years as Mayor provides me with the tools to do the same across Anoka County.” Gamache noted. “For those of us who live in Anoka County and make our daily commute outside the County, we know what our transportation needs are and transportation will be one of my top priorities as well.”



Gamache

During Gamache’s tenure as Mayor the city built the Andover/YMCA Community Center which has been a great success story of a public/private partnership and how to make it work. “We wanted a building that not only worked and provided the service, but also was aesthetically pleasing and would become a focal point for our city,” Gamache noted. The Mayor was proud to lead the effort to pass and implement the Andover Open Space referendum and Committee. “It was a vision that became reality and now we have three pieces of property, over 60 acres, in Andover that will never be developed and will be enjoyed by residents forever”.

There were difficult times for many Minnesota cities during the last decade and Andover was not exempt. According to Gamache, “We had to deal with cuts in State funding in 2003 and again in 2006 that forced the Council to make difficult cuts, but our strong financial position helped us come out of those difficult times and we are positioned for the growth we are now witnessing in both commercial and residential home building.”

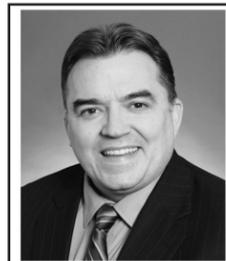
Gamache anticipates that growth in Anoka County must be addressed with an effort that brings the County Board and the City’s throughout the County together in a collaborative effort. Gamache strongly believes that, “No city can be an island and building strong relationships between the county and cities is vital for the success of us all.” Gamache added, “That has always been my philosophy as Mayor. What can we as a city do to work with the county and I have found that the County Board has been there for Andover when needed. I believe it is a positive to have former mayors and council members serving on the County Board because we bring the experience needed to build coalitions and get results.”

Gamache is excited by the challenge and his chances, but knows it will be a tough campaign because the 5th District is made up of parts of Andover, Coon Rapids and Fridley. “I am looking forward to talking to my many Andover friends, but also meeting more supporters in both Coon Rapids and Fridley. I have campaigned in Coon Rapids for Commissioner Carol LeDoux and for Scott LeDoux in 2004 and in 2008 and the issues don’t change much when you cross the city borders. Voters want you to talk about the issues and address the problems and I can guarantee that my campaign will be about getting things done and not politics as usual.”

## Minnesota’s Economy: Stronger Every Day

Nearly every day we receive more confirmation that it is good to be a Minnesotan. The Minnesota Management & Budget’s release of the November budget forecast showed us we are in even better financial shape than we thought with a sizeable \$1.086 billion projected surplus FY 2014-2015. The state was able to pay back the final \$246 million from the 2011 K-12 school shift. We have erased our years-long debt, leaving us with a projected surplus of \$825 million. In fact, this will be the first time Minnesota has experienced a budget surplus in years.

We saw such an increase in our budget forecast thanks in large part to revenue gains. This strong forecast shows that Minnesota’s economy is performing well. The rest of the surplus is due to \$247 million in below budget spending. What does this all mean? It means Minnesota’s economy continues to build momentum, and this month’s strong economic forecast confirms that the structurally-balanced budget passed by the legislature has put the state on stable economic footing for the first time in years. This forecast shows how a straight forward budget, without gimmicks or borrowing, has created the confidence and stability necessary for Minnesota’s strong economic growth.



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The good news is everywhere, not just in our budget surplus but in jobs gains and an unemployment rate that is steadily declining. Minnesota’s unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent in October – the lowest level since the recession began in 2007. Meanwhile, first-time claims for jobless benefits have fallen to levels not seen in more than a decade! Further proof that our economy is growing – the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) reports the state’s real GDP rose 3.5 percent in 2012, ranking it among the six fastest-growing state economies in the country.

Having celebrated the good news, I would like to take this time to caution against deciding what to do with the surplus without thoughtful deliberation. We must remember that the November budget forecast is just that, a forecast, and therefore subject to change. Just a year ago, the state was facing a \$1 billion deficit, so we’ve seen that a lot can happen in a year. Let’s take the next few months before the start of session to pace ourselves and think long and hard about what are the best investments for Minnesota’s future.

There have been many suggestions made for ways to use the projected budget surplus. One popular idea is tax relief – and that could come in several different forms. There is also one campaign gaining steam this fall that is close to my heart, and that is the 5% Campaign. This effort is led by Minnesota care providers for both seniors and the disabled who were left out of any wage increases in the last session, and in fact, most haven’t had a wage or cost of living increase in 5-7 years. This group of hard-working Minnesotan’s currently makes just above minimum wage, yet they take care of our family members with the greatest needs. Nearly every Minnesota family, at one time or another, will be impacted by the great service these workers provide. This campaign is working to get care providers a 5% wage increase. As many of you already know, in addition to my Senate duties I work on behalf of people with disabilities and am committed to providing the care they need and deserve. These care providers are essential to improving the quality of life for both the elderly and people with disabilities, and they deserve a wage they can raise a family on.

While it is justified to think about ways to improve the lives of Minnesotans, it would not be responsible to make promises to families and businesses about preliminary surplus dollars when we will have more accurate, up-to-date information in just a few months. Let’s take this time before February 2014 to think long and hard about what direction we want Minnesota to head in, and how we want to get there. Please contact my office with any recommendations.

## Rep. Scott makes conflict of interest inquiry

by Joe Kimball — *MinnPost*

In a letter Dec. 11 to Gov. Mark Dayton, GOP state Rep. Peggy Scott says it’s “troubling and a massive ethical concern for the state” that Tina Smith serves both as the governor’s chief of staff and as the chair of the Rochester Destination Medical Center Corp. board.

Scott, from Andover, is the assistant minority leader in the state House. She wants Smith to resign either as chief of staff or DMCC chair.

The governor’s office, though, says the relationship has been reviewed and said Scott’s concerns aren’t valid.

Scott notes that the state is committed to spending more than \$500 million over the next 20 years on the Rochester project, which is part of the Mayo Clinic’s multi-billion-dollar plan to stay competitive in the medical industry.

Scott said the DMCC project will likely compete with other state projects for funding and that Smith holds considerable sway over the governor’s legislative agenda.

“If the DMCC seeks additional aid, policy changes or opposes policies pursued by legislators or the governor, Ms. Smith is in a precarious spot. She’s in a position to be lobbied by the local partners and the Legislature in both capacities, possibly for competing interests, and to lobby for and be lobbied by the DMCC,” she wrote.

Scott also refers to the situation last year when former House Speaker Steve Sviggum was working for the state Senate at the same time he served on the

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## PUBLISHER'S COLUMN: PAYING DOUBLE

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requirement that the county be charged the lowest rate. The only explanation the county could claim to support this position would be that their lowest rate requirement only applies to what the *Union* charges others, but does not apply when the *Union* wants to charge the county double for the same identical service. In other words, it would be an explanation made solely to justify the action, regardless of the absurdity.

Since the county publishes thousands of column inches of notices, the cost difference becomes substantial. The *Union's* low rate of \$3.00 will apply to 1% of the county's notices while their higher rates of \$5.90 and \$4.90 would apply to 99% of the county's notices. The *Record* believes that this is an inappropriate manipulation of the bid process.

The *Record's* low bid was for \$4.50 for all three categories. The *Record*, Press Publications, and the *Times* all submitted one rate for legal classified ad rates in accordance with the bid rules. The *Record* specifically submitted one rate knowing that charging government multiple rates for the same or similar services was in violation of the bidding requirements.

In reviewing previous county bid records, no bidder from any newspaper has ever attempted to submit, and the county has never accepted multiple legal classified ad rates from one bidder for the same or similar services. The *Record* knows of no city, state, school district or county in the state which has accepted multiple legal classified ad prices from one bidder for the publication of legal notices. The *Record* knows of no public policy reason why the taxpayers would benefit from a process where one bidder is allowed to submit multiple prices for the same or similar services provided during the same period of time.

The formal protest process at the county lacks transparency and the *Record* expects their appeal to be quickly dismissed. The same people who reviewed the original bids will be the same people who will rule on the appeal.

The *Record* has not made a determination if they will pursue a second level appeal and public hearing before the Office of the County Attorney. Assistant County Attorney Kathryn M. Timm played a significant role in assuring that the *Record* was not selected as the legal notice publisher in 2013 for all but 1% of the county's business. The *Record* doubts the transparency and impartiality of the Office of the County Attorney in light of their previous involvement in this issue. In addition, they require the complainant to pay \$1,000 or the actual costs the county incurs, whichever is greater, if the *Record* loses the appeal, which is likely due the politics of the situation.



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The *Record* regrets not filing a complaint with the 2013 legal publication selection, when the board's decision cost the taxpayers over \$10,000 in additional publication expenses. While the *Record* has little faith in the appeal process, filing a complaint will bring more transparency and public exposure to the 2014 legal publication selection, and highlight the county staff position supporting the payment of multiple prices for the same or similar services during the same period of time at taxpayer expense. Highlighting this issue will only benefit the taxpayers of Anoka County.

The *Record* will follow-up on this issue in the January 2, 2014 edition.

# Anoka County Watchdog

Always on the lookout for governmental waste, fraud, and abuse in Anoka County



## THE GREAT GARBAGE GRAB OF 2013 UPDATE

Readers, we have to say that the Fridley city council's ongoing takeover of a free market trash hauling is some of the worst strong arm, cram down style of government we've seen in a long, long time.

From both a policy and process perspective, the city council has manifested an arrogant, we-know-what's-best style of government that would make the White House proud.

In terms of arrogant government and its attitude towards the citizens it represents, this is Fridley's Obamacare.

Let's be clear about what this is. It's government-run and government-managed trash collection.

Called by the euphemism "organized collection," it is a process whereby the city takes over collection and turns it over to either a single monopoly hauler or a cartel of a few haulers who divide up the city.

In all cases, what it means to you is that government picks your hauler for you and you have nothing to say about it. Government decides what you will pay for trash service and there's nothing you can do about it. Government gives you no recourse if you don't like the hauler they pick for you. You get what you get.

And because the chosen hauler(s) have a contract with the city and not you, the favored hauler(s) have no incentive to serve you and your needs. They aim only to please the bureaucrats down at city hall.

Does this all sound to you like anti-competitive, anti-trust style behavior?

That's because it is.

But the law gives government the authority to authorize this harmful behavior in the name of whatever it is the city thinks is a higher priority than consumer protection, the free market being the ultimate protector of the consumer.

Here's what the law says about anti-competitive conduct under "organized collection":

### Subd. 7. Anticompetitive conduct.

(a) A political subdivision that organizes collection under this section is authorized to engage in anticompetitive conduct to the extent necessary to plan and implement its chosen organized collection system and is immune from liability under state laws relating to antitrust, restraint of trade, unfair trade practices, and other regulation of trade or commerce.

(b) An organization of solid waste collectors, an individual collector, and their officers, members, employees, and agents who cooperate with a political subdivision that organizes collection under this section are authorized to engage in anticompetitive conduct to the extent necessary to plan and implement the organized collection system, provided that the political subdivision actively supervises the participation of each entity. An organization, entity, or person covered by this paragraph is immune from liability under state law relating to antitrust, restraint of trade, unfair trade practices, and other regulation of trade or commerce.

Does that sound like behavior that benefits the consumer?

It's also deeply concerning that the city has taken no public comment regarding this issue since the issue was revived in 2013.

The city's Environmental Quality and Energy Commission took no testimony when it adopted a "report" recommending that the city initiate the process to adopt organized collection.

Then the Planning Commission took no public testimony.

And then the city council took no public testimony, a shameful display when the chambers were crowded with taxpayers demanding what is their inherent right: the right to address their governmental official.

Mayor Lund refused public comment, hiding behind the law, saying that he had to follow the law and allow no public comment until later in the process.

What a load of malarkey. The law mandates a public hearing later in the process, but that is a floor and not

a ceiling regarding public input. Public input would have certainly been in order at that time.

Either the mayor knowingly gagged public comment or he doesn't understand the law and neither does the city attorney.

And make no mistake, the city has begun the process of moving to organized collection.

Again, read the law:

### Subd. 4d. Participating collectors proposal requirement.

Prior to establishing a committee under subdivision 4a to consider organizing residential solid waste collection, a city or town with more than one licensed collector must notify the public and all licensed collectors in the community. The city or town must provide a 60-day period in which meetings and negotiations shall occur exclusively between licensed collectors and the city or town to develop a proposal in which interested licensed collectors, as members of an organization of collectors, collect solid waste from designated sections of the city or town.

The city has done this and will soon begin negotiations with the haulers in the city. Again, this has happened. The fuse has been lit.

So let's not believe the city leaders when they tell us they are just kicking the tires and exploring organized collection. This is no longer research and information gathering.

It's entirely possible the city could collude with the haulers to craft a cartel system that the city would ratify without a single voice of public input.

Banana Republic.

While it's true that the city is under no obligation to adopt organized collection, you have to wonder why they started the formal, legal process if they weren't serious about taking away your right to choose your hauler.

By the way, you can read the entire law on this web page:

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=115A.94>

Why is the city doing this? What's wrong with the current system that has served the city for decades?

What's behind all this?

The city claims citizen input is driving this issue.

Now, what the Watchdog is about to tell you is the ground truth. You can verify it right here.

The city states that in a 2009 city newsletter, the topic of organized collection was raised and citizens were instructed to provide feedback.

A grand total of 28 responded, with 21 favoring organized collection.

Fridley has a population of roughly 26,000.

That would mean less than .1% of the city's residents expressed interest in government hand holding them on waste hauling.

That's a joke and frankly the city ought to be embarrassed to be citing such a ridiculous source as a justification for pursuing this foolishness.

That's okay city council. Three of you are up for re-election next year and the city charter can always be amended.

If this happens, we'll see you at the polls.

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## MNsure DIRECTOR RESIGNS AFTER COSTA RICA VACATION IS FOUND OUT

by Tom Steward — *Watchdog Minnesota Bureau*

MNsure's top official resigned Tuesday following a *Watchdog Minnesota Bureau* report that she took a two-week Costa Rica vacation in late November, during the rocky rollout of the state \$150 million health insurance exchange.

April Todd-Malmlov's abrupt resignation came during a closed emergency session of the agency's board of directors. Subsequent reports revealed that Todd-Malmlov was accompanied on her tropical getaway by Jim Golden, Minnesota's Medicaid director, raising possible conflict of interest and other concerns.

"MNsure Board Chair Beutner thanked Todd-Malmlov for her work in launching MNsure and acknowledged the efforts of the many employees at MNsure who have worked around-the-clock over the past few months to further MNsure's mission," according to a MNsure news release issued after the meeting.

Beutner also announced that Scott Leitz will replace Todd-Malmlov and serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer while MNsure carries out a search for a permanent CEO.

"Scott has been a proven leader at the Department of Human Services where he has managed a large and complex organization effectively," said Beutner in the release. "We are fortunate to have someone with his capabilities and his intimate understanding of MNsure available to step in quickly and lead us through these critical next few months."

Gov. Mark Dayton quickly announced his support of the move. "I commend the Members of the MNsure Board for their strong action to change immediately the executive staff leadership at Minnesota's Health Insurance Exchange. I fully support their decision, and I have confidence in Scott Leitz's abilities to lead MNsure as its Acting Chief Executive Officer," said Dayton in a statement.

Todd-Malmlov becomes the second executive director of a state health exchange to resign after going on a tropical vacation in the midst of ongoing technical glitches and other problems faced by thousands attempting to sign up for health coverage. Rebecca Pearce, director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, resigned Dec. 6 following criticism of her trip to the Cayman Islands.

Sen. Scott Nienow, R-Cambridge, a member of the MNsure Legislative Oversight Committee, said, "It's too late to fix anything of significance. I've had three emails today from constituents, including one broker, saying 'I can't get in to get people signed up! What is going on?'"

The office of Gov. Mark Dayton, a Democrat, and the MNsure board of directors approved Todd-Malmlov's Costa Rica trip in advance. Todd-Malmlov was available by phone and email throughout the trip, and communicated with MNsure personnel every day, the agency said. "MNsure must do better. If there are problems or mistakes, we will acknowledge them and fix them," said Leitz.

**EXCERPT FROM THE FIRST ARTICLE** — As thousands of frustrated Minnesotans were notified about glitches and errors in their applications on the state insurance exchange, April Todd-Malmlov took a 2-week break.

Problem is, Todd-Malmlov is MNsure executive director. Her vacation, in November, included a trip to tropical Costa Rica.

Watchdog Minnesota Bureau obtained an out-of-office email reply from Todd-Malmlov's state account, stamped Nov. 24. The email was from an applicant, who contacted her after trying for more than a month to obtain insurance coverage through the state's online exchange.

Todd-Malmlov's automated email reply stated she would be out of the office until Monday, Dec. 2. MNsure staff confirmed Todd-Malmlov was out of the office for eight business days before the two-day Thanksgiving Day holiday for state employees.

Todd-Malmlov's getaway comes after similar revelations that led to the resignation of Rebecca Pearce, the director of Maryland's state health exchange, Dec. 6. Pearce came under fire for taking a Caribbean vacation in the midst of a rocky roll-out of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. Media reports indicate Pearce was in the Cayman Islands and unavailable during Thanksgiving week.

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went head to head with the *Union*, the *Record* beat the *Union's* price in two out of three categories.

The *Record* beat the *Union* in price where it matters most for county taxpayers. Only in the category of publishing board meeting minutes, which is approximately 1% (one percent) of the county's business, did the *Union* beat the *Record's* price (\$3.00 vs. \$4.50 per column inch). In 2013, the county will spend an estimated \$300 publishing in this category. The *Union's* bid in this category could save the county \$75 in 2014.

In the two remaining categories, the publishing of delinquent real estate taxes, and the publishing of board of appeal meeting minutes, which is approximately 80% (eighty percent) of the county's business, the *Record's* price of \$4.50 per inch beat the *Union* (\$4.90 per inch) and the ABC newspapers, where the *Union*, *Coon Rapids Herald* and *Blaine-Spring Lake Park Life* were bundled together as a \$5.90 per column inch package. The *Record's* bid in this category would save the county over \$2500 in 2014.

Part of the *Record's* \$4.50 bid is contingent upon being awarded certain categories of the county's contract. If the county were to award the *Record* all the categories bid on, the county would save over \$2500 overall. If the county chooses to award the *Union* the publishing of board meeting minutes, the county would save \$75 on that one category, but would be forced to pay \$2500 more for publications in the other remaining categories. The *Record* inserted this provision in their bid due to the 2013 bidding debacle where the *Record* was the lowest bidder on 100% of the bid but saw 99% awarded to the highest bidder.

### County Administration Directs Board to Select Higher Bid

At the county's management committee meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, staff recommended that both low bids from the *Record* be discarded and that higher bid from the *Union* be accepted. Staff rejected the *Record's* low flat rate bid, saying that they did not request this type of pricing. Staff also rejected the *Record's* low \$4.50 bid, expressing no interest in evaluating the overall savings to taxpayers, even though Assistant County Attorney Kathryn M. Timm stated in January 2013 that the county had flexibility in determining what the lowest cost to the county was. The *Record's* bid package would have saved taxpayers over \$2500.

The *Union's* bid will cost taxpayers approximately \$2500 more in 2014. County staff made no mention of the fact that they were spending \$2500 more in three bid categories in order to save \$75 in one category. Commissioner Scott Schulte asked questions about specific bids, and Commissioner Julie Braastad commented that she liked the idea of the *Record's* flat rate bid concept and asked if all the bidders could submit a flat rate bid. County staff stated that they believed there was not enough time to request additional bids. Chair Rhonda Sivarajah commented on the *Record's* bid, passing blame upon the *Record* for failing to be awarded any portion of the bid. At the end of the meeting, Sivarajah promptly left through a back door into the administrative offices and was unavailable for comment. The management committee's discussion was informational only and no vote was taken. The board's vote on the bids will occur on January 7, 2014.



Sivarajah

### Taxpayers to Pay More in 2013 & 2014

It is anticipated that the board will adopt the staff's recommendation to appoint the higher bidder to publish legal notices in 2014. It is estimated, based upon an analysis of past county spending patterns from 2011-2013, that county taxpayers will pay at least \$2500 more for the publication of legal notices in 2014.

The board's action to pay more for the publication of legal notices continues a trend from 2013. In January 2013, Chair Rhonda Sivarajah surprised fellow board members by placing the bid resolution before them, buried in a large multi-page packet, calling for a vote 15 seconds later. Commissioner Schulte stopped the proceedings asking that he be given time to review the information prior to casting a vote. He raised questions as to why the low bidder, the *Record*, was not being selected. Commissioner Braastad also questioned why the board was being asked to pay more. State law requires the county to select the lowest cost option. Sivarajah advised members to vote for the resolution with the higher bids, and then make a second motion to select the lower bidder in the most costly category of advertising. Since Sivarajah would not vote on the issue, claiming a conflict of interest, the board's actions to amend to the lower bidder failed on a 3-3 tie vote. The previous vote to select the higher bidder stood.

In 2013, based upon past county spending patterns from 2011-2012, county taxpayers paid approximately \$10,000 more for publishing legal notices due to the board's actions at that January 2013 meeting.

All indications are that the county board in January will vote to continue saddling taxpayers with the bill for higher priced legal notice ads.

The *Record* will follow-up on this issue in January 2014.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY *continued from page 2*

University of Minnesota Board of Regents. At the time, Scott said, the governor said Sviggum should do one or the other. Sviggum ultimately resigned from the regents post.

After reviewing the letter, Dayton's Deputy Chief of Staff Bob Hume said: "Before appointing Ms. Smith to the Board of the Destination Medical Center, the Governor's General Counsel reviewed the relevant statutes and requirements, and concluded that there was no legal impediment to such an appointment.

"Representative Scott's claims of an 'ethical conflict' or a violation of 'duty of loyalty' have no validity whatsoever. Ms. Smith was at the very top of the Mayo Clinic's recommendations for appointment to the Board. After the Governor appointed her, the other Members of the Board made their own, independent decision to unanimously elect her their Chair.

"Unlike Representative Scott and most other Republican legislators, the Governor does not see a problem with a partnership between a non-profit entity, like Mayo, and state government. In fact, he believes a representative of his administration on the board, to watch over the state's sizeable investment, and to work with other stakeholders to assure the maximum benefits to the people of Rochester and the

entire State of Minnesota, is highly desirable."

The governor's office also pointed to a conclusion from the Legislative Auditor's office, which looked into Kelm-Helgen's dual roles at Scott's request and said: "Based on the state law that mandated the composition of the Medical Destination Center Corporation (MDCC) Board, Ms. Smith, the Governor's Chief of Staff, does not have a conflict serving as the MDCC Board Chair."

In 2012, another top Dayton aide, Michele Kelm-Helgen, resigned her position as deputy chief of staff for legislative affairs in the governor's office to take a job as executive director of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Commission, which is building the new Vikings stadium in downtown Minneapolis.

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**FRIDLEY CITY HALL'S GARBAGE AGENDA ADVANCES** *continued from page 1*

that garbage trucks are responsible for road damage. Others also blame garbage trucks for air pollution and running over children (said at a Roseville city council meeting Nov. 18 by a proponent of organized collection). Proponents of the single-hauler concept are also still waiting for the conclusion of a long-time study being done at a Mankato university which has been promised to be the final word on the road damage question. Local governments have also made claims that residents will save dollars on their garbage bills when government controls a single hauler by contract. Opponents dispute this and other claims as being inconclusive.

Boyles claimed city hall would save \$100,000 a year in road repair costs alone, if it limited the number of haulers in the city to one. The figure was attributed to Public Works Director James Kosluchar.

A convoluted discussion by the city council with the participation of city attorney Darcy Erickson ensued. Councilor Ann Bolkcom asked the mayor if he would allow residents in the audience to pose questions about the process. She was confident they wouldn't go into tirades about how much they love their garbage hauler. "I think there are some intelligent people in this audience," to which one of the EQEC commission members was heard to snicker from his seat in the room.

Lund said again he would not allow public comment. Lund explained his position again regarding public input, inferring that the entire process would be

tainted if public input was not taken in the manner prescribed by the new statute. This, along with the EQEC's presentation (the commission had studied the garbage issue off and on since 2009) helped to give the audience the impression of a rather one-sided presentation.

Bolkcom and city attorney Darcy Erickson waded through muddled interpretations of the new statute, with no satisfying conclusions. Bolkcom asked more than once for clarification as to at what point in the process does the city council actually ask questions, consider findings and make statements. She also wanted to know if the council members were going to participate in negotiations with the haulers. Lund at this point quickly interjected that he saw this as a job for "staff". Planning Manager for the Community Development Department, Julie Jones, also made a presentation and took some questions. Kay Qualley, the Environmental Planner and overseer of the EQEC, was also present but did not contribute to the murky meeting discussion.

With the trepidation of sticking a toe into unknown waters, the Fridley City Council voted unanimously to accept the EQEC report, and to start the 60-day clock called for by statute, to negotiate with haulers. The council also had the option of dropping the organized garbage collection idea entirely. One moment of clarity did occur at this meeting, the 2014 budget was presented and there will be a 2.3% increase in the property tax levy.

*Guess Who's Retiring ...*

**Judy Hanna**

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Any questions call Nancy 651-462-1128 or Mary Ann 651-263-3151

After 28 years as Linwood's Senior Center coordinator, Judy Hanna will turn over the job to Dawn Cash. A farewell party for Judy will be held Dec. 31 at the Linwood Senior Center, from 4 to 9 pm. Snacks and beverages will be on hand, but if you would bring a dish to share it would make the event all the more special! Call Nancy Olson if you would like to help or make a contribution, 651-462-1128.

**GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**ANOKA COUNTY**

Anoka County Government Center  
2100 3rd Ave.  
Anoka MN 55303-5024  
Ph.: 763-323-5700  
www.co.anoka.mn.us

**Thurs. Dec. 19**  
Public Safety Cmte., 3pm, Anoka County Public Safety Center, Andover  
**Tues. Jan. 7**  
Anoka County Board annual organizational meeting, 8:30 am, Rm 705, ACGC

**FRIDLEY**

Fridley City Hall  
6431 University Ave NE  
Fridley, MN 55432  
Ph: 763-571-3450  
www.ci.fridley.mn.us

**Mon. Jan. 6**  
City Council, 6:30 pm  
Parks & Rec. Cmte., 7 pm

**HAM LAKE**

Ham Lake City Hall  
15544 Central Ave NE  
Ham Lake, MN 55304  
Ph: 763-434-9555  
www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us  
Hours: M-Th 7 AM - 4:30 PM  
Fri: 7 AM-12 NOON

**Mon. Dec. 23**  
Planning Comm. **Cancelled**  
**Mon. Jan. 6**  
City Council, 6 pm

**LINWOOD TWP**

Linwood Town Hall  
22817 Typo Creek Dr. NE  
Linwood, MN 55079  
Ph: 651-462-2812  
linwoodtownship.org

**Mon. Dec. 23**  
Park & Rec. Cmte., 6 pm

**OAK GROVE**

Oak Grove City Hall  
19900 Nightingale St. NW  
Oak Grove, MN 55011  
Ph: 763-404-7000  
www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us

**Mon. Jan. 13**  
City Council, 7 pm  
**3rd Wednesday**  
Parks Comm., 6:30 pm  
**3rd Thursday**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**RAMSEY**

7550 Sunwood Dr. NW  
Ramsey, MN 55303  
Ph: 763-427-1410  
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**Thurs. Dec. 19 & Jan. 9**  
EDA, 7:30 am  
**Thurs. Jan. 9**  
Park & Rec. Comm., 6:30 pm  
Planning Comm., 7 pm  
**Tues. Jan. 14**  
City Council "work session", 5:30 pm; reg mtg 7 pm, followed by HRA

**ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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anokaswcd.org

**Tues. Jan. 21**  
Board of Supervisors, 5 pm

**FRIDLEY ISD #14**

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**Tues. Jan. 21**  
School Bd "work session," 5:30 pm, Public Comment, 7 pm, Business Mtg 7:30 pm, Fridley City Hall

**SPRING LAKE PARK ISD #16**

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**Tues. Jan. 14**  
School Board mtg, 6:45 pm

**QCTV CABLE COMMISSION**

Ramsey, Andover, Champlin, Anoka  
**Thurs. Dec. 19**  
Cable Commission, 10 am, Anoka City Hall

**NORTH METRO TV CABLE COMMISSION**

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**Wed. Jan. 15**  
Cable Commission, 6 pm, Spring Lake Park City Hall

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**Rep. John Benson, won't seek re-election**

by Joe Kimball — *MinnPost*

State Rep. John Benson, a DFLer from Minnetonka, said Wednesday that he won't seek re-election in 2014.

He's the second DFL state representative to announce a retirement this week. State Rep. Thomas Huntley of Duluth, who led on many health care issues, said Tuesday that he won't seek a 12th term.

Benson was first elected in 2006 and will serve out his fourth term in the upcoming session starting in February.

A retired teacher, Benson said in his retirement announcement:

"To the best of my ability the votes I have cast and the legislation I have authored focused on our state government's primary mission, the best possible delivery of essential services: quality public education, law enforcement, transportation, environmental protection and care for those unable to provide for themselves. I have viewed these past eight years in our citizen's legislature as an opportunity for me to help improve Minnesota's quality of life and then to return to private life."

Soon after Benson's announcement, Jon Applebaum announced he'll seek the DFL endorsement to run for the seat. Applebaum says he's a local attorney, entrepreneur and DFL activist.

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**ORDINANCE 13-08  
CITY OF OAK GROVE  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ordinance amends Chapter 22 by adding Article III to the Oak Grove City Code allowing all-terrain vehicles and golf carts to operate on city streets. A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for inspection at the City Hall during regular office hours.

This ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Oak Grove City Council on December 9, 2013.

This summary of Ordinance 13-08 was published on Thursday, December 19, 2013.

Mark R. Korin, Mayor  
Sheryl F. Fiskewold, City Clerk  
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**ORDINANCE 13-09  
CITY OF OAK GROVE  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE LISTING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES UTILIZED IN THE CITY OF OAK GROVE**

The ordinance creates "Exhibit A" which lists the schedule of fees for the City of Oak Grove which includes fees for Administration; Water/Sewer; Building; Fire Department; Liquor Licensing; Planning; and Public Works. A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for inspection at the City Hall during regular office hours.

This ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Oak Grove City Council on December 9, 2013.

This summary of Ordinance 13-09 was published on Thursday, December 19, 2013.

Mark R. Korin, Mayor  
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**CITY OF HAM LAKE  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids will be received and publicly opened by the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota at the office of the City Administrator, on the 15th day of January 2014, at 11:00 A.M. for the furnishing of work and material for the City of Ham Lake 2014 Bituminous Overlay Project

The project consists of the following approximate quantities:  
3,646 square yards — six foot wide bituminous surface edge mill  
102 cubic yards — hauling bituminous pavement reclamation  
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104,883 square yards bituminous material for tack coat

All in accordance with plans and specifications prepared for the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, by RFC Engineering, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 13635 Johnson Street, Ham Lake, Minnesota, 55304, telephone 763-862-8000.

Plans and specifications may be examined at City Hall, may be obtained from the Engineer and are available for download from <http://www.rfcengineering.com> under the Ham Lake heading under Contract Documents. Bids must be made on the basis of cash payment for the work accompanied by a cash basis, a certified check (from a responsible bank in the State of Minnesota), or a bidder's bond and made payable without condition to the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in any bids received without explanation.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the bid opening.

By order of the City Council of the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota.  
Dated this 16th day of December 2013

Doris Nivala, Administrator  
City of Ham Lake  
(Published Dec. 19, 2013 Anoka County Record)

**ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

The The Anoka County Board met on December 6, 2013. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolution was adopted: #2013-136 Adoption of the 2014 Final Tax Levy. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us)

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**ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

The Anoka County Board met on November 26, 2013. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2013-132 Anoka County User Fees, #2013-133 Economic Assistance Payments, #2013-134 County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and #2013-133 as attached. A public hearing was held regarding Anoka County user fees. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us)

**ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE AMOUNTS FOR ANOKA COUNTY EMPLOYEES, UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES, APPOINTED DIVISION MANAGERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR 2014**

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has established, as a matter of policy, that employment with Anoka County should be as attractive as possible from a career perspective and that the compensation plan for Anoka County employees, division managers, department heads, and elected officials shall be founded on the principle of equitable and adequate compensation; and further, that said compensation plan shall be as competitive as possible in order to attract and retain people of the highest caliber so that the citizens of Anoka County can be assured that their best interests are being served; and,

WHEREAS, adjustments to compensation levels of governmental units are considered on an annual basis; and,

WHEREAS, the total compensation package must be affordable for Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, the compensation levels of non-bargaining unit employees, unclassified employees, division managers, department heads, and elected officials for 2014 need to be established before the end of this year; and,

WHEREAS, the Personnel Rules and Regulations of Anoka County, Minnesota, adopted by the county board, provide that the director of Human Resources shall annually review the salary levels and make recommended changes; and,

WHEREAS, the director of Human Resources has completed said review for program year 2014 and has recommended to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners that no adjustments be made to the exempt and non-exempt salary schedules of Anoka County, and the potential salary rate of all county employees be increased as described below, except for specific exclusions as are on file in Human Resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the total salary budget shall increase by up to 2 percent for regular, non-bargaining unit county employees, unclassified employees, division managers, and department heads for 2014, which establishes a potential merit pool effective January 11, 2014. The general adjustment for 2014 is 0 percent. On January 11, 2014, individual established salaries of non-bargaining unit county employees, unclassified employees, the county administrator, division managers, and department heads may increase by a performance-based range movement of up to 2 percent and distributed on the basis of job performance, as are on file in Human Resources, subject to the availability of funds. The approval authority for these job performance increases is hereby delegated to the Management Committee. For 2014, the county attorney's annual salary shall be \$143,820 and the sheriff's salary shall be \$137,355.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that regular county employees who are in collective bargaining agreements with the county or temporary employees are specifically excluded from the pay increase portion of this resolution and all other matters covering terms and conditions of employment except as provided in this paragraph. Pay increases for union employees are governed by their collective bargaining agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the Laws of Minnesota 2005, Chapter 28, an expense allowance, in lieu of seven-county metropolitan area mileage and other unreimbursed business-related county expenses, for county commissioners and chair of the county board shall be in the amount maximum as was authorized in Resolution #2004-163. These expense allowances shall be in addition to the 2014 annual salary figure stated below and shall be treated as compensation except to the extent for which the funds are expended and accounted for.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County commissioners' annualized salary for 2014 will be \$61,144, pursuant to the provisions of M.S. § 375.055.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the elected officials of Anoka County shall be entitled to the same benefits as provided other Anoka County employees, except for flexible time off and extended medical benefit.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution is posted on the official county bulletin board and copies be forwarded immediately to each department of the county and the Association of Minnesota Counties.

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME  
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333**

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**Chaput Enterprises Inc., 12619 Fergus St. NE, Blaine MN 55449**

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.  
FILED: Nov. 11, 2013 #712033700021  
/s/ Keegan Joseph Chaput  
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2. Principal Place of Business:  
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3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:  
**Melissa Kay Aho, 9532 Lexington Ave, Lexington MN 55014**

4. This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: 7130702, originally filed on 11/15/2013, under the name **Second Goldfish LLC**.

5. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.  
FILED: 11/15/2013  
/s/ Melissa Kay Aho  
(Published Dec. 5, 2013 & Dec. 19, 2013 Anoka County Record)

**ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

The The Anoka County Board met on December 5, 2013, for a public meeting. For more information please refer to the Anoka County Web site: [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us)

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