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Col Hts mayor calls OML violation “much ado about nothing”

City Manager: “We could have handled it differently”

An explanation of the reasons behind an illegal closed meeting by the Columbia Heights Library Board June 1st was given by city manager Walter Fehst during the council's televised meeting June 22.

Councilman Bruce Nawrocki asked Fehst at the previous council meeting for a report.

I was present at the Library Board meeting June 3 and wrote a column about it for the June 12 edition of the *Record*.

Fehst described the closed portion of the Library Board's meeting as “informational only; someone was going in for an operation, and they wanted to make that known without having the snoop...” Nawrocki then caught Fehst in mid-sentence and asked, “why did they have to do that as a closed session?”

Although Patricia Sowada is the library board chair, it must have slipped Fehst's mind because he kept referring to the chair as a man, presumably board member and former chair Steven Smith. Smith told me before the June 3 Library Board meeting that a portion of the meeting would be closed and that I would have to leave the room.

Fehst deflected any finger-pointing at city hall: “the administration did not call that session, the chairman did.”

“He didn't want that health issue to be reported...there wasn't any move to deceive the public, I can guarantee you that.”

“It could have been handled differently, but it wasn't,” Fehst admitted. Fehst should have said, “it could have been handled *legally*.”

We are told that the library board (all members were present) wanted to sit around the cracker barrel and talk privately about a library employee's health issues. The subject matter is irrelevant, the closed meeting was held improperly. (See *Anoka County Record*, June 12, 2015 for city code and state statutes cited).

The first thing the Library Board members don't seem to understand is that they cannot be in a room together without it being noticed. If the subject matter is purely social, it still should be noticed if only for the sake of appearances. The Anoka County Board members frequently attend events where no county business will be

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Fridley city staff starts planning next 5-year Capital Improvement Plan

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

Mid-summer is that time of year when city councils are briefed by staff as to needs for next year's budget and the five-year capital improvement plan. The “CIP” serves as a road map for the next five years of expected purchases as well as a wish list for items or projects that may or may not be approved as time goes on but it all goes on the list.

The Fridley City Council had such a briefing at an off-camera meeting in the basement of city hall on June 15. The large CIP packet provided to the council (all members were present), covering the years 2016 through 2020, came to a total of over \$33 million in projected spending.

The city's police department plans to replace four of its 29 vehicles in 2016 at a projected cost of \$188,000, and the retired vehicles will be sold at auction. Another large expenditure for police and fire that cannot be avoided is the purchase of new radio communications. The older radios will not work with new ones that have the ability to encrypt frequencies. Law enforcement agencies around the country are beginning to use encryption. The old radios will be handed down to Fridley's public works and parks maintenance departments. The expected cost of the change is over \$400,000.

Fire Department expenditures planned for 2017 and 2018 include two new rescue trucks and a car, for \$169,000. In 2019 there is a projected purchase of \$250,000 for a firefighter's breathing apparatus. A new fire engine (\$650,000) is planned for 2020.

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Paperless trail costs Minnesota taxpayers dearly

By Tom Steward | *Watchdog.Org Minnesota Bureau*

On paper, going paperless in government makes sense. Staff armed with iPads can significantly reduce the time spent entering duplicative data for participants in government programs and increase efficiency in providing services, theoretically saving taxpayers.

Yet Winona County is paying dearly for being on the cutting edge of implementing an electronic data management system. What started out as a promised profit center based on selling EDMS software and services to other counties turned into a money pit that may never break even.

“We're into it for multiple millions, and it was supposed to not be a burden on our taxpayers. It was supposed to be a blessing to our taxpayers,” said Steve Jacob, Winona County Board chair. “It's never going to be a blessing. It's how much we can ease the burden of the program.”

The EDMS program was pitched by Winona County information technology director Mark Anderson and then county administrator Duane Hebert as a way to manage a skyrocketing human services workload and shrinking staff. It followed years of meetings between several southeastern Minnesota counties focused on streamlining costs and services.

The initial project approved by commissioners was expected to cost about \$350,000 and pay for itself within 20 months, board documents show. To date, Winona County has spent some \$2.3 million on the digital document system since the project's inception. Revenue from other counties totals about \$710,000, covering about one third of the system's cost to date, leaving Winona County taxpayers to subsidize the remainder.

Anderson was out of the office and unavailable for comment. Hebert insists the board approved the first phase —financial services — of a project that was always expected to run over \$1 million.

“We either had to hire more staff or find a way to be more efficient,” Hebert said. “...My guess is that number of \$350,000 paying off within 20 months takes into account not having to hire or spend \$50,000 per employee. At one point, I believe the request was for three or four employees to be hired.”

Yet one commissioner who voted to approve EDMS in October 2011 says everyone involved can take some responsibility for not being more hands-on.

“We approved a concept. We didn't have contracts, we didn't have exact costs, we didn't have a frame work of how it was going to be managed. All those things,” said Winona County Commissioner Marcia Ward.

“I think anyone who said they weren't aware of it on the county board, probably isn't being really upfront,” Hebert said. “All that information was provided to the county board when they made their decision.”

The confusion was compounded with revelations a year ago that officials had taken paperless to a new level, inadvertently failing to execute contracts — on paper or electronically — with five counties signed up to help pay for the project.

The bad news surfaced when Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston and Wabasha counties complained about sticker shock on a combined bill for almost \$400,000. But there was no way to know for sure how much the counties actually owed for EDMS services. The paperless trail and lack of documentation led the counties to withhold payment and renegotiate the deal.

“That's when we questioned it, whoa, what's this \$100,000 for? And not just us. All of the counties were questioning, ‘where's this coming from?’” said Bobbie Vickerman, Fillmore County coordinator. “We all paid the up-front fees, and so we were just trying to verify what the actual cost was.”

Winona County ultimately backed down and cut the counties' combined bill by about 40 percent. Fillmore County's bill shrank by more than 50

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NOT SO FAST: Winona Co. Board chair Steve Jacob says commissioners realized going paperless will not be a money-maker, even though the system leads to efficiencies.

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There are a number of tractors, mowers, plows, dump trucks, pickup trucks, a (water) tanker truck and loaders, among other items on the list for the parks and public works departments. The items that were detailed in the meeting packet, with photos of this heavy equipment totaled \$1.35 million.

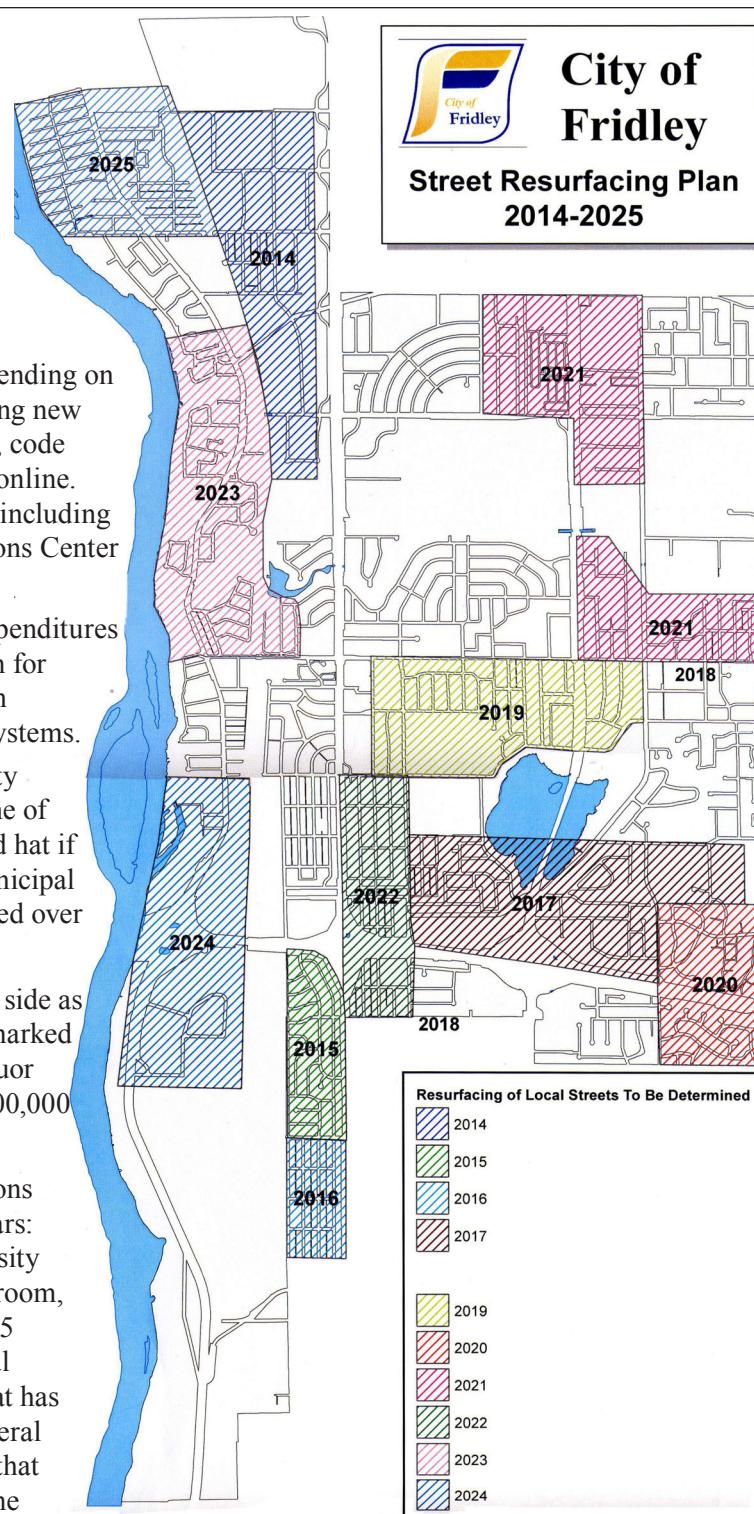
\$1.36 million is the projected five-year spending on technology improvements, from purchasing new computers to software for police vehicles, code inspections and taking park reservations online. The purchase of audio-visual equipment, including a Smartboard for the Emergency Operations Center is also planned for next year.

The five-year plan lists \$3.1 million of expenditures for parks improvements, over \$9.4 million for streets, nearly \$7 million for water system improvements and \$2 million for sewer systems.

\$3.5 million worth of improvements to city buildings is also on the CIP, however some of these items may be knocked into a cocked hat if the city council moves to build a new municipal building campus, which has been discussed over the past few months.

Some items on the list were left off to the side as projects that have no funding source earmarked for them. One of these items is a third liquor store location, which has a price tag of \$900,000 on the CIP.

Two projects regarding the liquor operations are on the docket over the next couple years: a \$25,000 addition to the store off University Avenue to be used as an employee break room, and a \$400,000 remodeling of the Hwy. 65 liquor store. City Manager Wally Wysopal said at the meeting that liquor revenue that has traditionally been placed in the city's general fund will now be spent on specific items that residents can see, to show the benefit of the liquor profits.



Fridley street resurfacing plan (*courtesy Fridley Public Works Dept.*)

Observations from the Field: OML violation is "much ado about nothing"

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discussed but a notice is posted anyway.

The Library Board has no authority to hold a closed meeting with only one exception we could find: matters of security of the library building. Why the board can't hold other closed meetings is because it has no authority over anything that closed meetings are usually called for: purchasing or selling land, disciplining employees, hiring or firing of employees, including the Library Director, and so on. What falls under the purview of the Library Board is spelled out clearly in the city code, and the board is *advisory*.

Fehst's explanation suggests that Smith didn't want to see the person's health issues discussed in this newspaper. This seems very thin. Do these people not read this newspaper? When has this newspaper discussed someone's personal problems? The answer is never.

This newspaper reports on the *actions* of government. We also comment on those actions.

Fehst also said at the council meeting that it would have been an illegal act for a reporter to hear the discussion of an employee's health issues. That is true, but it also applies to everyone in that room apart from the Library Director. The Library Board is not the employer. Only the employer can discuss with the employee.

We also don't know if the discussion ever touched upon an employee needing a leave of absence, a discussion of benefit packages and the like. These would be matters for the Library Director and the Human Resources Director. The Library Board *has no authority* to be discussing such things or

making any decisions.

It must not have occurred to anyone involved that holding a closed meeting piggy-backed on an open meeting, without notice, may be improper.

If the employee wanted to speak of personal matters to the library board members, there are things like the telephone, U.S. mail and other means to communicate.

The controversy was brought up again toward the end of the June 22 council meeting when the irked mayor Gary Peterson ignored the questions of propriety. "It was a personal matter and they didn't think he (this reporter) needed to know about it" and "it's much ado about nothing, as far as I'm concerned." While the city attorney stayed silent, Fehst and Peterson's remarks focused only on the content of the closed meeting, and since neither were at the meeting, they, and the public, are taking this information on faith.

This episode shines a spotlight on a larger problem in Columbia Heights, where government officials and staff play it very loose. Things are not done "by the book" here. Commission members and city staff could use some training from IPAD and the League of Minnesota Cities.

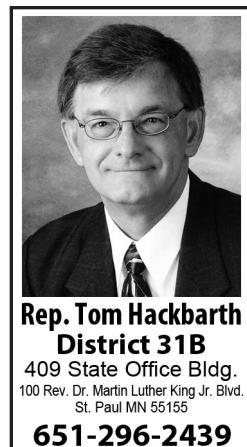
Ironically, city councilor Donna Schmitt complained at this same meeting that the council was receiving Library Board meeting minutes from the last four months. She inquired as to why there was such a delay. It was explained that the library employee who takes the meeting minutes didn't know they were supposed to be forwarded to the city clerk for distribution to the city council. *ACR*



Cranes are in action at Essar Steel in Nashwauk. The House committee I chair visited that site and a number of others during a tour of the Iron Range last week.

I think we opened some eyes during a three-day trip through the Iron Range last week.

As chairman of the House Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy Committee, it was a good experience to bring members of that panel to several sites on the Range last Wednesday through Friday. The Legislature did a lot of big things to help rural Minnesota and the outstate regions in general at the Capitol this year and there is huge potential for the Iron Range in the future.



The bottom line is we are working on establishing common-sense regulations so we can tap into a world-class deposit of material while still being environmentally responsible. Advances in technology have been made to address concerns of the past and there is once again great potential for growth in northern Minnesota. Other House members are learning about this potential.

Visit the Iron Range and you can see how this proud region could use a shot in the arm. Iron ore is more volatile in terms of downturns when construction slows, but the materials they are talking about mining now – such as copper-nickel, palladium and cobalt – are steadier.

Our tour began Wednesday with stops at Magnetation Mining in Grand Rapids, Minntac in Mountain Iron and Mineview in the Sky in Virginia. Our group also participated in a fly-over tour of the Iron Range that day to gain a different perspective. Over Thursday and Friday, we visited Lake Vermillion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park in Soudan, TwinMetals in Ely, the Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle State Recreation Area in Gilbert, PolyMet Mining in Hoyt Lakes and the Hibbing Drill Core Library and Essar Steel in Nashwauk.

The Off-Highway area made for some interesting rides on ATVs and some of the folks who came back were caked in mud. A big thanks to Arctic Cat and the DNR for helping make this happen.

Editor's Note: Besides Rep. Hackbart, the legislators on this committee are: Representatives Dale Lueck (R, 10B), David Dill (DFL, 3A), Mark Anderson (R, 9A), Tom Anzelc (DFL, 5B), John (Jack) Considine Jr. (DFL, 19B), Tony Cornish (R, 23B), Jerry Hertaus (R, 33A), Brian Johnson (R, 32A), Debra Kiel (R, 1B), Eric Lucero (R, 30B), Denny McNamara (R, 54B), Carly Melin (DFL 6A), Jason Metsa (DFL, 6B) and Barb Yarusso (DFL, 42A).

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Quote of the Week: Capitalism demands the best of every man-his rationality-and rewards him accordingly. It leaves every man free to choose the work he likes, to specialize in it, to trade his product for the products of others, and to go as far on the road of achievement as his ability and ambition will carry him. His success depends on the objective value of his work and on the rationality of those who recognize that value. When men are free to trade, with reason and reality as their only arbiter, when no man may use physical force to extort the consent of another, it is the best product and the best judgment that win in every field of human endeavor, and raise the standard of living-and of thought-ever higher for all those who take part in mankind's productive activity. — Ayn Rand

Quote of the Week II: The point is, ladies and gentleman, that greed, for lack of a better word, is good. Greed is right, greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed, in all of its forms; greed for life, for money, for love, knowledge has marked the upward surge of mankind. And greed, you mark my words, will not only save Teldar Paper, but that other malfunctioning corporation called the USA. — Gordon Gekko

CAPITALISM WORKS

Pope Francis late last week released his encyclical on global warming, entitled "Laudato Si."

A lengthy and ambitious work, the document addresses global warming specifically, but is really more about capitalism, the environment, and the economic state of mankind.

Addressed to "every living person on this planet," the Pope states, "I would like to enter a dialogue with all people about our common home."

The Watchdog is pleased to accept that invitation.

While readers of this publication well know that we consider the issue of man-made global warming to be so much bunk, we really take issue with the Pope's condemnation of capitalism.

And make no mistake about it. His encyclical is a very direct and caustic attack on capitalism.

To quote:

"We need to reject a magical conception of the market, which would suggest that the problems can be solved simply by an increase in the profits of companies or individuals."

"At one extreme, we find those who doggedly uphold the myth of progress and tell us that ecological problems will solve themselves simply with the application of new technology and without any need for ethical considerations or deep change."

"The culture of relativism is the same disorder which drives one person to take advantage of another, to treat others as mere objects, imposing forced labour on them or enslaving them to

pay their debts. The same kind of thinking leads to the sexual exploitation of children and abandonment of the elderly who no longer serve our interests. It is also the mindset of those who say: Let us allow the invisible forces of the market to regulate the economy, and consider their impact on society and nature as collateral damage."

"Is it not the same relativistic logic which justifies buying the organs of the poor for resale or use in experimentation, or eliminating children because they are not what their parents wanted? This same "use and throw away" logic generates so much waste, because of the disordered desire to consume more than what is really necessary."

At the outset, it is clear that Francis bases his thesis on two critical flaws.

The first is that he misunderstands the nature of capitalism and capitalists.

Capitalism does not exploit other human beings or fail to honor the intrinsic value of each human.

To the contrary, capitalism honors the intrinsic value of people by giving them a means to deal with each other in voluntary exchanges based on the freedom of each person to act in the marketplace to the extent that they wish.

Moreover, capitalism allows each person to go as far as their talents and work ethic will take them.

Capitalism has no gulags. Capitalism has no re-education camps.

The Pope also fails to acknowledge the very real and the very important charitable work of some of the most ardent capitalists of our time.

The captains of industry have given billions upon billions of their fortunes to charitable causes.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is one prominent example of the good work the rational pursuit of profits has enabled with respect to creating a better quality of life for the underdeveloped world.

In short, the Pope ascribes only the most base, crass and nefarious motives to market actors. They are rapacious and avaricious, he says.

But what about the charitable works described above? What about the entire notion of corporate responsibility? Corporate ethics is a very real notion.

The second flaw in the Pontiff's thinking is that he condemns the basic human desire: the pursuit of our rational self-interest. Human beings are hard wired to pursue prosperity, to consume goods and services that help us live better and live well.

In fact, it is this desire that has lifted up mankind, NOT caused its downfall.

The rational pursuit of profits has caused our best and brightest over time to pour their talents into products and services that have saved lives and increased our standard of living.

On the other end, the desire of humans to consumer those goods and services has given those talented folks the incentive to create those life-changing items.

So which country created more and better life-changing things? The Soviet Union or the United States?

England or North Korea?

Japan or Albania?

The desire to pursue prosperity, either as entrepreneur or consumer, is the driving force behind a rising standard of living for all mankind.

To be clear, this isn't to say that the Pope doesn't raise very real or very important concerns.

Capitalism isn't perfect. Force and fraud happens. Environmental degradation is real. Inequality remains.

In addition, the moral questions underpinning these issues demand thoughtful consideration and contemplation. What is our duty to the less fortunate? When does consumerism cross the line into wastefulness? What is our shared duty to protect shared natural resources like air and water? These are real issues that we all need to confront.

The consideration of these issues, however, leads to our biggest criticism of Laudato Si.

The Pope unfairly compares capitalism to an ideal and unrealistic standard.

Yes, capitalism has shortcomings and pitfalls that must be addressed on an ongoing basis.

But compared to what?

This situation reminds us of presidential polling. Candidates who are placed against a generic candidate always fare worse than when compared to other candidates.

This is because poll respondents always see in the generic candidate their ideal (and non-existent) candidate. The real candidate is always compared to the perfect candidate.

That same dynamic is at work here.

Compared to the ideal economic system, capitalism looks bad. After all, it's been famously said that capitalism is the worst economic system ever conceived - except for all the others.

Unfortunately, that ideal system doesn't exist. Never has, never will.

How ironic that the Pope condemns the only economic system that honors what he honors.

Capitalism is hands down the best system to recognize the dignity of the individual, lift them from poverty, and best protect the environment.

The inconvenient reality for the Pope is that the only alternative to capitalism is some form of a command and control economy.

Clearly, those systems place the power of the state over the rights of the individual. Those systems preach the priority of the "common good" over the needs of the individual. Those systems exploit people and have wrought severe damage to the environment.

There is severe inequality in North Korea, where a political elite enjoys a lavish lifestyle while millions are denied the most basic human needs like food and shelter.

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China has nearly destroyed their environment.

The dictators of Cuba have systematically imprisoned, tortured, and killed political opponents.

The undeniable truth is that capitalism is the unquestioned champion of human dignity and security.

Only one economic system places the individual over the state. That's capitalism.

KING-SIZE INJUSTICE

As this issue goes to press, the Supreme Court of the United States has just issued its ruling in the King vs. Burwell case, the one dealing with public subsidies for those who purchase insurance on a health insurance exchange.

By way of background, the case is based on a challenge to federal tax subsidies that are offered for insurance purchased on both the federal exchange and those operated by states.

At issue is plain language in the health care law that authorizes subsidies for insurance purchased on an exchange "operated by the state."

The challenge argued that the language made it clear that there were only subsidies for insurance purchased on a state exchange and not the federal exchange.

The very plain language of the text makes it clear that subsidies are unavailable for insurance purchased on the federal exchange.

Despite that plain language, the Court ruled 6-3 that the subsidies should be available for the federal exchange as well.

The ruling was clearly a political ruling. It is clear that a majority of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice Roberts, has decided that it won't take on ObamaCare.

Playing politics like this only diminishes the credibility and authority of the Court.

It's now obvious that we as a country should re-examine the long-standing tradition in American jurisprudence that the Supreme Court is the last word on the law.

This idea is embodied in an early Supreme Court decision in the case of Marbury vs. Madison that articulated that the Court has the final authority "to say what the law is."

If the Court is simply going to act as a political and not legal body, there is no reason why this powerful authority should be conferred upon it.

An extra-judicial body consisting of 9 unelected, unaccountable people is antithetical to our way of life.

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percent, declining from \$102,700 to \$48,800 in "E-Doc Services," according to two Winona County Finance Department invoices.

Despite the rate reduction, Fillmore and Wabasha counties continue to hold off paying their adjusted bills, until negotiations under way lead to a contract.

"There are no contracts with any of the counties at this point. We all are working on that. So we actually went over and met with them and it's not just us," Vickerman said. "None of the counties have signed agreements that I'm aware of. We're actually talking about if we should go into more of a regional agreement."

At an April county board meeting, Anderson estimated it may take seven and a half years for the program to break even. He extended that payback period to 14 years in an interview with the Winona Post — unless commissioners take Anderson's recommendation to double down and market EDMS to more counties. That's a tough sell to the county board chair.

"Every time we open one door, there's three more doors behind that door," said Jacob. "My goal is to make sure we've got absolutely everything squared away and have a good grip on the finances of the contracts, who's getting how much for what they're paying and what they're expecting to pay in the future, before we even think about expanding it."

Meanwhile, participating counties agree the transition to digital documents and records saves on time, staff and space. The efficiencies may not show up on a spreadsheet, but counties say they're holding the line on new hires, despite a spike in what used to be paperwork.

"We definitely have already seen benefits of automating many of our processes and going paperless. It's been one of the key ingredients, when it comes to making sure we can handle that type of workload," said Nina Arneson, Goodhue County health and human services director.

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF – CRIME REPORT

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Thefts & Damage to Property

June 12 — 136xx Round Lake Blvd NW – wallet pick pocketed at a garage sale

June 12 — 157xx Linnet St NW; unsecure vehicle; iPad

June 14 — 14xx 152 Ln NW; unsecure garage; vehicle stolen, keys were in it

June 15 — 133xx Narcissus St NW; bike stolen from the property

June 15 — 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW; unattended wallet stolen

June 16 — 2115 Andover Blvd NW; Andover HS; cash stolen from attendance desk

June 17 — 14100 Block of the RR Tracks; vandalism to bridge; spray painted

06.18 8xx 138 Ave NW – female reporting a CC was fraudulently open in her name

June 19 — 41xx 145 Ave NE; unsecure vehicle; electronics

June 21 — 143xx Raven St NW; unsecure vehicle; nothing of value was stolen

June 22 — 36xx 143 Ave NW; mattress illegally dumped on the property

June 23 — 27xx 166 Ave NW; damage the yard

June 24 — 138xx Sycamore St NW; unsecure vehicle; electronics, sunglasses

Arrests/Incidents

June 13 — 14800 Block of Round Lake Blvd 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. (.288)

June 15 — 14604 Round Lake Blvd NW; Boat Capsized, Water Rescue, Water Violation; deputies responded to a report of a capsized canoe with three people in need of help. A deputy arrived with the ACSO airboat and brought all three victims to

shore. The canoe was not registered and there were not life jackets aboard. All three victims were cited for water violations.

June 17 — Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Xavis St NW; 5th

Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a vehicle for failing to stop for a stop sign. The occupants they admitted to having marijuana on them. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located.

The male and female were arrested.

June 19 — 32xx 165 Ln NW; 5th Degree Assault; deputies responded to and assault between two clients. One of the females was arrested.

June 21 — 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW; DANCO Violation; deputies responded to a wife/husband domestic. The male had an active domestic abuse no contact order. The male was arrested.

June 21 — 15700 Block of Round Lake Blvd NW; Plane Crash; deputies responded to a float plane crash at the location. Both of the occupants were uninjured. The pilot stated that the engine failed and he had to make an emergency landing.

June 21 — 2800 Block of 142 Ave NW; 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of a drunk driver.

The deputy located the vehicle and stopped it. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.288)

June 21 — Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Goldenrod St NW; 4th 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. (.114)

June 15 — 14604 Round Lake Blvd NW; Boat Capsized, Water Rescue, Water Violation; deputies responded to a report of a capsized canoe with three people in need of help. A deputy arrived with the ACSO airboat and brought all three victims to

a valid driver's license; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. Driver had no valid driver's license or permission to drive the vehicle. The male was arrested.

Burglaries

June 18 — 138xx Holly St NW; unsecure garage; sunglasses

June 20 — 150xx Ivywood St NW; forced entry through the service door; nothing of value was stolen

COLUMBUS

Thefts & Damage to Property

June 14 — 137xx Furman St NE; unsecure vehicle; passport

June 14 — 137xx Furman St NE; unsecure vehicle; purses

June 14 — 142xx Furman St NE; unsecure vehicle; electronics

June 14 — 143xx Furman St NE; unsecure vehicle; ammunition

June 15 — 140xx Furnace St NE; unsecure vehicles; cash

June 16 — 138xx West Freeway Dr NE; business; window shot out

Arrests

June 12 — 54xx 193 Ave NE; 5th Degree Assault; deputies responded to an assault between a group of males. One of the males was arrested.

June 13 — 9444 Lake Dr NE; Warrant, 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics; deputies responded to the location on a report of an uncooperative male inside.

It was discovered that the male had a confirmed felony warrant. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

June 18 — Zurich St NE/Lake Dr NE; DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for littering. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. The female was arrested.

June 23 — 17200 Block Hanson Blvd NW; Theft, Speeding, Driving without

NE – Aid to Agency; Chicago County Sheriff's Office request we check the location for a wanted male. The deputies located the male. The male was arrested.

EAST BETHEL

Thefts & Damage to Property

June 12 — 181xx Hwy 65 NE – air compressor stolen from the property

June 13 — 36xx Viking Blvd NE; catalytic converter cut off a vehicle

June 14 — 23xx 225 Ave NE – unsecure vehicle; electronics

June 17 — 186xx Buchanan St NE – air conditioner unit stolen from the property

June 20 — 233xx Erskine St NE – bikes stolen from the property

06.21 205xx University Ave NE – damage to a mailbox

Arrests

June 14 — Hwy 65 NE/187 Ln NE; 3rd Degree DWI, 2nd Degree Test Refusal; a deputy stopped a vehicle for traffic violations. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.261)

June 14 — Viking Blvd NE/Jackson St NE; 3rd Degree DWI; deputies stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.319)

June 17 — 37xx 197 Ave NE – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

June 20 — 197xx Hwy 65 NE – 5th Degree Assault, Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to female/male assault. The male was arrested.

June 21 — 35xx 199 Ave NE - 2nd Degree Assault; deputies responded to an assault between roommates. The female roommate was arrested.

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June 21 — Hwy 65 NE/241 Ave NE – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. (.16)

Burglaries

June 20 — 214xx Ulysses St NE; forced entry into a garage; ATV, motorcycle

HAM LAKE**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 12 — 164xx Isanti St NE; female reported a CC was open fraudulently using her information

June 13 — 18xx Deerwood Dr NE; vandalism to a home; window shot out

June 15 — 24xx Constance Blvd NE; unattended cell phone stolen

June 16 — 135xx Alamo St NE; vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed

June 16 — 13xx Andover Blvd NE; business; depth finder stolen from a boat

June 17 — 162xx Aberdeen St NE; air conditioner unit stolen from the property

June 20 — 18xx 134 Ave NE; lawn mower stolen from the property

June 21 — 165xx Mankato St NE; vandalism to a home; rock thrown through a window

June 23 — 136xx Hwy 65 NE; business; air conditioner tampered with

June 23 — 145xx Hwy 65 NE; business; multiple thefts from RV's

June 23 — 148xx Aberdeen St NE; business; multiple vehicles broken into

June 23 — 1536 175 Ln NE; business; counterfeit bill used at the business

Arrests/Incidents

June 14 — 22xx 149 Ave NE – House Fire; Deputies responded to a house on fire at the location. Ham Lake Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured.

June 14 — Hwy 65 NE/169 Ave NE; DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for having a revoked license. The male was arrested.

June 16 — 1xx 157 Ave NE – Warrant; deputies responded to the location for a male with a felony warrant. The male was arrested.

June 23 — Bunker Lake Blvd NE/Hwy 65 NE; 4th Degree Drug 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.

Burglaries

June 23 — 1220 157 Ave NE; City Park; concession stand broken into - cash, food

June 23 — 153 Ave NE; City Park; concession stand broken into - cash, food

June 24 — 22xx 149 Ave NE; forced entry through a window; TV

LINWOOD**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 14 — 78xx Baylor St NE; vandalism to a yard; wires cut

June 21 — 61xx 232 Ave NE; vandalism to a vehicle; smashed windows, keyed

NOWTHEN**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 20 — 61xx 187 Ave NW; comics stolen during a garage sale

June 23 — 221xx Garnet St NW; unsecure vehicles; electronics

Arrests

June 24 — 224xx St Francis Blvd NW; Terroristic Threats, 5th Degree Assault; deputies responded to a client/staff assault. The male client was arrested.

OAK GROVE**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 14 — 203xx Xavis St NW; license plate stolen from a vehicle

June 19 — 222xx Holly St NW; unsecure vehicle; nothing of value was stolen

June 19 — 224xx Holly St NW; unsecure vehicles; nothing of value was stolen

June 19 — 225xx Holly St NW; unsecure vehicle; nothing of value was stolen

June 19 — 227xx Unity St NW; unsecure vehicles; cash

June 25 — 234xx 7 St NE; mail stolen from the mailbox

Arrests

June 13 — Viking Blvd NW/Ilex St NW; DAR, Stolen Vehicle; a deputy stopped a vehicle for driving around a road closed barricade. The male did not have a valid driver's license and the vehicle was stolen. The male was arrested.

June 16 — 190 Ln NW/University Ave NW; DAC-IPS, Possession of Marijuana; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding and a signal violation.

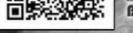
The driver did not have a valid driver's license and there was a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle marijuana was located. The male was arrested

June 20 — Viking Blvd NW/Tamarack St NW; DAC-IPS, Barricade Violation; a deputy stopped a driver for driving around 3 barricades. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**CITY OF ANDOVER****COUNTY OF ANOKA****STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Andover will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW, Andover, Minnesota to review the following request:

PUBLIC HEARING: Planned Unit Development Amendment of Country Oaks West C.I.C No. 22, Block 1, Lots 12 – 23: that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 32, Range 24, lying on the westerly side of the right-of-way of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad, Anoka

County, Minnesota as requested by Capstone Homes – to modify the architectural elevations of the detached single family town homes.

There are several ways to participate in this process. You can attend the public hearing; send a letter or an e-mail to be added to the public record. A staff report summarizing the item also will be available prior to the meeting.

Please contact Stephanie L. Hanson, City Planner with any questions at (763) 767-5147 or s.hanson@andovermn.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ANDOVER
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

The City Council of the City of

Andover will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW, Andover, Minnesota to review the following request:

To consider an ordinance establishing No Wake regulations on Crooked Lake during periods of high water levels.

There are several ways to participate in this process. You can attend the public hearing, send a letter, or e-mail to be added to the public record. A staff report summarizing the item will be available prior to the meeting. Please contact Brett Angell, Associate Planner with any questions at (763) 767-5142 or b.angell@andovermn.gov

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR

Wed. July 15 — City Council, 7 pm

Mon. July 20 — EDA, 7 pm

CITY OF RAMSEY, Ramsey City Hall, 7550 Sunwood Dr NW, (763) 427-1410

Thurs. July 9 — Planning Comm., 7 pm, followed by "work session"

Mon. July 13 — EPB, 6:30 pm

Tues. July 14 — City Council "work session" 5:30 pm, mtg 7 pm

CITY OF FRIDLEY, Fridley City Hall, 6431 University Ave NE, (763) 571-3450

Mon. July 13 — City Council "workshop" 6:30 pm; mtg 7 pm

Tues. July 14 — Environment Quality and Energy Comm., 7 pm

Wed. July 15 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

Thurs. July 16 — HRA, 7 pm

CITY OF ANDOVER, City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd., (763) 755-5100

Tues. July 7 — City Council "workshop", 6 pm, mtg 7 pm

Wed. July 8 — Open Space Comm., 7 pm

Mon. July 13 — YMCA Comm. Ctr. Commsn., 6:30 pm

Tues. July 14 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

Thurs. July 16 — Parks Comm., 7 pm

Tues. July 21 — EDA, 5:30 pm; City Council

"workshop", 6 pm, CC mtg 7 pm

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAM LAKE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a public hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of considering the application of Genny Rosing to rezone a certain parcel of land (2417 169th Avenue NE (19.26 acres)) currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential) and R-A (Rural Residential) entirely to R-A (Rural Residential) such land situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota and which is described as follows to wit:

PIN #09-32-23-14-0004
UNPLATTED HAM LAKE TOWNSHIP WEST HALF OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 32, RANGE 23

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: July 3, 2015

Dawnette M. Shimek
Zoning Official/Building Clerk, City of Ham Lake
(Published July 3, 2015 Anoka County Record) #252

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
CITY OF OAK GROVE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oak Grove Planning Commission's Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following public hearings in the order that they appear:

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a variance for Rebecca M. Ridge, 21125 Old Lake George Blvd, to expand a non-conforming garage on the following legally described property: that part of Lot 23 Aud Sub No 20 further described by PID #16-33-24-22-0022.

All written and oral comments will be heard.

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a variance for Pat and Carolyn Graizer, 21260 S Lake George Dr, to construct an accessory building not meeting the sideyard setback on the following legally described property: Lots 5, 6 & 7, Block 4, Shady Oaks, Section 15 further described by PID #15-33-24-22-0020. All written and oral comments will be heard.

The hearings of this request are not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason, has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact City Hall at 404-7006 no later than Wednesday, July 9, 2015.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold
City Clerk

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

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 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 August 4, 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 HOME & NSP funds for the following project:

2015 HOME Funds and Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds – funds will be used to construct a residential single family home. The County of Anoka, Community Development Department will be administering this funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 and all federal guidelines will be met.

Location is as follows:
208 Clay Street, Anoka, MN 55303
PIN #: 01-31-25-41-0033

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 July 11, 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 Karen Skepper, in her capacity as Executive Director of the Anoka County HRA, 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 40 C.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
(Published July 3, 2015 Anoka County Record) #255

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-22

Description of Bid/RFP:
Advertisement for Bids for Wargo Pedestrian Entrance Project

Bid Opening: July 27, 2015

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

(Published June 19, June 26, July 3, 2015 Anoka County Record) #241

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-24

Description of Bid/RFP:
Advertisement for Bids for the New Construction of a Single Family Home at 208 Clay Street, Anoka, Minnesota 55303

Bid Opening: July 23, 2015

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

(Published June 19, June 26, July 3, 2015 Anoka County Record) #242

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-21

Description of Bid/RFP:
Advertisement for Bids for Jail Boiler Replacement Project

Bid Opening: July 14, 2015

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

(Published June 26, July 3, 2015 Anoka County Record) #246

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-23

Description of Bid/RFP:
Advertisement for Bids for 911 Cooling Upgrade

Bid Opening: July 28, 2015

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

(Published June 26, July 3, 2015 Anoka County Record) #247

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-25

Description of Bid/RFP:
Bids Invited for Anoka County Project, Minnesota Project No. HSIP 0215 (090) State Project No. 002-030-006 CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd NW) Nowthen & CSAH 18 (Crosstown Blvd NW/NE) Andover and Ham Lake, State Project No. 002-030-008 CSAH 22 (Viking Blvd NE) East Bethel and Linwood Township Minnesota, Anoka County Bid Opening: July 14, 2015 For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.

(Published June 19, 26, July 3, 2015 Anoka County Record) #243

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-26

Description of Bid/RFP:
Bids Invited for Anoka County Project NO. SP 002-618-030, CSAH 18 (Broadway Ave. NE) and CR 62 (Kettle River Blvd.) Intersection Reconstruction Project, Roundabout, City of Columbus, Anoka County MN

Bid Opening: July 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 #2015-27

Description of Bid/RFP:
Advertisement for Bids for Radio Frequency Identification

Bid Opening: July 30, 2015

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

(Published June 26, July 3, 2015 Anoka County Record) #249

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

In Re the Marriage of:

Yasmin Abdulle Ali, Petitioner and

Ahmed Aden Mohamed, Respondent TO: Ahmed Aden Mohamed,

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon the attorney for Petitioner an answer to the Petition which is herewith served upon you, within thirty (30) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

UNDER MINNESOTA LAW, SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY

TO BOTH PARTIES TO THIS ACTION, UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING IS DISMISSED:

(1) NEITHER PARTY MAY DISPOSE OF ANY ASSETS EXCEPT (i) FOR THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE OR FOR THE NECESSARY GENERATION OF INCOME OR PRESERVING ASSETS,

(ii) BY AN AGREEMENT IN WRITING, OR (iii) FOR RETAINING COUNSEL TO CARRY ON OR TO CONTEST THIS PROCEEDING;

(2) NEITHER PARTY MAY HARASS THE OTHER PARTY; AND

(3) ALL CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INSURANCE COVERAGE MUST BE MAINTAINED AND CONTINUED WITHOUT CHANGE IN COVERAGE OR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION.

(4) PARTIES TO A MARRIAGE LEGAL SEPARATION PROCEEDING ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEMPT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA LAW. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INCLUDES

MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, AND OTHER PROCESSES AS SET FORTH IN THE DISTRICT COURT RULES. YOU MAY CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR ABOUT RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA. IF YOU CANNOT PAY FOR MEDIATION OR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, IN SOME COUNTIES, ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH A NONPROFIT PROVIDER OR A COURT PROGRAM.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC ABUSE OR THREATS OF ABUSE AS DEFINED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER, 518B, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TRY MEDIATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE PENALIZED BY THE COURT IN LATER PROCEEDINGS.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Dated: 6/23/15

By: /s/ Yasmin Abdulle Ali

Attorney for Petitioner: Eric S. Day, Esq.

Patty Day, Legal Assistant, Law Offices of Eric S. Day, PLLC, 4103 E. Lake St. Mpls, MN 55406

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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 enable consumers 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:

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2. Principal Place of Business:

8401 Palm St. NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433

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:

Anne Tillmann LLC

8401 Palm St. NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Anne Elizabeth Mousel Tillmann
8401 Palm St. NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433

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: June 18, 2015,
#830115200030,

/s/ Stephen Speredelozzi, authorized agent of Stephen P. Hadley

(Published June 26, July 3, 2015, Anoka County Record) #244

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