

## Sturdevant resigns from Fridley School Board

### Applications for appointment taken until Friday

Joseph A. Sturdevant has resigned from the Fridley School Board, effective Sept. 1, according to documentation in the public version of the Sept. 20 school board meeting packet posted on the school district's website.



Joseph A. Sturdevant

The Fridley school district, ISD 14, will be taking applications until this Friday, Oct. 7 to appoint a resident of the district to the vacant seat. The seat's next regularly scheduled election is Nov. 7, 2017 for a 4-year term. The salary of a Fridley school board member is \$4,968 per calendar year plus \$1,000 if that member is on the subcommittee that negotiates union labor contracts.

Other than a written timeline as to how the vacancy would be handled, there was no other supporting documentation in the Sept. 20 meeting packet. Nor was a letter of resignation included. Sturdevant's name was not mentioned at the televised meeting Sept. 20, however

there was an off-camera meeting held earlier the same evening. He attended the school board meetings of Aug. 16.

The Sept. 20 school board meeting packet indicated his resignation was received Sept. 1. The Minneapolis Star Tribune published an exclusive story in its Sept. 2 edition, reporting that Sturdevant had been fired from the Columbia Heights police force for a conflict of interest. He had been on the force since 1996.

The *Record* researched the Fridley School Board's election history nearly twenty years — the board has had to make numerous appointments due to resignations; also, the *Record* could not find any school board election where a full compliment of candidates had filed. Many seats have also been uncontested.

In 2005, three seats were on the ballot. Two incumbents filed for re-election but no candidate filed for the third seat, leaving it for a write-in candidate to scoop up.

Sturdevant won his Fridley school board seat in 2013; after being unsuccessful in 2009. He was also on the Columbia Heights ISD 13 school board, elected in 2004 and 2008. He resigned that seat due to moving to a new residence in the Fridley school district. — *ACR staff*

## Anoka County Commissioner District #1

# Look vs. Van Denburgh

### Candidates Speak at Recent Forum

One of the highest profile races for a seat on the Anoka County Board is in Commissioner District #1. This district includes Ramsey, Nowthen, Saint Francis, and Oak Grove.

Incumbent Matt Look is being challenged by Saint Francis School Board member Marsha Van Denburgh. Look is finishing his first term on the county board, while Van Denburgh is in the middle of her second term on the school board.



Matt Look

### Endorsements

Look has been endorsed by Oak Grove Mayor Mark Korin, Oak Grove Councilmember Scott Lawrence, Ramsey Councilmember Chris Riley, Saint Francis Mayor Steve Kane, Anoka Mayor Phil Rice, Anoka Councilmember Jeff Weaver, and Nowthen Mayor Jeff Pilon.



Marsha Van Denburgh

He has also been endorsed by Minnesota House Speaker Kurt Daudt, the Metro North Chamber Leadership Fund PAC, and is recommended by the SD35 Republicans executive committee.

Van Denburgh has been endorsed by the Service Employees International Union Minnesota State Council, Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation - AFL-CIO, and the Local 49 Operating Engineers.

### Candidate Forum

At a candidate forum held on Monday, September 19th, both Look and Van Denburgh answered three introductory questions which were provided in advance. Then the moderator provided both candidates the opportunity to answer questions submitted by those in attendance. The forum was approximately 30 minutes in length.

*The following questions and answers were transcribed from a video of the forum.*

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### PLANNED SCHOOL BOARD TIMELINE

- September 1, 2016: Resignation received
- September 19, 2016: Ad sent to School Board designated newspaper
- September 20, 2016: Announce the vacancy at School Board Meeting
- September 23, 2016: Ad is published
- September 20-October 7, 2016: Applications are accepted at Fridley School District
- October 10-14, 2016: School Board Members review the applications
- October 18, 2016: Nomination is announced and voted amongst Board Members
- October 18-November 17, 2016: 30 days for community to contest nomination
- December 20, 2016: New School Board Member is recognized and resolution is passed

### SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCY

Fridley School District 14 is accepting applications to serve on the School Board. This opening is to fill a seat vacated by Joseph Sturdevant, for a term from December 2016 through December 31, 2017. The candidate must be at least 21 years of age; an eligible voter; reside in the Fridley School District for at least 30 days prior to appointment; and not convicted as a sex offender who is required to register pursuant to Minn. Stat. 243.166. The candidate will be eligible to run for a 4-year term in the November 7, 2017 election. Applications accepted until October 7, 2016. The School Board anticipates making the appointment on November 15, 2016. Please fill out the application via the district website. [www.fridley.k12.mn.us](http://www.fridley.k12.mn.us) under Employment. Please call Director of Human Resources, Jennifer Claseman, at 763-502-5013 with any questions. Please call Director of Human Resources, Jennifer Claseman, at 763-502-5013 with any questions.

## Look - Van Denburgh *continued from page 1*

**Question:** Would you please describe your background and community involvement?

**Matt Look:** Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Matt Look. I have the privilege and the honor of serving as your County Commissioner of District #1. My constituents are well represented with 14 boards and committees that I serve on. I'm a 40 year resident of Anoka and Ramsey, I'm married with two terrific kids. I'm a graduate of Bethel University with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Economics. I'm a small business owner. Prior to owning my business, I worked in corporate America in sales and marketing. The largest company I worked for was 3M.

I find my experience in business to be my greatest asset. I survived the recession because of my belief in needs versus wants and have translated those lessons learned to the County Board. As a result of the County's financial standing, now it's stronger today than we have ever been, and we are one of the lowest taxed counties in the Metro.

I'm a member of the First Baptist Church of Anoka. I have managed our church softball team, I serve on the Board of Youth First, our family serves on the Board of the Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association. As a former college level soccer player, I coached the undefeated boys team for the Northern Lights Soccer Association, and, in all, I've donated endless hours to investing in our community. Thank you.

**Question:** What are your qualifications for serving, and why are you seeking this office?

**Matt Look:** I'm the only candidate for County Commissioner with experience, and I'm the only one with a successful track record in getting things accomplished quickly and respectfully at this level of government, while continuing to protect the taxpayer. I'm in my sixth year as a County Commissioner in Anoka County. I was a Ramsey City Councilmember four years prior to that. I've served ten years in all in government. I was elected Vice Chair of the County Board and Chair of the Regional Rail Authority by my peers. I was also appointed Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Facilities Maintenance and Construction Committee. As Regional Rail Chair, we completed the Ramsey Rail Stop. As Finance Chair, we created cash in lieu of bonding accounts for paying down known expenses, ending the need to borrow money. As a result, our financial rating has gone from Good to Strong. I'm running again to continue the good work that we have accomplished and utilize the experience I have to deal with the upcoming challenges to protect the taxpayer. Thank you.

**Question:** More seniors than ever have not been married or had children. Later in life, they need guardians, and that number is increasing. What is Anoka County's guardianship policy, and do changes need to be made to it?

**Matt Look:** Again, I'm not aware of a guardianship policy that we have. We are obviously getting into a timeframe here where a lot of our population is aging, and our services that are required by the County continually change. We need to respond to those services as need be. I know that with family members, that even our County Attorney has identified many senior-abuse scenarios, and that's an area that he's been working very strongly on. But one thing is for sure. We try and keep our seniors in their houses as long as possible as opposed to sending them off to other facilities, which cost an extreme amount of money, and that's been a long time pursuit, not only of this County but also of our state representative — or our now state Senator Jim Abeler, and working towards keeping seniors in their homes just as long as possible because of the savings realized in that.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** I'd like to thank the League of Women Voters to begin with for this opportunity this evening. I would like to start by just telling you a little bit about my involvement in the community as the question has [been] asked. I've been a foster care provider for 17 years in Anoka County, and I've adopted six children out of the foster care system. And prior to Anoka County, my involvement was with Hennepin County. I've lived in the community for 34 years in Anoka County.

I have been a coach of Special Olympics. Through my work with foster care, I have adopted and had several disabled children, and that has led me to Special Olympics, an excellent organization, where I have been able to coach. I also ran the Meals on Wheels program for the First Baptist Church in Anoka when I lived in this area for approximately ten years in the 1990s to early 2000s. I'm a trained NAMI support group leader, which is the National Alliance for [sic] Mental Illness, and I have been a Can Do Canines puppy raiser, so I have a lot of varied experience.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** I have been a school board member for two terms, and as I have been a school board member for the last two terms, we have been able to be very successful financially with our \$50 million budget. And during that time, we have been able to increase programming in the district, I have also been on the board as we have been able to give increases to our employees across the board, and all the while, we have been able to grow our fund balance. So when I began my school board tenure, I did not have — there was not much of a fund balance, and now it's over 5½ percent. I also successfully lobbied the Legislature this year for a funding increase for the foster care providers, and so I started about November, and by May, a bill had been passed, totally volunteer on my part, to go and see a 15 percent increase for our foster care providers across the state.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** My understanding is that guardianship in the state is not regulated, and so I have huge concerns about that, because anytime someone is caring for another individual's finances or interests at all and there is no regulation, then we have an issue. As Ms. Nelson said in the question, there is data that shows that many more of our aging population do not have spouses or children to care for them, and so they are needing guardians. Guardianship in Anoka County is not a paid position, so there is no money for a guardian. They are totally volunteer, and so allowing our most vulnerable to have — to be — have guardians that are totally unregulated and volunteer, that concerns me.

**Question:** What issue are you most passionate about, and what are your plans to address it?

**Matt Look:** Because the people elected a majority of fiscal conservatives in Anoka County, we were able to cut our spending, reduce our budget, and lower your County property taxes without cutting services. Since being elected, we stopped unnecessary spending on lunches and trips and found \$40 million in waste, all of which has enabled us to levy at 2010 rates, making us one of the lowest taxed counties in the Metro. We've invested money in roads and bridges within our County, bringing together federal, state, county, and city. Our largest success story was the Armstrong Interchange on Highway 10. Each year we are scored on our roads, and this year our County Road Pavement Index is the highest it has ever been, which is incredible when you think of what winters do to our roads.

That's the good news, but there's still work to be done on Highways 10, 47, and 65, all of which are state owned roads, so it is critical that we continue to advocate that these roads be upgraded. Four years ago, as I said, our most urgent need was debt reduction. We inherited over \$200 million in debt from prior county boards, but since focusing on debt reduction, we have paid down \$50 million and are now scheduled to pay off 77 percent of our debt in the next ten years. We have done this, maintained our reserves; eliminated many unnecessary expenditures by focusing on managed, known expenses; paid cash in lieu of bonding; and held tight on spending by evaluating our needs versus our wants.

Today we export 70 percent of our labor force down Highway 10. Jobs are hard to find in our community. If we stay the course, we will continue to attract business, build roads to today's standards, and pay down debt, which will lead to financial security, community stability, commercial development, and job growth. I'm passionate about representing my constituents to the best of my ability with honesty, integrity, and respect. Thank you.

**Question:** How do you feel about unions in Anoka County — in the Anoka County workplace?

**Matt Look:** With regards to unions, we have unions here at the County. It is fully within the right of the employees if they choose to want to join a union and negotiate wages and that sort of thing. As it relates to negotiation, we contract out with legal firms to do that negotiating for us. We, as commissioners, do not negotiate that. Under my term here of six years, those contracts are negotiated, they're brought before the County Board, and the County Board has approved them, because both sides have come together on that. Currently, right now we have one union in the Highway Department that has not come to an agreement yet. The younger generation wants something different than the older generation, and they currently have about eight months of no contract. That's not a fault of the County Board or the County at all. They need to come to terms with what they want.

But where I get concerned with in unions is forced unionization of childcare workers, which is really an area — a topic out there right now. We have PCAs that we pay for with the County here, and forced unionization of those folks, I think, is wrong.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** Well, one issue — the question was — my main issue that I'm concerned about and the main issue that concerns me is what the general public would call lack of transparency of this board. And I would even go so far as to say that many of the things that happen here are secret. It's very difficult to determine what's going on at the board level, and so the most recent example that I can give you was last Monday, the 12th, the board had a work session to determine the County budget — a \$3 million budget, 53 minutes for the work session. Then I watched the County Board meeting on Tuesday, which would have been last Tuesday, the 13th, and there was nothing on the agenda about the work session for the budget. There was no — no reports given by any of the board members about the budget, and I think that this is critical, that we as a community, we as voters and constituents, be able to understand and learn what is going on at the county board level, and currently that's very, very difficult. And so I would have expected an agenda on the website, at the very least. I would have hoped, definitely, for a board report the next day, because a \$3 million budget at a work session that was not televised and no agenda is on the website, and it was concluded in 53 minutes, that's a major, major problem that I see in this government, is that there is too much secrecy at the county board level. And so I would say that is one of my chief concerns today.

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# ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

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

September 30, 2016

**Quote of the Week:** "The public deserves to know if you're on their side or only care about the people who bought your election."

- State Rep. Ryan Winkler (DFL - Golden Valley)

**Quote of the Week:** "Without [donor] information, it's hard for people to know exactly who is spending money to influence their vote."

- State Rep. Paul Thissen (DFL - Minneapolis)

**Quote of the Week:** "Big money goes around the world, Big money underground, Big money got a mighty voice, Big money make no sound, Big money pull a million strings, Big money hold the prize, Big money weave a mighty web, Big money draw the flies."

- Geddy Lee

## THE BIG MONEY

Let's be honest. Money buys votes. Money buys influence. Money buys elections.

While money has always been "the mother's milk of politics," even Big Daddy Unruh would be surprised by the way the money chase has come to dominate today's politics.

And while Unruh, an infamous Democrat who died in 1987, would have likely been surprised by the money flowing into politics today, he surely would have been pleased at the way Democrats have mastered the vote buying game.

The Party of the Workin' Man no longer gives a crap about him (other than demanding his vote).

The Workin' Man has a job that pollutes Mother Earth, an unenlightened values system, and a wallet too light to play in the political arena.

The Democrats who own today's DFL live within two or three zip codes in Minneapolis, drive a foreign car, and don't know anyone who gets paid by the hour except their own au pair, gardener, chef, and housekeeper.

This set includes the union bosses who share a big equity stake in the machine.

This week, candidates, political parties, and special interest groups were all required to turn in their latest campaign finance reports.

These reports detail the revenues and expenditures of these people, giving the average voter a look at the people who really matter to politicians - the ones who fund their re-election.

And make no mistake, this is where the action is centered when it comes to funding elections.

The quaint notion that candidates raise and spend money may still be true, but it matters less and less.

In short, the lion's share of political spending happens outside of what the campaigns themselves raise and spend.

Moreover, the realm of special interests and their campaign spending is a shell game with money shuttling back and forth between groups like a game of three card monte.

Follow that dollar. Now you see it, now you don't.

Let's examine the machine in action by taking

a look at the campaign spending of Education Minnesota, the teachers' union.

You know, the union that forces to every public school teacher to fund the union whether they want to or not. It's the law, a law written, passed, and protected by DFL legislators.

Why would that be?

Could it be that this union's political spending makes it nothing more than a campaign arm of the DFL?

The period covered in the latest reports is January 1, 2016 through September 20, 2016.

During that period, the Education Minnesota PAC brought in a whopping, eye-popping \$2.2 million.

They turned around and spent all but \$160,000.

The bulk of the expenditures went to:

- Contributions to candidates (\$75,550)
- Contributions to political parties (\$707,700)
- Contributions to other political funds and PACs (\$931,625)
- Independent Expenditures (\$65,000)

### Contributions to candidates

Did we say that Education Minnesota is an arm of the DFL? We take that back. Only 98.7% of their contributions went to DFL candidates.

The rest went to Republicans - all three of them.

Not that this publication is pleading for bi-partisanship here. Since concepts like merit, productivity, and accountability are foreign to the teachers' union, it's not a surprise that they do their best to keep Republicans from introducing such concepts to our taxpayer-funded education workforce.

### Contributions to political parties

This is the pot of money that flows to organizations like the House DFL caucus, the Senate DFL caucus, the state DFL party and local DFL units.

For example, the PAC gave \$291,250 to the House DFL caucus, which seeks to gain a DFL majority in the Minnesota House.

The Education Minnesota PAC also gave \$316,000 to the Senate DFL, hoping to help them keep a DFL majority in that body.

\$95,000 was shuttled over to the state DFL, to assist in electing and re-electing DFL endorsed candidates.

The remaining money was sent out in smaller tranches to local DFL parties. This practice is a bit of money laundering. Because there are contribution limits to candidates, the trick is to give to the local DFL party once a PAC maxes out to a candidate. For example, the Education Minnesota PAC will max out to a candidate in Senate District 100. Then, the PAC will send money to the Senate District 100 DFL, which will very likely spend the money on behalf of their endorsed Senate candidate in that district.

Slick, huh?

### Contributions to other political funds and PACs

This is where the shell game gets really confusing. Under this category of funding, we see all sorts of PACs and other political interest groups shuttling money around and between each other for purposes that aren't at all clear, other than electing Democrats to office.

For example, the Education Minnesota PAC

sent \$456,625 to something called the Alliance for a Better Minnesota Action Fund.

This PAC is funded in a big way by unions like Education Minnesota as well as other shadowy interest groups like one called WIN Minnesota.

Note also that the Education Minnesota PAC gave \$300,000 to WIN Minnesota.

Do you feel like your swirling in a cesspool of political influence?

Good. You're a normal and concerned citizen.

Essentially, this category attempts to capture the spending done by PACs and "PACs of PACs" that aggregate astronomical sums of money to influence electoral outcomes.

Money flows in and out, almost like a Panamanian banking system.

These expenditure totals are emblematic of the way in which The People have lost control of their government.

They've lost control because their government in many measures has been bought and paid for by special interests.

And DFL politicians stand in front of microphones to decry the influence of money in politics.

What a bunch of BS.

### Independent Expenditures

These expenditures consist of mailings in favor of legislative candidates favored by Education Minnesota.

Every single mailing was on behalf of a DFLer save one, those for Jim Abeler, when he ran against the endorsed Republican to win the special election in Senate District 35.

One can't help but wonder what Jim Abeler is prepared to do to return the favor.

There you have it, Watchdogs. A primer on the dirty, murky world of special interest political spending.

This is how we lost our democratic political institutions.

You take the Education Minnesota PAC and multiply it by thousands of similar organizations operating across the country at the federal, state, and local level.

Americans are rightly demanding that the money changers be ejected from the temple.

Guess which candidate for president offers hope in that regard?

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Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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## Forum *continued from page 2*

**Question:** How would you reform County rules and policies to make the County Commissioners' processes more open and transparent to the public?

**Matt Look:** Well, I would first of all disagree with the fact that we're not transparent. I think we're very transparent. We've been more transparent than any board prior to us. We have an [opengov.com](http://opengov.com) tool which you can go into the online [site], and you can figure out exactly what our budget is. Everything we communicate — you can attend the work sessions that my opponent referred to earlier. Those are noticed of when they're going to be taking place. You can attend. If — she did not attend the budget meeting that we just had, probably an important meeting to show up to if you're going to be running for a County Board position. Unfortunately, you know, people like to claim that there's not transparency. There is no proof that there's not transparency. As a matter of fact, we were accused of being — operating behind a closed door. Well, I can assure you there's a door to the office that we conduct our meetings in, but it's not behind closed doors. We operate with absolute efficiency, and this County Board has made sure, made sure that we've been transparent in every regard possible.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** Well, currently, the County Board does a lot of decision making. It appears that this occurs not at the board table, and so my preference would be that we hear discussion at the board table and so when an item is referenced — and so I would encourage this. There's a first, there's a second — discussion occurs at the board table so that those who can't attend the meetings can watch them on the video, and they can hear what is going on. There's very, very little discussion at the board table currently, and that is an integral part to the citizenry understanding what is going on and being transparent. And a lot of information occurs in the committee meetings. Those should be videotaped as well. Work sessions should be videotaped so that everyone that wants to view these can and has that opportunity.

**Question:** What would you do to ensure that people with disabilities have housing that makes them more independent and included in their community?

**Matt Look:** As I mentioned before, as commissioners, we specialize in various different areas on the County Board here. I specialize in finance, I specialize in transportation, and I specialize in regional rail. Other commissioners specialize in human services, and this is a human service topic. We trust those commissioners that operate in those human service capacities. Commissioner Sivarajah, the board of the — the chair board — is the chair of that committee. Commissioner Braastad serves on it and others as well. As I — you know, I'm — this is not an area of my fortitude, in other words, an area that I can comment on. What I do know is that we — if there's an issue on it, we will address that issue. If the state mandates that we address this issue, we'll be addressing this issue, and that's — when you're an arm of the state, that's the way it operates. The state dictates how you're going to do it, and you need to, in some cases, fund it yourselves if it's an unfunded mandate. In other cases, they provide funding for it, and our human service people here are topnotch, so I feel absolutely content with the way it's being handled.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** Individuals with disabilities definitely deserve housing in their communities, and it is very difficult to find housing for disabled people. Most of them have services because of their disability, and so they receive waived services through the County, and those services help them determine where they can live. And so the least restrictive setting is what's best for disabled people, and so if they can handle housing in an apartment with a little bit of help, that's the best. If they need a group home setting, that's based on their own disability and how they have been — how that's been determined by their County case managers and the people in their lives, and so increasing disabled housing is a need, and I think that's something I would love to be a part of addressing.

**Question:** Hennepin County recently announced a new program to evaluate recent non violent arrests for mental health users — mental health people, I think. What is your view on this program, and would you support or oppose this program in Anoka County?

**Matt Look:** Well, I've not heard of this in Hennepin County. And what I do know is that we have a — you know, recently covered in a Star Tribune article out at our juvenile facility — we have a juvenile facility in which we handle troubled youth, and — and kids that, quite frankly, can't get services elsewhere. The recent article that was covered, in fact, was a child that was bounced around from various different counties that wouldn't accept this person, and we ultimately did, and there was an issue as a result of it. There are some challenges to doing so. I've not heard of Hennepin County's situation, but if it — again, if it becomes a condition in which the state requires us to provide that service, we'll certainly be there to provide it.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** I would definitely support such a program. It's my understanding that the Sheriff's Department has come before Anoka County and requested that the County consider looking at offenders when they come into the system, and those who have mental health issues, that those be assessed separately from those who do not. And we have an enormous issue with individuals who commit crimes who really are mentally unable [sic] and they need mental health treatment. They do not need incarceration, so I think it would be a very conservative use of our taxpayer money and the monies that the County has to be diligent in assessing those who have mental health issues and making sure they get treatment if they do not need incarceration.

**Question:** Please describe in detail your plan to fix employee relations amongst union employees at the Highway Department and Sheriff's Office.

**Matt Look:** Well, as I mentioned earlier, the — we certainly value our employees at both the Sheriff's Office and the Highway Department. The Highway Department, again, is in between contracts right now. The 49'ers are in between contracts, and, again, unfortunately, there's a difference between the younger generation and the older generation in terms of what they want in this contract, and they're not able to come to a consensus on that. I would suggest that they come to a consensus so they can move forward with a contract, but I would caution that there's a lowering of morale. I don't think there's a lowering of morale. We are — we're actually — have done internal surveys, and people now are saying that they finally feel appreciated now more than ever before, and that's been one of the goals of this County Board, is we don't berate people. We try and give them the skills that they need to succeed in the job.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** Thank you. I know that we have an issue. Last Tuesday a memorandum came out from the Highway Department that says there is currently 19 openings in the Highway Department, which is an enormous number, and I know the Highway Department also sent a letter to the County Commissioners saying that they were having such difficulty filling the roles of these very needy positions, and workers were leaving for Chisago County. They're not leaving for private industry, they're leaving for small counties, because the pay is so low and the benefits are not commiserate [sic] with their other employees currently. My understanding is they're about 15 percent below their pay in other counties that are the same, and so I think we need to pay our employees to retain the institutional knowledge and not continue to lose this.

**Question:** What would you do to encourage businesses to come to Anoka County?

**Matt Look:** Well, I agree that roads are a number one concern. Highway 10 was identified by the Anoka County Board as their top priority. This was never identified by a previous county board ever as a top priority, but we identified it as a top priority. We went after dollars. We put together nine funding sources. We got Armstrong Interchange done. It was a large undertaking, not easy to get done, but roads are certainly important. We hear that from our businesses, that — that they're not going to locate here if their trucks are sitting idling in traffic and their employees can't get to work on time.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** Encouraging businesses to come to Anoka County is a really huge issue. We really need to grow our County. We have a lot of undeveloped land that could be used for businesses to come. I think our transportation arteries need to be upgraded. There is a lot of congestion on Highway 10, and so that is an issue that needs to be worked hand in hand with the city and the county and the state to be able to relieve that congestion so that businesses want to come here and they want to locate here and provide the jobs for our residents of the area. And the same is going on in other major roadways, and so I think upgrading our transportation and increasing our transportation options as far as more roads would help businesses come and locate here.

Another thing is low taxes. I spoke with a recent company that did move, in fact, from Hennepin County to Anoka County, and I asked them, I took the opportunity to ask them, "What do you pay different in taxes from Hennepin County Anoka County?" and his reply was "Fifty percent less," okay? So this is an important area, but the big problem that we have right now is the federal government in terms of loaning money. When you're a start up business right now, the bank regulators are not allowing small businesses to borrow money, and when you can't borrow money and you can't cash flow an expansion or something of that nature or a move, that's a major problem, and you can't move.

**Question:** Closing statement.

**Matt Look:** There are many differences between me and my opponent. The biggest difference is that I am a true fiscal conservative, I have accounting experience, and a successful track record. Over the last six years in government, I have door knocked your homes and I have listened to your stories. The families in Anoka do not want to pay high taxes with questionable spending. They need a solution to Highway 10 and 47. That's why myself and other fiscally sensible commissioners reduced the levy, rolled back spending, and are scheduled to pay off significant debt, while making significant investment in roads and bridges. By asking less of the taxpayer, you are able to keep money in your wallet for food, gas, and bills.

**Marsha Van Denburgh:** Well, I'd like to also thank you all for coming this evening. I am experienced. I have provided foster care to so many children, over 75, and I've learned how to navigate the complex system of state and federal and local government as far as that goes. I have been a small business owner, I own a small business. I have served two terms on the — well, I'm in my second term at the St. Francis School District, where we have not asked for any more operating referendums, and yet we've been able to increase our fund balance, and we have been able to increase the program's \$50 million budget. That's not small. I have experience that can lead this County in a brighter future and stop some of the stagnation that we see now, even though taxes are going to rise again as they have in the past at this County. Thank you so much.

It's very simple — needs versus wants. I get it, and I'm the only one up here who has done it as a Commissioner for Anoka County. I'm asking for your vote in the general election on November 8. You can learn more about our campaign and join our team at [www.votemattlook.com](http://www.votemattlook.com). Together, we've made Anoka County better. Thank you.

Look can be contacted at [www.votemattlook.com](http://www.votemattlook.com), and on Facebook.

Van Denburgh can be contacted at [www.votevandenburg.com](http://www.votevandenburg.com) and on Facebook and Twitter.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**ANOKA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE OF VACANCY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103B.227 and § 103D.311 that a vacancy will occur on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers due to the expiration on January 17, 2017, of the term of Patricia L. Preiner, city of Columbus. Term of the appointment is for three years. Managers are eligible to be reappointed. Persons interested in being appointed to serve on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers may submit their names for consideration to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, the appointing authority. Minn. Stat. § 103D.311 permits the cities in the district to submit a list(s) of nominations to the county board. If a valid list(s) containing at least three eligible nominees for a manager's position is submitted at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the term or by November 18, 2016, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners is required to make an appointment either from the list(s) or to appoint a manager who resides in a city that fails to submit a list. Since a westerly list may be submitted, from Lexington Avenue persons interested in being considered for appointment may wish to contact their city to request to be included on a list of nominations. In the absence of a valid list, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners may appoint any voting resident of the Rice Creek Watershed District who is not a

public officer of the county, state, or federal government.  
/s/ Jerry Soma, County Administrator  
/s/ Jon C. Audette, Assistant County Attorney

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**ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

The Anoka County Board met on September 13, 2016. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2016-114 Domestic Violence Awareness Month, #2016-115 OJP Grant Agreement, #2016-116 Conveyance of Property, and #2016-117 Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Request. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us)

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**CITY OF HAM LAKE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Ham Lake will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 6:01 p.m. on October 17, 2016, to consider the improvement of 167th Avenue NE, westerly from Lexington Avenue to the cul-de-sac; and Fraizer Street NE from 167th Avenue NE to 165th Avenue NE; and 165th Avenue NE from Fraizer Street NE westerly and ending in a cul-de-sac, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 429.011 to 429.111. The area proposed to be assessed for such improvement is

the properties abutting on such streets. The estimated cost of such improvement is \$418,227.04. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

Denise Webster  
City Clerk

To access the feasibility study for the proposed road improvement project go to:

[www.rfcengineering.com/HLProj/1402.136/Files/City%20Council%20Memo.pdf](http://www.rfcengineering.com/HLProj/1402.136/Files/City%20Council%20Memo.pdf)  
(Published 9/27, 10/4, 2016 Anoka County Record) #460

**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, October 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following public hearings in the order that they appear:

**PUBLIC HEARING** to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Steve Trueman representing Vertical Bridge/T-Mobile to construct a 125' monopole communications facility located at 2351 181st Ave NW, legally described: Lot 1, Block 1, Birds-Eye View Acres; further described by PID #34-33-24-33-0002.

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, October 12, 2016.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold  
City Clerk  
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**CITY OF OAK GROVE COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE 16 - 05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF OAK GROVE, MINNESOTA

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK GROVE DOES ORDAIN that the Property The property legally described as:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of The Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 33, Range 24, Anoka County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the south line thereof, distant 698.21 feet east of the southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 25 seconds West, assumed bearing, along said south line, 698.21 feet to the southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 16 seconds West, along the west line of said Southeast Quarter of The Southwest Quarter, 631.34 feet; thence North 63 degrees 40 minutes 31 seconds East, 330.18 feet; thence South 88 degrees 15 minutes 49 seconds East, 287.24 feet; thence South 08 degrees 27 minutes 36 seconds East, 139.63 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 35 seconds West, 298.21 feet to the north line of the South 334.00 feet of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 25 seconds East, along said north line, 103.41 feet to the intersection with a line that bears North 00 degrees 07 minutes 35 seconds East from the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 35 seconds West, 334.00 feet to the point of beginning

is hereby rezoned from Agricultural to Single Family Residential for consistency with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the City Administrator is directed to revise the City's official zoning map to reflect the amendment made by this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law. Adopted by the City Council this 26th day of September, 2016.

Mark R. Korin, Mayor  
Sheryl F. Fiskewold, City Clerk  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS**

**North Metro Hotel LLC**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE North Metro Hotel LLC has dissolved and is in the process of winding up its affairs. The limited liability company has filed with the Secretary of State a notice of dissolution. The notice was filed August 9, 2016. Claims against the company must be presented in writing to: Ailana McIntosh, Foley & Mansfield PLLP, 250 Marquette, #1200, Mpls, MN 55401. Claims must be received by Nov. 30, 2016.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES UNPAID**

**Oak Grove Lions hosting "Meet the Candidates"**

The Oak Grove Lions Club will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates" forum at Oak Grove City Hall, 19900 Nightingale Street NW at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the candidates for Oak Grove City Council and Anoka County Commissioner.

**CITY OF COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Variance**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, October 21, 2016 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 a request for a variance from the required 75' feet shoreline lake setback to a 45' feet shoreline lake setback for the construction of a new home. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Applicant: Jesse Roessler (Sharper Homes, Inc.)

Property Owner: Randy K. & Roxanne K. Schriber

Property Location: Vacant Lots - 190th Lane NE, Columbus, Minnesota  
Existing Legal Description: Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, & 24 Breezy Shore, Anoka County, Minnesota  
Elizabeth Mursko  
Zoning Administrator

**CITY OF COON RAPIDS**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COON RAPIDS PLANNING COMMISSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Coon Rapids Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a decision on the following matter:

**CASE: 09-09**  
ITEM: Revocation of a



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**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**

Turn-key operations. The City of Vesta is accepting proposals for the purchase of the **Vesta Municipal Liquor Store**. It is an on and off sale facility. Proposals will be accepted until October 10, 2016 by email, phone, or mail at the City Clerk's Office:  
150 Front Street West, PO Box 214, Vesta MN 56292  
For more information call: Kimberly at the Vesta City Clerk's Office  
**507-762-3140** or [cityofvesta@mvtvireless.com](mailto:cityofvesta@mvtvireless.com)  
*The Vesta City Council retains the right to refuse any and all proposals.*

**CITY OF BLAINE GENERAL ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

<p><b>City Question 1</b> <b>Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for Community and Senior Centers</b></p> <p>Shall the City of Blaine be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds, including any bonds issued to refund such bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$29,350,000 to provide funds for the acquisition, construction and betterment of a community center and a senior center, either separately or as part of the same facility? The estimated first-year cost for a Blaine house valued at \$200,000 is \$60.</p> <p>Any operating expenses not covered by operating revenue will be paid for by the taxpayers.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><b>BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.</b></p>	<p><b>City Offices</b></p> <p><b>Mayor</b> <b>City of Blaine</b> <b>Vote for One</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tom Ryan <input type="radio"/> Jason K King <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any</p> <p><b>Council Member</b> <b>Blaine Ward 1</b> <b>Vote for One</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> John R. Wilcox <input type="radio"/> Dick Swanson <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any</p> <p><b>Council Member</b> <b>Blaine Ward 2</b> <b>Vote for One</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Julie Jeppson <input type="radio"/> Mike Bourke <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any</p>	<p><b>Council Member</b> <b>Blaine Ward 3</b> <b>Vote for One</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Andy Garvais <input type="radio"/> Maisa Olson <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any</p>
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Conditional Use Permit Addition, Anoka County, LOCATION: 10533  
PETITIONER: Rhonda Minnesota Foley Boulevard  
Lee  
**CASE: 16-25**  
LOCATION: 12400 Shenandoah Boulevard ITEM: Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit for a Place of Worship  
Consider the revocation of a conditional use permit for skin care business as a home occupation.  
PETITIONER: Vasilij Skorykh  
LOCATION: Lot 3, Block 1, AYDT

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**STEPHAN BRONISLAW POZNIAK** DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF ANOKA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
In Re: Estate of Stephan Bronislaw Pozniak Court File No.: 02-PR-16-12 a/k/a; Stephan B. Pozniak, Decedent. NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Irene Pozniak, whose address is P.O. Box 439 #114, Rockville, MN 56369-0439, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

March 31, 2016; /s/Peggy Zdon, Registrar; /s/Lori Meyer, Court Administrator  
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of an addition to the building and an expansion to the parking lot to accommodate 38 parking stalls.

Legal description: Lot 1, Block 1, Carpenter Addition

Said hearing will take place on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at the City Center, 11155 Robinson Drive in the City Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m. The City Center is ADA accessible. Requests for hearing assistance devices or a sign language interpreter must be received before October 11, 2016. Such a request may be made by telephone 763-767-6430, TDD 763-757-8885 or fax 763-767-6573. All interested persons are invited to attend and to be heard. You may call 763-767-6430 if you have any questions.

Wayne Schwartz, Chairman  
Coon Rapids Planning Commission

**CITY OF RAMSEY**

Wanted: Paid-On-Call Firefighters

The City of Ramsey is seeking individuals who are interested in serving as a Paid-On-Call Firefighter. These positions will provide emergency services to the City of Ramsey and the City of Nowthen.

Firefighters respond to a variety of emergency and non-emergency events related to fires, hazardous materials, rescue, confined space rescue and water rescue, as well as pre-planning, education and other events within the community. The hourly rate is \$14.50/hour for training, meetings and fire calls.

Minimum qualifications include: 1) must have a high school diploma or equivalent; 2) must be 18 or older; 3) must possess a valid driver's license; 4) must have proof of valid automobile insurance; 5) must live / or work in Ramsey / or Nowthen; 6) must pass pre-employment physical, drug screen, and assessment; 7) must pass the physical agility test.

To apply, download and print the City's Application and Supplemental Application. Send via US Mail or hand delivery to: The City of Ramsey, Attn: Sue Hurd, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN 55303. Questions can be directed to Sue Hurd, 763-433-9816 or via email shurd@cityoframsey.com. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of the City's application packet. Application materials are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2016. <http://www.cityoframsey.com/employment>

**FOREST LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake, Minnesota, is presently soliciting competitive "Multiple Prime Contract Bids" for "Forest Lake Elementary - BP#2." Sealed bids will be received at the Forest Lake Area Schools District Office, 6100 N. 210th Street, Forest Lake, MN 55025, then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received until 2:00 pm local time, on Thursday, October 27th, 2016.

The complete Bid Form shall be submitted without alterations, additions, or erasures. All bids shall be on a lump sum basis. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after bid receipt without consent of the Owner. Each bidder shall accompany the Bid Form with a bid security as described in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bids.

The project at Forest Lake Elementary School includes a courtyard infill addition for new mechanical rooms and bathrooms, and mechanical updates throughout the building, security entrance work, window replacement, flooring and other interior upgrades.

The work will be constructed in several phases according to the Project Schedule. (Addition work will start in February 2017 and continue until complete, and interior remodeling will be during the summer 2017, with final completion in August 2017. See project schedule in specifications for details.)

Direct communications regarding this Project to the office of the Construction Manager: Chad Rettke (chad.rettke@krausanderson.com) Kraus-Anderson Construction, 8625 Rendova Street NE, P.O. Box 158, Circle Pines, MN, 55014, Telephone: 763-786-7711.

Obtain Bidding Documents through [www.isqft.com](http://www.isqft.com). Please contact Sherri Short at 763-792-3677 or [sherri.short@krausanderson.com](mailto:sherri.short@krausanderson.com) to receive an invite. Bidding Documents will be available for inspection at the office of the Construction Manager and the office of the Architect: Martin Pevzner Engineering, 8030 Old Cedar Ave., Suite 100, Bloomington, MN 55425, Telephone: 952-854-1925; as well as several Builder's Exchanges: Rochester, St. Cloud, Mankato, Mid-Minnesota, Minnesota

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ANOKA

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:  
Leah Marie Pluff,

Parent/Legal Custodian. **JUVENILE PROTECTION PETITION TO TRANSFER PERMANENT LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY**

Children: Jace James Schroeder, DOB: 7/3/2012

TO: LEAH MARIE PLUFF BY AND THROUGH HER ATTORNEY, STEPHEN NICOL, NICOL & GREENLEY, LTD., 403 JACKSON ST, #309, ANOKA, MN 55303; KATEY ZOLENY, HUMAN SERVICES, ANOKA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 2100 THIRD AVENUE, ANOKA MN 55303; DONALD LABARON, ASSISTANT ANOKA COUNTY ATTORNEY, ANOKA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER 2100 THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 720, ANOKA MINNESOTA 55303; SARA MCKLUGELL, GUARDIAN AD LITEM, TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 7533 SUNWOOD DRIVE NW, SUITE 306, RAMSEY, MINNESOTA, 55303.

Intervenor, Dustin Schroeder, alleges the following:

**1. The children who are the subject of this petition are as follows:**

a. Jace James Schroeder, DOB 7/3/2012, Age 4, Caucasian Male  
Current Residence: 838 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.  
Home Address: 838 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.  
Tribal Affiliation: None

**2. The children's legal custodian, person having custody or control of the children or the nearest known relative if no parent or legal custodian can be found is as follows:**

a. Mother

Leah Marie Pluff, DOB: 2/17/1971, Age 45, Caucasian Female

Home Address: Unknown

Mailing address: Unknown

Tribal Affiliation: None

The mother was not married when the child was conceived or when they were born and is the sole custodian under Minn. Stat. Section 257.541, subd. 1.

The mother does not have any children that are not a subject of this action.

b. Adjudicated Father of Jace James Schroeder

Dustin James Schroeder, DOB: 7/28/1986, Age 30, Caucasian Male

Home Address: 838 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.

Mailing address: 838 Laurel Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.

According to the Anoka County Parental Fee Unit, Mr. Schroeder is the adjudicated father of Jace James Schroeder as he signed a Recognition of Parentage Form regarding the child.

**3. The parties to this proceeding include the following:**

a) Leah Marie Pluff, Mother;

b) Dustin James Schroeder, Adjudicated Father;

c) Anoka County Human Services and Public Health Department, Petitioner,

d) Guardian ad Litem's Office

**4. The Participants to this proceeding are as follows:**

a) Jace James Schroeder

**5. Based on information now known, the Indian Child Welfare Act does not apply.**

To the best of the Department's knowledge, the child does not reside on an Indian Reservation. In addition, the child's tribe does not have exclusive jurisdiction pursuant to 25 U.S. C. section 1911 (a), MRJPP Rule 33.02, subd. 1(h) and (i). The children are also not a ward of the tribal court.

**6. Procedural History**

a) On April 27, 2016 a petition was filed in Anoka County District Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above-named child was in need of protection or services.

b) On April 27, 2016 the child was adjudicated in need of protection or services and legal custody was transferred to the Anoka County Human Services and Public Health Department. Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for CHIPS Adjudication and Foster Care Placement are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

c) The child has been in court-ordered out-of-home placement since April 27, 2016.

d) The following reasonable efforts were made by the Department to facilitate reunification, but failed to correct the conditions that led to the out of home placement

a. To consistently make arrangements for adequate and appropriate supervision,

b. Address her mental health needs in a safe and legal ways; will follow recommendations of psychological/psychiatric evaluations and other mental health professionals managing her care,

c. Will complete a psychological evaluation,

d. Will attend, participate in and successfully complete individual therapy,

e. If recommended in therapy, will attend, participate in, and successfully complete domestic abuse programming,

f. Will complete a psychiatric evaluation for medication management,

Builders Exchange, MEDA, and Reed Construction Data.

A Pre-Bid conference and walkthrough will be held on Monday, October 17th at 4:00 p.m. local time at Forest Lake Elementary School, 408 SW 4th Street, Forest Lake, MN 55025.

DISTRICT COURT  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION  
Court File No.02-JV-16-521

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g. Will get any needed medication to support her mental health prescribed by one psychiatrist and/or physician that is familiar with her situation re: depression, anxiety, current medication, methadone, previous pain pill addiction,

h. Will complete an updated Rule 25 Assessment and will follow the recommendations thereof,

i. Will abstain from all mood altering, non-prescribed chemical use, including alcohol use,

j. Will complete random UA's as directed by ACSS.

**7. The Petitioner alleges that it is in the child's best interests for his custody to be transferred to Dustin Schroeder, who is the adjudicated father for the following reasons:**

a) The proposed custodian expresses a desire to become the legal custodian of Jace Schroeder.

b) The child is not of sufficient age and maturity to express a desire to be placed permanently in the home of the proposed custodian.

c) The proposed custodian has been the child's primary caretaker since August 5, 2016 and has provided a stable and satisfactory environment for the child.

d) A family relationship has developed between the child and the proposed custodian and others in the household and it is desirable to continue this relationship.

e) The child has made an excellent adjustment to the home, school and community in this home.

f) The proposed custodian presents a permanent family unit for the child.

g) The proposed custodian is mentally and physically fit to undertake the custody of the child.

h) The proposed custodian demonstrates the capacity and disposition to provide the child with love, affection, and guidance.

i) The proposed custodian is willing and able to continue educating and raising the child in his culture and religion.

j) Domestic abuse has occurred between the parties.

**8. Petitioner alleges that the following facts constitute grounds for transfer of legal custody:**

a) Respondent Mother

a. Pursuant to the CHIPS adjudication, Respondent Leah Marie Pluff was ordered to comply with a case plan. Respondent has failed to comply with the court-ordered case plan as follows:

i. To consistently make arrangements for adequate and appropriate supervision,

ii. Address her mental health needs in a safe and legal ways; will follow recommendations of psychological/psychiatric evaluations and other mental health professionals managing her care,

iii. Will complete a psychological evaluation,

iv. Will attend, participate in and successfully complete individual therapy,

v. If recommended in therapy, will attend, participate in, and successfully complete domestic abuse programming,

vi. Will complete a psychiatric evaluation for medication management,

vii. Will get any needed medication to support her mental health prescribed by one psychiatrist and/or physician that is familiar with her situation re: depression, anxiety, current medication, methadone, previous pain pill addiction,

viii. Will complete an updated Rule 25 Assessment and will follow the recommendations thereof,

ix. Will abstain from all mood altering, non-prescribed chemical use, including alcohol use,

x. Will complete random UA's as directed by ACSS.

xi. Following the CHIPS adjudication on April 27, 2016

xii. Other: Respondent Leah Marie Pluff did not appear for the previous hearing and her current whereabouts are unknown.

**9. Transfer of legal and physical custody of the above-named child to a relative or kin who is able and desires to become the permanent custodian of the child is in the child's best interests. The allegations contained herein support a transfer of legal and physical custody pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 260C.515 subd. 4.**

WHEREFORE, the Intervenor asks the Court to make and file its order transferring permanent legal and physical custody to Dustin Schroeder.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be accredited, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211.

Dated: 9/21/16

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