

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled board meeting in Room #705 of the Anoka County Government Center. All members of the board were present. However, due to the applicable Governor's Emergency Executive Orders, and a determination by the board chair that public attendance was not feasible due to the health pandemic, there were no members of the public in the board room where this meeting was held. Notice of this meeting included that monitoring of this meeting by the public could be done through streaming over the internet or by telephone. Public monitoring in this manner was done pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021.

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

May 26, 2020

Chair Schulte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	District #1	Matt Look
	District #2	Julie Braastad
	District #3	Robyn West
	District #4	Mandy Meisner
	District #5	Mike Gamache
	District #6	Jeff Reinert
	District #7	Scott Schulte

Others Present: Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Tony Palumbo, County Attorney; and staff

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Commissioner Braastad made motion granting reductions of valuation and/or abatements of taxes, special assessments, costs, penalties and/or interest as requested and approved by the county assessor, county auditor and/or county treasurer. (A full text of persons receiving tax abatements is on file and available for public inspection in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Look made motion accepting the regular claims paid over \$500 for the period ending May 8, 2020, and purchase-card claims paid for the period ending May 8, 2020. (Claims are on file in the County Administration Office.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the minutes from the May 12, 2020, Anoka County board meeting. Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chair Schulte stated that a public hearing to discuss Anoka County Use Fees will be held later in the meeting. For any person from the public that would like to comment on or have questions about the user fees, please email those comments or questions to Webmaster@co.anoka.mn.us.

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Commissioner West presented the Management Committee report from the meeting of May 12, 2020.

1. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-60

RENAMING OF THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners (“County Board”) has the authority to name the various county departments and committees of the County Board to promote efficiency in operations and to enhance service to the public; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board believes the citizens of Anoka County would benefit by renaming the Central Communications Department to the Emergency Communications Department in order to clearly define the Central Communications Department more effectively for Anoka County’s citizens and county staff; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board believes that name changes to the county’s organizational chart will improve proficiency, simplify reporting, and streamline operations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners that the name of the Central Communications Department will be changed to the Emergency Communications Department.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioner Reinert made motion approving the tuition reimbursement plan for the Supervisor of Investigations at the Midwest Medical Examiner’s Office (MMEO). Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Schulte presented the Transportation Committee Chair report.

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1. Commissioners Meisner and West offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-61

**ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT NO. 1037052
WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN
ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT SP 002-608-012
(CONTRACT #C0007942)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Anoka County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners that the Chair of the Anoka County Board and the County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the county to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in “Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 1037052”, a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

(Contract is on file in the Transportation Department.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Commissioner Reinert offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-62

**ENTERING INTO
MNDOT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 1028357A01
WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR PROJECT SAP 002-596-024
(CONTRACT #C0007454A)**

BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1028357A01 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation and the City of Columbus, for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the City of Columbus on Anoka County's behalf of the State's share of the costs of the additional muck excavation and fill construction and other associated construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 97 at Hornsby Street on State Project No. 8201-20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners that the Chair of the Anoka County Board and the County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the county to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation and the City of Columbus as provided for herein.

(Contract is on file in the Transportation Department.)

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

3. Commissioner West made motion awarding Contract #C0007976 to Bituminous Roadways, Inc., in the amount of \$704,439.95, for Project C.P. 20-14-00, a multi-agency, joint effort project to place bituminous surfacing on several parking areas at the National Sports Center (NSC) in the City of Blaine, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Transportation Department.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Look presented the Finance and Capital Improvements Committee report from the meeting of May 19, 2020.

1. Commissioner West made motion approving the following master contracts for electrical program, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality (Contracts are on file in the Finance Department.):

- Contract # C0007954 with Vinco, PO Box 907, Forest Lake, MN 55025
- Contract # C0007955 with Wolf River Electric, 101 Isanti Parkway NE #G, Isanti, MN 55040

Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

2. Commissioner Reinert made motion approving the Stepping Stone Emergency Shelter Lease Agreement, Contract #C0007956, with an effective date of July 1, 2020, with automatic renewals for successive one-year terms for a total of three years (June 30, 2023), unless terminated earlier as provided in section 14, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Finance Department.) Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Braastad, West, Meisner, Gamache, Reinert, and Schulte voted "yes." Commissioner Gamache abstained. Motion carried.
3. Commissioner Braastad made motion rejecting bids for the Rum River Campus Exterior Lighting/Parking Lot Expansion project and request authorization to rebid only the exterior lighting portion of the project. Commissioner West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Braastad presented the Human Services Committee report from the meeting of May 19, 2020, which also acts as the Local Social Services Agency and Health Board.

CONSENT

Behavioral Health

1. Commissioner Braastad made motion approving the following, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality (Contracts are on file in the Human Services Department.):

- A. Entering into contract renewals with Allina Health System, Mercy Hospital - Unity Campus from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2022:

- (1) Contract #C0007933 for psychiatric hold beds and acute medical care:

\$942.46 per patient day (0%) for commitment and hold hospitalization care
\$403.83 per patient day (0%) for commitment and hold hospitalization services
85% of charges up to \$1,927.90 per admission (0%) for acute medical treatment

- (2) Contract #C0007932 for psychiatric services:

\$198.46 per admission (0%) for inpatient acute psychiatric services and visit
\$104.46 per visit (0%) for each subsequent inpatient psychiatric visit

Contract maximums are based on utilization.

- B. Accepting Contract #C0006679, continued funding from the Minnesota Department of Human Services from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022:

- (1) Adult Mental Health Initiative Grant in an amount of \$765,075 per year.
(2) Adult Mental Health Community Support Program Grant in an amount of \$615,721 per year.

- C. Accepting Contract #C0005943, an amendment to the Adult and Child Mental Health Crisis Response Grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Mental Health Division from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

2. Commissioner Meisner made motion entering into Contract #C0007938, a renewal with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office for fraud prevention investigative services in an amount of \$287,883 (+.92%) from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner Reinert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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JOB TRAINING CENTER

3. Commissioner Meisner made motion approving Contract #C0007818, applying for supplemental dislocated worker funding, from the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board / DEED in an amount of \$150,000 from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

4. Commissioner Braastad made motion entering into Contract #C0007216 (amendment) with the Minnesota Department of Health in amounts of \$166,973 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and \$63,078 for the Cities Readiness Initiative, for a total of \$230,051, from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

5. Commissioner Meisner made motion entering into Contract #C0007939 with Loucks Civil Engineering in an amount of \$230,000 for site design, land evaluation use limitations, and immediate and long-term needs assessment for the Rice Creek compost site relocation project, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner Braastad seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

6. Commissioner Reinert made motion entering into #C0007921, Cooperative Agreement renewal with Centennial Independent School District #12 for use of educational space at the Anoka County Juvenile Center in an amount of \$163,210 per year (+3%) from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Human Services Department.) Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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7. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-63

APPROVING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACTIONS AND PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve and ratify the following client actions of the Anoka County Economic Assistance Department for April 2020: Medical Assistance and General Assistance medical payments in the amount of \$245,355.83 set forth in the Monthly Economic Assistance Actions and Payments Authorization document on file in Human Services Administration.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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8. Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-64

ACCEPTING GIFTS FOR HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, Anoka County Human Services has been contacted by Community of Grace Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake, quilters Rodell Benjamin, Roxanne Strand and Marsallis Strand; community members Martha Burckhardt and Jill Hunt; and Fannie Pen, St. Paul, about donating cloth masks to the Anoka County Corrections Department and Juvenile Center residential programs staff and residents; and,

WHEREAS, Community of Grace Lutheran Church quilters Rodell Benjamin, Roxanne Strand and Marsallis Strand; community members Martha Burckhardt and Jill Hunt; and Fannie Pen, St. Paul, are willing to voluntarily provide cloth masks to the Corrections Department at no cost to the county; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Corrections Department will utilize the washable cloth masks to provide every resident and staff member at the Anoka County Juvenile Center and Corrections staff in other units to wear when in common spaces where social distancing is not possible:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 465.03, does hereby formally accept the donation of washable cloth masks in the aforementioned manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to Community of Grace Lutheran Church quilters Rodell Benjamin, Roxanne Strand and Marsallis Strand; community members Martha Burckhardt and Jill Hunt; and Fannie Pen, St. Paul.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Gamache presented the Information Technology Committee report from the meeting of May 18, 2020. All items were of an informational nature and required no board action. (Report is on file in the County Administration Office.)

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Chair Schulte stated a second time that a public hearing to discuss Anoka County Use Fees will be held later in the meeting. For any person from the public that would like to comment on or have questions about the user fees, please email those comments or questions to Webmaster@co.anoka.mn.us.

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Commissioner Meisner presented the Property Records and Taxation Committee report from the meeting of May 18, 2020.

1. Commissioner Meisner offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-65

**AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF ANOKA COUNTY
PROPERTY TAX PENALTIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented disruption in the lives of the residents of Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, the disruption caused by COVID-19 includes an increase in unemployment and other serious economic effects; and,

WHEREAS, the increase in unemployment and other serious economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic creates the possibility that some Anoka County residents may be unable to fully pay required property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners finds that it would be unjust and inequitable to require certain qualifying taxpayers to pay penalties associated with unpaid property taxes when payment of those taxes has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby passes this resolution to exempt qualifying residents from the accrual of penalties for late payment of certain property taxes, as more fully set forth below:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to MS § 279.01, subd. 2, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Division Manager of Property Records and Taxation to grant a one-time only abatement of the penalty for late payment of property taxes, for the first payment missed due to a financial hardship directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic state, federal or local emergency declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this one-time abatement of penalty will only apply to current year non-escrow residential and non-residential properties with under \$50,000 annual property tax owed for all properties owned by the taxpayer; excluding railroad and utility parcels. The one-time penalty abatement will also apply only if the first half payment is made in full by July 15, 2020.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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At 10:14 a.m., Chair Schulte asked County Attorney Tony Palumbo to conduct a public hearing to obtain comment on proposed Anoka County user fees. Tony Palumbo called the public hearing to order.

Notice of publication was made a part of the record indicating time and place for the public hearing pursuant to statute.

Finance and Central Services Division Manager Cory Kampf presented information regarding the proposed user fees. The fee schedule is on file in the County Administration Office.

Cory Kampf stated that each fee had a reasonable relationship to the cost of such service.

No written comments were received prior to the hearing.

The public was instructed to email any comments or questions to Webmaster@co.anoka.mn.us regarding the proposed user fees. No electronic comments were received during the county board meeting.

The public hearing was adjourned.

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Commissioner Braastad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-66

**RELATING TO FEES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY SERVICES,
INCLUDING FEES RELATED TO PERMITS AND LICENSES
AND SALES OF MATERIALS TO THE
PUBLIC AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. Section 373.41 provides that a county board, after a public hearing, may establish and charge fees for service provided by any county office, official, department, or employee; and,

WHEREAS, various Anoka County ordinances require establishing fees for licenses, permits, or related services by resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on May 26, 2020, to receive comments regarding the proposed fees:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the fees as proposed and set forth in the attached exhibit, which fees are to be effective (unless otherwise specified in the exhibit) on May 26, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, unless otherwise specified in the attached exhibit, the established fees do not include any applicable tax and the person paying a fee is responsible to pay any applicable sales or other tax in addition to the established fee.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that these fees will continue in effect until changed by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners in accordance with Minn. Stat. Section 373.41.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Meisner made motion approving Contract #C0007980, renewal of the Anoka County Property Insurance from Chubb Group through Arthur J. Gallagher, 3600 American Boulevard West, Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55431, for a policy term of June 1, 2020, to June 1, 2021, for a premium of \$427,594, subject to review by the county attorney as to form and legality. (Contract is on file in the Finance Department.) Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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Economic Development Specialist Jacquell Hajder presented information relating to the Business 4 Business Program.

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Commissioner Schulte offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-67

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BUSINESS 4 BUSINESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 2018, Anoka County formed a partnership with its 21 community partners named Anoka County Regional Economic Development (“ACRED”); and,

WHEREAS, the ACRED Partnership utilizes the “Anoka County Business Roadmap” strategy to help retain and attract companies in the region. ACRED continues to recommend and implement tools and strategies to help with retention efforts in alignment with this roadmap strategy; and,

WHEREAS, a new public-private partnership business assistance effort is being developed called the Business 4 Business Program for the purpose of providing financing and technical assistance to small businesses in Washington, Ramsey, Hennepin, Carver and Anoka Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Business 4 Business Program will allow the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers’ (MCCD) Open to Business program to receive donations from private companies within the region to award grant funds to small businesses in Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that MCCD's Open to Business program has the capacity to administer the program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Anoka County, Minnesota, as follows:

1. That the county board hereby supports the creation of the Business 4 Business Program with the goal of securing private donations to sustain small businesses in the Twin Cities metropolitan region.
2. That the Anoka County economic development specialist is authorized to aid in administration, promotion and marketing the Business 4 Business Program in Anoka County as needed.

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Reinert offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**ADVISE AND ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR REOPENING OF
BUSINESSES AND CHURCHES WHO WILL FOLLOW
REQUIREMENTS ON SOCIAL DISTANCING, SAFETY
AND FOLLOW STATE, LOCAL AND CDC GUIDANCE**

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-01 on March 13, 2020, declaring a peacetime emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-04 ordering the closure of bars, restaurants, churches, local non-profits, and places of public accommodations. This order required Minnesota to take additional proactive measures to slow the spread of this pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County has followed these Executive Orders and recommendations of the "Stay at Home" order that was issued on March 27, 2020, and was to expire on April 10, 2020, and further extended to May 4, 2020, and further extended to May 17, 2020, at 11:59 pm; and,

WHEREAS, some businesses in Anoka County that are practicing social distancing and following state, local, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines have been allowed to stay open since the order on March 27, 2020; but even after the expiration of the "Stay at Home" order, churches and some businesses continue to be prohibited from re-opening despite having plans in place to re-open safely following social distancing and CDC safety guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County businesses, churches and local non-profits have followed the Executive Orders; and,

WHEREAS, this order has caused undue hardship and financial loss to many businesses, churches, and local non-profits, both large and small, many of whom may never recover from this financial catastrophe. Businesses, churches, and local non-profits continue to have financial strain due to insurance, taxes, rent, electrical, heating, cooling, and other costs; and,

WHEREAS, this continued order has affected their base of employees, many of them cannot withstand the loss of wages and will be seeking other employment. This will cause undue hardship and financial impact to owners and operators as businesses, churches and local non-profits try to hire and train new staff; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota and Anoka County have followed the CDC guidelines; under Federal Regional Gating requirements and we have met the three phases that were recommended; and,

WHEREAS, if businesses, churches, and local non-profits in Anoka County follow safety requirements on social distancing and follow state, local, and CDC guidelines; the Anoka County Board of Commissioners supports and encourages the Anoka County Sheriff's Office to help support and protect these places of work and worship by not interfering with their right to operate; and,

WHEREAS, we the Anoka County Board of Commissioners declares that we support and will uphold and defend all constitutional rights of our citizens and the rights that the citizens of Anoka County are granted under the United States Bill of Rights:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners encourages Governor Tim Walz to recall the order of March 27, 2020, and any subsequent or future orders requiring the

closure of bars, restaurants, churches, and other places of public accommodations, allowing the opening of the establishments who will follow requirements on social distancing, safety and follow state, local, and CDC guidance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners:

- Supports the choice of all residents to continue to stay at home or to move about freely within the county and to support the economy of Anoka County, while conducting themselves in a way that preserves the health and safety of all residents; and,
- Encourages all citizens to follow Minnesota Department of Health and CDC guidelines for social distancing and general conduct while out in public; and,
- Advises long-term care facilities restrict visitors and limit activities within the facility to keep residents safe.

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Commissioner Gamache made motion tabling the resolution. Commissioner Meisner seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Commissioners Reinert, Schulte, Look, Braastad, and West voted “no.” Commissioners Gamache and Meisner voted “yes.” Motion failed.

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Commissioner Meisner offered a friendly amendment to remove the 9th paragraph relating to the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office. Friendly amendment was not accepted.

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Commissioner Schulte offered a friendly amendment to revise the 9th paragraph as follows:

WHEREAS, if businesses, churches, and local non-profits in Anoka County follow safety requirements on social distancing and follow state, local, and CDC guidelines; the Anoka County Board of Commissioners supports and encourages the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office to help support and protect these places of work and worship ~~by not interfering with their right to~~ while they operate; and,

Commissioner Reinert accepted the friendly amendment.

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Commissioner Gamache offered a friendly amendment to change the word “order” to “COVID-19 pandemic” in the 6th and 7th paragraphs. Friendly amendment was not accepted.

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Commissioner Reinert made motion to call the question. Commissioner Look seconded the motion. Commissioners Look, Braastad, West, Reinert, and Schulte voted “yes.” Commissioner Gamache voted “no.” Commissioner Meisner did not voice vote and, pursuant to Resolution 2020-1, her vote is presumed to be “yes.” Motion carried.

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The resolution for adoption, as amended:

RESOLUTION #2020-68

**ADVISE AND ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR REOPENING OF
BUSINESSES AND CHURCHES WHO WILL FOLLOW
REQUIREMENTS ON SOCIAL DISTANCING, SAFETY
AND FOLLOW STATE, LOCAL AND CDC GUIDANCE**

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-01 on March 13, 2020, declaring a peacetime emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-04 ordering the closure of bars, restaurants, churches, local non-profits, and places of public accommodations. This order required Minnesota to take additional proactive measures to slow the spread of this pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County has followed these Executive Orders and recommendations of the “Stay at Home” order that was issued on March 27, 2020, and was to expire on April 10, 2020, and further extended to May 4, 2020, and further extended to May 17, 2020, at 11:59 pm; and,

WHEREAS, some businesses in Anoka County that are practicing social distancing and following state, local, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines have been allowed to stay open since the order on March 27, 2020; but even after the expiration of the “Stay at Home” order, churches and some businesses continue to be prohibited from re-opening despite having plans in place to re-open safely following social distancing and CDC safety guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County businesses, churches and local non-profits have followed the Executive Orders; and,

WHEREAS, this order has caused undue hardship and financial loss to many businesses, churches, and local non-profits, both large and small, many of whom may never recover from this financial catastrophe. Businesses, churches, and local non-profits continue to have financial strain due to insurance, taxes, rent, electrical, heating, cooling, and other costs; and,

WHEREAS, this continued order has affected their base of employees, many of them cannot withstand the loss of wages and will be seeking other employment. This will cause undue hardship and financial impact to owners and operators as businesses, churches and local non-profits try to hire and train new staff; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota and Anoka County have followed the CDC guidelines; under Federal Regional Gating requirements and we have met the three phases that were recommended; and,

WHEREAS, if businesses, churches, and local non-profits in Anoka County follow safety requirements on social distancing and follow state, local, and CDC guidelines; the Anoka County Board of Commissioners supports and encourages the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office to help support and protect these places of work and worship while they operate; and,

WHEREAS, we the Anoka County Board of Commissioners declares that we support and will uphold and defend all constitutional rights of our citizens and the rights that the citizens of Anoka County are granted under the United States Bill of Rights:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners encourages Governor Tim Walz to recall the order of March 27, 2020, and any subsequent or future orders requiring the closure of bars, restaurants, churches, and other places of public accommodations, allowing the opening of the establishments who will follow requirements on social distancing, safety and follow state, local, and CDC guidance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners:

- Supports the choice of all residents to continue to stay at home or to move about freely within the county and to support the economy of Anoka County, while conducting themselves in a way that preserves the health and safety of all residents; and,
- Encourages all citizens to follow Minnesota Department of Health and CDC guidelines for social distancing and general conduct while out in public; and,
- Advises long-term care facilities restrict visitors and limit activities within the facility to keep residents safe.

Commissioners Look, Braastad, West, Reinert, and Schulte voted “yes.” Commissioners Gamache and Meisner voted “no.” Resolution declared adopted.

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Commissioner Gamache offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #2020-69

**2020 SPECIAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 274.13, subdivision 2, and by Resolution #2020-4, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners (“County Board”) established a Special Board of Appeal and Equalization; and,

WHEREAS, in the resolution, the county board appointed members to the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization, which included Bruce Sanders as a member; and,

WHEREAS, Bruce Sanders has informed the county board that he wishes to no longer serve as a member of the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization; and,

WHEREAS, the resolution contained a vacancy representing District #6 to be filled after the February special election of the District #6 county commissioner; and,

WHEREAS, the county board desires to appoint members to serve on the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute § 274.13, subdivision 2, the following individuals be appointed to serve on the 2020 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization:

District #5	Jim Cormier
District #6	Michael Ruhland

Motion carried unanimously. Resolution declared adopted.

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Committee appointments:

1. Commissioner Meisner made motion reappointing the following to the Anoka County Children and Family Council for terms ending May 31, 2023:

- A. Robert Edwards, Lee Carlson Center, Community Agency Representative
- B. Lt. David Tedrow, Anoka County Sheriff's Office, Community Agency Representative
- C. Rev. David Lechelt, Lord of Life Church, Community Representative

Commissioner West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Commissioner Braastad made motion reappointing Matthew Herbst and Michael Kreun to the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers for three-year terms ending May 27, 2023. Commissioner West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Commissioner Braastad made motion reappointing Judge Sharon Hall, representing Members-at-Large, to the Community Corrections Advisory Board for a two-year term ending April 2022. Commissioner Gamache seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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The county board meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

By: _____
Rhonda Sivarajah
County Administrator

By: _____
Scott Schulte, its Chair

Motion carried means all commissioners in attendance voted affirmatively unless otherwise noted.