

Legislative bill may provide another step toward gov't transparency

By Tom Steward | Watchdog Minnesota Bureau (Watchdog.Org)

It's no secret we're attached to our tablets, especially our iPads.

But so are thousands of local government officials, who rely on another IPAD — the state's Information Policy Analysis Division — to comply with a greater volume of data and public information requests, amid increased expectations of government transparency.

Under a bill before the 2015 Minnesota Legislature, government officials across Minnesota would undergo a sort of crash IPAD course in transparency requirements under the Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minnesota Open Meeting Law and data privacy statutes.

"The laws balance the open and transparent government, against citizens' rights and expectations of privacy, and the government's need to do their work. As government changes, as technology changes, and government staff and demographics change, we found that education on these laws continues to be kind of an ongoing and changing need," Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, IPAD director of Community Services Divisions, said during a recent Senate Finance Committee hearing on SF 853.

The bill would provide IPAD \$200,000 for additional training focused on county boards, school districts, municipal and other government employees outside the Twin Cities. IPAD says government entities — big or small — need at least one person familiar with transparency requirements.

"Local governments are supposed to provide their own training, and know what it is," said Sen. Kari Dziedzic, DFL-Minneapolis. "But with license plate readers and body cameras and just more data out there, we thought it might be a good idea to give some money to IPAD to actually hold training seminars, so that some of these communities and people who are supposed to know what to do with the data can be educated on, here's what you're supposed to be doing."

Confusion over data privacy issues has already led to some 1,150 requests for clarification to IPAD in fiscal 2015, compared to 870 inquiries at the same point last year.

"I won't go over in detail how complicated the Data Practices Act is. I think you all know that, probably because most of you look at it and want to run the other direction, when someone asks questions about it," said Patrick Hynes, intergovernmental relations counsel for the League of Minnesota Cities to legislators. "Our city officials can't do that. The buck stops there, when it comes to answering those questions."

The bulk of requests flooding IPAD last year — 60 percent — originated with government employees.

"Much of the non-compliance and, or, confusion over the DPA (Data Practices Act) ... we see is at the local government level. We also generally encourage that training be done in-person, rather than on-line, given the complexity of the DPA, and the many specific questions it raises about compliance and use," said Matt Ehling, a board member with the Minnesota Coalition on Government Information. A network of organizations and individuals promoting government transparency, MNCOGI supports increased IPAD training at no cost to local governments.

Individuals and citizen watchdogs made up more than 25 percent of a total of 1,872 inquiries to the state agency in 2014.

"They usually contact us when they do not receive a response from the government following a data practices request, or they don't agree with the government's response," Stacie Christensen, IPAD director, said in an email. "We hope to help them resolve their disputes by trying to educate government about the laws' requirements, helping the public requesters understand their rights of access under the laws, or a combination of both."

A citizen watchdog case unfolding in Carver County

District Court, for example, involves multiple allegations of Minnesota Open Meeting Law violations by elected city officials in the suburb of Victoria.

In August 2014, city officials estimated the legal costs had already reached \$68,000 for a case involving 30,000 pages of emails and other requested data.

"IPAD training may help, but it is better and easier enforcement that is needed. Officials can stonewall the process, and by the time a citizen can do anything the elected officials are out of office and get away with their activities," said Tom Funk, a Victoria citizen watchdog who has sued the city. "Given the costly and lengthy time required to sue, along with bad court decisions that the Legislature have not addressed, there is no real accountability."

Media inquiries made up just seven percent of IPAD's 2014 caseload. For one reporter assigned to city and county meetings in the northern Twin Cities suburbs, simply obtaining basic documents up for discussion can be a struggle. So-called "work sessions" held before official city council meetings present a particular challenge.

"One reason why such training is important is so that the elected official, administrator and staff cannot plea 'I didn't know.' Something as innocuous as meeting minutes are often kept away from the public because staff thinks they have to be approved by the body first," said Bryan Olson, a local government reporter for the *Anoka County Record*. "This is not correct — meeting minutes or notes are public the moment they are put to paper or a recording."

Olson painstakingly posts the hard to come by documents on his own website: publicinfoonline.com.

"Few government employees or the public realize that very little material is non-public. Information is presumed public unless state statute specifically says it's non-public data," said Olson, who believes IPAD training should be mandatory. *WD*

Last week was "Sunshine Week", an annual observance by journalists and those interested in transparency in our government. Now making its way through the legislature is Senate File 853, which calls for \$200,000 of funding to IPAD over two years. The funds will be used to train people on public information and open meeting law issues. IPAD staff is quite right in saying that local government officials and staff needs this training the most (see Tom Steward's article above). However, the bill fails to include any specifics or mandates. There's nothing said as to who should be trained and when. The impression given is that IPAD staff will be now be more equipped to do training exercises when they are asked to do so. I can't imagine seeing many officials or government employees asking for the training.

During the Minnesota Newspaper Association convention a couple months ago, reporters discussed government transparency issues. Not surprisingly, the "public's right to know" is being stamped down in more places than you might realize. One reporter commented that his city councilors have meetings where two of them are the table while the other three "sit in the audience" at arm's length away from the table, and they somehow think this is not a council meeting.

We have published a number of articles over the years and very recently about transparency issues in Columbia Heights, and there will be more to say about the these county-wide. We are also surveying the information that is, and isn't, available on all the city, school district and county websites and the results will be published later this year. None are doing an exemplary job; the report cards so far are running the gamut from B- to F. — *Bryan Olson*

Next week: Anoka County DFL Legislators Propose New Newspaper Public Notice Mandate. Anoka County = \$45,000 increase. Ramsey County = \$960,000 increase. Hennepin County = \$1,000,000+ increase. (The Record is waiting for legislator responses to cost estimates.)

Anderson Dumped from State GOP Exec. Committee

At the annual Republican Party 4th Congressional District Convention on March 21, former State Auditor and former GOP National Committee member Pat Anderson was defeated in her reelection effort by newcomer Tim Johnson of St. Paul. Johnson defeated Anderson by a vote of 57-26.

All congressional district organizations are allocated one seat on the State Executive Committee, which is the top governing body of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

Johnson informed delegates of his background in accounting and his belief that the party needed to direct its focus towards paying down debt. He also spoke about the obligation party officers have to follow the party's platform, which reflects the values of a majority of the delegates. He indicated that the platform process also needed to be respected, a process which requires that changes be approved by a majority vote.

Anderson's defeat came after she took several positions on issues over the past year which did not sit well with many party delegates. Anderson led the effort to ban endorsed Supreme Court candidate Michelle MacDonald from the State Fair booth, which placed the state party into a media circus. It was later revealed that MacDonald was Anderson's ex-husband's divorce attorney.

Anderson also supported the recent TV commercials put out by the state party calling for the entire budget surplus to be returned to taxpayers, which ran counter to the public position of House Speaker Kurt Daudt and the House GOP majority. Daudt has called for investing a portion of the surplus into road and bridge repair. In addition, in a recent *Pioneer Press* editorial column, Anderson chastised the party's platform position on gay marriage.

This wasn't the first time Anderson has found herself in opposition to a majority of party delegates. In 2012 while serving as a National Committee member, Anderson took a paid position as a lobbyist to advocate for the expansion of gambling. This was in direct conflict to the party platform position opposing the expansion of gambling. Anderson attempted to defend her actions at the convention stating that there were conflicts in the platform and therefore her lobbying position was a non-issue. Delegates disagreed, electing Janet Beihoffer in a 215-124 vote.

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Sen. Hoffman provides update on bills he has authored

Mar. 20 — It has been another very busy week in the Senate and I wanted to share a couple of the bills I have been working on. Your input is very valuable, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Senate File 1136, "Hope's Bill" will update and modernize accessibility laws

I am very proud to be chief author SF 1136 which was heard in Jobs, Agriculture, and Rural Development Committee this week. It is a rare privilege to have had the opportunity to work on this legislation with my daughter, Hope. The Americans with Disability Act, passed 25 years ago, required the move toward 'people first' language for the first time in our country's history. By visiting local parking lots and state websites it doesn't take long to see we still have a long way to go. Senate File 1136 updates current state laws to 'people first' language prohibiting the use of "handicap," "disabled," or "disability" on accessible parking signs.

The legislation also prohibits the use of the words "handicap" and "disabled" on any newly printed or digital media created or maintained by state agencies directing the public to accessible restrooms or accessible parking. Instead, a variation of the word "accessible" will be substituted. The legislation directs that any state agency must conform to these substitutions in order to continue to receive state aid.

In addition to requiring 'people first' language, the bill changes the wheelchair symbol on women's restrooms to a picture of a wheelchair symbol depicting a woman wearing a dress. The change symbolizes the idea that persons with disabilities shouldn't be presented as androgynous.

Senate File 1136 passed and was referred to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

Senate File 1530, Pharmacy Freedom of Choice Act

Under the terms of some pharmacy health plans, patients are required to have their specialty drug prescriptions filled through mail-order or specialty drug pharmacies. It seeks to address this issue by mandating that health plan companies allow enrollees to select a pharmacy or pharmacist of their choice to fill prescriptions, so long as the pharmacy or pharmacist agrees to the terms and conditions of the patient's drug benefit plan. This system has negatively impacted independent and smaller chain pharmacies in Minnesota.

This bill was heard in the Commerce Committee and the Health, Human Services and Housing Committee this week. I have chief authored this bill to change this market imbalance and to benefit consumers. Pharmacies, and especially local pharmacies, are the primary place Minnesota patients go for prescription medications and health information and services. In addition, the proposed legislation specifies that no health plan company can impose a co-payment, fee, or requirement for the consumer selecting the pharmacy of choice.

Currently, consumers in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin have the ability to choose their pharmacy.

Senate File 1530 passed the Commerce Committee and the Health, Human Services and Housing Committee and was referred to Finance.

Senate File 1325, Safer Fur Trapping Methods to prevent dog and other pet deaths

The Minnesota Fur Trapping Industry has a long history in Minnesota. Unfortunately, an unintended consequence of certain trapping methods is the accidental killing of dogs as well as other pets or companion animals. I have chief authored SF 1325 to make fur trapping safer for dogs and other collared pets.

Search and Rescue Dogs are especially at risk because they work off-leash on private and public land and cannot be selective where they are deployed. These highly trained, very expensive dogs are critical resources that support law enforcement in life and death search and rescue. There are very few of these special dogs in Minnesota and surely we can create a safer work environment for them.

There are proven trapping methods that can make it safer for outdoor enthusiasts, dog owners, and hunters to enjoy commonly used areas, including public management areas, without fear of body-grip traps on the ground.

Senate File 1325 has passed the Fish and Wildlife Committee, the Environment and Energy Committee and the Judiciary Committee and will now go to the Senate floor for a vote.



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Report from Sen. Chamberlain

Mar. 23 — Things are really picking up here a week before the Easter/Passover break. Committees are meeting late into the evening to hear as many bills as possible before committee deadlines. Here is a recap of some of the major issues that were discussed this week.

Education Committee

Education Committee action centered on the omnibus education policy bill (SF 1495), which consists of a number of other smaller bills that have been rolled into it. Significant provisions include allowing local school boards – without commissioner approval as currently required – to opt for flexible scheduling including a four-day school week; waiving the Labor Day school start law for this year only by allowing schools to start as early as September 1; improving existing law to address the reading difficulties of some students, especially those with dyslexia; expanding the criminal convictions that revoke or deny a teaching license; discouraging the use of suspensions for elementary students.

One particular part of this bill that deeply upsets me is the Governor's plan to drastically reduce annual math and reading tests for students. These tests provide information on school, teacher, and student performance. There is ample evidence to prove that the teachers' union is actively advocating for the least number of tests possible so as to lessen accountability for teachers.

Stark differences appear in budget priorities

This week Governor Dayton proposed a supplemental budget to account for the rest of the state surplus. His budget now includes a \$3.7 billion increase in spending, which amounts to a \$43 billion budget for fiscal years 2016-17. To put that in perspective, when Gov. Dayton took office in 2011, the state budget was \$34 billion. Minnesotans have already seen an explosion in taxes and spending, and adopting this plan would propel that spending even further – a 25% increase in just five years!

Additionally, there is almost no meaningful tax relief for Minnesota families in Gov. Dayton's plan. When Minnesota was facing a budget deficit a few years ago, he raised taxes by \$2 billion. Now that we've collected too much from taxpayers, it's still not enough, and he wants to increase the gas tax by 50%.

So far this session Republicans have introduced several common sense tax cuts to help seniors, military retirees, families with children, and more. My goal is to be a responsible steward of your money and plan for the long-term, as you would with your own family budget

Estate tax proposals aim to end double-taxation

This week, the Senate Taxes committee heard a series of bills dealing with the estate tax. Also known as the "death tax," this controversial tax applies to individuals' property when they die, provided that property is over a certain value. It affects about two percent of estates in a given year, and accounts for roughly one percent of four state taxes.

Most other states have done away with the estate tax all together; we're one of only fourteen states that still has it. I have drafted a bill SF 571 that would repeal this unfair tax.

Common sense ideas gain traction

Now that we're about half way through session, you'll start to hear more about agreements being made on budget proposals. After two years of tax increases, Senate Republicans have offered a comprehensive agenda to finally provide you with some relief and fix the things that aren't working. We're seeing encouraging signs that some of these bills are gaining traction, so keep an eye out for them as committee deadlines approach.

- "Retire in Minnesota Act" – Our retirees are an asset to our communities, but we risk losing them with our unfriendly tax policies. The "Retire in Minnesota Act" encourages our retirees to stay in Minnesota by eliminating the state tax on social security income.

- "Saluting Service" – Our veterans selflessly put their lives on the line for us. This bill lays out the welcome mat for them once they return home by exempting their military pension from the state income tax and provides targeted tax credits to give them better job opportunities.

- "Your School, Your Needs" -- This bold plan puts parents back in the driver's seat of their kids' education, frees our schools of burdensome mandates, and expects results. The plan increases school funding, gives schools more flexibility, doubles the education tax credit and allows it to be used for tuition, provides tools to retain the best teachers, and requires that students are proficient in reading before entering fourth grade and

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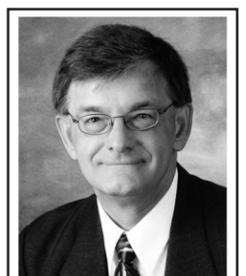
Governor wants to spend the state surplus

Gov. Mark Dayton's updated budget proposal issued last week calls for spending practically all of the \$2 billion state surplus and raise the state's General Fund commitment by \$3.7 billion from this two-year budget cycle to the next, up to \$43 billion. That is up \$866 million from his own budget proposal issued just a couple of months ago.

I disagree with continuing to raise state spending at that pace. Our state budget was \$34 billion when Dayton took office and, in just a few short years, he wants to increase it by around 26 percent. That trajectory is extremely concerning and unsustainable as our population ages, leaving fewer workers supporting a greater percentage of the population.

Commitments to spending we make today could come back to bite us in the future. We do not need another gigantic spending increase just two years after the governor and fellow Democrats already jacked up spending by historic levels (and passed historic tax increases along the way). And now the governor wants to pile a 6.5-percent tax on gas at the wholesale level on top of that.

The state's budget should not be growing faster than family budgets. Let's focus on our priorities, get a grip on state spending and give taxpayers some breathing room. Citizens deserve their tax dollars to be used carefully instead of being added to the heap of government waste.



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Quote of the Week:

“A staff member who reviewed the reintroduced bill had seen the Hyde provision in the bill but did not inform the senator. The senator was not aware that the provision was included until last Monday.”

- Julia Krahe, Staffer to Sen. Klobuchar

HE'S BACK!

Well, it's about time. After a long hiatus, a man well known to Watchdogs has returned to the county scene with a flourish.

Is it Jim Morrison? No. Jimmy Hoffa? Nope. Elvis? Not quite.

Our Eternal Lord and Savior? No, not quite.

It's none other than Roger Johnson, the salty tongued DFL wag with the sweet rug and a penchant for failing to get elected to just about every office in the county.

What brought him back to the Anoka County political scene? A long-rumored run for dog catcher? Perhaps he had a job with Community Action of Minneapolis that, ahem, ended suddenly? An internship with John Kitzhaber? A lobbying gig with Senator Tomassoni?

Who knows.

What we do know is that Johnson returned with a vengeance, unleashing an attack on Harold Hamilton, the Watchdog, the Anoka County Record, and the Anoka County Board all at once, proving his liberal, progressive, tolerance for all to see.

The attack was launched as a letter to the editor in a recent edition of the Anoka County Union, which boasts a readership about as large as your typical DFL blog in these parts.

Back the letter in a moment.

We have to admit that we're happy to have ol' Rog back. Heck we appreciated him more than his fellow DFLers, who never seemed to give him the political endorsements he so desperately wanted.

A prophet is never appreciated in his own land.

Why are we happy? Because Johnson is a worthy opponent. A true believer in collectivism with a dry wit and that lack of judgment that seems to afflict only the most myopic liberals and leads them to say and do things that gives the Watchdog staff weeks of material.

The past couple of years, it got way too easy for us.

The crop of liberals sent to defend the ramparts of liberalism in Anoka County were like lambs sent to the slaughter.

It wasn't that fun. Like fishing with dynamite.

Mel Aanerud. Peter Perovich. Wes Volkenant.

It was like watching the NFL with replacement players - and replacement refs.

We tried. We really did. Harold Hamilton ordered a full court press to get our readers to visit the Wes Volkenant blog. Our readers got mad at us for sending them to read such vapid and inane musings.

“You don't serve your guests card board,” one dissatisfied reader noted.

Sorry, dude. We play against the team that shows up.

Which brings us back to Roger Johnson, who has come charging out of retirement like Vinny Testaverde. Way past his prime, but better than the stiff under center we've been watching all season.

Excerpts from Johnson's letter were just classic. The letter was written in satirical format, “chastising”

fellow Democrats for expecting progressive government when Harold Hamilton has clearly dictated otherwise from the county board.

“To the victor go the spoils.” Publisher of The Anoka County Watchdog, Harold Hamilton, has worked feverishly to elect individuals at all levels of government who agree with his socialist-free view of America. He wants government out of our lives at all levels. He is a true believer in Laissez-faire government - an economic system in which transactions between private parties are free from government interferences such as regulations, restrictions, privileges, taxes, tariffs and subsidies. He wants government to let him do as he pleases, and to leave him alone, especially at tax time.

You darn right! Guilty as charged. Like the yin to the yang, Roger knows Harold Hamilton as well as Harold Hamilton knows Roger Johnson, who believes so much in liberalism, he actually thinks Obama is a competent chief executive.

A majority of county commissioners have taken money, advice or sustenance from Hamilton during their campaigns. And they won! We elected a County Board with a dominant Laissez-faire philosophy.

Truth to power. Word.

In fact, those who despise capitalism and free markets would be well served to move south. Ramsey County offers plenty of socialist programs to satisfy even the most radical collectivist.

We will continue to grow and cement a conservative culture and philosophy here in Anoka County.

Now there is one aspect of Johnson's letter we're going to blast because it's so bunk and untruthful.

There is a campaign underway by the liberals in Anoka County to discredit the Anoka County Record and convince local elected officials not to choose the newspaper as the official newspaper of local units of government in the county.

Recently, Anoka County selected the Record to publish official records and notices.

The smear campaign runs along the lines of “the Record isn't a real newspaper. It was chosen for political reasons. The Record will hide government dealings of the county and is in cahoots with the commissioners.”

As with most liberal narratives, it's heavy on untruthfulness and light on facts.

Liberalism is indeed the Funnions of intellectual life. Tastes good but is full of empty calories and will eventually rob you of your ambition and make you fat and lazy.

Sorry to interrupt the narrative, but there is a state law that governs the bidding and selection process for an official government newspaper.

Anoka County, like every other local jurisdiction follows a process to choose a newspaper.

The Record and the County followed the law. Because the liberals (what's left of them) and the Anoka County Union don't like it doesn't mean it was a rigged process.

Second, this is only a selection of an official newspaper, which means the Record gets to post all those legal notices no one ever reads.

There is nothing to prevent all credentialed media from continuing to cover the Anoka County Board, which follows the state's Open Meeting laws and publishes notices of meetings, agendas, minutes and otherwise makes government open and accessible.

And isn't it just like liberalism to try and make us forget the recent past.

If we want to revisit back-room government, all we need do is go back a couple of years to the rule of DFLer Dan Erhart, who ran the county board for many years.

Remember when county board meetings weren't televised?

Remember when citizens had to get prior approval to

speak to the board?

Remember when Dan Erhart didn't have an email, so his communications with constituents weren't recorded?

We do.

And so do others, which must be why Anoka County under Rhonda Sivarajah's leadership won a prestigious award for transparency.

C'mon, Roger. You need to up your game.

THE BIG GOVERNMENT CROWD GETS INDIGNANT

We're have to admit we're just loving the liberal narrative around here that the Anoka County Board is doing the bidding of Harold Hamilton these days.

Mr. Hamilton will always take credit for outsized influence and power, even if it isn't in the least bit true.

He only wishes elected officials would do his bidding, like those flying monkeys in the Wizard of Oz.

But the simple fact is that there is no “bidding” to be done, either in Anoka County or anywhere else.

When it comes to speaking to elected officials, Mr. Hamilton has one and only one request: govern in a manner that enhances freedom and limits government.

The benefits of that philosophy don't do the “bidding” of anyone. Instead, those benefits accrue to every citizen, regardless of race, color, creed, social or economic status.

Moreover, Hamilton never has and never will lobby government for a personal favor, benefit, subsidy, or hand out.

Which is quite unlike those on the other side of political divide, who do nothing but lobby the government for handouts and subsidies.

They lobby government to use the threat of force to take from one man to give to another.

They believe in force and coercion - for everything.

Force people to buy insurance.

Force people to pay into a bankrupt Social Security scheme.

Force day care providers into a union.

Hell, they even support a president who now wants to force people to vote.

All underpinned by the threat of governmental force.

Talk about doing someone's bidding. It's in your DNA. So is hypocrisy.

THE RE-TREADS ON THE BOARD

So what's the deal with the Connexus Energy Board of Directors? The job must pay well because it seems every couple of years there are former politicians who run for the board after their political careers peter out.

Not so long ago, it was erstwhile state Senator Debbie Johnson, who now seems to be on the Roger Johnson Track, running for every office that opens.

This time around, the candidate is former state Representative Kathy Tingelstad, she of Northstar Rail and Override-the-Governor fame.

The funny thing about campaigns for the popular vote is that they always involve oodles of rewriting history and the omission of key facts.

This campaign is no different.

Here's what Tingelstad has to say regarding her fitness to serve on the board of directors for an energy cooperative: Kathy Tingelstad served 12 years as a Minnesota State Legislator representing the regions served by Connexus Energy. She chaired the Committee on Governmental Operations, responsible for conservatively reviewing a \$500

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ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

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Thefts & Damage to Property

02.15 154xx Linnet St NW – gas siphoned from a vehicle

02.15 147xx Bluebird St NW – vandalism to a vehicle; mirrors torn off

02.17 140xx Norway St NW – unsecure vehicle; cash

02.19 16xx Crosstown Blvd NW – scrap metal stolen from the recycling center

02.20 31xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – package stolen from front step

02.21 146xx Jay St NW – damage to mailbox

02.23 30xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – musical equipment stolen Meadow Creek Church

02.24 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – counterfeit 50 dollar bill used at Festival Foods

02.25 169xx Crosstown Blvd NW – damage to mailbox

02.27 32xx Bunker Lake BLVD NW – vandalism to a vehicle; brake line cut

03.01 136xx Xavis St NW – smashed window of a vehicle; purse

03.03 2115 Andover Blvd NW - Andover HS; Ipad Mini and Keyboard stolen

03.03 15400 Hanson Blvd NW - Oakview MS; cell phone stolen

03.09 144xx Round Lake Blvd NW – license plates stolen off a vehicle

03.09 167xx Tulip St NW – fish house stolen from the property

03.06 44xx 149 Ln NW – package stolen from the property

03.14 23xx 151 Ave NW – vandalism to a home; egged

03.14 150xx Uplander St NW – vandalism to a home; egged

03.14 171xx Navajo St NW – vandalism to a home; lights smashed

03.16 2115 Andover Blvd NW – Andover HS; vandalism to a vehicle - keyed

Arrests

02.14 168xx Argon St NW – PI Accident, 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle personal injury crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. The female was transported to Mercy Hospital. Charges pending upon results of the blood test.

02.14 14500 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – Felony Flee in a Motor Vehicle, DWI; a deputy attempted to stop a driver for poor driving conduct. Deputies were able to stop the vehicle using a P.I.T. maneuver. The male was arrested.

02.22 Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Heather St NW – 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of an impaired driver at the location. The vehicle was stopped and the driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.15)

02.26 32xx 143 Ave NW – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety test were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.153)

02.27 133 Ln NW/Tulip St NW – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for not wearing a seat belt. The deputy then learned that the driver did not have a valid driver's license. The female was arrested.

02.28 Round Lake Blvd NW/156 Ave NW – 2nd Degree DWI, DAS; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.093)

03.10 Crosstown Blvd NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 3rd Degree DWI, Seat Belt Violation; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested.

03.12 17xx 139 Ln NW – Theft, Credit Card Fraud, ID Theft; deputies responded to the location for a report of a purse theft that had just occurred. The deputies patrolled the area and located a suspicious female get into a vehicle driven by a male. The vehicle was pulled over for several traffic violations. The victim's stolen items were in plain view in the backseat. A

search warrant was drafted and signed. The vehicle contained numerous, ID's, credit cards, gift cards, and stolen electronics. The male and female were arrested.

03.13 17700 Block Palm St NW – Violation of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order; deputies responded to a report of a violation of a DANCO order. It was determined that the order was violated. The male was arrested.

03.19 5xx 139 Ln NW – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a wife/husband domestic. The male was arrested.

Burglaries

02.26 43xx 145 Ave NW – forced entry front door; TV

03.11 74x 142 Ln NW – forced entry through sliding door; medications, electronics

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Thefts & Damage to Property

03.13 139xx Furman St NE – female reporting her SS# was fraudulently used to file a tax return

03.13 152xx Zurich St NE – license plates stolen off a vehicle

03.17 77xx 155 Ave NE – license plates stolen from a vehicle

Arrests

02.22 152xx Zurich St NE – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, DAR; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The female passenger was identified and had 3 confirmed felony warrants out of Chisago County. During the search of the female narcotics were located. The female was arrested.

03.05 Broadway Ave NE/Potomac St NE – 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle crash; driver appeared intoxicated and unable to perform field sobriety tests due to injury. The female was transported to Fairview Hospital, charges pending the results of the blood sample.

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Thefts & Damage to Property

02.25 237xx Hwy 65 NE – counterfeit bills received during a Craigslist sale

03.06 1xx Collen St NE – male reporting his SS# was used fraudulently to file a tax return

03.15 18xx 226 Ln NE – vandalism to a vehicle; window smashed.

Burglaries

03.08 188xx Breezy Point Dr NE – front door forced open; house torn apart

Arrests

02.17 226xx Durant St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

02.20 18700 Block Hwy 65 NE – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having expired tabs. The vehicle smelled of marijuana. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

02.21 208xx Austin St NE – 5th Degr. Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The female was arrested.

02.26 Hwy 65 NE/Klondike Dr NE – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for driving into oncoming traffic. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.286)

03.07 Viking Blvd NE/Jackson St NE – 1st Degr. DWI, DAC-IPS, Test Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were refused. The female driver was arrested along with the male passenger for felony warrants.

03.09 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

03.14 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a step-daughter/father domestic. Both the male and female were arrested.

HAM LAKE

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.14 165xx Tippecanoe St NE – vandalism to a vehicle; mirrors torn off

02.14 165xx Tippecanoe St NE – Vandalism to home; lights damaged

02.14 36xx 164 Ave NE – vandalism to garage; lights torn off

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million state Administration budget. She also served as a School Board Member and Treasurer for the Anoka-Hennepin School District, with an annual budget of about \$400 million. Her experience providing fiscal oversight will help bring new vision for the future of Connexus Energy.

Essentially, her claim to office is 12 years in politics working in situations that clearly have little to do with running an electric cooperative.

Where are the accomplishments? It's one thing to occupy a chair. It's another to actually get something done.

She claims she has provided "fiscal oversight." Got an example or two?

What we do know is that Tingelstad certainly didn't provide what we would deem "conservative review" of fiscal matters when she was in the House.

As mentioned, she was a champion for the \$317 million white elephant we know as Northstar rail.

As mentioned, she voted to override Governor Pawlenty's veto of a multi-billion tax increase for, among other things, mass transit.

In fact, in 2008 (her last year in the House), her Taxpayer's League of Minnesota legislative score was ZERO approval. In addition, her lifetime score is a mediocre 61%.

Did someone say "conservative review?" If so, Tingelstad obviously didn't hear it.

Tingelstad's candidacy begs the question we asked of Debbie Johnson's recent campaign for county commissioner.

Is she seeking office to truly serve and implement an agenda or is this simply a hunt for a pay check?

THE MET COUNCIL COMETH

It's a good thing Republicans took control of the Minnesota House this past November.

Among other benefits, there will now be some oversight of the Met Council, which continues to grow like The Blob.

The latest attempt at mass social engineering by this group of unelected, unaccountable political cronies of Mark Dayton is the imposition of "affordable" housing in the far exurbs, including cities like Carver and Andover.

In reading multiple news reports, it's hard to tell exactly why these exurbs were chosen to take on affordable housing units.

The reports mostly focused on the rapidly rising wealth of these cities, which has exactly nothing to do with where to locate housing for people who are in need of a host of governmental services.

It is an unfortunate fact that those who utilize government to subsidize their living arrangements also need a host of other governmental services like transportation, social services, law enforcement, and food stamps.

The far suburbs offer little in the way of these services.

For example, the Watchdog used Met Transit's trip planning tool to see what kind of mass transit services are available from a prominent Andover landmark, Andover High School.

There are no Met Council transit services within miles of the high school.

Thus, it appears there real motivation in this scheme is to simply force wealthier areas of the Metro to take some low income housing because, well, they "need" some.

We puzzled to say the least by this stunt. How locating people in need far from the services they require is good public policy escapes this publication.

If this is about punishing the exurbanites who live a lifestyle the liberals hate, that's been done in spades - most recently by massive income tax increases.

The Anoka County Watchdog is a place where concerned taxpayers can find fact-supported information and other resources about governmental waste and abuse in Anoka County. My intent is to provide you, the taxpayer, with the information you need to hold your local politicians accountable.

Visit my website and sign up for free weekly e-mail updates at www.AnokaCountyWatchdog.com or contact me personally at harold@anokacountywatchdog.com.

Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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CRIME REPORT *continued from page 4***HAM LAKE (continued)**

02.14 37xx Ave NE – vandalism to yard decor
 02.14 22xx 148 Ln NE – gas siphoned from a vehicle
 02.16 37xx 165 Ln NE – vandalism to a home; lights torn off
 02.17 165xx Edison St NE – vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed, spray painted, egged
 02.17 36xx 170 Ln NE – vandalism to a garage; lights torn off
 02.19 13xx 153 Ln NE – wheels stolen off a vehicle
 02.20 14xx Lombardy Dr NE – unsecure vehicle; cash, camera
 02.24 142xx London St NE – damage to mailbox
 02.26 20xx 133 Ln NE – theft from a construction site; tools
 03.02 19xx 149 Ave NE – damage to mailbox
 03.07 20xx 133 Ln NE – new construction home broken into; tools
 03.08 3xx 167 Ln NE – damage to mailbox
 03.10 23xx 145 Ln NE – vandalism to a home; egged, spray painted
 03.10 25xx 148 Ave NE – vandalism to a home and vehicle; egged, spray painted
 03.14 80xx Edgewood Dr NE – vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed
 03.18 15300 Hwy 65 NE – business; 5 vehicles broken into - parts, tires stolen
 03.19 60xx Edgewood Dr NE – vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed

Arrests

02.19 80xx Pinewood Dr NE – House Fire; deputies responded to a house fire at the location. Ham Lake Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured.
 02.20 159xx Pierce St NE – 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of a reckless driver at the location. The vehicle was stopped and the driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.
 02.21 Hwy 65 NE/Crosstown Blvd NE – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for items hanging from the rear view mirror. The driver admitted to having narcotics in his possession. The male was arrested.
 02.27 14xx Crosstown Blvd NW – Counterfeit Bill; deputies responded to the Holiday Gas station regarding the use of a counterfeit 20 dollar bill. The male that used the bill was located and arrested. The Criminal Investigation Division was advised.
 02.28 Hwy 65 NE/Constance Blvd NE – 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a two vehicle property damage crash. One of the driver's appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. (.165)
 03.01 18xx Deerwood Ln NE – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to an Aunt/niece domestic. The niece was arrested.
 03.02 Hwy 65 NE/169 Ave NE – 5th Degree Controlled Substance, DAS, No Insurance; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The driver also admitted to not having insurance on the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.
 03.07 400 Block of Bunker Lake Blvd NE – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle for not having a working license plate light. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.18)
 03.14 165xx Bataan St NE – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a sister/brother domestic. Both the male and female were arrested.
 03.16 Hwy 65 NE/Andover Blvd NE – 2nd Degree Assault, Violation of an Order For Protection; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. It was determined that the female had violated an OFP and assaulted the male with a weapon. The female was arrested.
 03.18 3rd Degree DWI Test Refusal, 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a male passed out behind the wheel of a running vehicle. The male appeared intoxicated and was unable to perform field sobriety tests. The male was brought to Mercy Hospital for medical attention. The male received his citations by mail.

03.07 400 Block of Bunker Lake Blvd NE – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle for not having a working license plate light. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.18)

03.14 165xx Bataan St NE – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a sister/brother domestic. Both the male and female were arrested.

03.16 Hwy 65 NE/Andover Blvd NE – 2nd Degree Assault, Violation of an Order For Protection; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. It was determined that the female had violated an OFP and assaulted the male with a weapon. The female was arrested.

03.18 3rd Degree DWI Test Refusal, 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a male passed out behind the wheel of a running vehicle. The male appeared intoxicated and was unable to perform field sobriety tests. The male was brought to Mercy Hospital for medical attention. The male received his citations by mail.

Burglaries

03.01 172xx East Lake Netta Dr NE – new construction home; tools
 03.06 159xx Guadalcanal St NE – front door forced open; alarm went off, nothing stolen
 03.14 47xx Lexington Ave NE – broken basement window; tools, ammo

LINWOOD**Thefts & Damage to Property**

02.14 73xx 242 Ave NE – vandalism to a vehicle; damage to the door
 02.21 69xx Viking Blvd NE – theft from a fish house; fishing equipment
 03.11 232xx Typo Creek Dr NE – license plates stolen off a vehicle

03.16 223xx Sunrise Rd NE – damage to mailbox

Arrests

02.18 7100 Block Fawn Lake Dr NE – deputies responded to a single vehicle personal injury crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. The male was transported to Fairview Wyoming Hospital. Charges pending upon results of the blood test.

02.18 218xx Viking Blvd NE – 1st Degree sale of a Controlled Substance, Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle; while assisting the Anoka Hennepin Drug Task Force a pursuit began. The vehicle eventually crashed. The male was arrested.

03.04 Lyons St NE/234th Ln NE – DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.081)

03.10 20400 Block of Viking Blvd NE – deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.263)

03.15 Fawn Lake Dr NE/Lyons St NE – Violation of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order; deputies responded to a report of a violation of a DANCO order. It was determined that the order was violated. The female was arrested.

Burglaries

03.08 223xx Sunrise Rd NE – front door forced open; guns

NOWTHEN**Arrests/Incidents**

02.19 203xx St. Francis Blvd NW – Building Fire; deputies responded to a structure fire at the location. Multiple different fire agencies responded and extinguished the fire. No one was injured in the fire.

02.14 71xx Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The driver had two felony warrants out of Hennepin County and Sterns County. The male was arrested.

03.07 Baugh St NW/190 Ave NW – DAC-IPS, Speeding; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The deputy then learned the driver did not have a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

03.13 58xx Norris Lake Rd NW – Violation of a DANCO Order; deputies responded to a report of a violation of a domestic abuse no contact order. It was determined that the order had been violated. The male was arrested.

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.01 Norris Lake Rd NW/Jarvis St NW – stop sign stolen from the location

03.08 187xx Iman St NW – construction site; tools, building material

03.11 94xx Viking Blvd NW – 5 vehicles located tearing up the grass at the location

03.15 197xx Iguana St NW – vandalism to a building; water line cut

OAK GROVE**Thefts & Damage to Property**

03.09 31xx Viking Blvd NW – credit cards stolen from a purse

03.14 219xx Cottonwood St NW – tabs stolen of vehicle license plate

Arrests

02.27 192xx Lake George BLVD NW – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .22

03.08 12xx 190 Ave NW – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The male was arrested.

03.08 182xx Swallow St NW - 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a step-daughter/father domestic. The male was arrested.

03.14 Lake George Blvd NW/181 Ave NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for failing to stop at a stop sign. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .10

03.17 Viking Blvd NW/Cedar Dr NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .12

03.19 8x 197 Ln NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a female/male domestic. The male was arrested.

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proficient in both reading and math before graduating high school.

• Fixing MNsure – For nearly three years, Republicans have tried to get a seat at the table to fix the MNsure health insurance exchange. This week, the governor finally admitted we might have to scrap the program, but he wants to spend another year studying the issue. On both sides of the aisle, my colleagues and I have already proposed several potential solutions. We can't continue to watch as Minnesotans struggle to get timely and affordable health insurance – it's time to act.

Townhall Meeting March 30

I will be participating in a townhall meeting on Monday, March 30, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Maplewood Library. The library is located at 3025 Southlawn Dr. Maplewood, MN 55109. I would encourage you to come and discuss the state budget and other legislative issues.

Important Dates This Session:

March 28-April 6 – Easter/Passover Break
 April 24th – Last Bill Deadline
 May 18th – Adjournment

State Executive Committee *continued from page 1*

In other convention business, it was revealed that under Congressional District Chair Jim Carson's leadership, their largest fundraiser lost over \$7000, having raised only \$4,000 in contributions to cover \$11,000 in expenditures. It was also noted that after making a sizable expenditure for office furniture, the congressional district's campaign office plans largely fell through and the furniture is now in storage. — *ACR staff*

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

This notice is to announce the beginning of a thirty-day (30) public comment and review period of the 2015-2019 Anoka County Consolidated Plan and one year Action Plan including the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's section of the Dakota County Consortium's 2015 program year Action Plan. The purpose of the public comment period is to receive comments from and to pass information to the general public concerning the proposed housing and community development objectives of Anoka County and the projected use of program year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds.

The Anoka County portion of the Consortium 2015 Action Plan is a component of the 2015 to 2019 Five-year Consolidated Plan. Its purpose is to enable localities to examine their needs and design ways to address those needs that are appropriate to their circumstances. It is intended to (1) promote citizen participation and the development of local priority needs and objectives by providing comprehensive information on the jurisdiction that is easy to understand; (2) coordinate statutory paperwork and minimize the federal intrusion into state and local planning activities and to simplify the process of requesting and obtaining federal funds available on a formula basis; (3) promote the development of an action plan that provides the basis for assessing performance; and (4) encourage consultation with public and private agencies, including those outside a single jurisdiction to identify shared needs and solutions.

Summary of the proposed uses of the 2015 CDBG Program funds:

Public Service projects benefiting low to moderate-income people: ACCAP Chores & More \$25,000; Alexandra House, Inc. Follow-Up Services \$30,000; Cars for Neighbors, Inc. Emergency Car Repair Program \$30,000; Family Life Coordinated Care \$30,000; Impact Services Meals on Wheels \$35,000; Lee Carlson Center Meals for Members \$25,000; Linwood Senior Center Appliance Replacement \$14,998; North Suburban Counseling Complimentary Aromatherapy/Relax \$10,000; SACA Freezer purchase \$10,000. Projects, planning and administration: Anoka County Administration \$263,916; Anoka County Fair Housing \$3,000; ACCAP Manufactured Home Removal/Reconstruction \$220,000; Columbia Heights Central Avenue Contamination Clean-Up \$300,000; Coon Rapids Single Family Home Rehabilitation Program \$198,245 and unallocated project funds in the amount of \$210,223.

Summary of the proposed uses of the 2015 HOME Program funds:

CHDO Project: Shorview Area Housing Initiative (SAHI) acquisition and rehabilitation of home located at 8 East Road, Circle Pines, MN. 55014 \$130,000. Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Inc. acquisition of 5 vacant lots in the Woodland Village development in Blaine \$175,000. Unallocated HOME funds \$61,454.

HOME Administration \$40,717

Written comments may be submitted to the Anoka County HRA to the attention of Kate Thunstrom, Community Development Manager, 2100 Third Avenue, STE 700, Anoka, Minnesota 55303-5024. Telephone: 763-323-5714, Fax: 763-323-5682. Comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on April 27, 2015. Upon request the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the 2015 Action Plan can be made available in an alternative format.

/s/ _____

Assistant County Attorney

/s/ _____

ACHRA Executive Director

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CITY OF HAM LAKE SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

5:30 P.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 P.M.

2.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

2.1 Interview of Park and Tree Commissioner

Denise Webster

City Clerk

(Published Mar. 27, 2015

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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RBA Retail

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13165 Bittersweet Street NE, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

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:

**Robert A. Arndt
13165 Bittersweet Street NE, Coon Rapids, MN 55448**

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: Feb 27, 2015,

#814363500025,

/s/ Robert A. Arndt

(Published Mar. 27, Apr. 3, 2015

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Anoka County Community Development Department 2100 Third Avenue, Suite 700

Anoka, MN 55303

763-323-5764

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Anoka.

Request for Request of Funds

On or about April 13, 2015, the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the following project:

2014 Reallocated HOME Funds — funds will be used to assist in the purchase of vacant property and newly construct a 47 unit, multi-family, rental, development. CommonBond Communities will be administering this funding in the amount of \$300,000.00. Income eligible families will occupy the designated HOME units and all federal guidelines will be met. Location is as follows:

Unassigned situs, Ramsey, MN. Out lot corner A, COR One. PIN #: 28-32-25-31-0019

Finding Of No Significant Impact

The County of Anoka has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file in the County Community Development Department, 2100 Third Avenue, Suite 700, Anoka, MN 55303-5024 and may be examined weekdays 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the County of Anoka. All comments received by 4:30 pm on April 10,

2015, will be considered by the County of Anoka Prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and project they are addressing.

Release of Funds

The County of Anoka certifies to HUD that Anoka County and Jerry Soma, in his capacity as Administrator of Anoka County, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the County of Anoka to use program funds.

Objections to the Release of Funds

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Anoka's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer or other officer of the County of Anoka; (b) the County of Anoka has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24C.F.R. Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 C.F.R. Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40C.F.R. Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 C.F.R. Part 58) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 920 Second Avenue South, Suite 1300, Minneapolis, MN 55402. HUD will not consider objections to the release of funds on the bases other than those stated above. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

/s/ Jerry Soma
Anoka County Administrator
Anoka County Government Center
2100 Third Avenue, Suite 700
Anoka, MN 55303-5024
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ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on March 10, 2015. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2015-31 EIS Need Declaration, #2015-32 Agreement with MnDOT, #2015-33 Watershed District Permitting, #2015-34 Highway 10 Funding Proposal Support, #2015-35 Economic Assistance Payments, #2015-36 Nutrition Month, #2015-37 DRA Compliance Officer Appointment, and #2015-38 Easements Conveyance. 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

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2. Principal Place of Business:

14954 Aberdeen St NE #2, Ham Lake, MN 55304

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SS LLC, 14954 Aberdeen St NE #2, Ham Lake, MN 55304

Susan Syl Stang, 18544 Everglade Dr NE, East Bethel MN 55092

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: Mar. 18, 2015,
#817928500027,
/s/ Susan Syl Stang
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ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-10

Description of Bid/RFP:

Advertisement for Bids for Highway Department Large Vehicle Storage Building Painting

Bid Opening: April 14, 2015.

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.

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ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-12

Description of Bid/RFP:

Advertisement for Bids for the Rehabilitation of 10021 Larch Street NW, Coon Rapids, MN

Bid Opening: April 21, 2015.

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.

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Convoy of Hope Minneapolis

2. Principal Place of Business:

7777 University Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park MN 55432

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:

Emmanuel Christian, Center of the Assemblies of God, Inc., 7777 University Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park MN 55432

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: Mar. 5, 2015,
#815281100021,
/s/ Robert J. Foster, Esq.
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ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-12

Description of Bid/RFP:

Advertisement for Bids for the Rehabilitation of 10021 Larch Street NW, Coon Rapids, MN

Bid Opening: April 21, 2015.

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.

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ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-01

Description of Bid/RFP:

Advertisement for Bids for Rice Creek Bank Stabilization & Trail Reconstruction, Rice Creek West Regional Trail, Manomin Park

Bid Opening: April 17, 2015.

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

Synergy Purchasing

2. Principal Place of Business:

1441 120th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

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:

Kent Madsen, 1441 120th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

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.

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/s/ Kent Madsen
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF MN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANOKA CO. GYPSY MOTH ERADICATION PROGRAM

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) are making available to the public an environmental assessment for the Gypsy Moth Cooperative Eradication Program in Anoka County, MN. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the document should contact John Haanstad (USDA-APHIS-PPQ, 900 American Blvd East, Suite 204, Bloomington, MN 55420), Kimberly Thielen Cremers (MDA, 625 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55155) or view the document at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/ea/>. Interested persons should request the document, "Gypsy Moth Cooperative Eradication Program in Anoka County, MN". Anyone wishing to comment on the document should send comments to an address shown above by April 25, 2015. Any comments received will be considered and may result in changes to the proposed program. For general questions concerning the Gypsy Moth Cooperative Eradication Program please contact Anthony Man-Son-Hing at (919) 855 - 7331.

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