

## REPUBLICANS ENDORSE APLIKOWSKI FOR OPEN SENATE SEAT

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

Last Saturday, Senate District 35 Republicans endorsed a candidate for the open seat vacated by Republican State Senator Branden Petersen. Competing for the endorsement were former state legislator Jim Abeler, SD 35 party chair Brad Sunderland, and longtime party activists Don Huizenga and Andy Aplikowski. Delegates were told by Aplikowski and Sunderland they would abide by the endorsement.

The first ballot vote was announced at 12:30 p.m. and by 2:00, after four ballots, Andy Aplikowski was endorsed by a margin of 96-42 over Abeler. The winner needed 85 votes for endorsement. 141 ballots were cast in the first ballot voting, with 1 as No Preference, 1 blank ballot, 26 for Sunderland, 34 for Huizenga, 38 for Abeler and 41 for Aplikowski.

Sunderland dropped out after netting 10 votes in the second ballot. Aplikowski gained 17 votes, adding 12 more in the third ballot and another 26 votes in the fourth ballot to reach a total of 96 votes and 68.5%. Abeler's support did not increase measurably over the four ballots: his totals were 38, 37, 42 and 42. Huizenga had 36 votes in the second balloting, and 29 in the third, after which he dropped out.

The endorsing convention was held at the Oak View Middle School in Andover. When the names of the nominees were presented, Huizenga and Aplikowski were "nominated with reservations". The reservations being past speeding tickets and a disorderly conduct charge against Huizenga and for "inflammatory comments" frequently made by Aplikowski on his internet blog.

Among those giving speeches for the candidates were Sen. Dave Thompson of Lakeville, who spoke on behalf of the Aplikowski candidacy, Tom Heidemann, chair of the Anoka-Hennepin ISD 11 School Board on behalf of Abeler, and Jack Rogers, Tea Party leader, for Huizenga.

Abeler came to the convention armed with packets of literature, letters of endorsement and postcards ready to mail to voters. Aplikowski also distributed campaign mailers to delegates.

Heidemann's speech emphasized Abeler's track record and experience as a legislator, "he's a man of action and not a man of talk . . . he gets results."

"Jim has done a lot of good things for Minnesota and the conservative cause," Heidemann stated, citing some taxpayer savings he was able to achieve while serving in the State House for the Anoka-Ramsey area for 16 years. Heidemann also made mention of Abeler's lifetime achievement award from Minnesotans Concerned for Life (MCCL).

Rogers gave a spirited stump speech, recounting his travels around the state where he finds some very basic consistencies in people. "They agree on faith and family values, they agree on smaller government, they agree on less spending and they agree on less taxes. And then they walk into the voting booth and vote just the opposite!"

"Government and liberty are enemies! As your liberty increases, government gets nervous. I want people in St. Paul who will protect me," Rogers emphatically stated.

Abeler's packet included endorsement letters from three House legislators, Reps. Tom Hackbarth, Mark Uglem and Joe McDonald. Many other well-known names peppered his handouts. While giving his nomination speech, Abeler criticized mailings that had been sent out against his candidacy by the Freedom Club.

One of Abeler's campaign postcards said, "some outsiders have accused Jim of being a 'liberal' by cherry-picking some votes they do not understand."

The Senate District 35 special election dates are Jan. 12, 2016 for a primary if needed, and the general special election will be Feb. 9, 2016. The filing period for candidates will be one week, Dec. 8-14, and the withdrawal deadline will be 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 15. The district is made up of Ramsey, Anoka, parts of Coon Rapids and Andover.

Another state legislative seat, for House District 3A in northeast Minnesota, will have a special election Dec. 8.

## Open Meeting Law violated while school board chair discusses transparency

There's something special about Columbia Heights. In the city hall and in the school board meeting room, they simply don't follow the book.

Columbia Heights school board chair John Larkin should have known that a copy of the list he was reading, which had been handed out to the school board members, also needed to be made available to the public in the meeting room. In this case, the audience was only two newspaper writers.

Nevertheless, there is a reason why the open meeting laws (Chapter 13D of state statutes) are in the book and we expect the book to be followed. Kristen Stuenkel, the director of Community Education also didn't know to provide a copy of her handout to the school board to the public as well. The law requires there be one copy for public inspection while the meeting is being held.

There was also a possible third violation of the OML during this Nov. 17 "work session" meeting of the school board. The doors to the building are locked, and you have to be buzzed in by an employee. I hope that employee is encamped at her post during the *entire time* the meeting is going on. The law requires that the public must have access to the meeting until its adjourned. So watch those locked doors.

We presume the *Record's* recent attention paid to the school administration

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**Observations  
from the Field**  
Bryan Olson



## Anoka County Library Director retiring Library Board sends budget request to County Board

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

Anoka County Library Director Marlene Moulton Janssen made it official at the Library Board meeting Monday night that she would be retiring from the job at the end of this year. County Administrator Jerry Soma and the Library Board discussed the process that will be undertaken to hire a new director.

Soma said it was planned to make Maggie Snow, Assistant Director, the interim Library Director by a vote of the County Board on Dec. 15. Snow has been with the ACL since 2012 and was previously employed at the Hennepin and Carver County library systems. Janssen has been the ACL director since 2005, and was previously the director of MELSA, the state library agency for the metro area. Janssen's employment contract was updated in Dec. 2014 with a salary of \$121,900.

Soma said the job opening notice and description would be distributed the next day via NeoGov, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Association of Metropolitan Counties, Metronet and MinnesotaWorks.net. The job description lists the salary range as \$84,000 to \$103,000. Among the requirements stated is a master's degree in Library Science and seven years' experience in a professional

public library, with five of those years in a supervisory/management capacity.

Soma said the application cut off date will be set as Dec. 8, however he expects to "leave it open until we hire," so there will be accommodations made for later applicants. The County personnel department will handle the mechanics of the process.

County Administrator Soma said he likes to have a smaller group, say four people, as the interview panel. Library Board members are expected to participate in the interview process however the final decision rests with the County Board.

Library Board member Robert Thistle asked Soma if staff would have input in the hire. The reply was an employee may not be pleased with the person hired and there may be a lot of explaining as to how the decision was made. Snow suggested that library staff be able to meet the candidates.

The County Board will write the questions for the interviews and will negotiate the employment contract.

### The library budget for 2016

A slight increase (1.22%) in the budget was proposed for final approval in the coming weeks by the County Board. Revenue is expected to be slightly down in 2016 to about

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policy of censoring meeting videos, caused the ISD 13 school board chair to place the policy on the agenda of this off-camera meeting. The question was to either reaffirm or propose a change to the long-standing policy of removing the public comment portion of televised meetings. The meetings are not shown live, enabling the editing. They appear later on cable television and the internet's You Tube.

Board chair John Larkin and school board member Molly Lewis held fast to keeping the status quo. Board member Ted Landwehr was in favor of televising the meetings intact but perhaps there should be some rules established that would keep the public speakers in check. Board member Laura Palmer asked if *some* of the public comment could be edited, which begged the question as to how the decisions to edit or not edit would be made. Larkin correctly pointed out that it's cleaner to either televise the public comment in its entirety or not at all. There would be potential for someone getting upset, a lawsuit perhaps.

And litigation is at the heart of the excuses given to rationalize the censoring of televised meetings. The Minnesota School Board Association and the League of Minnesota Cities provide a cookie-cutter set of rules governments can use for their meeting protocols. The rules however are slanted toward controlling the *content* of the speech. The St. Paul school board recently abolished the televising of the public comment portion of its meetings. This was in response to many months of comments the board and administration didn't like. They were tired of the complaints about the superintendent and her policies. Some of those complaining were teachers. The board did not want to hear about problems in the St. Paul schools.

The list that the Columbia Heights school board members had was a roll call of 23 area school districts that were said to have been contacted — by staff we presume — and asked about their televising policies. Often such a list is used only to justify a position — in this case, the majority were doing what ISD 13 does.

Staff gave some indecipherable mumbo jumbo

about the number of people in the chain of command who may have to be involved in making decisions to edit videos. The board asked about the cost of snipping *portions* of meetings and the findings may be presented to the board in the future.

This is the kind of question that we have come to expect from the Columbia Heights City Council but apparently the school board is no more aware — a chunk of video can be easily snipped. There is no cost to it. No large amount of staff time. If there is, staff is probably doing something wrong. Climbing the mountain rather than taking the road that goes around it.

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\$592,000. A \$7.33 million contribution from county funds adds up to a proposed budget of \$7,923,503.

Janssen told the Library Board that a separate line item for the purchase of electronic materials including E-books and the like, was newly created for this budget, at \$158,300. Printed book purchases have been budgeted as follows: Reference \$109,000; Juvenile \$223,000; and

Adult \$273,500. (Some figures have been rounded). Spent so far in 2015 in these respective categories: \$54,000, \$180,000 and \$247,000.

\$125,000 has been spent in 2015 for audio-visual materials and \$213,000 is budgeted for 2016.

Library Board chair Daniel Greensweig asked Janssen about staffing: a few years ago there had been an equivalent of 101 full-time employees which is now down to 78½.

**CITY OF ANOKA  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

INTERIM USE PERMIT - 1627 SOUTH FERRY STREET

At 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 2015 1st Avenue N, Anoka, the Anoka Planning Commission will review and hold a public hearing to consider an interim use permit application submitted by a property owner to conduct a home occupation in an accessory building on the property at 1627 South Ferry Street. The property is legally described as Lot 1, Block 49, Auditor's Subdivision No. 148, Subject to Easement of Record, Anoka County, Minnesota.

All persons are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing and be heard on this matter. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Planning Department at Anoka City Hall or by phone at (763) 576-2728.

Auxiliary aids for handicapped persons are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Manager's office at (763) 576-2712 to make arrangements.

Chuck Darnell  
City of Anoka Planning Department

**NOTICE OF ACD 31 REPAIR REPORT 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT**

The Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) is providing notice of a 30 day public review and comment period regarding the adopted engineers recommended alternative for the repair of Anoka County Ditch 31 located in City of Columbus. The repair report and addendum can be viewed on the District's web-site [www.ricecreek.org](http://www.ricecreek.org) or at the District office in Blaine, MN. The District will be taking written comments on the repair report until **November 27, 2015**. Comments can be directed by e-mail to Phil Belfiori at: [pbelfiori@ricecreek.org](mailto:pbelfiori@ricecreek.org), phone: 763-398-3071 or mail: 4325 Pheasant Ridge Dr. NE, Suite 611, Blaine, MN 55449.

**CITY OF ANDOVER  
NOTICE OF HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS**

PROJECT NO. 16-11

173RD LANE NW RECONSTRUCTION

(ROUND LAKE BOULEVARD NW TO TULIP STREET NW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Andover, Anoka County, Minnesota will meet at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW in the City of Andover, at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM to consider construction of the following improvements:

173rd Lane NW Reconstruction

(Round Lake Boulevard NW to Tulip Street NW)

The properties to be assessed, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429, for the improvements are within the following described area:

173rd Lane NW Reconstruction

(Round Lake Boulevard NW to Tulip Street NW)

The estimated assessment rate is \$2,300.00/unit.

Such persons desiring to be heard with reference to the proposed improvements will be heard at this meeting.

CITY OF ANDOVER

Michelle Hartner – Deputy City Clerk

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
Zoning Code Amendment**

Notice is hereby given that the Columbus Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties may be heard, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota, to consider adding a section in Chapter 8 – Subdivision Regulations in the Columbus City Code in the following section:

• CHAPTER 8 – SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, SECTION 8-1001. LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS.

A copy of the proposed changes can be requested at the City offices or viewed on the City website. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning Administrator

**CITY OF ANOKA  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

SITE PLAN REVIEW  
1100 WEST HIGHWAY 10

At 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 2015 1st Avenue N, Anoka, the Anoka Planning Commission will review and hold a public hearing to consider a site plan application submitted by Eagle Brook Church to renovate the existing building and parking lot at 1100 West Highway 10 and operate a church on the property in the renovated building. The property is legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, Cutters Grove 2nd Addition, Anoka County, Minnesota.

All persons are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing and be heard on this matter. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Planning Department at Anoka City Hall or by phone at (763) 576-2728.

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City of Anoka Planning Department

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# ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

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**Factoid of the Week:** When Jim Abeler walked into the Capitol in Saint Paul, the state's general fund biennial budget was \$24,179,031.00. When he left, it was \$39,587,385.00. That's an increase of about 60%.

**Factoid of the Week:** Since Barack Obama assumed the office of President, Democrats have lost 13 Senate seats, 69 seats in the U.S. House, 12 governorships, and over 900 legislative seats.

**Factoid of the Week:** The Keystone XL pipeline expansion would have created 42,000 construction jobs.

**Factoid of the Week:** 56% of Minnesotans disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president.

## LIBERALS LOVE THE SUBURBS

They sure do - when it suits them. Although it didn't garner major headlines this week, the Minneapolis NAACP sued the state of Minnesota, claiming that the state was failing to perform its constitutionally mandated duty to educate children, specifically including minority children.

The crux of the suit is that state education policies have resulted in segregated schools in the urban core and that those segregated schools show not only a disproportionate number of minority students concentrated in certain schools, they also show a disproportionate share of minority students who are failing academically.

The lawsuit seeks remedies which include asking the court to redraw school district boundaries, which would presumably mean creating districts that result in minority students from the urban core being in the same district as white students living in the suburbs.

This lawsuit is so ironic and even a bit bizarre on so many levels.

To start, the lawsuit, even though filed by the NAACP, is premised upon the rather illogical and quite troubling proposition that these children are failing in large part because they are in predominantly black schools.

There is no logical connection between something being predominantly black and failing.

In other words, just because a school is predominantly black doesn't mean that it's inferior.

There are a number of private and charter schools around the nation that are predominantly black and their test scores are sky high. Instead, we think it might have something to do with the way these schools are run. More on that in a moment.

Conversely, the thought that black children will suddenly become successful simply by sitting next to white kids at lunch is illogical as well.

And don't tell us that the point is that predominantly white schools have better facilities and offer better opportunities than predominantly white schools in the suburbs. Minneapolis spends far more per pupil in their

public schools than the majority of suburban schools.

What seems to be clear is that these plaintiffs want access to suburban schools because those schools offer students, on the whole, who are desirable from an association standpoint because they boast behaviors that breed success. Behaviors like a strong work ethic, academic achievement, and a willingness to delay gratification for a greater reward.

What's ironic is that these students obviously were inculcated with those behaviors by suburban and exurban parents who have been blasted by the urban liberal set as essentially ignorant Neanderthals who cling to their guns and religion.

There has been no shortage of contempt heaped upon the suburban/exurban lifestyle by the liberals.

We drive trucks that pollute the planet. Our houses are too big. Our yards are too big. Our carbon footprint is too big.

We go to church. We oppose abortion. We don't like high taxes. We like guns. We don't embrace government as solver of our problems.

We often vote Republican. Gasp!

But suddenly, our schools (really, our kids) are in demand. Suddenly, venturing out to the suburbs is desirable.

What is most ironic, however, is that these plaintiffs are seeking to escape a situation that they themselves have helped to create.

It is a simple fact that both the urban core and black citizens vote in overwhelming numbers for liberal DFL lawmakers.

In turn, these DFL lawmakers go to Saint Paul and Washington and vote for policies that result in bad schools and kids who come to those bad schools not ready to learn.

Start with the complaint that most Minneapolis schools are predominantly black while there are schools in the district that are overwhelmingly white, according to the lawsuit.

Duh. That situation is quite by design. White wealthy liberals never live by their own rules.

Indeed. It's quite naïve to think that white liberals live by the policies they create.

Liberals believe that their policies are good - for others.

Light rail is good policy, until it seeks to run through the Kenwood neighborhood.

Wind power is good policy, until it blocks the ocean view off Martha's Vineyard.

Minnesota's high taxes are good policy, until the Dayton Trust Fund moves to South Dakota.

ObamaCare is good policy, except for the very members of Congress who voted for it.

Moreover, the very same people who have filed this suit have very likely supported politicians who bow and prostrate themselves before Education Minnesota, the teachers' union and perhaps the most powerful special interest in Minnesota politics.

Education Minnesota couldn't care less about the state of schools in Minneapolis.

The union has one mission: to maximize pay and benefits while minimizing accountability.

This is the union that opposes school choice, opposes standardized testing, opposes meaningful teacher evaluation, and opposes anything other than seniority-based layoffs.

The union is focused on this mission like the Terminator. They have no remorse, no pity, can't be reasoned with, and won't stop - ever.

Forget about the children. As the Terminator would say, "Negative. It's not in my mission parameters."

Helping kids isn't within the mission parameters of Education Minnesota.

The same holds true of policies that hurt families and children.

After all, poor learning cannot be placed solely at the feet of the school system.

All too often, kids come to school wholly unprepared to learn. All too often, school becomes a welfare agency instead of a place of learning.

Liberal social policies since the Great Society have done nothing to promote stable families, especially among segments of society that are most in need of a structured family unit.

While the indictment of liberal social policies would run many pages, the common and most damning thread tying them together is that they promote dependency and have the effect of making millions of Americans wards of the state.

Now, the cynical man would say that this is all be design, creating a perfect system of vote buying for the Democrats.

Those who receive the welfare feel obligated to vote to keep the benefits flowing while the bureaucracy that administers the welfare also votes to keep those programs well-funded.

It's certainly a tragic state of affairs. No nation can long afford to have millions of its citizens relegated to the economic sidelines. Society is becoming more complex and more sophisticated.

It takes event more knowledge to be productive and sell one's labor. It takes even more knowledge to navigate basic life functions like buying insurance, buying a house, saving for retirement, etc.

This publication couldn't agree more with the plaintiffs in this lawsuit. They are clearly frustrated with the current circumstances that trap their children in failing schools. Writ large, they are probably also frustrated with a system that creates a vicious cycle of joblessness, dependency, and hopelessness.

But the answer is not to file a lawsuit over schooling. Putting kids on a bus out to the suburbs for a few hours a day doesn't cure the sickness. It only addresses some of the symptoms.

Instead, those who live in this situation should demand from their elected officials public policies that encourage behavior that breeds success while establishing conditions that are conducive to wealth creation and economic growth. This includes government staying

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**ANOKA COUNTY'S NOTICE OF SALE OF  
LAND FORFEITED TO THE STATE FOR  
NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES  
(M.S. 282.02)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Jonell M. Sawyer, Division Manager of Property Records and Taxation, shall sell to the highest bidder (but not for less than the appraised value) at the public bid opening on the 2nd floor, Room 237, at the Anoka County Government Center, 2100 3rd Ave., City of Anoka, State of Minnesota, on December 1, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., the lands forfeited to the State for non-payment of taxes, as described in the list of such lands on file in my office. These parcels of land are situated in said County and have been classified and appraised as provided by law. Such sale will be governed as to terms by the resolution of the County Board of said County authorizing same. Included with this publication is a copy of said resolution.

**For more information regarding our upcoming sale please visit our website [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us). To obtain a bid form and bid envelope please visit our Property Records and Taxation Public Service Counter, located on first floor at the Anoka County Government Center, 2100 3rd Ave., City of Anoka, State of Minnesota.**

**Bids must be received by the Anoka County Division of Property Records and Taxation no later than 4:30 p.m. November 30, 2015.**

**TERMS OF SALE**

FROM THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXATION

for the sale to be held on December 1, 2015

Sale amounts of \$500 or less shall be paid in cash at the time of the sale and all other sales amounts may be paid in cash or paid on an installment basis according to the terms provided herein. On sales amounts over \$500 but not over \$2000, a down payment of \$500 shall be paid at the time of the sale, and the unpaid balance shall be paid in three equal annual installments. For sales amounts in excess of \$2000, but not over \$40,000, a down payment of one-fourth of the sales price shall be paid at the time of sale, and the unpaid balance shall be paid in three equal annual installments. On sales amounts in excess of \$40,000, a down payment of one-fifth of the sales price shall be paid at the time of sale, and the unpaid balance shall be paid in four equal annual installments. For all sales, the annual installments of the unpaid balance shall be paid prior to December 31 each year. The unpaid balance on all sales shall accrue interest at the rate prescribed by Section 279.03, subd. 1A and is subject to change each year on the unpaid balance; that no principal installment payment shall be less than the amount of the original down payment unless it is a final payment on the contract and each installment payment shall include the amount of accrued interest to date.

With the initial payment, the successful bidder will be required to pay an additional 3% of the total sale price. The state deed tax and the cost of obtaining and recording the state deed will be added to the final installment amount.

All property remains subject: to any existing leases; to easements obtained by governmental subdivisions or agencies thereof for any public purposes; to restrictions appearing of record; to all existing laws and ordinances; and to the condition that the total appraised value does not represent a basis for future taxes; and that amounts of special assessments canceled because of forfeiture may be subject to reassessment.

In accordance with Minn. Stat. 282.01, subd. 7, any person who could have repurchased a parcel of property under Minn. Stat. 282.012 or Minn. Stat. 282.241 shall not be allowed to purchase that same parcel of property at the sale for a purchase price less than the sum of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Minn. Stat. 282.251, together with penalties, interest and costs accrued or would have accrued if the parcel had not forfeited to the State.

Deeds for unplatted parcels will contain a restrictive covenant which will prohibit enrollment of the land in a state funded program providing compensation for conservation of marginal land or wetlands.

The County Board of Commissioners reserves its right to withdraw any or all parcels contained in Exhibit A from sale under Minn. Stat. 282.01, subd. 7.

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**ANOKA COUNTY'S NOTICE OF SALE OF  
LAND FORFEITED TO THE STATE FOR  
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Anoka County, Minnesota*

**DATE: October 29, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #2015-136**

**OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER: Kordiak**

**AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEIT LAND  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTES CHAPTER 282  
AND SECTION 383E.16, AND SETTING THE TERMS OF THE SALE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 279, 280, and 281, the property described in Exhibit A has forfeited to the State of Minnesota, in trust for the taxing districts for the failure to pay ad valorem real estate taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has classified the parcels described in Exhibit A as non-conservation and approved them for sale subject to review by the town boards and governing bodies of municipalities in Anoka County under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 282; and,

WHEREAS, the classification and sale of the tax-forfeited lands described in Exhibit A lying within the bounds of any organized town or incorporated municipality have been approved for sale by the town board of such town or governing body of such municipality, insofar as the lands located therein are concerned; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 282.01, subdivision 3, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners has appraised the lands and set the appraised values shown in Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 282.02, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners shall provide the division manager of Property Records and Taxation with a list of parcels of lands to be offered for sale which shall contain a description of the parcels of land and the appraised value thereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all parcels which were approved for sale by Resolution #2012-146 dated September 25, 2012, which have not been sold, are withdrawn from sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby submits the list of tax-forfeit parcels described in Exhibit A to the division manager of Property Records and Taxation who is hereby directed to offer each parcel at public sale to the highest bidder, but not for less than the appraised value by sealed bids pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 383E.16, which bids shall be received by the Anoka County Division of Property Records and Taxation until 4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2015, and then will be publicly opened on December 1, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Property Records and Taxation Conference Room 119 at the Anoka County Government Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sale shall be made for payment in full or upon the following terms: That sales amounts of \$500 or less shall be paid in cash at the time of the sale and all other sales amounts may be paid in cash or paid on an installment basis according to the terms provided herein: On sales amounts over \$500 but not over \$2000, a down payment of \$500 shall be paid at the time of the sale and the unpaid balance shall be paid in three equal annual installments. For sale amounts in excess of \$2,000 but not over \$40,000, a down payment of one-fourth of the sales price shall be paid at the time of sale and the unpaid balance shall be paid in three equal annual installments. On sale amounts in excess of \$40,000, a down payment of one-fifth of the sale price shall be paid at the time of sale and the unpaid balance shall be paid in four equal annual installments. For all sales, the annual installments of the unpaid balance shall be paid prior to December 31 each year. The unpaid balance on all sales shall accrue interest at the rate prescribed by Minnesota Statutes Section 279.03, subdivision 1A, and is subject to change each year on the unpaid balance; that no principle installment payment shall be less than the amount of the original down payment unless it is a final payment on the contract. Each installment payment shall include the amount of accrued interest to date. At the time of sale of a parcel of tax-forfeited land, the division manager of Property Records and Taxation shall collect in full an amount equal to 3 percent of the total sales price of the land, said sum to be deposited with the State Treasurer in the real estate assurance account pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 284.28, subdivision 8; an amount equal to the State Deed Tax and the cost of obtaining the deed and recording the same, which amounts are in addition to the total sale price of the land. That all property remains subject: to any existing leases; to easements obtained by governmental subdivision or agencies thereof for any public purposes; to restrictions appearing of record; to all existing laws and ordinances; and to the condition that the total appraised value does not represent a

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the heck out of the way in certain instances.

If elected officials don't comply, then they should be replaced with politicians who are more responsive.

Instead of a lawsuit, these plaintiffs should pick up a broom and "clean house."

Truly, we all get the government we deserve.

*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](http://www.AnokaCountyWatchdog.com) or contact me personally at [harold@anokacountywatchdog.com](mailto:harold@anokacountywatchdog.com)*

*Sincerely,*

*Harold E. Hamilton, owner.*

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**CITY OF RAMSEY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Ramsey Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN 55303.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider amendments to Chapter 117 (Zoning and Subdivision of Land), of the Ramsey City Code. The amendment would add Section 58 (Administrative grading permits) to allow for administrative permitting on grading less than 400 cubic yards. Property owners would be required to obtain a permit from the City prior to altering the grade to a property to ensure compliance with existing grading plans and erosion control requirements. Smaller projects with no impacts to adjacent properties would be exempt from the requirement. Any grading activity in a drainage and utility easement would require said permit.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed amendments. The City of Ramsey complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and upon advance request, information will be provided in an alternative form and interpreters will be available. Any person with such a request should contact JoAnn Shaw at 763-427-1410 by noon on Wednesday, November 25, 2015. There is a TDD machine at Ramsey Municipal Center; the number is 763-427-8591.

Written comments are welcome and shall be addressed to the Ramsey Planning Commission, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN 55303. Written comments shall be received at the above address prior to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

Tim Gladhill, Community Development Director

CITY OF BLAINE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VACATION OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR OUTLOT A, BALL ROAD ADDITION VACATION NO. V1S-0S TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Blaine, Minnesota, will meet on Thursday, December 3, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive NE to consider vacation of drainage & utility easements.

VACATION of Drainage Easement for Ball Road Addition described as follows:

The drainage easement over, under and across Outlot A BALL ROAD ADDITION, Anoka County, Minnesota, as dedicated on the recorded plat thereof, and described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner, said Outlot A; thence on an assumed bearing of North 00 degrees 47 minutes 03 seconds East, along the west line of said Outlot A, a distance of 49.31 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 32 seconds East a distance of 312.32 feet; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 28 seconds West a distance of 49.31 feet to the south line of said Outlot A; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 32 seconds West, along said south line, a distance of 312.58 feet to the point of beginning.

Any persons as desire to be heard with reference to the above matter will be heard at this meeting. Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact Cathy Sorensen at (763) 785-6122 no later than Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

For questions regarding the proposed vacation, contact Project Coordinator Tom Scott at (763) 785-6182.

Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

CITY OF CIRCLE PINES
ORDINANCE NO. 144

(Ordinance Summary)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CIRCLE PINES CITY CODE CHAPTER 13, SECTION 1350

The above-referenced Ordinance amends Circle Pines City Code Chapter 13 by replacing in its entirety Section 1350. The amendments include, but are not limited to, amending the City Code to provide the adoption of Rice Creek Watershed District Rule C for Stormwater Management.

This summary is adopted pursuant to Minn. Stat. §412.191, Subd. 4.

A printed copy of the entire Ordinance is available for inspection and copying at the Circle Pines City Hall located at 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, Minnesota.

Dated: November 10, 2015

James W. Keinath, City Administrator

CITY OF CIRCLE PINES
ORDINANCE NO. 145

(Ordinance Summary)

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CIRCLE PINES CITY CODE CHAPTER 13, SECTIONS 1370, 1380 AND 1390

The above-referenced Ordinance amends Circle Pines City Code Chapter 13 by adding in its entirety Sections 1370, 1380, and 1390. The amendments include, but are not limited to, adding to the City Code to provide for the adoption of Rice Creek Watershed District Rules E, D, and F providing for Floodplain Management, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Wetland Management.

This summary is adopted pursuant to Minn. Stat. §412.191, Subd. 4.

A printed copy of the entire Ordinance is available for inspection and copying at the Circle Pines City Hall located at 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, Minnesota.

Dated: November 10, 2015

James W. Keinath, City Administrator

CITY OF CENTERVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Centerville, Minnesota will meet on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in Council Chamber of the City of Centerville, 1880 Main Street, commencing at 6:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter to consider making the proposed Mill & Overlay Street Improvements as follows:

- 1. Cottonwood Court
2. Deer Court
3. Hunters Trail
4. Meadow Circle
5. Meadow Court
6. Mill Road
7. Cardinal Drive
8. North Robin Lane
9. South Robin Lane
10. West Robin Lane

It is the intent of the City to assess the benefiting properties for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement, pursuant to Minnesota State Statute §429.011 to 429.111. The estimated cost of the improvements total \$349,600. Such person(s) that desire to be heard with reference to such improvement will be heard at said time and place. Preliminary plans may be inspected at the office of the City Administrator, 1880 Main Street, Centerville, MN 55038.

Teresa Bender, City Clerk

CITY OF ANDOVER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Andover City Council will hold a public hearing on the 2016 budget and the tax levy it is proposing to collect to pay for costs of services the city will provide in 2016. The proposed 2016 property tax levy is \$11,593,925. This public hearing is intended to give the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2016 budget and tax levy. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at approximately 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304.

Jim Dickinson, City Administrator

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basis for future taxes; and that amounts of special assessments canceled because of forfeiture may be subject to reassessment.

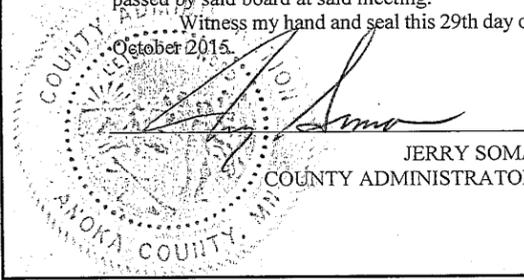
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 282.01, subdivision 7, that any person who could have repurchased a parcel of property under Minnesota Statutes Sections 282.012 or 282.241, shall not be allowed to purchase that same parcel of property at the sale for a purchase price less than the sum of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Minnesota Statutes Section 282.251, together with penalties, interest, and costs accrued or would have accrued if the parcel had not forfeited to the State.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners reserves its right, under Minnesota Statutes Section 282.01, subdivision 7, to withdraw from sale any or all parcels listed in Exhibit A.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ANOKA ) ss

I, Jerry Soma, County Administrator, Anoka County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Anoka County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on October 29, 2015, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of October 2015.



JERRY SOMA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Table with 3 columns: District Name, YES, NO. Rows include DISTRICT #1 - LOOK, DISTRICT #2 - BRAASTAD, DISTRICT #3 - WEST, DISTRICT #4 - KORDIAK, DISTRICT #5 - GAMACHE, DISTRICT #6 - SIVARAJAH, DISTRICT #7 - SCHULTE.

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CITY OF COLUMBUS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Interim Use Permit

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Columbus Planning Commission on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties may be heard, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota, to review a request by the applicant for a Residential Zone Business Interim Use Permit to allow the operation of a barn event rental business (barn rental for weddings, birthdays etc.). The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Applicant: Paul A. Underdahl
Property Owner: Paul A. & Ann M. Underdahl
Property Location: 7735 162nd Ave. NE, Columbus, Minnesota

Legal Description: TH PT OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 15 TWP 32 RGE 22 DESC AS FOL: BEG AT PT ON E LINE OF SD 1/4 1/4 (BRG N 0 DEG 00 MIN) 862.60 FT FROM SE COR THEREOF, TH CONT N ALG SD E LINE 451.82 FT TO NE COR OF SD 1/4 1/4, TH N 89 DEG 53 MIN 03 SEC W ALG N LINE THEREOF 385 FT, TH S PRL/W SD E LINE 451.82 FT TO C/L OF TWP ROAD, TH S 89 DEG 53 MIN 03 SEC E ALG SD C/L 385 FT TO POB, EX RD SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning Administrator

CITY OF COLUMBUS - PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE - Fee Ordinance Amendment

Notice is hereby given that the Columbus Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties may be heard, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota, to consider amendments to the City of Columbus Fee Ordinance. A copy of the proposed changes can be requested at the City offices or viewed on the City website. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning Administrator

Anoka County RECORD advertisement including contact information, subscription rates, and social media links.

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**CITY OF HAM LAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Ham Lake City Council will hold a public hearing on December 7, 2015 at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of adopting the 2016 Budget, Levy and Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment.

Denise Webster  
City Clerk  
(Published Nov. 20, 2015  
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**CITY OF HAM LAKE ORDINANCE SUMMARY: ORDINANCE NO. 15-27**

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO FLOODPLAIN IN THE CITY OF HAM LAKE

The following summary of the foregoing ordinance is published pursuant to the authority of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 412.191, Subd. 4 and Ham Lake City Charter Chapter Three, Section 3.08

The ordinance repeals District Floodplain Management Ordinance No. 91-3, replacing it with Ordinance No. 15-27, Floodplain in the City of Ham Lake.

A complete copy of the ordinance is posted on the main bulletin board at Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue NE, Ham Lake, Minnesota and may be observed by any person during regular office hours (Monday - Thursday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Friday 7:00 am to Noon). The ordinance is also available at the North Central Branch of the Anoka County Library, 17565 Central Ave. NE, Ham Lake, Minnesota, and on the City's website at www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us. These postings will continue for thirty days following the final publication date of this summary.

Denise Webster, City Clerk  
(Published Nov. 20, 2015  
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**ANOKA COUNTY NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILINGS FOR OFFICE**

The candidate filing period will be open between Tuesday, December 8, 2015 and Monday, December 14, 2015, during office hours. All candidate filings must be received by 5:00 PM Monday, December 14, 2015.

Candidate filings for the following offices are to be filed at the Secretary of State, 180 State Office Building, 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Saint Paul, MN, 55155-1299 or candidates may file at the Anoka County Elections Office, 325 East Main Street, Anoka MN, 55303.

• State Senator District 35 (special election, term ending in January 2017)  
Cindy Reichert, Elections Manager  
(Published Nov. 20, 2015  
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**ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

The Anoka County Board met on October 29, 2015. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2015-128 Conveyance of Property, #2015-129 Economic Assistance Payments, #2015-130 Family Caregivers Month, #2015-131 Adoption

Awareness Month, #2015-132 thru 137 Tax Forfeit Property, and #2015-138 Joint Powers Agreements. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us)

(Published Nov. 20, 2015  
Anoka County Record) #321

**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-38

Description of Bid/RFP: Advertisement for Proposals for Professional Services - Consultant for Riverfront Regional Park Redevelopment

Bid Opening: December 23, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).  
(Published Nov. 13, 20, 2015  
Anoka County Record) #316

**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-41

Description of Bid/RFP: Advertisement for Bids for the Rehabilitation of 9384 5th Street NE, Blaine, MN 55434

Bid Opening: December 8, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).  
(Published Nov. 6, 13, 20, 2015  
Anoka County Record) #314

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS RESOLUTION 2015-64**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 211, SECOND SERIES AMENDING THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED TABLE 1-A FROM THE 1997 UNIFORM BUILDING CODE FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING PERMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS

WHEREAS, as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.191, subd. 4, the City Council has determined that publication of the title and summary of Ordinance 211, Second Series will clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a printed copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection during regular office hours in the office of the City Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following summary of Ordinance 211, Second Series is approved for publication:

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, MINNESOTA, ORDINANCE 211, SECOND SERIES

Section 1. The St. Francis City Code is hereby amended to include the following ordinance summarized below:

St. Francis City Code is hereby amending Section 4-1-3 the previously adopted Fee Schedule (12-15-2003) from the 1997 Uniform Building code Fee Schedule for Building Permits within the City of St. Francis

Section 2. The full ordinance will be in effect 30 days from this summary publication.

Section 3. The full ordinance is available for review during regular office hours in the office of the City Clerk.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS THIS 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

Steve Kane, Mayor of St. Francis  
Barbara I. Held, City Clerk

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**Public Land Sale List**  
**2015**  
**Exhibit A**

**SUBDIVISION** **APPRAISED VALUE OF LAND**

**CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS**

CONTACT THE MUNICIPALITY FOR LOCAL BUILDING AND ZONING ORDINANCES

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ANNEX TO MINNEAPOLIS

01 35-30-24-34-0017 15,000  
LOT 19 EX WLY 15 FT THEREOF & LOT 18 BLOCK 89  
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ANNEX, EX RD SUBJ TO EASE OF REC  
NOTE: May be subject to reassessment of specials.

**CITY OF COON RAPIDS**

CONTACT THE MUNICIPALITY FOR LOCAL BUILDING AND ZONING ORDINANCES

ORRIN THOMPSONS RIVERVIEW TERRACE 13TH A

02 22-31-24-31-0060 30,000  
LOT 4 BLOCK 6, ORRIN THOMPSONS RIVERVIEW TERRACE  
13TH ADD, EX RDS SUBJ TO EASE OF REC  
NOTE: May be subject to reassessment of specials.

**CITY OF HILLTOP**

CONTACT THE MUNICIPALITY FOR LOCAL BUILDING AND ZONING ORDINANCES

SHEFFIELD ACRES

03 26-30-24-44-0036 15,000  
W 50 FT OF LOT 35 SHEFFIELD ACRES  
NOTE: May be subject to reassessment of specials.

**TOWN OF LINWOOD**

CONTACT THE MUNICIPALITY FOR LOCAL BUILDING AND ZONING ORDINANCES

BICKS SHADYLAND BEACH

04 04-33-22-24-0057 25,000  
LOTS 19 & 20 BLOCK 5 BICKS SHADYLAND BEACH  
NOTE: May be subject to reassessment of specials.

End of Notice Of Sale Of Land

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ANOKA

Estate of:  
DeVern Martin Gustavson  
Decedent

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an Application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's last Will, dated August 7, 2015, has been filed with the Registrar herein, and the Application has been granted informally probating such Will. Any objections may be filed in the above named court and the same will be heard by the Court upon notice of hearing fixed for such purpose.

Notice is hereby further given that informal appointment of Greer F. Gustavson, whose address is 1223 Brookcliff Circle, San Ramon, CA 94582, as personal representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, has been made. Any heir, devisee, or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative, and the personal representative is empowered to fully administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute real estate, unless objections thereto are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 524.3-607), and the Court otherwise orders.

Notice is hereby given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said Estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

FILED: Nov 16, 2015

/s/ Peggy Zdon, Registrar, 11/16/15, /s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator 11/16/15

Attorney for Personal Representative: CROSBY & WESTBROCK LLC, Alexander A. Crosby, MN# 0386625, 91 Snelling Avenue N, Suite 120, St. Paul, MN 55104, Telephone: 651-493-0097, Facsimile: 651-318-3634, e-mail: [acrosby@crosbywestbrock.com](mailto:acrosby@crosbywestbrock.com)  
(Published Nov. 20, 27, 2015 Anoka County Record) #322

DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 02-PR-15-623  
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS