



Chase Burnham
County Administrator

COUNTY OF CHISAGO

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chisago County Government Center
313 North Main Street, Room 172
Center City, MN 55012-9663

Commissioners:
District 1
Jim Swenson
District 2
Rick Greene
District 3
Marlys Dunne
District 4
Ben Montzka
District 5
Dan Dahlberg

REGULAR MEETING – Wednesday, April 3, 2024 County Board Room, Room 172

6:30 p.m. Convene; Pledge of Allegiance; Approve Agenda

Health and Human Services Committee of the Whole:

Discussion

1.) Director's Report TAB 1

Items for Committee Review/Recommendation: (discussed in detail as requested)

2.) Payment of County's Warrants for HHS TAB 2
3.) Hazelden Scholarship LOA 2024-2025 TAB 3
4.) Joint Powers Agreement for the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program TAB 4
5.) Proclamation for Child Care Provider Appreciation Day TAB 5

Board of Commissioners' Business Meeting

Consent Agenda:

1.) HHS Committee Recommendation – Director's Report TAB 1
2.) HHS Committee Recommendation – Payment of County's Warrants for HHS TAB 2
3.) HHS Committee Recommendation – Hazelden Scholarship LOA 2024-2025 TAB 3
4.) HHS Committee Recommendation – JPA for the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program TAB 4
5.) HHS Committee Recommendation – Child Care Provider Appreciation Day TAB 5
6.) Minutes from the March 20, 2024 Meeting TAB 6
7.) Payment of County's Warrants and Miscellaneous Bills TAB 7
8.) Recognition of County Staff April Anniversaries TAB 8
9.) Application for Abatement (reduction) of Property Taxes TAB 9

Other Business of the County Board

10.) 2024 Assessment Report TAB 10
11.) Renewal of JPA for MN Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) – ATTY TAB 11
12.) PLSS Monument Grant TAB 12
13.) 2024 Seal Coat Project TAB 13

Citizen's Forum

"The Citizen's Forum is provided so you may make a comment, statement, question or proposal. You will be limited to three minutes and we ask that you conduct yourself in a professional, courteous manner, and refrain from the use of profanity. Failure to abide by this policy may result in the loss of your privilege to speak that night."

Discussion Items:

- Correspondence CORR.
- Administrator Updates
- Commissioner Committee Reports

Adjourn Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

******* NOTICE*******

NOTICE OF INTERACTIVE PARTICIPATION

Chisago County Commissioner Jim Swenson will be attending the Chisago County Board of Commissioners Meetings on Wednesday April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. and all other Committees until April 5th via Interactive TV, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02 and MN Department of Administration Advisory Opinions 08-034 and 13-009. Commissioner Swenson may be seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means and will participate from La Cabana Resort. J.E. Irausquin Blvd., Oranjestad, Aruba, a location open and accessible to the public. Any questions can be directed towards Chase Burnham, County Administrator, at (651) 213-8877.



CHISAGO COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

313 N Main St. Room 230
Center City, MN 55012

TAB 1

General Information	651-213-5600
Administrative	651-213-5609
Child Support	651-213-5647
Financial Assistance	651-213-5640
Welfare Fraud	651-213-8808
North Branch	651-213-5200
Fax- Center City	651-213-5685
Fax- North Branch	651-213-8955
Public Health	651-213-5231
Veterans Service	651-213-5605

Memo To: Chisago County Commissioners

From: Robert Benson; Health and Human Services Director

RE: Report of the Health and Human Services Department

Date: March 26, 2024

I. Department Updates/Highlights:

The Year is off to a good start for Health and Human Services, though we are keeping a close watch on the legislature and several bills working their way through that could have an impact on the way we conduct services.

There is a lot of legislative work around ongoing concerns about the lack of appropriate placement options for individuals. Last year the Legislature approved the separation of the Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) from the Department of Human Services (DHS). This legislative session they plan to establish it as its own separate agency and establish the governing provisions for its Executive Board. Counties have some concerns about some of the language, as the county representative on the Board would be a non-voting member and additional restrictions apply to the county member that do not apply to other members. AMC continues to work with the House and Senate authors to seek further amendments.

The Hospital Association has pushed a hospital decompression bill to address the bed shortage as they see it. This bill would put all the burden on counties to complete MnCHOICES Assessments quickly and to find appropriate placement for individuals who no longer meet medical criteria (DNMC); but does nothing to provide the resources to create appropriate placements for individuals. The Department of Human Services current proposal to address the bed shortage is to repurpose the 16-bed Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise (CARE) facility at St. Peter to use those beds for Forensic Mental Health beds. Then to close CARE Carlton to help offset the additional operating costs associated with repurposing CARE St. Peter. The concern with this option is that it reduces the number of addiction recovery beds available in state operated facilities. We will continue to monitor this to see what final legislative solutions pass.

The Senate Human Services bill was amended to include the MnCHOICES simplifications. This looks promising to get through this year. This should really help our efficiencies and help to decrease or eliminate our backlog of assessments.

Another issue that seems to be making some headway in both houses is around the modernization of the Social Service Information System (SSIS). This system has been in use of over 20 years and is used for virtually every social service activity available. Due to its age, it is unable to track or maintain much of the data that legislators or the public are currently asking for. Both the Governor and the Legislature appear to be willing to commit funding to this project for the first time in many years. These are just a few of the important legislative issues that we are currently working through. I will provide some specific updates and potential impact on the County, as we get more information or see what finally passes.

The new Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) is beginning its work. The new agency should be fully operational by July 1st of this year. With the creation of this new department and the separation of the Direct Care and Treatment, Health and Human Services now has two additional state agencies that we will be working with.

We are continuing to review options for a paperless solution for our Child Support unit. We have met with providers and had some discussions with our Enterprise Services Department. We will be presenting a proposal to the Board in the next month or so.

Child Care Appreciation Day is coming up May 10th. I do have a resolution for the Board tonight to recognize this day and all our great childcare providers here in Chisago County.

II. Financial Notes:

With the first quarter of the year past, we are right on track with our budget. It is a little early in the year to make any significant predictions, but things are looking good so far. If any of the legislative actions that look like they will have a negative impact on our budget pass, I will inform the Board.

III. Staffing Updates:

Health and Human Services currently advertising for an open Nurse position, the Public Health Nursing Supervisor position and the new Public Health Supervisor position that was approved at the last Board Meeting. We have recently hired a Case Manager in Aging and Disabilities, two Children's Services Case Managers and one Financial Eligibility Worker.

We continue to have several openings in both Public Health and Human Services that we are not currently advertising to fill but may be looking at over the next few months as we continually assess the needs of our community and the best way to address those needs.

Review Requests for Board Action:



**CHISAGO COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 3, 2024**

TAB # 2

Payment of County's Warrants for HHS

Check Date	Amount	Board Date	Type of Check/Payments
4/5/2024	\$167,880.78	4/3/2024	Commissioners Warrants
3/22/2024	\$269,065.15		Auditor Warrants
	\$436,945.93	Total	

*******All Warrants Available with the Clerk of the Board*******

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1	1066 ALL ABOUT BOOKS 05-451-470-0000-6435		59.00	PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPLIES 03/13/2024 03/13/2024	202458	Public Health Supplies	N
2	05-451-470-0000-6844		59.00	PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPLIES 03/13/2024 03/13/2024	202458	MECSH Grant Exp	N
	1066 ALL ABOUT BOOKS		118.00	2 Transactions			
3	10292 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 05-420-600-0000-6401		17.18	SUPPLIES 03/16/2024 03/16/2024	11LD-DWRT-M949	General Supplies	N
3	05-430-700-0000-6401		25.76	SUPPLIES 03/16/2024 03/16/2024	11LD-DWRT-M949	General Supplies	N
4	05-420-600-0000-6401		55.11	SUPPLIES 03/20/2024 03/20/2024	1LXG-CXTL-9TM9	General Supplies	N
4	05-430-700-0000-6401		82.66	SUPPLIES 03/20/2024 03/20/2024	1LXG-CXTL-9TM9	General Supplies	N
	10292 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		180.71	4 Transactions			
6	2615 ASL INTERPRETER SERVICES INC 05-420-650-0000-6004		138.00	[REDACTED] 02/16/2024 02/16/2024	24.02038	Ma Access Services	N
7	05-420-650-0000-6004		207.00	[REDACTED] 02/15/2024 02/15/2024	24.02039	Ma Access Services	N
	2615 ASL INTERPRETER SERVICES INC		345.00	2 Transactions			
8	[REDACTED] 05-451-480-0000-6846		480.00	CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL/TECH 03/06/2024 03/13/2024		Workforce Grant Expense	Y
	1 [REDACTED]		480.00	1 Transactions			
5	1198 BOOKER/KIMBERLY 05-430-700-0128-6335		303.13	TRAVEL EXPENSE-MILEAGE 02/07/2024 03/18/2024		Child Prot Staff Travel	N
	1198 BOOKER/KIMBERLY		303.13	1 Transactions			
9	9280 Bright Star Consulting LLC 05-451-440-0000-6837		4,462.50	CONTRACTED COMMUNITY HEALTH 02/14/2024 03/08/2024		Federal Vaccine Grant Exp 04/21-12/21	Y
10	05-451-440-0000-6837		2,962.50	CONTRACTED COMMUNITY HEALTH 03/09/2024 03/24/2024		Federal Vaccine Grant Exp 04/21-12/21	Y

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9280	Bright Star Consulting LLC		7,425.00	2 Transactions			
11	3756 CHILDREN'S DENTAL SERVICES						
	05-451-480-0000-6841		459.49	TRANSPORTATION-RESTORE TEAM		Community Services	N
				01/04/2024 01/04/2024			
12	05-451-480-0000-6841		259.49	TRANSPORTATION-HYGIENE TEAM		Community Services	N
				02/01/2024 02/01/2024			
	3756 CHILDREN'S DENTAL SERVICES		718.98	2 Transactions			
13	203001 CHISAGO COUNTY AUDITOR-TREAS OFFIC						
	05-430-760-3040-6051		2,335.00	PAGERDUTY USER FEE		Adult Protection Grant Expenses	N
				03/19/2024 03/19/2024			
14	05-420-600-0000-6381		4,650.00	1ST QTR SPACE RENT	2024 QTR 1	Co Bldg Rent	N
				01/01/2024 03/31/2024			
15	05-430-700-0000-6381		7,500.00	1ST QTR SPACE RENT	2024 QTR 1	Co Bldg Rent	N
				01/01/2024 03/31/2024			
16	05-451-430-0000-6381		2,850.00	1ST QTR SPACE RENT	2024 QTR 1	Co BLDG Rent	N
				01/01/2024 03/31/2024			
17	05-420-600-0000-6381		4,650.00	2ND QTR SPACE RENT	2024 QTR 2	Co Bldg Rent	N
				04/01/2024 06/30/2024			
18	05-430-700-0000-6381		7,500.00	2ND QTR SPACE RENT	2024 QTR 2	Co Bldg Rent	N
				04/01/2024 06/30/2024			
19	05-451-430-0000-6381		2,850.00	2ND QTR SPACE RENT	2024 QTR 2	Co BLDG Rent	N
				04/01/2024 06/30/2024			
	203001 CHISAGO COUNTY AUDITOR-TREAS OFFIC		32,335.00	7 Transactions			
20	203004 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE						
	05-420-640-0000-6385		60.00	[REDACTED]	24-673	Cc Sheriff Sop & Bailiff	N
				03/18/2024 03/18/2024			
	203004 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		60.00	1 Transactions			
21	9348 Choosing Happiness LLC						
	05-451-440-0000-6837		1,000.00	SPEAKER DEPOSIT		Federal Vaccine Grant Exp 04/21-12/21	N
				05/20/2024 05/20/2024			
	9348 Choosing Happiness LLC		1,000.00	1 Transactions			
22	30177 CINTAS CORPORATION						
	05-420-600-0000-6241		6.88	WEEKLY RUG SERVICE	4186713973	General Administration	N
				03/18/2024 03/18/2024			
22	05-430-700-0000-6241		13.76	WEEKLY RUG SERVICE	4186713973	General Administration	N

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	30177 CINTAS CORPORATION		36.21	03/18/2024 03/18/2024 3 Transactions			
	5160 DHS MAPS						
23	05-420-640-0000-6298		185.06	02/2024 FEDERAL OFFSET FEES 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300C406911	Fed Tax Offset	N
24	05-430-720-3140-6051		2,136.00	BSFE CO MATCH 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MC13253I	Pos Other Child Care	N
26	05-420-650-0000-5368		34,492.92-	MA RECOVERIES & NON FED SHARE 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MM1X13I	Recovery Incentive	N
25	05-420-650-0000-5830		140,827.39	MA RECOVERIES & NON FED SHARE 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MM1X13I	Ma Recoveries	N
29	05-430-750-3660-6051		467.16	MA RECOVERIES & NON FED SHARE 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MM1X13I	Pos/DT&H	N
28	05-430-750-3660-6094		8,539.84	MA RECOVERIES & NON FED SHARE 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MM1X13I	Dd Waiver/ICF - DT&H	N
27	05-430-760-3930-6051		150.82	MA RECOVERIES & NON FED SHARE 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MM1X13I	General Case Mgmt	N
	5160 DHS MAPS		117,813.35	7 Transactions			
	1464 DHS MAXIS CASHIER						
30	05-420-610-0000-6001		3.75	AFDC 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MX13252I	Payments To Recipients	N
31	05-420-610-0000-6001		7.50	MFIP 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MX13252I	Payments To Recipients	N
32	05-420-620-0000-6001		2.50	GA 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MX13252I	Payments To Recipients	N
34	05-420-660-0000-5839		394.00	GRH RECOVERIES 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MX13252I	Grh Rec	N
33	05-430-741-3430-6051		1,349.17	GRH-IMD 02/01/2024 02/29/2024	A300MX13252I	Housing Subsidy	N
	1464 DHS MAXIS CASHIER		1,756.92	5 Transactions			
	1926 DNA DIAGNOSIS CENTER						
36	05-420-640-0000-6264		168.00	GENETIC TESTING 03/01/2024 03/01/2024	12110022024	Paternity Costs	Y
35	05-420-640-0000-6264		54.00	GENETIC TESTING 03/01/2024 03/01/2024	12159022024	Paternity Costs	Y

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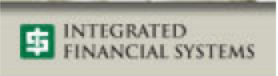
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1926	DNA DIAGNOSIS CENTER		222.00	2 Transactions			
37	2201 EISENSCHENK/JEANETTE						
	05-430-700-0127-6335		92.40	TRAVEL EXPENSE-MILEAGE		Mh Travel	N
				02/20/2024 03/12/2024			
	2201 EISENSCHENK/JEANETTE		92.40	1 Transactions			
38	██████████						
	05-451-440-0000-6837		3,000.00	CONTRACTED COMMUNITY HEALTH		Federal Vaccine Grant Exp 04/21-12/21	Y
				03/11/2024 03/24/2024			
	██████████		3,000.00	1 Transactions			
39	90061 INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC						
	05-420-600-0000-6401		43.09	SUPPLIES	4489390	General Supplies	N
				03/15/2024 03/15/2024			
39	05-430-700-0000-6401		64.63	SUPPLIES	4489390	General Supplies	N
				03/15/2024 03/15/2024			
	90061 INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC		107.72	2 Transactions			
40	3557 ISANTI COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT						
	05-420-640-0000-6267		70.00	██████████	16463	Other Co Sheriff Sop	N
				03/08/2024 03/08/2024			
	3557 ISANTI COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT		70.00	1 Transactions			
41	4163 KANABEC COUNTY SHERIFF						
	05-420-640-0000-6267		51.26	██████████	24-96	Other Co Sheriff Sop	N
				03/04/2024 03/04/2024			
	4163 KANABEC COUNTY SHERIFF		51.26	1 Transactions			
42	3843 Martinka/Kari						
	05-430-700-0000-6241		16.26	CLIENT MEAL REIMBURSEMENT		General Administration	N
				03/14/2024 03/15/2024			
	3843 Martinka/Kari		16.26	1 Transactions			
43	██████████						
	05-451-470-0000-6844		240.00	IHM CONSULTANT	4	MECSH Grant Exp	Y
				03/22/2024 03/22/2024			
	██████████		240.00	1 Transactions			
	5649 NORDBY/HEIDI						

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45	05-430-700-0137-6335		TRAVEL EXPENSE-MILEAGE 03/04/2024 03/13/2024		Adult Services Travel	N
5649	NORDBY/HEIDI		2 Transactions			
16120	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERV					
46	05-420-600-0000-6401		POSTAGE METER LEASE 01/30/2024 04/29/2024	3106568890	General Supplies	N
46	05-430-700-0000-6401		POSTAGE METER LEASE 01/30/2024 04/29/2024	3106568890	General Supplies	N
46	05-451-430-0000-6401		POSTAGE METER LEASE 01/30/2024 04/29/2024	3106568890	General Supplies	N
16120	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERV		3 Transactions			
47	05-451-470-0000-6335		TRAVEL EXPENSE-MILEAGE 01/23/2024 02/29/2024		Worker Travel	N
			1 Transactions			
9119	Snell/Frannie					
48	05-430-700-0128-6335		TRAVEL EXPENSE-MILEAGE 03/14/2024 03/14/2024		Child Prot Staff Travel	N
9119	Snell/Frannie		1 Transactions			
8703	Stenson/Elizabeth					
49	05-451-480-0000-6335		TRAVEL EXPENSE-MILEAGE 02/05/2024 02/28/2024		Worker Travel	N
8703	Stenson/Elizabeth		1 Transactions			
7505	STRUCK/TRENT					
50	05-430-700-0137-6335		TRAVEL EXPENSE-MILEAGE 02/01/2024 03/19/2024		Adult Services Travel	N
7505	STRUCK/TRENT		1 Transactions			
5 Fund Total:			167,880.78	Health And Human Services	27 Vendors	57 Transactions
Final Total:			167,880.78	27 Vendors	57 Transactions	

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Recap by Fund

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>
5	167,880.78	Health And Human Services
All Funds	167,880.78	Total

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Chisago County Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024	Item Number: 3
Title of Item for Consideration: Hazelden Scholarship LOA 2024-2025	
Action Requested by: Robert Benson, Director	Department: Health & Human Services
Previous Action on this Matter: Approval of Letter of Agreement with Hazelden for continuing education dated 7/1/23 through 6/30/24.	
Background: The Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School has provided scholarships and continuing education to Chisago County Health & Human Services employees for many years in order to contribute to the county's capacity to provide clinical services to individuals, families and communities impacted by addiction. Attachment(s): Hazelden Scholarship LOA 2023-2024	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners Approve the Hazelden Scholarship LOA 2023-2024. The suggested motion is as follows: <i>“Move to approve Hazelden Scholarship LOA 2024-2025”</i>	
Implications of Action: Acceptance of this scholarship and continuing education events at the Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School will increase the capacity of Chisago County Health & Human Services to serve Chisago County residents affected by addiction. Budget/Financial Implications: This agreement is funded by Hazelden Foundation dollars. Legal/Policy Implications: The proposed activities are in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations and County policies and procedures. The County Attorney has approved as to form.	
Administrator's Recommendation	
Approve <u>CEB</u>	Deny _____
Other _____	
Motion By:	Seconded by:
To:	
Action on Motion:	Aye _____
	Nay _____
	Abstain _____

**Letter of Agreement between
Chisago County and
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation d/b/a Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School**

This document constitutes a Letter of Agreement (“LOA”) between the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation d/b/a Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School, 15251 Pleasant Valley Road, Center City, Minnesota (hereinafter Hazelden Betty Ford) and County of Chisago, located at 313 North Main Street, Center City, Minnesota, (hereinafter the “County”) for and on behalf of Chisago County Health and Human Services, 313 North Main Street, Rm 239, Center City, MN 55012 (hereinafter “County”), individually referred to as “Party” and together referred to as “the Parties.”

This LOA identifies the intent of the Parties as it relates to educational opportunities provided by Hazelden Betty Ford to County employee(s).

Term: This Letter of Agreement (“LOA”) is effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Either Party may terminate this LOA upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other Party identified herein.

Determination to Proceed: It is acknowledged and understood by the Parties that Hazelden Betty Ford will make available educational opportunities to County employee(s) to include:

Professional Education: One (1) annual scholarship covering tuition and fees for a County employee for one (1) of the following educational opportunities:

- Master of Arts in Addiction Counseling – Hybrid/On-campus program
- Master of Art in Addiction Counseling – Online Program

Continuing Education for Professionals: Access to six (6) continuing education events at Hazelden Betty Ford for County employee(s) or other County employee(s) serving the public in areas related to addiction, recovery, mental health and treatment, for a total of thirty (30) employee(s) (up to five (5) employee(s) per training event)).

Hazelden Betty Ford will provide the following:

1. Notification of the Professional Education enrollment period, timely description of the course work and identification of the time commitment required of the employee to successfully complete the coursework.
2. Notification of the Continuing Education opportunities, the identified subjects and anticipated interested persons who may attend the specific training event(s).
3. Tuition-free education (not including books, materials, and/or other incidental costs) associated with the Professional Education.

County will provide the following:

1. Cooperation between County and Hazelden Betty Ford to identify person(s) to take part in the educational opportunities for either the Professional Education and/or the Continuing education for professional.
2. Comply with policies, procedures and confidentiality requirements set forth by Hazelden Betty Ford.
3. Adhere to data practices, copyright law and intellectual property laws and regulations as it relates to any data, information or materials made available to employee(s) taking part in the educational opportunities.

REMUNERATION: The Parties agree that there will be no charge(s), cost incurred, or ongoing exchange of funds by and between the Parties as it relates to activities associated with coordination of educational opportunities for County employee(s).

INDEMNIFICATION:

The Parties agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other Party, its officers, employees, and agents against any and all claims arising out of alleged acts or omissions of employee(s), agents or assigns, of the other during the performance of responsibilities or related to activities of this LOA.

RELATIONSHIP:

Nothing in this LOA shall create an employment or contractor relationship between County and Hazelden Betty Ford. Hazelden Betty Ford personnel, including agents, employees, faculty, speakers, or guests will not assume supervisory roles over any County employee taking part in the educational opportunities. Likewise, no County employee, by way of participation in the educational opportunities will assume a supervisory role over any Hazelden Betty Ford personnel, volunteers or clients.

NOTICES:

Under this LOA and the contact person for each of the Parties are as follows:

Hazelden Betty Ford: General Counsel
Email: LegalDepartment@hazeldenbettyford.org

With Copies To: Lisa Larson
Manager, Procurement and Contracts
Email: LLarson@hazeldenbettyford.org

Hazelden Betty Ford:	<u>Kevin Doyle, Ed. D.,</u>	County:	<u>Robert Benson</u>
	President and CEO		Director
	Phone: <u>651-213-4678</u>		Phone: <u>651 213-5664</u>
	E-mail: :		E-mail:
	KDoyle@hazeldenbettyford.edu		Robert.Benson@chisagocounty.us

The Parties intend to work cooperatively to address any disputes stemming from this LOA and to carry out the spirit and intent to provide resources to professionals in County.

Accepted and agreed on:

COUNTY:
By: _____ dated: _____
Chair – Marlys Dunne
Chisago County Board of Commissioners

COUNTY:
Attest: _____ dated: _____
Chase Burnham
County Administrator

COUNTY:

By: _____ dated: _____

Robert Benson

Director of Chisago County Health & Human Services

Reviewed as to form:

COUNTY

By: Janet Reiter dated: 3/27/2024

Janet Reiter, County Attorney

HAZELDEN BETTY FORD FOUNDATION D/B/A

HAZELDEN BETTY FORD GRADUATE SCHOOL

By: _____ dated: _____

Kevin Doyle

President and CEO

HAZELDEN BETTY FORD FOUNDATION D/B/A
HAZELDEN BETTY FORD GRADUATION SCHOOL

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS. By: _____
COUNTY OF CHISAGO) (signature)
 Title: President and CEO
 Date: _____

I, Kevin Doyle (individual's name) the President and CEO (title) of Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation d/b/a Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School (company name), being duly sworn, represent and warrant that I am authorized by law and all necessary action to execute this agreement on behalf of the organization, intending this LOA to be the goal and objective of the entity. I attest the above is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and understanding under penalty of perjury.

Sworn before me this ____ day of _____, 2024

Notary Public

Notary Stamp:

Chisago County Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024	Item Number: 4
Title of Item for Consideration: Joint Powers Agreement for the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program	
Action Requested by: Robert Benson, Director	Department: Health & Human Services
Previous Action on this Matter: Approval of a Joint Powers Agreement for the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program dated June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.	
Background: The State of Minnesota Department of Agriculture distributes vouchers to families through the area Women Infants and Children (WIC) programs. These vouchers are applied to purchases of fresh vegetables at local Farmer's Markets. Households with a WIC recipient older than four months receive one sheet of five vouchers per summer. WIC enrolled families also receive nutrition education focusing on fresh vegetables available from the Farmer's Markets. In support of the ongoing effort of the Chisago County Health and Human Services Department to assist Chisago County residents in their ability to benefit from fresh local food, outreach was made with the State of Minnesota Department of Agriculture for accessing Farmers Market vouchers for Chisago County WIC recipients. The Department appreciates the ongoing support of the Chisago County Board of Commissioners in this ongoing endeavor. Attachment(s): State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement for the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement for the Farmers Market Nutrition Program. The suggested motion is as follows: <i>“Move to Approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement for the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program”</i>	
Implications of Action: Approval of this Joint Powers Agreement will allow Chisago County Health & Human Services to receive reimbursement from the state for providing education and vouchers to eligible WIC recipients in the county. Budget/Financial Implications: The State will pay for all services performed by the governmental Unit under this contract, and \$1.50 per issuance up to 500 sets of checks. Legal/Policy Implications: The proposed activities are in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations and County policies & procedures. The County Attorney has approved as to form.	
Administrator's Recommendation	
Approve <u>CEB</u>	Deny _____
Other _____	
Motion By:	Seconded by:

To:			
Action on Motion:	Aye _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____



State of Minnesota

Joint Powers Agreement

SWIFT Contract Number: _____

This agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Agriculture ("State") and CHISAGO COUNTY TREASURER, GOVERNMENT CENTER ("Governmental Unit").

Recitals

Under Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, subd. 10, the State is empowered to engage such assistance as deemed necessary. The State is in need of distribution of and education for use of Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) coupons.

Agreement

1. Term of Agreement

- 1.1 Effective Date: June 1, 2024, or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 2, whichever is later.
- 1.2 Expiration Date: December 31, 2024, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

2. Agreement between the Parties

The Governmental Unit will:

- Issue one set of FMNP coupons to each household with at least one individual four months or older at time of issuance currently participating in WIC.
- Issue materials provided by the State and give an oral explanation of program highlights as listed in the FMNP local agency manual.
- Maintain records of the number of pregnant women, breastfeeding women, postpartum women, infants, and children receiving FMNP benefits.
- Report participation demographic information to the State no later than October 10, 2024.
- Return a Coupon Destruction Report form to the Department no later than October 10, 2024.
- Provide nutrition education that focuses on fresh vegetables available from the farmers' market.
- Comply with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

3. Payment

The State will pay for all services performed by the Governmental Unit under this Contract as follows: \$1.50 per issuance up to 500 sets of coupons.

The total obligation of the State under this Agreement will not exceed \$750.

4. Authorized Representatives

The State's Authorized Representative is Emily Mehr, 625 Robert St N, St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6456, or his/her successor.

The Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative is Joshua Huizar, Fiscal Operations Representative, 651-213-5632, 313 N Main St #274, Center City, MN 55012, or his/her successor.

5. Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Contract Complete.

- 5.1 Assignment. The Governmental Unit may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior consent of the State and a fully executed assignment agreement, executed and approved by the authorized parties or their successors.
- 5.2 Amendments. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the authorized parties or their successors.
- 5.3 Waiver. If the State fails to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.
- 5.4 Contract Complete. This Agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Contractor. No other understanding regarding this Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

6. Indemnification.

- 6.1 In the performance of this Agreement, the Indemnifying Party must indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State, its agents, and employees, from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, to the extent caused by Indemnifying Party's:

- Intentional, willful, or negligent acts or omissions; or
- Actions that give rise to strict liability; or
- Breach of contract or warranty.

The Indemnifying Party is defined to include the Governmental Unit, the Governmental Unit's reseller, any third party that has a business relationship with the Governmental Unit, or Governmental Unit's agents or employees, and to the fullest extent permitted by law. The indemnification obligations of this section do not apply in the event the claim or cause of action is the result of the State's sole negligence. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Indemnifying Party may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligation under this Agreement.

- 6.2 Nothing within this Agreement, whether express or implied, shall be deemed to create an obligation on the part of the State to indemnify, defend, hold harmless or release the Indemnifying Party. This shall extend to all agreements related to the subject matter of this Contract, and to all terms subsequently added, without regard to order of precedence.

7. State Audits.

Under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5, the Governmental Unit's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Agreement are subject to examination by the State, the State Auditor,

or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

8. Government Data Practices.

The Governmental Unit and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, (or, if the State contracting party is part of the Judicial Branch, with the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court as the same may be amended from time to time) as it applies to all data provided by the State under this Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Governmental Unit under this Contract. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data governed by the Minnesota Government Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, by either the Governmental Unit or the State.

If the Governmental Unit receives a request to release the data referred to in this clause, the Governmental Unit must immediately notify and consult with the State's Authorized Representative as to how the Governmental Unit should respond to the request. The Governmental Unit's response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

9. Venue

Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

10. Termination

10.1 Termination. The State or the Governmental Unit may terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.

10.2 Termination for Insufficient Funding. The State may immediately terminate this Agreement if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Governmental Unit. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Governmental Unit will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State must provide the Governmental Unit notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State's receiving that notice.

11. E-Verify Certification (in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.075).

For services valued in excess of \$50,000, the Governmental Unit certifies that as of the date of services performed on behalf of the State, Governmental Unit and all its subcontractors will have implemented or be in the process of implementing the federal E-Verify Program for all newly hired employees in the United States who will perform work on behalf of the State. The Governmental Unit is responsible for collecting all subcontractor certifications and may do so utilizing the E-Verify Subcontractor Certification Form available at <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/doc/EverifySubCertForm.doc>. All subcontractor certifications must be kept on file with Contractor and made available to the State upon request.

1. State Encumbrance Verification

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

SWIFT Contract No. _____

2. Governmental Unit

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

3. State Agency

With delegated authority

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

4. Commissioner of Administration

As delegated to The Office of State Procurement

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Admin ID: _____

Chisago County Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024	Item Number: 5
Title of Item for Consideration: Proclamation for Child Care Provider Appreciation Day	
Action Requested by: Robert Benson, Director	Department: Health and Human Services
Previous Action on this Matter: The last Proclamation was in 2023 and approved by the County Board in previous years.	
Background: Family Child Care Providers put in countless hours of work to serve the children and families of our Chisago County communities. May 10, 2024 is Nationally recognized as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. The Family Child Care Providers in our County deserve this direct recognition from us. Attachment(s): Resolution Proclaiming Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Chisago County	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners pass and adopt the resolution for the Proclamation of Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. The following motion is suggested: <i>“Move to approve the Proclamation proclaiming May 10th, 2024 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Chisago County.”</i>	
Implications of Action: Allows for official recognition of Licensed Family Child Care Providers. Budget/Financial Implications: There are no budgetary or financial consequences to this. Legal/Policy Implications: There are no legal/policy implications to this.	
Administrator's Recommendation	
Approve <u>CEB</u>	Deny _____
Other _____	
Motion By:	Seconded by:
To:	
Action on Motion:	Aye _____
	Nay _____
	Abstain _____



Chase Burnham
County Administrator

COUNTY OF CHISAGO

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chisago County Government Center
313 North Main Street, Room 172
Center City, MN 55012-9663

Commissioners:
District 1
Jim Swenson
District 2
Rick Greene
District 3
Marlys Dunne
District 4
Ben Montzka
District 5
Dan Dahlberg

Commissioner _____ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO: 24/0403-XX PROCLAIMING CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY IN CHISAGO COUNTY

WHEREAS, quality early childhood services, such as childcare, represent a valuable investment in our children's future, as well as the future of our state; and

WHEREAS, each day numerous Chisago County children, families, and community members benefit from the dedication and quality care that is brought forth through the childcare profession by the 57 licensed family childcare providers of Chisago County; and

WHEREAS, the statewide lack of child care has created increased strain on child care providers and the families of Chisago County who depend on them; providers have continued to meet the needs of families while struggling to balance the needs of their family and the families they care for; and

WHEREAS, as these dedicated community members act out of compassion to instill positive values by good role modeling, where all families and children are met with understanding, acceptance, nurturing and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Child Care Providers frame a community by encouraging young minds and bodies to continue to grow and contribute to our community. This truly represents community participation; by virtue of devotion to fellow citizens, often with little recognition or remuneration for the vital work they do.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners hereby offers it's heartfelt thanks to the Licensed Family Care Providers, and declares Friday, May 10, 2024 to be Child Care Provider Appreciation Day.

Commissioner _____ seconded the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Dahlberg, Dunne, Greene, Montzka, Swenson
OPPOSED: None

Whereupon the proclamation was declared duly **passed** and **adopted**.

Approved: April 3, 2024

Marlys Dunne
Chair, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Chase Burnham

County Administrator

**CHISAGO COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

The Chisago County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Chisago County Government Center with the following Commissioners present: Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. Also present: County Administrator Chase Burnham, County Attorney Janet Reiter, and Clerk of the Board Christina Vollrath.

Chisago County Commissioner Jim Swenson will be attending the Chisago County Board of Commissioners Meetings on Wednesday March 20th at 6:30 p.m. and all other Committees until March 27th via Interactive TV, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.02 and MN Department of Administration Advisory Opinions 08-034 and 13-009. Commissioner Swenson may be seen and heard at the meeting via electronic means and will participate from Via Roma Resort, 2408 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach, FL 34217, a location open and accessible to the public. Any questions can be directed towards Chase Burnham, County Administrator, at (651) 213-8877.

The Chair called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Montzka offered a motion to approve the amended agenda and add discussion of Senate File SF3980. Motion seconded by Greene, the motion **passed** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Montzka, the Board opened the Road and Bridge Committee of the Whole at 6:33 p.m. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

The Board was given updates on the current projects of the Public Works Department from County Engineer Joe Triplett. ***No action was taken.***

On motion by Montzka, seconded by Dunne, the Board moved items 1-4 to the consent agenda. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Dunne, the Board moved to close the Road and Bridge Committee of the Whole at 6:45 p.m. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Montzka, the Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

- 1.) R&B Committee Recommendation – County Engineer’s Report
- 2.) R&B Committee Recommendation – Right of Way Acquisition Services Contract - WSB
- 3.) R&B Committee Recommendation – Right of Way Acquisition Services Contract – SRF
- 4.) R&B Committee Recommendation – Rush City Shop Tank Removal – AET, Inc.
- 5.) Minutes from the March 6, 2024, County Board Meeting
- 6.) Payment of County’s Warrants and Miscellaneous Bills \$195,537.05
Per Minnesota Statutes 375.1, proceedings of the County Board including a list of itemized accounts, claims or demands must be published in the official newspaper. The itemized list of claims is available for public review on the County website at <https://www.chisagocounty.us/1197/Claims-Paid>. Claims less than \$2,000 are listed as a total dollar amount and notes the number of claims included in the total.
- 7.) Applications for Abatements (reduction) of Property Taxes

Environmental Services Director Kurt Schneider presented the Board with the Director’s Report and action items. ***No action was taken.***

On motion by Greene, seconded by Dahlberg, the Board moved to approve Resolution No. 24/0320-1 a Resolution of the County Board of Commissioners of Chisago County, Minnesota, approving the Preliminary Plat of Stegmeir Oaks Phase 2 located east of Oriole Avenue / CR 70 and west of Quinlan Avenue on the north side of 392nd Street (PID 01.00252.00).

RESOLUTION NO. 24/0320-1
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA, APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF STEGMEIR OAKS PHASE 2

WHEREAS, property owners William Stegmeir & Victoria Stegmeir and applicants Megan Stegmeir & Sierra Stukenholtz submitted an application dated received January 26, 2024 and considered complete on February 2, 2024 for the Preliminary Plat of Stegmeir Oaks Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the property owners and applicants desire to create two 9.95± acre lots from the 19.90± acre subject site; and

WHEREAS, the subject site is generally located east of Oriole Avenue / CR 70 and west of Quinlan Avenue on the north side of 392nd Street in Amador Township and is zoned Agricultural (AG) District; and

WHEREAS, the subject site is legally described as:

PID 01.00252.00

The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, except the East Half of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13, Township 35, Range 20, Chisago County, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, notice was provided and on March 7, 2024 the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing regarding this application, at which it heard from the Land Services Coordinator, the applicants and property owner, and invited members of the public to comment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Preliminary Plat of Stegmeir Oaks Phase 2 with conditions per Resolution No. PC2024-0301; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners considered the request for Preliminary Plat of Stegmeir Oaks Phase 2 and the Planning Commission's recommendation at its March 20, 2024 meeting and determined the plat to be consistent with the intent of the County's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Chisago County, Minnesota hereby approves the Preliminary Plat of Stegmeir Oaks Phase 2, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Preliminary Plat of Stegmeir Oaks Phase 2 is approved per plat drawing dated signed February 2, 2024. Any significant deviation from the approved plat drawing, except as noted herein and as determined by the Department of Environmental Services, shall require further review by the Planning Commission and approval by the County Board.
2. The property owner shall obtain all necessary and applicable permits from Federal, State, and County jurisdictions for any wetland impacts prior to commencement of development.
3. Request for Final Plat shall be submitted within one year of Preliminary Plat approval unless an extension of time is requested by the property owner and/or applicant and granted by the County Board upon recommendation of the Planning Commission.

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Dahlberg, seconded by Greene, the Board moved to approve the 2024 General Engineering and Administrative Services Agreement Between Chisago County and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. (EOR) including Exhibit A, B, and C as presented at tonight's meeting. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Dahlberg, seconded by Greene, the Board moved to award an ARPA funded Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment and Education Grant and execute a corresponding Grant Agreement with each of the Lake Associations identified in Table 1: 2024 - 2025 AIS Treatment and Education Grant Requests Received in the sum corresponding to each such lake association as identified therein. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Montzka, seconded by Dahlberg, the Board moved to approve a letter of support and in-kind AIS match commitment for an application to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF). The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

7:00 p.m. - Public Hearing: Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Ordinance

TIME – 7:00 p.m. **END TIME** – 7:07 p.m.
of SPEAKERS – 2

On motion by Greene, seconded by Dahlberg, the Board moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Dahlberg, the Board moved to approve the Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Places in Chisago County. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Montzka, the Board moved to authorize Electronic Signature and Approve the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Fiscal Year 2024 Environmental Assistance - Greater Minnesota Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting Grant contract, Swift Contract No. 242908, for the completion of the "One-Stop Shop" project of the HHWF and Solid Waste Division, with a Local County Match Commitment of \$260,410 in funding. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Montzka, the Board moved to approve the Agreement by and between Chisago County and Collins Engineers Inc. in support of the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District 2024 Weir Repair project as presented. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Montzka, seconded by Greene, the Board moved to accept the March 13th Budget and Finance Report, approve the proposed spending of the ARPA Allocation to the Chisago County Childcare Coalition, approve the staffing changes within the Public Health Department so the County can better support public health infrastructure, foundational work, and better prepare for public health emergencies, approve the County Administrator combine the parcels of the Old Jail and Telephone building and apply to the Center City Planning Commission for Mixed Use zoning, approve the proposed allocations of all MCIT dividend revenue above the budgeted revenue amount to the Ergonomic, Safety, Wellness and Employee Recognition funds, approve the updated Chisago County Credit Card Policy, approve the updated Chisago County Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Policy, approve the Leadership Workshop for all the County's leadership team with Dr. Mike Kieffer, approve the updated Chisago County Investment Policy, approve the removal of the old fuel tank at the Rush City Shop using ARPA Administrative funds. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Dahlberg, the Board moved to approve the Out-of-State Travel Request for Kim Booker to travel to Connecticut to provide Child protective services to a client that is residing in a specialized facility. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Montzka, seconded by Dahlberg, the Board moved to approve the SHIP 224 Grant Agreement – Chisago County Sheriff's Office. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Montzka, the Board moved to approve Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) on behalf of the Chisago County Sheriff's Office.

RESOLUTION NO: 24/0320-2

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO ON BEHALF OF ITS SHERIFF REGARDING THE MINNESOTA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE (ICAC)

WHEREAS, the County of Chisago on behalf of its Sheriff desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to utilize applicable state and federal laws to

investigate and prosecute crimes committed against children and the criminal exploitation on children that is committed and/or facilitated by or through the use of computers.

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

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the County of Chisago on behalf of its Sheriff are hereby approved. Copies of the Joint Powers Agreements are attached to this Resolution and made a part of it.

2. That the County Sheriff -, Brandon Thyen or his or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.

3. That Marlys Dunne, the Chair of the County of Chisago, and Christina Vollrath, the County Board Clerk, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Dahlberg, seconded by Greene, the Board moved to approve the purchase of the tandem plow truck equipment for 2 tandem plow trucks for Public Works. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Dahlberg, the Board moved to approve the Almelund Threshing Co.'s resolution to conduct a raffle at their event on August 11, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 24/0320-3
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A
RAFFLE FOR THE ALMELUND THRESHING CO.

WHEREAS, the Chisago County Board of Commissioners has been presented with a request for lawful gambling within Chisago County; and

WHEREAS, the application was complete, included all necessary documentation, appears in accordance with County Policies and the facility owners are in good standing with the County;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes submission to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board an application to conduct a raffle at the Almelund Threshing Show located at 17760 St. Croix Trail, Taylors Falls, MN 55084.

The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

On motion by Montzka, seconded by Dahlberg, the Board moved to direct Chair Dunne to issue a letter opposing Senate File SF3980. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

CITIZENS FORUM

TIME – 7:41 p.m. **END TIME** – 7:41 p.m.

of SPEAKERS – 0

County Administrator Burnham provided administrative updates. *No action was taken.*

Several Commissioners offered reports of their respective committee assignments. *No action was taken.*

On motion by Montzka, seconded by Greene, the Board moved to close the County Board meeting at 7:47 p.m. related to preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to its authority. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

Closed Session

Pursuant to Minn. Stats., sec. 13D.05, Subd. 2, the County Board will convene in closed session for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to its authority. If the members conclude that discipline of any nature may be warranted as a result of those specific charges or allegations, further meetings or hearings relating to those specific charges or allegations held after that conclusion is reached must be open. A meeting must also be open at the request of the individual who is the subject of the meeting.

Present: County Attorney Janet Reiter, Assistant County Attorney Jeff Fuge, Commissioner Dunne, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Montzka, Commissioner Dahlberg, and Clerk of the Board Christina Vollrath. Commissioner Swenson attended virtually.

On motion by Greene, seconded by Montzka, the Board ended the closed meeting and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

The only action taken during the closed session was to end the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting.

On motion by Montzka, seconded by Greene, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Swenson, Greene, Dunne, Montzka, Dahlberg. **OPPOSED:** None.

Marlys Dunne, Chair

Attest: _____
Christina Vollrath
Clerk of the Board



**CHISAGO COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 3, 2024**

TAB # 7

Payment of County's Warrants & Miscellaneous Bills

Bills Paid 4/4/2024 \$366,732.74

Recap by Fund	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	
	1	246,096.27	General Revenue Fund	
	3	56,025.10	Road And Bridge Fund	
	12	45,735.25	Capital Equipment Fund	
	14	14,083.25	Solid Waste Fund	
	18	2,292.87	Lake Imprvmnt Distr Maint	
	76	2,500.00	Employee Recognition Agency Fu	
	All Funds	366,732.74	Total	Approved by,



**CHISAGO COUNTY
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TAB # 8

**Recognition of Years with the County
April**

THANK YOU FOR MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Employee	Job	Years of Service
Marsha C.	Child Support Officer	29
James M.	Division Sergeant	16
William G.	Senior Social Worker	16
Andrew M.	Captain	15
Amanda E.	Eligibility Worker	14
Tracy K.	Eligibility Worker	14
Chase B.	County Administrator	12
Paul G.	County Surveyor	12
Rick L.	Deputy Sheriff	12
Tami S.	Assessment Asst II	12
Kyle L.	Asst. County Engineer	11
Terry D.	Jail Programmer	11
Courtney W.	Dir Public Health Nursg	9
Jolene T.	Aging and Dis Div Mgr	8
Scotty F.	Deputy Sheriff	8
Amanda V.	Corrections Agent Sr	8
Richard L.	Corrections Officer	8
Brandon Y.	Deputy Sheriff	8
Ward B.	Bldg Automt & Maint Sup	6
Kendall F.	Corrections Officer	5
Jasmine T.	Crime Analyst II	5
Kristin W.	Chief Deputy Aud/Treas	4

Kari M.	Social Worker	3
Ashley G.	Deputy Recorder I	3
Steven B.	Deputy Sheriff	3
Jaclyn G.	Legal Assistant I	3
Tamara P.	Eligibility Worker	2
Kristy A.	Corrections Officer	1
Jacob W.	Corrections Officer	1
Troy N.	Park Maintenance	1
Samantha P.	Child Protection Worker	1
Hunter C.	Corrections Officer	1

Chisago County Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024	Item Number: 9
Title of Item for Consideration: Application for Abatement (reduction) of Property Taxes	
Action Requested by: Bridgitte Konrad, County Auditor/Treasurer	Department: Auditor/Treasurer
Previous Action on this Matter: From time to time the Board of Commissioners is asked to address individual Abatement requests.	
Background: The applications are for the abatement (reduction) of property tax for tax payable in 2024. They are recommended by the Assessor's office and Auditor's office for approval. The reductions meet the County's policy for such actions. The following parcels are requesting abatement; Jeffrey Peterson – 14.00072.14	
Attachment(s): Applications for Abatement (<i>available with Clerk of the Board</i>)	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the applications of abatement of taxes for the tax parcels. The suggested motion is as follows: <i>“Move to approve the application of abatement of taxes for the following tax parcel; 14.00072.14.”</i>	
Implications of Action: By approving the application, the property owner will be paying the appropriate property tax in 2024.	
Budget/Financial Implications: Minimal impact on the County finances and budget.	
Legal/Policy Implications: The proposed activities are in general conformity with applicable state statutes and County authority and policies.	
Administrator's Recommendation	
Approve <u>CEB</u>	Deny _____
Other _____	
Motion By:	Seconded by:
To:	
Action on Motion:	Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

Chisago County Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024	Item Number: 10
Title of Item for Consideration: 2024 Assessment Report	
Action Requested by: Daryl Moeller, County Assessor	Department: Assessor's Office
Previous Action on this Matter: None.	
Background: This 2024 Assessment Report is created to help understand the valuation process, sales analysis and appeals process. The County Assessor has created this report for the property owners of Chisago County along with the Township Boards, City Councils and the County Board of Commissioners. Minnesota statutes establish specific requirements for the ad valorem property tax system. This means that property taxes are based on the value of a property. Combined with the budgets of our local governments, taxes can be fairly and equitably calculated based on the value and classification of a property. It is critical of the assessor's office to verify property information to make sure the valuation of a property is accurate. Each year property owners have the right and ability to appeal the estimated market value or classification of their property. In March, a Valuation and Classification Notice is mailed out. Important information like, estimated market value, classification, new improvements, if any, exclusions if the property qualifies for them, like homesteading and taxable market value are printed on the notice. If there are concerns about the information on the notice, the first step is to call the assessor's office. Staff are available to answer questions or give information that helps you understand better. Most communities in Chisago County conduct a Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE). This meeting is to bring your concerns to your Local Government. If you attend the LBAE and still have concerns or questions, you may attend the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. Attachment(s): • 2024 Assessment Report (<i>Available at County Board Meeting</i>)	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners accept the 2024 Chisago County Assessment Report. The following motion is suggested: <i>“Move to accept the 2024 Chisago County Assessment Report.”</i>	
Implications of Action: By accepting the report, the County Assessors Office will begin the local Board of Appeal and Equalization meetings. Budget/Financial Implications: None. Legal/Policy Implications: The proposed activities are in general conformity with applicable state statutes and County authority and policies.	

<i>Administrator's Recommendation</i>			
Approve <u>CEB</u>		Deny _____	Other _____
Motion By:		Seconded by:	
To:			
Action on Motion:	Aye _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____



2024 Assessment of Chisago County Report

Prepared by:

Chisago County Assessor Office

Introduction

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In Minnesota, **the market value of a property is defined as the usual selling price in a fair and open market with both buyer and seller acting in their best interest**. Every property is assessed as of **January 2 each year**. Our process has many components to ensure that the integrity of our values is **fairly and equitably** done. One part of our process is to **visit** every property once every five years. During this time, we are verifying measurements, condition, quality, depreciation, amenities, outbuildings, and land types, such as tillable, woods, waste. Another component of our process is **sales verification**. Every sale that occurs in Chisago County submits a Certificate of Real Estate Value (CRV). Information on the CRV helps us decide which sales were on the open market and sold for a fair market price versus properties that are bank owned or sold to relatives. Each year a sales ratio study is conducted; sales between **October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023**, are used for the basis of adjustments for the January 2, 2024, assessment date. When our property data is accurate and sales are analyzed, we can make proper adjustments to all properties based on the market trends. Our goal is to assess each property fairly and equitably, so each property pays the appropriate amount of tax, **no more, no less**.

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We hope you find the information in this report **educational and useful**. Our office is here to assist and partner with you, to make sure that your property is being fairly and equitably assessed.

Thank You!

Chisago County Assessor's Office

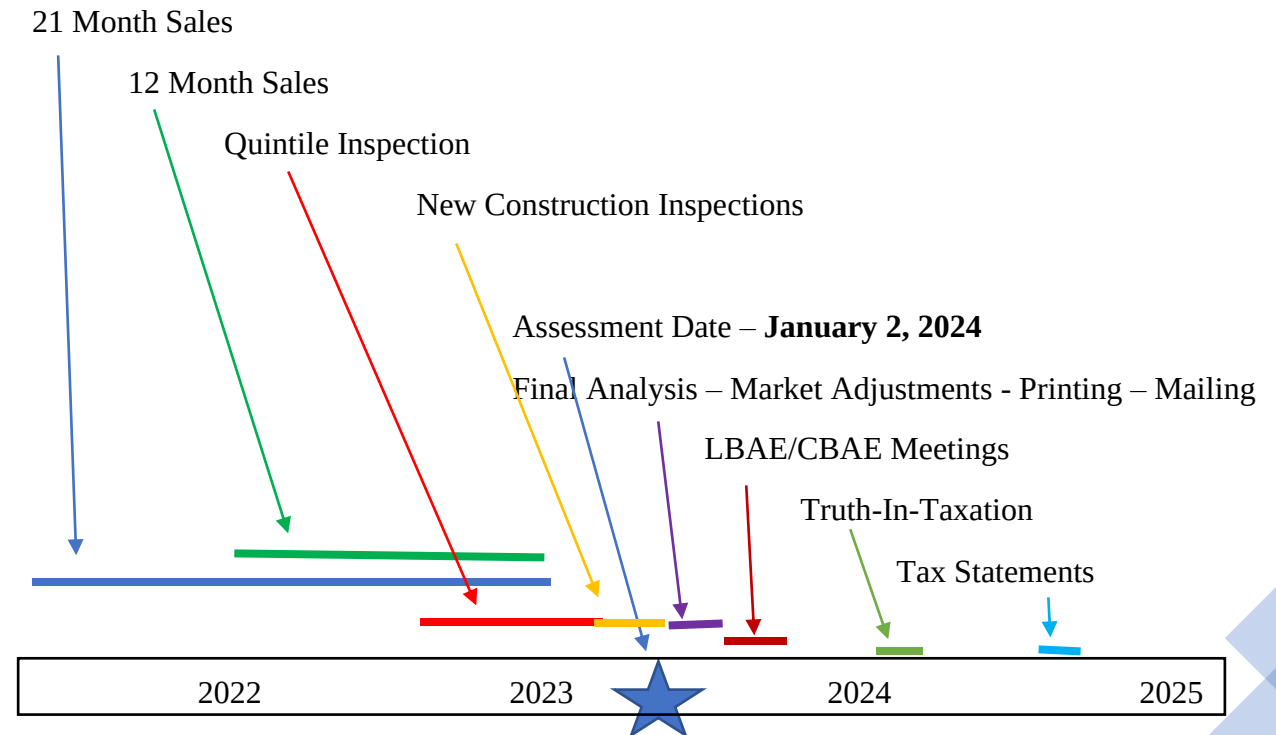
Chisago County Assessor Office

Daryl Moeller, County Assessor
Chase Peloquin, Assistant County Assessor

Assessor	Title	License	Jurisdictions
Patrick Poshek	Sr. Deputy Assessor	AMA	City of Harris City of North Branch
Rich Koons	Sr. Deputy Assessor	AMA	City of Chisago City City of Lindstrom City of Rush City
Sheri LaBuhn	Sr. Deputy Assessor	CMA	City of Shafer City of Stacy City of Taylors Falls City of Wyoming
Eric Wuotila	Sr. Deputy Assessor	CMA	Chisago Lakes Township Franconia Township City of Center City
Ted Anderson	Sr. Deputy Assessor	SAMA	Fish Lake Township Nessel Township Rushseba Township
Vince Scheele	Sr. Deputy Assessor	CMA	Amador Township Lent Township Shafer Township Sunrise Township

2024 Assessment Timeline

- 21 Month Sales Study - January 2022 - September 2023 - Time Trend Analysis
- 12 Month Sales Study - October 2022 - September 2023 - Sale Ratio Analysis
- Quintile Inspections - May 2023 - November 2023
- New Construction Inspections - December 2023 - January 2024
- Assessment Date - January 2, 2024
- Final Analysis - Market Adjustments - Proofing - February 2024
- Printing - Mailing - March 2024
- Local Board of Appeal and Equalization - April 2024
- County Board of Appeal and Equalization - June 17, 2024
- Truth In Taxation Statements Mailed - November 2024
- Tax Statement Mailed - March 2024



County Final Sales Analysis

Chisago County Final Sales Analysis			
Classification	Beginning Sales Ratio	Final Sales Ratio	Number of Sales
Residential - Off Water	97.66%	95.11%	519
Residential - On Water	97.53%	93.46%	76
All Residential	97.66%	94.80%	595
Agricultural	95.82%	92.04%	13
Apartment	94.98%	98.38%	2
Commercial Industrial	94.18%	98.36%	18

Chisago County 2024 Residential Time Trend	
Time Trend Area	Annual Trend Adjustment
Southern Chisago County Off-Water	None
Northern Chisago County Off-Water	None
Southern Chisago County On-Water	None
Northern Chisago County On-Water	None
Agricultural Countywide	None

Sales Ratios by Jurisdiction Residential/Seasonal All Sales

Final Ratio are calculated using the 2024 Assessed Values compared to the Time-Adjusted Sale Price

All Jurisdictions with 6 or more sales, must have a Final Sales Ratio between 90% and 105%.

Chisago County Residential Sales Statistics - 10/1/22 to 9/30/23					
Jurisdiction	Number of Sales	Beginning Sales Ratio	Final Sales Ratio	COD	PRD
Amador	6	91.84%	95.42%	.	.
Chisago Lake	32	97.10%	93.64%	7.36	1.02
Fish Lake	24	94.52%	93.73%	.	.
Franconia	9	104.36%	95.50%	.	.
Lent	14	98.77%	94.92%	.	.
Nessel	18	99.14%	94.69%	.	.
Rushseba	3	NA	NA	.	.
Shafer Twp	9	94.80%	94.44%	.	.
Sunrise	9	94.56%	94.71%	.	.
Center City	8	92.82%	94.88%	.	.
Chisago City	58	98.00%	94.70%	7.47	1.01
Harris	8	95.97%	94.58%	.	.
Lindstrom	79	96.43%	95.37%	6.24	1.01
North Branch	177	100.52%	95.71%	6.28	1.00
Rush City	33	95.40%	95.06%	5.51	1.00
Shafer City	8	102.28%	96.91%	.	.
Stacy	11	93.07%	95.33%	.	.
Taylors Falls	9	100.86%	95.97%	.	.
Wyoming	80	96.32%	93.71%	4.96	1.00
County	595	97.66%	94.80%	6.31	1.01

Sales Ratios by Jurisdiction Residential/Seasonal On-Water Sales Only

Final Ratio are calculated using the 2024 Assessed Values compared to the Time-Adjusted Sale Price

All Jurisdictions with 6 or more sales, must have a Final Sales Ratio between 90% and 105%.

Chisago County On-Water Residential Sales Statistics - 10/1/22 to 9/30/23			
Jurisdiction	Number of On-Water Sales	Beginning On-Water Sales Ratio	Final On-Water Sales Ratio
Amador	0	.	.
Chisago Lake	13	92.14%	92.02%
Fish Lake	6	108.51%	93.01%
Franconia	0	.	.
Lent	0	.	.
Nessel	13	98.68%	94.81%
Rushseba	0	.	.
Shafer Twp	2	74.20%	87.61%
Sunrise	3	99.42%	94.71%
Center City	6	97.85%	96.76%
Chisago City	18	96.36%	94.30%
Harris	0	.	.
Lindstrom	9	92.24%	91.26%
North Branch	2	111.73%	96.94%
Rush City	0	.	.
Shafer City	0	.	.
Stacy	0	.	.
Taylors Falls	1	101.00%	93.49%
Wyoming	3	104.65%	93.42%
County	76	97.53%	93.46%

5 Year History per Jurisdiction of the Number of Residential Sales

Chisago County Historical Number of Residential Sales by Jurisdiction						
Jurisdiction	2020 Assessment	2021 Assessment	2022 Assessment	2023 Assessment	2024 Assessment	5 Year Total
Amador	7	9	11	7	6	40
Chisago Lake	54	54	66	53	32	259
Fish Lake	24	26	30	18	24	122
Franconia	16	13	19	18	9	75
Lent	41	38	24	23	14	140
Nessel	27	25	32	40	18	142
Rushseba	3	6	12	6	3	30
Shafer Twp	12	12	7	9	9	49
Sunrise	14	18	31	15	9	87
Center City	11	5	12	9	8	45
Chisago City	91	83	84	87	58	403
Harris	18	14	20	16	8	76
Lindstrom	86	80	102	87	79	434
North Branch	196	186	194	179	177	932
Rush City	29	42	43	41	33	188
Shafer City	22	34	21	22	8	107
Stacy	24	24	22	14	11	95
Taylors Falls	20	15	17	18	9	79
Wyoming	92	117	114	89	80	492
County Total	787	801	861	751	595	3,795
Total Sales Percent Change		1.8%	7.5%	-12.8%	-20.8%	

5 Year History per Jurisdiction Final Sales Ratio for Residential Sales

Chisago County Historical Sales Ratio of Residential Sales by Jurisdiction					
Jurisdiction	2020 Assessment	2021 Assessment	2022 Assessment	2023 Assessment	2024 Assessment
Amador	91.9%	91.1%	95.0%	91.7%	95.4%
Chisago Lake	96.1%	95.0%	93.9%	92.7%	93.6%
Fish Lake	93.1%	93.9%	94.0%	92.5%	93.7%
Franconia	94.5%	92.9%	91.0%	94.6%	95.5%
Lent	94.3%	96.0%	92.6%	93.1%	94.9%
Nessel	95.1%	94.4%	99.4%	92.7%	94.7%
Rushseba	NA	96.5%	96.4%	91.5%	NA
Shafer Twp	95.2%	93.4%	96.8%	94.3%	94.4%
Sunrise	96.2%	94.1%	92.7%	93.6%	94.7%
Center City	94.4%	NA	96.4%	96.8%	94.9%
Chisago City	95.0%	94.9%	93.7%	93.4%	94.7%
Harris	96.7%	94.6%	94.9%	95.7%	94.6%
Lindstrom	94.9%	96.1%	94.6%	93.7%	95.4%
North Branch	95.5%	95.4%	94.6%	93.2%	95.7%
Rush City	96.3%	94.6%	94.0%	94.2%	95.1%
Shafer City	94.6%	94.8%	96.4%	95.2%	96.9%
Stacy	96.3%	93.1%	94.1%	95.8%	95.3%
Taylors Falls	97.6%	94.9%	94.6%	92.8%	96.0%
Wyoming	95.2%	95.4%	94.1%	93.9%	93.7%
County Total	95.2%	94.7%	94.6%	93.5%	94.8%

2023 to 2024 EMV Comparison by Jurisdiction

*Net Percent of Change =
(2024 EMV – 2023 EMV –
New Construction) / 2023
EMV

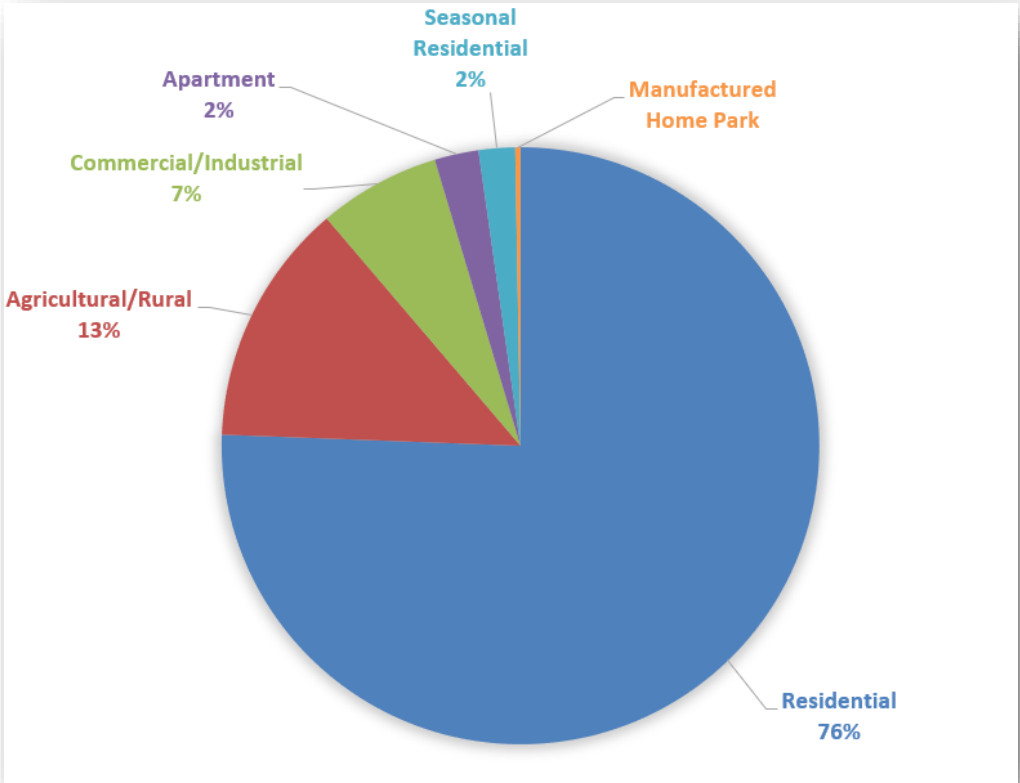
Chisago County Values by Jurisdiction - Taxable Classes Only					
Jurisdiction	2023 Assessment	2024 Assessment	New Construction	Overall % of Change	Net % of Change
Amador	\$208,919,000	\$193,097,400	\$1,449,100	-7.57%	-8.27%
Chisago Lake	\$1,057,206,600	\$1,024,308,500	\$6,780,500	-3.11%	-3.75%
Fish Lake	\$430,997,100	\$422,324,600	\$3,947,000	-2.01%	-2.93%
Franconia	\$417,123,100	\$396,041,200	\$4,189,800	-5.05%	-6.06%
Lent	\$524,319,700	\$452,300,800	\$3,008,500	-13.74%	-14.31%
Nessel	\$548,530,600	\$525,776,800	\$5,460,100	-4.15%	-5.14%
Rushseba	\$162,754,300	\$161,419,800	\$1,675,000	-0.82%	-1.85%
Shafer Twp	\$255,189,000	\$252,349,200	\$1,394,500	-1.11%	-1.66%
Sunrise	\$438,481,900	\$435,380,400	\$5,518,700	-0.71%	-1.97%
Center City	\$119,026,100	\$118,606,300	\$1,676,400	-0.35%	-1.76%
Chisago City	\$1,036,223,400	\$1,057,563,200	\$8,703,400	2.06%	1.22%
Harris	\$192,373,200	\$190,700,500	\$1,520,900	-0.87%	-1.66%
Lindstrom	\$771,056,000	\$758,983,400	\$4,621,100	-1.57%	-2.17%
North Branch	\$1,537,194,300	\$1,535,122,800	\$36,937,700	-0.13%	-2.54%
Rush City	\$230,452,100	\$237,461,900	\$4,499,200	3.04%	1.09%
Shafer City	\$111,558,200	\$108,789,900	\$89,000	-2.48%	-2.56%
Stacy	\$170,587,100	\$172,945,900	\$2,098,100	1.38%	0.15%
Taylor's Falls	\$137,836,500	\$137,517,400	\$311,200	-0.23%	-0.46%
Wyoming	\$1,287,371,200	\$1,274,409,600	\$8,591,800	-1.01%	-1.67%
County Total	\$9,637,199,400	\$9,455,099,600	\$102,472,000	-1.89%	-2.95%

Residential & Seasonal Residential Changes

Chisago County Residential/Seasonal Residential Values by Jurisdiction					
Jurisdiction	2023 Assessment	2024 Assessment	New Construction	Overall % of Change	Net % of Change
Amador	\$90,672,500	\$86,208,900	\$1,379,400	-4.92%	-6.44%
Chisago Lake	\$854,934,500	\$827,585,100	\$5,894,600	-3.20%	-3.89%
Fish Lake	\$329,168,600	\$323,618,400	\$3,841,800	-1.69%	-2.85%
Franconia	\$272,622,000	\$257,297,700	\$3,719,200	-5.62%	-6.99%
Lent	\$450,572,700	\$397,397,700	\$3,001,900	-11.80%	-12.47%
Nessel	\$431,702,100	\$411,420,500	\$5,154,200	-4.70%	-5.89%
Rushseba	\$86,385,000	\$84,120,600	\$834,000	-2.62%	-3.59%
Shafer Twp	\$126,678,100	\$127,489,000	\$1,115,100	0.64%	-0.24%
Sunrise	\$286,391,500	\$291,943,600	\$6,879,600	1.94%	-0.46%
Center City	\$110,190,100	\$108,595,900	\$1,277,200	-1.45%	-2.61%
Chisago City	\$895,493,400	\$898,327,400	\$6,702,200	0.32%	-0.43%
Harris	\$124,137,200	\$123,116,300	\$1,299,100	-0.82%	-1.87%
Lindstrom	\$690,495,200	\$674,620,900	\$4,341,000	-2.30%	-2.93%
North Branch	\$1,221,511,100	\$1,200,902,600	\$26,789,700	-1.69%	-3.88%
Rush City	\$163,995,400	\$165,122,200	\$1,839,400	0.69%	-0.43%
Shafer City	\$94,733,700	\$91,118,600	\$20,000	-3.82%	-3.84%
Stacy	\$125,541,700	\$123,650,100	\$120,600	-1.51%	-1.60%
Taylors Falls	\$110,388,200	\$108,820,900	\$311,200	-1.42%	-1.70%
Wyoming	\$1,066,508,500	\$1,032,159,300	\$7,145,300	-3.22%	-3.89%
County Total	\$7,532,121,500	\$7,333,515,700	\$81,665,500	-2.64%	-3.72%

Where did
the value
Change?

Chisago County 2024 Value Changes by Classification - Countywide					
Classification	2023 Assessment	2024 Assessment	New Construction	Overall % of Change	Net % of Change
Agricultural/Rural	\$ 1,305,115,700	\$ 1,245,910,600	\$ 3,869,600	-4.5%	-4.83%
Residential	\$ 7,323,744,600	\$ 7,147,460,500	\$ 76,819,000	-2.4%	-3.5%
Seasonal Residential	\$ 208,376,900	\$ 186,055,200	\$ 2,515,000	-10.7%	-11.9%
Commercial/Industrial/Other	\$ 565,334,300	\$ 623,871,400	\$ 11,968,100	10.4%	8.2%
Apartment 4+ Units	\$ 209,789,300	\$ 225,116,900	\$ 7,300,300	7.3%	3.8%
Manufactured Home Park	\$ 24,838,600	\$ 26,685,000	\$ -	7.4%	7.4%



Where is the
value in your
jurisdiction?

Chisago County Breakdown of Major Categories by Jurisdiction							
Jurisdiction	Agricultural Rural	% of Total	Residential Seasonal	% of Total	Comm. Ind. Apt. All Other	% of Total	Totals
Amador	\$ 100,348,900	52%	\$ 86,208,900	45%	\$ 6,539,600	3%	\$ 193,097,400
Chisago Lake	\$ 184,830,000	18%	\$ 827,585,100	81%	\$ 11,893,400	1%	\$1,024,308,500
Fish Lake	\$ 96,582,400	23%	\$ 323,618,400	77%	\$ 2,123,800	1%	\$ 422,324,600
Franconia	\$ 131,509,800	33%	\$ 257,297,700	65%	\$ 7,233,700	2%	\$ 396,041,200
Lent	\$ 48,158,900	11%	\$ 397,397,700	88%	\$ 6,744,200	1%	\$ 452,300,800
Nessel	\$ 103,559,600	20%	\$ 411,420,500	78%	\$ 10,796,700	2%	\$ 525,776,800
Rushseba	\$ 74,069,000	46%	\$ 84,120,600	52%	\$ 3,230,200	2%	\$ 161,419,800
Shafer Twp	\$ 121,375,400	48%	\$ 127,489,000	51%	\$ 3,484,800	1%	\$ 252,349,200
Sunrise	\$ 137,214,500	32%	\$ 291,943,600	67%	\$ 6,222,300	1%	\$ 435,380,400
Center City	\$ 237,700	0%	\$ 108,595,900	92%	\$ 9,772,700	8%	\$ 118,606,300
Chisago City	\$ 51,569,900	5%	\$ 898,327,400	85%	\$ 107,665,900	10%	\$1,057,563,200
Harris	\$ 48,647,300	26%	\$ 123,116,300	65%	\$ 18,936,900	10%	\$ 190,700,500
Lindstrom	\$ 6,028,200	1%	\$ 674,620,900	89%	\$ 78,334,300	10%	\$ 758,983,400
North Branch	\$ 86,125,500	6%	\$1,200,902,600	78%	\$ 248,094,700	16%	\$1,535,122,800
Rush City	\$ 4,596,200	2%	\$ 165,122,200	70%	\$ 67,743,500	29%	\$ 237,461,900
Shafer City	\$ 3,302,700	3%	\$ 91,118,600	84%	\$ 14,368,600	13%	\$ 108,789,900
Stacy	\$ 3,221,200	2%	\$ 123,650,100	71%	\$ 46,074,600	27%	\$ 172,945,900
Taylors Falls	\$ 9,050,800	7%	\$ 108,820,900	79%	\$ 19,645,700	14%	\$ 137,517,400
Wyoming	\$ 35,482,600	3%	\$1,032,159,300	81%	\$ 206,767,700	16%	\$1,274,409,600
County Total	\$1,245,910,600	13%	\$7,333,515,700	78%	\$ 875,673,300	9%	\$9,455,099,600

Chisago County Historical Values All Taxable Classes

Chisago County Historical Values by Jurisdiction - Taxable Classes Only					
Jurisdiction	2020 Assessment	2021 Assessment	2022 Assessment	2023 Assessment	2024 Assessment
Amador	\$135,991,600	\$145,812,400	\$182,336,400	\$208,919,000	\$193,097,400
Chisago Lake	\$728,590,700	\$772,560,100	\$947,074,900	\$1,057,206,600	\$1,024,308,500
Fish Lake	\$289,672,200	\$308,832,700	\$381,770,800	\$430,997,100	\$422,324,600
Franconia	\$283,388,800	\$301,822,900	\$369,723,800	\$417,123,100	\$396,041,200
Lent	\$371,705,100	\$391,901,700	\$493,368,800	\$524,319,700	\$452,300,800
Nessel	\$336,415,200	\$361,440,500	\$483,952,600	\$548,530,600	\$525,776,800
Rushseba	\$106,654,100	\$110,560,500	\$145,860,700	\$162,754,300	\$161,419,800
Shafer Twp	\$172,399,100	\$175,103,500	\$218,679,700	\$255,189,000	\$252,349,200
Sunrise	\$267,160,900	\$298,569,000	\$375,796,800	\$438,481,900	\$435,380,400
Center City	\$82,416,500	\$89,569,000	\$109,811,100	\$119,026,100	\$118,606,300
Chisago City	\$715,016,400	\$756,516,400	\$933,359,200	\$1,036,223,400	\$1,057,563,200
Harris	\$133,939,600	\$142,129,000	\$179,401,300	\$192,373,200	\$190,700,500
Lindstrom	\$504,754,600	\$563,481,900	\$703,649,100	\$771,056,000	\$758,983,400
North Branch	\$1,031,592,100	\$1,115,419,100	\$1,376,962,400	\$1,537,194,300	\$1,535,122,800
Rush City	\$155,848,800	\$171,529,600	\$207,901,300	\$230,452,100	\$237,461,900
Shafer City	\$73,932,400	\$81,861,900	\$102,299,600	\$111,558,200	\$108,789,900
Stacy	\$120,368,600	\$125,689,800	\$156,550,800	\$170,587,100	\$172,945,900
Taylors Falls	\$93,446,600	\$99,449,300	\$121,215,800	\$137,836,500	\$137,517,400
Wyoming	\$923,444,600	\$959,962,700	\$1,174,039,000	\$1,287,371,200	\$1,274,409,600
County Total	\$6,526,737,900	\$6,972,212,000	\$8,663,754,100	\$9,637,199,400	\$9,455,099,600

Chisago County Median Residential Improved Values

Chisago County Median Residential Improved Value by Jurisdiction				
Jurisdiction	2021 Assessment	2022 Assessment	2023 Assessment	2024 Assessment
Amador	\$313,900	\$389,200	\$423,500	\$385,100
Chisago Lake	\$346,400	\$425,600	\$461,600	\$446,800
Fish Lake	\$291,600	\$356,600	\$388,300	\$387,600
Franconia	\$371,200	\$453,400	\$500,200	\$466,700
Lent	\$309,900	\$387,800	\$406,300	\$391,700
Nessel	\$291,400	\$382,100	\$422,300	\$404,100
Rushseba	\$260,900	\$335,600	\$369,400	\$358,400
Shafer Twp	\$301,200	\$379,000	\$417,200	\$416,100
Sunrise	\$314,000	\$383,000	\$442,400	\$445,000
Center City	\$270,100	\$337,800	\$360,800	\$353,000
Chisago City	\$299,800	\$377,000	\$404,600	\$384,600
Harris	\$242,900	\$307,400	\$323,300	\$316,000
Lindstrom	\$255,100	\$317,100	\$337,300	\$328,100
North Branch	\$239,600	\$293,100	\$316,400	\$301,900
Rush City	\$172,700	\$208,700	\$225,800	\$229,100
Shafer City	\$211,300	\$258,200	\$277,400	\$262,300
Stacy	\$220,500	\$278,200	\$300,200	\$295,000
Taylors Falls	\$200,500	\$245,700	\$277,100	\$274,400
Wyoming	\$280,700	\$349,000	\$375,700	\$365,100
County Median	\$272,600	\$338,100	\$364,600	\$352,700

Chisago County Historical New Construction Value All Taxable Classes

Chisago County Historical New Construction by Jurisdiction - Taxable Classes Only					
Jurisdiction	2020 Assessment	2021 Assessment	2022 Assessment	2023 Assessment	2024 Assessment
Amador	\$1,245,500	\$1,349,300	\$1,373,400	\$2,433,500	\$1,449,100
Chisago Lake	\$7,785,000	\$5,839,100	\$6,994,000	\$10,517,100	\$6,780,500
Fish Lake	\$3,098,200	\$2,232,100	\$4,867,300	\$3,865,500	\$3,947,000
Franconia	\$3,069,600	\$3,362,400	\$3,856,800	\$4,017,200	\$4,189,800
Lent	\$2,897,100	\$5,066,200	\$4,457,400	\$5,291,200	\$3,008,500
Nessel	\$3,707,600	\$3,172,300	\$5,657,900	\$5,733,500	\$5,460,100
Rushseba	\$192,300	\$112,500	\$891,900	\$1,600,700	\$1,675,000
Shafer Twp	\$478,800	\$1,753,500	\$1,565,500	\$3,221,500	\$1,394,500
Sunrise	\$3,625,400	\$4,212,600	\$4,898,700	\$5,079,000	\$5,518,700
Center City	\$731,100	\$888,300	\$1,700,100	\$2,012,900	\$1,676,400
Chisago City	\$9,747,900	\$5,458,300	\$16,912,500	\$15,183,100	\$8,703,400
Harris	\$274,600	\$1,294,200	\$822,600	\$1,599,600	\$1,520,900
Lindstrom	\$6,929,500	\$18,625,500	\$12,476,700	\$10,971,800	\$4,621,100
North Branch	\$17,617,700	\$30,308,600	\$37,053,500	\$36,660,300	\$36,937,700
Rush City	\$5,689,300	\$5,530,600	\$5,553,600	\$3,997,400	\$4,499,200
Shafer City	\$1,971,800	\$2,575,500	\$2,731,900	\$1,395,100	\$89,000
Stacy	\$2,052,100	\$1,702,900	\$3,454,500	\$1,967,500	\$2,098,100
Taylors Falls	\$1,425,900	\$991,700	\$1,044,700	\$700,500	\$311,200
Wyoming	\$7,603,700	\$7,542,900	\$10,900,000	\$24,385,500	\$8,591,800
County Total	\$80,143,100	\$102,018,500	\$127,213,000	\$140,632,900	\$102,472,000

Chisago County Historical New Single Family Home Starts

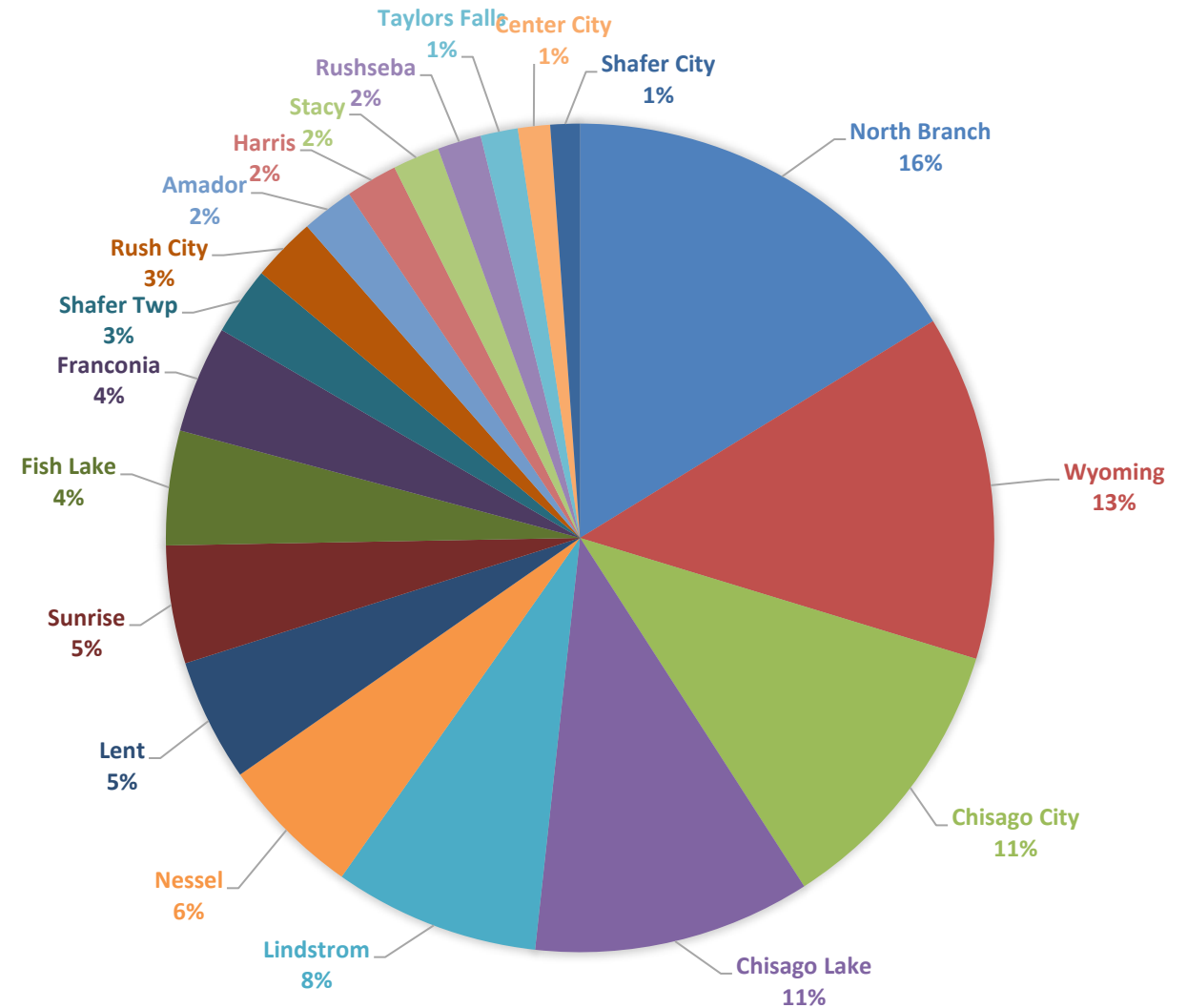
Chisago County Historical New Home Starts by Jurisdiction						
Jurisdiction	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5 Year Total
Amador	5	6	3	6	5	25
Chisago Lake	17	12	16	22	4	71
Fish Lake	9	8	16	10	3	46
Franconia	4	10	5	9	5	33
Lent	8	11	8	7	7	41
Nessel	8	8	14	10	7	47
Rushseba	-	-	3	5	1	9
Shafer Twp	2	7	2	9	-	20
Sunrise	14	14	14	11	12	65
Center City	3	3	5	3	2	16
Chisago City	24	29	30	22	12	117
Harris	2	1	2	-	6	11
Lindstrom	30	15	15	16	8	84
North Branch	47	115	101	59	101	423
Rush City	15	23	20	13	3	74
Shafer City	13	9	8	2	-	32
Stacy	13	-	1	1	-	15
Taylors Falls	8	2	1	1	-	12
Wyoming	24	6	33	33	13	109
County Total	246	279	297	239	189	1,250

2024 ASSESSMENT

Chisago County's Total 2024
Estimated Market Value is
\$9,455,099,600.

This includes Agricultural,
Residential, Seasonal,
Commercial, Industrial,
Apartment and Mobile Home
Park classed Properties

*Not included is Exempt and
State Assessed Properties



CHISAGO COUNTY AG. SCHEDULE 2024 ASSESSMENT

Pine County

NESSEL

<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>
\$2,900	Tillable	\$2,900
\$3,100	Non Tillable	\$2,800
\$1,500	Non Till Low	\$1,500
\$800	Waste	\$800
\$68,000	Site	\$4,500

RUSHSEBA

<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>
\$2,900	Tillable	\$2,900
\$2,700	Non Tillable	\$2,700
\$1,400	Non Till Low	\$1,400
\$700	Waste	\$700
\$67,000	Site	\$4,500

FISH LAKE

<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>
\$3,900	Tillable	\$3,700
\$2,800	Non Tillable	\$2,800
\$1,600	Non Till Low	\$1,600
\$800	Waste	\$800
\$79,000	Site	\$4,500

HARRIS CITY

<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>
\$3,700	Tillable	\$3,700
\$3,000	Non Tillable	\$2,800
\$1,500	Non Till Low	\$1,500
\$700	Waste	\$700
\$74,000	Site	\$4,500

SUNRISE NORTH

<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>
\$3,700	Tillable	\$3,700
\$3,000	Non Tillable	\$2,800
\$1,300	Non Till Low	\$1,300
\$800	Waste	\$800
\$72,000	Site	\$4,500

Wisconsin

CHISAGO COUNTY AG. SCHEDULE 2024 ASSESSMENT

Isanti County	<u>NORTH BRANCH</u>			<u>SUNRISE SOUTH</u>			<u>AMADOR</u>			Wisconsin
	<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>	<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>	<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>	
	\$4,200	Tillable	\$4,200	\$4,000	Tillable	\$4,000	\$4,500	Tillable	\$4,500	
	\$4,200	Non Tillable	\$2,800	\$4,000	Non Tillable	\$2,800	\$4,200	Non Tillable	\$2,800	
	\$1,800	Non Till Low	\$1,800	\$2,100	Non Till Low	\$2,100	\$2,100	Non Till Low	\$2,100	
	\$900	Waste	\$900	\$900	Waste	\$900	\$800	Waste	\$800	
	\$76,000	Site	\$4,500	\$76,000	Site	\$4,500	\$72,000	Site	\$4,500	
	<u>LENT</u>			<u>CHISAGO LAKE NORTH</u>			<u>SHAFER</u>			
	<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>	<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>	<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>	
	\$4,500	Tillable	\$4,500	\$5,200	Tillable	\$5,200	\$5,000	Tillable	\$5,000	
	\$3,800	Non Tillable	\$2,800	\$5,200	Non Tillable	\$2,800	\$5,000	Non Tillable	\$2,800	
	\$1,600	Non Till Low	\$1,600	\$2,600	Non Till Low	\$2,600	\$2,500	Non Till Low	\$2,500	
	\$900	Waste	\$900	\$900	Waste	\$900	\$900	Waste	\$900	
	\$85,000	Site	\$4,500	\$84,000	Site	\$4,500	\$83,000	Site	\$4,500	
Anoka County	<u>WYOMING/CHISAGO CITY</u>			<u>CHISAGO LAKE SOUTH</u>			<u>FRANCONIA</u>			Wisconsin
	<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>	<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>	<u>EMV</u>		<u>GA</u>	
	\$6,800	Tillable	\$6,100	\$6,800	Tillable	\$6,100	\$6,000	Tillable	\$6,000	
	\$6,500	Non Tillable	\$2,800	\$6,500	Non Tillable	\$2,800	\$5,800	Non Tillable	\$2,800	
	\$3,200	Non Till Low	\$2,800	\$3,200	Non Till Low	\$2,800	\$2,900	Non Till Low	\$2,800	
	\$1,500	Waste	\$1,500	\$1,600	Waste	\$1,600	\$1,400	Waste	\$1,400	
	\$95,000	Site	\$4,500	\$95,000	Site	\$4,500	\$90,000	Site	\$4,500	
April 3rd 2024 Chisago County Board of Commissioners										
Washington County										

#1 Question Asked

What will this do to my taxes?

Many variables go into this answer:

- What was my increase compared to the average for County, City/Township, School District?
- Was there new improvements made to the property? How much value was added to Ag, Residential, Seasonal, Commercial, Industrial, Apartments?
- Were there Property Tax Law changes made during the Legislative session?

Biggest Unknown Answer:

What is the budget for the Local Governments?

One answer to a complex question

What did my value do compared to other properties?

A city has 4 Residential properties

- Property 1 = TMV \$100,000
- Property 2 = TMV \$200,000
- Property 3 = TMV \$300,000
- Property 4 = TMV \$400,000

Total TMV of City = \$1,000,000



A city has a budget of \$10,000

The City Tax Rate = Budget/Taxable = 1%



Taxes Paid by 4 Properties

Property 1 = \$1000

Property 2 = \$2000

Property 3 = \$3000

Property 4 = \$4000

One answer to a complex question

What did my value do compared to other properties?

All properties are decreased by \$25,000

- Property 1 = TMV \$75,000 (-25%)
- Property 2 = TMV \$175,000 (-12.5%)
- Property 3 = TMV \$275,000 (-8.3%)
- Property 4 = TMV \$375,000 (-6.3%)

Total TMV of City = \$900,000 (-10%)



A city has a budget of \$10,000

The City Tax Rate = Budget/Taxable = 1.11%

Taxes Paid by 4 Properties

Property 1 = \$833 (-16.7%)

Property 2 = \$1944 (-2.8%)

Property 3 = \$3056 (1.87%)

Property 4 = \$4167 (4.18%)



**Taxes change
comparative to Percent
decrease in value**

Simplified Answer to Budget Question

What did my value do compared to other properties?

All Properties are decreased 3%

- Property 1 = TMV \$97,000
- Property 2 = TMV \$194,000
- Property 3 = TMV \$291,000
- Property 4 = TMV \$388,000

Total TMV of City = \$970,000



City budget stays the same at \$10,000

The City Tax Rate = $\text{Budget} / \text{Taxable} = 1.03\%$

Taxes Paid by 4 Properties

Property 1 = \$1000

Property 2 = \$2000

Property 3 = \$3000

Property 4 = \$4000



Taxes do NOT change

Simplified Answer to Budget Question

What did the budget do compared to last year?

All Properties Stay the Same

- Property 1 = TMV \$100,000
- Property 2 = TMV \$200,000
- Property 3 = TMV \$300,000
- Property 4 = TMV \$400,000

Total TMV of City = \$1,000,000



A city budget increases 5% \$10,500

The City Tax Rate = Budget/Taxable = 1.05%

Taxes Paid by 4 Properties

Property 1 = \$1050 (5%)

Property 2 = \$2100 (5%)

Property 3 = \$3150 (5%)

Property 4 = \$4200 (5%)



Taxes went up by 5%

Simplified Answer to Budget Question

What did my value do compared to other properties and a budget increase?

All Properties are decreased by 3%

- Property 1 = TMV \$97,000
- Property 2 = TMV \$194,000
- Property 3 = TMV \$291,000
- Property 4 = TMV \$388,000

Total TMV of City = \$970,000



City Budget is increased by 5% or \$10,500

The City Tax Rate = Budget/Taxable = 1.08%

Taxes Paid by 4 Properties

Property 1 = \$1050 (5%)

Property 2 = \$2100 (5%)

Property 3 = \$3150 (5%)

Property 4 = \$4200 (5%)



Taxes went up by 5%

Simplified Answer to Budget Question

What did my value do compared to other properties and a budget increase?

All Properties are changed by different percentages

- Property 1 (3%)= TMV \$103,000
- Property 2 (0%)= TMV \$200,000
- Property 3 (-2%)= TMV \$294,000
- Property 4 (-5%)= TMV \$380,000

Total TMV of City = \$977,000 (-2.3%)

City Budget is increased by 5% or \$10,500

The City Tax Rate = Budget/Taxable = 1.07%



Taxes Paid by 4 Properties

Property 1 = \$1107 (10.7%)

Property 2 = \$2149 (7.5%)

Property 3 = \$3160 (5.3%)

Property 4 = \$4084 (2.1%)

Property closest to the overall change saw the closest change to the budget increase.

- The valuation and classification is completed fairly and equitably to ensure properties pay no more and no less of the budget.
- The budget is the amount of money the governments need to operate their local body of government.
- You can appeal the Valuation or Classification of your property at the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. You can appeal the budgets at the Annual Township meeting or Truth In Taxation meetings.
- The valuation and classification does not rely on the budget to set values, the budget does not rely on the valuation and classification to set a budget.

These two are separate of each other!

Questions?



Daryl Moeller – County Assessor
Chase Peloquin – Assistant County Assessor

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313 N. Main St. Room 250
Center City, MN 55012

Assessor@chisagocountymn.gov

Office Main Phone: 651-213-8550

Chisago County Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: Apr 3, 2024	Item Number: 11
Title of Item for Consideration: Renewal of Joint Powers Agreement for Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)	
Action Requested by: County Attorney Janet Reiter	Department: County Attorney's Office
Previous Action on this Matter: None.	
Background: State of Minnesota, through the Commissioner of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and the Chisago County Attorney's Office, have joined together in a multi-agency task force intended to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against children and the criminal exploitation of children that is committed and/or facilitated by or through the use of computers. Chisago County Attorney's Office involvement via this JPA allows access to specialized training and resources to combat these offenses. Attachment(s): - ICAC JPA - Resolution - ICAC Operational and Investigative Standards (<i>available with Clerk of the Board</i>)	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the renewal of the ICAC JPA. The following motion is suggested: <i>“Move to approve Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) on behalf of the Chisago County Attorney's Office.”</i>	
Implications of Action: This agreement allows the Attorney's Office to be eligible for grant funds for ICAC related training and investigations and prosecution of electronic exploitation of children. Budget/Financial Implications: This Joint Powers does not require financial commitment from Chisago County. No local match is contemplated. Legal/Policy Implications: The proposed activities are in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations and County policies & procedures. The County Attorney has approved as to form.	
Administrator's Recommendation	
Approve <u>CEB</u>	Deny _____
Other _____	
Motion By:	Seconded by:
To:	
Action on Motion:	Aye _____
	Nay _____
	Abstain _____



STATE OF MINNESOTA

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT MINNESOTA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

This Joint Powers Agreement ("Agreement") is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety on behalf of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ("BCA"), and the "County of Chisago on behalf of its County Attorney's Office at 313 N Main Street Room 373 Center City, MN 55012" ("Governmental Unit").

Recitals

Under Minnesota Statutes, § 471.59, the BCA and the Governmental Unit are empowered to engage in agreements that are necessary to exercise their powers. The parties wish to work together to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against children and the criminal exploitation of children that is committed and/or facilitated by or through the use of computers, and to disrupt and dismantle organizations engaging in these activities. The Governmental Unit wants to participate in the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and be provided reimbursement of the following: equipment, training, and expenses (including travel and overtime) as are incurred by law enforcement as a result of ongoing investigations.

Agreement

1. Term of Agreement

- 1.1 **Effective Date.** This Agreement is effective on the date BCA obtains all required signatures pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, § 16C.05, subdivision 2.
- 1.2 **Expiration Date.** This Agreement expires five years from the date it is effective unless terminated earlier pursuant to clause 12.

2. Purpose

The Governmental Unit and BCA enter into this Agreement to implement a three-pronged approach of prevention, education and enforcement to combat internet crimes against children. This Agreement provides the mechanism to reimburse the Governmental Unit for equipment, training and expenses (including travel and overtime), which are incurred by law enforcement as a result of these investigations.

3. Standards

The Governmental Unit will adhere to the ICAC Program standards identified below.

- 3.1 Investigate activities related to internet crimes and the exploitation of children through the use of computers.
- 3.2 Investigate organizations to disrupt and dismantle crimes committed against children.
- 3.3 Investigators will follow appropriate state and/or federal laws in obtaining arrest warrants, search warrants and civil and criminal forfeitures. Investigators will follow proper legal procedures in securing evidence, including electronic devices.
- 3.4 Investigators will understand and use appropriate legal procedures in the use of informants including documentation of identity, monitoring of activities, and use and recordation of payments.
- 3.5 Investigators will use, as appropriate, the most current investigative technologies and techniques.

- 3.6 Investigators must be licensed Minnesota peace officers.
- 3.7 Investigators will comply with the guidelines of the Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Program Operational and Investigative Standards.

4. Responsibilities of the Governmental Unit and the BCA

4.1 The Governmental Unit will:

- 4.1.1 Assign a Governmental Unit point of contact to act as the liaison between it and the BCA ICAC Project Commander to assist in reimbursement deadlines.
- 4.1.2 Submit an ICAC reimbursement request for pre-approval of funds. This request shall include a description of the item requested for reimbursement and an explanation of how it qualifies under the required criteria in Clauses 3.1 and 3.2 and an operational plan.
- 4.1.3 Conduct investigations in accordance with provisions of the ICAC Operational and Investigative Standards, identified in Clause 3.7 above, and conclude the investigations in a timely manner.
- 4.1.4 Allow BCA to inform participating agencies of potential case connections based on data submitted to BCA through the ICAC Program.
- 4.1.5 Not commingle ICAC funds with any other existing federal or state grant funded overtime or additional local Governmental Unit funding.

4.2 The BCA will:

- 4.2.1 Provide a Senior Special Agent who will serve as the Commander of the Task Force.
- 4.2.2 Review and approve or decline reimbursement requests under clause 4.1.2 within seven (7) business days of the reimbursement request.

- 4.3 Nothing in this Agreement shall otherwise limit the jurisdiction, powers, and responsibilities normally possessed by a Governmental Unit acting through its employees.

5. Payment

- 5.1 To receive reimbursement for an expense, Governmental Unit must make a request for reimbursement to the BCA Authorized Representative under the required criteria for operational and investigative standards.
- 5.2 To receive approved reimbursement, Governmental Unit must submit an expense form no later than 15 business days after the end of the month during which the expense is incurred.
- 5.3 The BCA will pay the Governmental Unit within thirty (30) calendar days of the submission of the expense form.
- 5.4 In the event Governmental Unit breaches this Agreement, it will not be eligible to receive reimbursement for any expenses.

6. Authorized Representatives

The BCA's Authorized Representative is the following person or his successor:

Name: Bobbi Jo Pazdernik, Commander of MN ICAC
Address: Department of Public Safety; Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
1430 Maryland Street East Saint Paul, MN 55106
Telephone: 651-793-7000
E-mail Address: bobbijo.pazdernik@state.mn.us

The Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative is the following person or his/her successor:

Name: Janet Reiter, County Attorney
Address: 313 N Main Street Room 373 Center City, MN 55012
Telephone: 651-213-8400
E-mail Address: gjareiter@chisagocounty.us

If the Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Agreement, the Governmental Unit must immediately notify the BCA.

7. Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Agreement Complete

- 7.1 Assignment.** The Governmental Unit may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement.
- 7.2 Amendments.** Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original Agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.3 Waiver.** If the BCA fails to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.
- 7.4 Agreement Complete.** This Agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the BCA and the Governmental Unit. No other understanding regarding this Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

8. Liability

The BCA and the Governmental Unit agree each party will be responsible for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of any others and the results thereof. The BCA's liability shall be governed by provisions of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, § 3.736, and other applicable law. The Governmental Unit's liability shall be governed by provisions of the Municipal Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, §§ 466.01-466.15, and other applicable law.

9. Audits

Under Minnesota Statutes, § 16C.05, subdivision 5, the Governmental Unit's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Agreement are subject to examination by the BCA and/or the State Auditor and/or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six (6) years from the end of this Agreement.

10. Government Data Practices

The Governmental Unit and the BCA must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13 and other applicable law, as it applies to all data provided by the BCA under this Agreement and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Governmental Unit under this Agreement. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statutes § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Governmental Unit or the BCA.

If the Governmental Unit receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Governmental Unit must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Governmental Unit instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

11. Venue

The venue for all legal proceedings out of this Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

12. Expiration and Termination

- 12.1** Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days written notice to the other party. To the extent funds are available, the Governmental Unit shall receive reimbursement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through the date of termination.
- 12.2** In the event that federal funding is no longer available, the BCA will email the Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative and terminate the Agreement. The termination will be effective two (2) business days after email notification to the Governmental Unit; and the Governmental Unit shall receive reimbursement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through the date of termination.

13. Continuing Obligations

The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this Agreement: 8, Liability; 9, Audits; 10, Government Data Practices; and 11, Venue.

The parties indicate their agreement and authority to execute this Agreement by signing below.

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statutes §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

SWIFT PO Number: 3000085301

2. GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

Governmental Unit certifies that the appropriate person(s) has(have) executed this Agreement on behalf of the Governmental Unit and its jurisdictional government entity as required by applicable articles, laws, by-laws, resolutions or ordinances.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: 
Title: _____ Chisago County Attorney _____

Date: _____ 3/12/2024 _____

3. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

By: _____
(with delegated authority)

Title: Deputy Superintendent, Investigations

Date: _____

4. COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

As delegated to the Office of State Procurement

By: _____

Date: _____



Chase Burnham
County Administrator

COUNTY OF CHISAGO

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313 North Main Street, Room 172
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Rick Greene
District 3
Marlys Dunne
District 4
Ben Montzka
District 5
Dan Dahlberg

Commissioner _____ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO: 24/0403-XX

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO ON BEHALF OF ITS SHERIFF REGARDING THE MINNESOTA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE (ICAC)

WHEREAS, the County of Chisago on behalf of its County Attorney desires to enter into Joint Powers Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to utilize applicable state and federal laws to investigate and prosecute crimes committed against children and the criminal exploitation on children that is committed and/or facilitated by or through the use of computers.

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

1. That the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Chisago on behalf of its County Attorney are hereby approved. Copies of the Joint Powers Agreements are attached to this Resolution and made a part of it.
2. That the County Attorney – Janet Reiter or her successor, is designated the Authorized Representative. The Authorized Representative is also authorized to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the State of Minnesota to maintain the County's connection to the systems and tools offered by the State.
3. That Marlys Dunne, the Chair of the County of Chisago, and Christina Vollrath, the County Board Clerk, are authorized to sign the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements.

Commissioner _____ seconded the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Dahlberg, Dunne, Greene, Montzka, Swenson
OPPOSED: None

Whereupon the proclamation was declared duly **passed and adopted**.

Approved: April 3, 2024

Marlys Dunne
Chair, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Chase Burnham
County Administrator

Chisago County Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024	Item Number: 12
Title of Item for Consideration: PLSS Monument Grant	
Action Requested by: Joe Triplett, Director	Department: Public Works
Previous Action on this Matter: None.	
Background: Chisago County has over 1700 section corners that it is charged with maintaining. In last year's session, the Legislature appropriated funding to the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office to develop a grant program to help counties update and maintain these corners. The County has 237 corners that we would like to update and would like to pursue a grant from this program. The grant amount will be \$125,000. Attachment(s): Resolution	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the resolution to develop a grant program to help Chisago County update and maintain section corners and pursue a grant for this program. The following motion is suggested: <i>“Move to approve the resolution to develop a grant program to help Chisago County update and maintain section corners and pursue a grant for this program.”</i>	
Implications of Action: Will allow the County to pursue grant funding. Budget/Financial Implications: None. Legal/Policy Implications: The proposed activities are in general conformity with applicable state statutes and County authority and policies.	
Administrator's Recommendation	
Approve <u>CEB</u>	Deny _____
Other _____	
Motion By:	Seconded by:
To:	
Action on Motion:	Aye _____
	Nay _____
	Abstain _____



Chase Burnham
County Administrator

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Commissioner _____ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO: 24/0403-XX
GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERPETUATION OF THE PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM
(PLSS) MONUMENTS

WHEREAS, In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature, through MN Statute 381.125, directed the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) to develop a grant program for the perpetuation of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) monuments; and

WHEREAS, Chisago County is responsible for maintaining the PLSS; and

WHEREAS, Chisago County has identified 237 section corners county-wide; and

WHEREAS, the total cost and request will be \$125,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners authorizes the appropriate county officials to submit a proposal to MnGeo for the Minnesota PLSS Monument Grant Program and, if awarded, authorize the appropriate county officials to accept the grant and enter into the necessary agreements beginning in February 2024 and running through March 31, 2026.

Commissioner _____ seconded the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted:

IN FAVOR THEREOF: Dahlberg, Dunne, Greene, Montzka, Swenson
OPPOSED: None

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed** and **adopted**.

Approved: April 3, 2024

Marlys Dunne
Chair, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Chase Burnham
County Administrator

Chisago County Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: April 3, 2024	Item Number: 13
Title of Item for Consideration: 2024 Seal Coat Project Contract	
Action Requested by: Joe Triplett, Director	Department: Public Works Highway
Previous Action on this Matter: None.	
Background: The County has bid out the 2024 Seal Coat project and the County has received 4 bids with Pearson Brothers out of Hanover, MN, being the apparent low bidder at \$797,461.38. The Engineer Estimate was \$893,237.55 with the range being the low bid to \$1,151,625.39. The expenditure outlay incorporates work for the Parks Department as well. Attachment(s): - Contract - Map	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners award and approve the 2024 Seal Coat Project Contract to Pearson Brothers. The following motion is suggested: <i>“Move to award the 2024 Seal Coat Project Contract to Pearson Brothers of Hanover, Minnesota, and to authorize and to enter into the 2024 Seal Coat Project Contract with said contractor in an amount not to exceed \$797,471.38.”</i>	
Implications of Action: Approval will allow the County to move forward and complete seal coat work for 2024 Budget/Financial Implications: Funding for project will come from 03-30-6510 for Public Works portion and Account # 12-523-6601 (ENVS-0121) for the Parks Department portion Legal/Policy Implications: The County Board has the discretion to let the proposed contract and authorize the County to enter into the contract. Adoption of the motion and signature on the contract by the County will lawfully bind the County to the terms of the contract.	
Administrator’s Recommendation	
Approve <u>CEB</u>	Deny _____
Other _____	
Motion By:	Seconded by:
To:	
Action on Motion:	Aye _____
	Nay _____
	Abstain _____

Project Contract for 2024 Seal Coat Project

This Agreement entered into this ____ day of _____ 20__,

Between the County:

County of Chisago, a body politic and corporate, by and through Chisago County Public Works,
313 North Main Street, Rm 400, Center City, Minnesota,
with Public Works offices located at 31325 Oasis Rd., Center City, MN 55012

and the Contractor:

Pearson Bros. Inc., a Minnesota Corporation,
11079 Lamont Avenue NE, Hanover, Minnesota 55341

The Project: 2024 Seal Coat Project
C.P. 13-SC-24

Engineer: Joe Triplett, P.E.
Director | County Engineer
Chisago County Public Works

The County and the Contractor agree as set forth below:

ARTICLE I – THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

- 1.1 The Contract Documents, in order of priority, consist of:
 - (A) This Contract;
 - (B) The Instructions to Bidders;
 - (C) The Bid/Proposal Form;
 - (D) The General Conditions of the Contract;
 - (E) Project Manual;
 - (H) Drawings, Schemes and Designs and Specifications;
 - (I) All Modifications issued after execution of this Contract;
 - (J) Bonds and Insurance;
 - (K) The Contractor's final proposal.
- 1.2 The Contract Documents form the Contract, and all are as fully a part of the Contract as if attached to this Contract and repeated herein.
- 1.3 The Contractor understands that all references to "Bidder" in documents attached now refer to the Contractor.

ARTICLE II – THE WORK

2.1 The Contractor shall perform all the Work required by the Contract Documents for the 2024 Seal Coat Project (C.P. 13-SC-24), all in conformance with the Contract Documents as listed in Article I.

ARTICLE III – TIME OF COMMENCEMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

- 3.1 The Work to be performed under this Contract shall be commenced immediately upon receipt of the fully executed Contract.
- 3.2 Upon execution of the Contract, Contractor shall provide performance bonds, labor and materials bonds, and certificates of insurance as required by the Contract Documents.
- 3.3 Construction operations shall not commence prior to Contract Approval, Notice to Proceed and Engineer approved progress schedule.

3.4 This Contract allows for a flexible starting date to occur on or after June 10, 2024. The Contractor may not start construction operations prior to Contract Approval, Notice to Proceed, and Engineer approved construction schedule. The Contractor must notify the Engineer, in writing, at least two weeks prior to the selected date. The Contractor shall submit to the Engineer, in writing, their constructions schedule prior to the preconstruction meeting.

3.5 The Contractor must complete the chip seal for all road segments by June 21, 2024.

3.6 The Contractor must complete the fog seal for all road segments, trail segments, and parking lots (trailheads and park and ride) by June 28, 2024.

3.6.1 Fog sealing on the Sunrise Prairie Trail segments cannot occur until after June 17, 2024.

3.6.2 Fog sealing on the Sunrise Prairie Trail segment between CSAH 17 and 410th St, as well as the North Branch trailhead, cannot occur between June 17 through June 23, 2024.

3.7 The Contractor must complete all Work to meet the requirements of 1516.2, "Project Acceptance," under this Contract before July 12, 2024. This includes all striping and final cleanup.

3.8 The Contractor must not perform Work that will restrict or interfere with traffic between 12:00 noon on the day before and 9:00 A.M. on the day after any consecutive combination of a Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday. The Contractor may request exceptions to this requirement. Exceptions must be approved in writing by the Engineer.

3.9 The Contractor must complete all Work to meet the requirements of 1516.3, "Completion of the Work," under this Contract within 90 Calendar Days of receipt of the Semi-Final Estimate in accordance with 1908.2, "Semi-Final Estimate Following Project Acceptance."

3.10 Working hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No work will be allowed on Saturdays or Sundays. Requests for expansion of working hours must be approved by the Engineer. The Contractor shall structure the proposed schedule based on the state working hours.

ARTICLE IV – CONTRACT SUM

4.1 The Owner shall pay the Contractor in current funds for the performance of the work, subject to additions and deductions by Change Orders, as may be issued, as provided in the Contract Documents, the Contract sum of the Base Bid: Seven hundred ninety-seven thousand four hundred sixty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$797,461.38).

ARTICLE V – PROGRESS PAYMENTS

5.1 Based upon Applications for Payment submitted to the County by the Contractor and certificates for Payment issued by the County, the County shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Sum to the Contractor as provided in the Contract Documents for the period ending the last day of the month as follows:

- (A) Not later than thirty (30) days following the end of the period required to review and approve the Application for Payment ninety-five percent (95%) of the portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to labor, material and equipment incorporated in the Work for the period covered by the application for Payment, less the aggregate of previous payments made by the County; and
- (B) Upon Substantial Completion of the entire Work, a sum sufficient to increase the total payments to ninety-five percent (95%) of the Contract Sum, less such amounts as the Engineer shall determine for all incomplete Work and unsettled claims as proved in the Contract Document.
- (C) Progress payments shall not be made for materials or equipment not incorporated in the Work.

ARTICLE VI – FINAL PAYMENT

6.1 Final Payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, shall be paid by the County to the Contractor when the Work has been completed, the Contract fully performed and a final Certificate for Payment has been issued by the Engineer, accompanied by Contractors' Consent of Surety, and when Contractor has complied with all other requirements of the Contract Documents for final payment.

ARTICLE VII – TERMINATION

7.1 Termination for Insufficient Funding. County may immediately terminate this Contract if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature or other funding source, or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or faxed notice to the Contractor within a reasonable time of County receiving notice that sufficient funding is not available. County is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Contractor will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. County will not be assessed any penalty if the Contract is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature or other funding source not to appropriate funds.

7.2 If at any time the county determines that the performance of the work under this Contract is being unnecessarily delayed, that the Contractor is violating any of the conditions of this contract, or that it is executing the same in bad faith or otherwise not in accordance with terms of said Contract; or if the work is not substantially completed within the time named for its completion or within the time to which such completion date may be extended; then the County may serve written notice upon the Contractor and its surety if a performance bond has been executed of the county's intention to terminate this Contract. Unless within one week after the serving of such notice a satisfactory arrangement is made for continuance, this Contract shall terminate.

7.3 Unavoidable Delay. The Contractor shall not be held responsible for damages caused by delay or failure to perform hereunder, when such delay or failure is due to Fires, Strikes, Acts of God, Legal acts of the Public authorities or delays or defaults caused by public carriers, or acts or demands of the Government in time of war or national emergency.

ARTICLE VIII - INSURANCE

8.1 The requisite insurance must be maintained for the duration of this Contract. A Certificate of Insurance for each policy must be on file with the County prior to commencement of any work under this contract. Each certificate must include a 30-day notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, or material change to all named and additional insureds.

8.2 The County reserves the right to rescind any Contract not in compliance with these requirements and retains all rights thereafter to pursue any legal remedies against Contractor. All insurance policies shall be open to inspection by the County, and copies of policies shall be submitted to the county upon written request. All subcontractors shall provide evidence of similar coverage.

8.3 General Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall maintain General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$500,000 for claims for wrongful death and each person for other claims; \$1,500,000 for any number of claims arising out of a single occurrence; and no less than \$3,000,000 aggregate.

8.4. Business Automobile Liability Insurances. The Contractor shall maintain automobile liability insurance coverage in minimum amounts of at least \$500,000 per claim for wrongful death and each person for other claims; \$1,500,000 on a combined single limit basis; and not less than \$3,000,000 aggregate.

8.5 Chisago County shall be named as an additional insured for all insurance coverages.

8.6 The Contractor shall comply with all Workers' Compensation requirements as mandated by Minnesota Law. The County reserves the right to rescind any contract not in compliance with these requirements and retains all rights thereafter, to pursue any legal remedies against the Contractor.

8.7 In the event the Contractor or any subcontractor maintain liability coverage in excess of the Minnesota Tort limits, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 466, such coverage shall not constitute a waiver of the limits available to the County.

ARTICLE IX - INDEMNIFICATION

9.1 Except as may be caused by the sole negligence of the County or its employees, Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the County, its employees, and its agents from all claims actions, demands and judgments of any kind arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of Contractor, its subcontractors, and their agents or employees, incidental to the performance of the contract and from all expenses in

connection with such claims, actions, demands and judgments, irrespective of whether it is alleged, claimed or provide in connection with such actor omission that negligence of the County or its representatives caused or contributed thereto.

9.2 Contractor agrees, that in order to protect itself and the County under the indemnity provisions set forth above, it will at all times during the term of this Agreement keep in force policies if insurance indicated in Article VIII. This provision is not intended to create any cause of action in favor of any third party against the Contractor or the count or to enlarge in any way the Contractor's liability, but it is intended solely to provide for indemnification of the County form liability for damages.

ARTICLE X - SUBCONTRACTOR AND ASSIGNMENT

10.1 Prohibition of Assignment. The Contract shall not be assigned by the Contractor without the written consent of the County.

10. The Contractor shall be responsible for the performance of all subcontractors. The Contractor is responsible for the prompt payment of any subcontractor performing work under this Contract and shall strictly comply with Minn. Stat. 471.425.

ARTICLE XI - NOTICES

11.1 Notices, communications, all official notices or questions arising under this Contract shall be directed to:

The County:
Joe Triplett, Chisago County Engineer
31325 Oasis Rd.
Center City, MN 55012
(651)213-8700 (office)
(651)213-8772 (fax)
jktripl@co.chisago.mn.us

The Contractor:
Jack Pearson
Pearson Bros Inc.
11079 Lamont Avenue NE
Hanover, MN 55341
(763) 391-6622
jack@pearsonbrosinc.com

ARTICLE XII – AUDITS, REPORTS, RECORDS, DISCLOSURES, AND MONITORING

12.1 The Contractor agrees that the County, the State Auditor or legislative authority, or any of their duly authorized representative at any time during normal business hours and as often as they may deem reasonably necessary, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any books, documents, papers, records, etc. and accounting procedure and practices of the Contract which are relevant to the Contract pursuant to Minn. Stat. 16C.05, subd. 5.

12.2. The Contractor agrees to retain any and all records and data concerning the performance of this Contract for a period of six years following the completion or termination of the contract, as appropriate, and Contractor agrees to reasonably assist and cooperate with processing and completion of any request received by the County for data, records or information concerning the Contract.

ARTICLE XIII - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS

13.1 County intends to carry out its responsibility for requiring affirmative action by its Contractors.

- (A) Covered Contracts and Contractors. If the Contract exceeds One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00) and the Contractor employed more than forty (40) full-time employees on a single working day during the previous twelve (12) months in Minnesota or in the state where it has its principal place of business, then the Contractor must comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statute §363A.36 and Minnesota R. Parts 5000.3400-5000.3600. A Contractor covered by Minnesota Statute §363A.36 because it employed more than forty (40) full-time employees in another state and the Contractor does not have a Certificate of Compliance, said Contactor must certify that it is in compliance with federal affirmative action requirements.

- (B) Minnesota Statute §363A.36. Minnesota Statute §363A.36 requires Contractor to have an affirmative action plan for the employment of minority persons, women, and qualified disabled individuals approved by the Minnesota Commissioner of Human Rights (hereinafter COMMISSIONER) as indicated by a certificate of compliance. The law addresses suspension or revocation of a certificate of compliance and contract consequences in that event. A contract awarded without a certificate of compliance may be voided.
- (C) Minnesota R. 5000.3400-5000.3600.
1. General. Minnesota R. 5000.3400-5000.3600 implement Minnesota Statute §363A.36. These rules include, but are not limited to: Criteria for contents, approval, and implementation of affirmative action plans; procedures for issuing certificates of compliance and criteria for determining a contractor's compliance status; procedures for addressing deficiencies, sanctions, and notice and hearing; annual compliance reports; procedures for compliance review; and contract consequences for non-compliance. The specific criteria for approval or rejection of an affirmative action plan are contained in various provisions of Minnesota R. 5000.3400-5000.3600, including, but not limited to, parts 5000.3420-5000.3500 and 5000.3552-5000.3559.
 2. Disabled Workers. The Contractor must comply with the following affirmative action requirements for disabled workers.
 - (a) The Contractor must not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment, and otherwise treat qualified disabled persons without discrimination based upon their physical or mental disability in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
 - (b) The Contractor agrees to comply with the rules and relevant orders of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights issued pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.
 - (c) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with Minnesota Statute §363A.36, and the rules and relevant orders of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights issued pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.
 - (d) The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Such notices must state the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.
 - (e) The Contractor must notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the Contractor is bound by the terms of Minnesota Statute §363A.36 of the Minnesota Human Rights Act and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally disabled persons.
 3. Consequences. The consequences for the Contractor's failure to implement its affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort to do so include, but are not limited to, suspension or revocation of a certificate of compliance by the COMMISSIONER, refusal by the COMMISSIONER to approve subsequent plans, and termination of all or part of this contract by the COMMISSIONER or County.
 4. Certification. The Contractor hereby certifies it is in compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Statute §363A.36 and Minnesota R. 5000.3400-5000.3600 and is aware of the consequences for noncompliance

ARTICLE XIV – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

14.1 Terms used in the Contract which are defined in the Conditions of the Contract shall have the meanings designated in those Conditions.

14.2 Waiver. Any waiver by either Party of any provision of this Contract shall not imply a subsequent waiver of that or any other provision.

14.3 Modifications. Any alterations, additions, deletions or waivers of the provisions of this Contract shall be valid only when reduced to writing and duly signed by the parties hereto.

14.4 Severability. The provisions of this Contract shall be deemed severable. If any part of this Contract is rendered void, invalid, or unenforceable, such rendering shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remainder of this Contract unless the part of parts which are void, invalid or otherwise unenforceable shall substantially impair the value of the entire contract with respect to either party.

14.4 All claims or litigation under this Contract shall be filed and heard in a court of competent jurisdiction in Chisago County, the State of Minnesota.

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LEADERSHIP AND OVERALL

Policy Deadline have Passed, Governor Budget Recs Released, Joint Budget Targets Set

Friday marked the arrival of the combined first and second-committee deadline. That means that of the record 10,000-plus bills introduced this biennium between the House and Senate, only bills that passed all committees of jurisdiction in both bodies are likely to see further consideration in 2024. There remains a significant number of proposals on course to become law this session. Importantly, bills that did not meet deadline can remain alive if approved by the Rules Committee in each body, and a few will likely follow that route while others may be included in omnibus budget bills.

This past week saw hearings on many bills impacting counties, including bills addressing Tax Forfeited Lands (*Tyler*), Packaging Waste Reduction, Youth Mental Health, Pensions, and Local Governance issues. And, even as nearly 100 committee hearings were held, the Monday release of Governor Walz's budget [recommendations](#) and late Friday announcement of joint budget targets, was a clear reminder that the session priority remains focused on a capital investment (bonding) package and a supplemental budget.

[Budget targets](#), which were agreed by the House, Senate and the Governor late Friday afternoon, set the framework for subsequent decision-making on bills impacting the state budget. As reflected in the table on the following page, the targets allow for somewhat higher spending than initially proposed by the Governor in a few areas, while close alignment appears to be the case in others. Agreement on early, joint targets by the Governor and legislative leaders signals that supplemental bills will reflect a balance of Governor and legislative priorities as the bills are developed rather than establishing a legislative position that is then negotiated with the Governor. *Note: the above comparison of Targets to Governor recommendations are MICA's approximation and may not reflect committee alignment in all cases.*

Implications for Counties: First, the budget targets reflect an expectation that a Settlement Account is established and **\$109 million is appropriated to fund class action lawsuits related to the *Tyler Decision***, which ruled portions of Minnesota's tax forfeiture laws unconstitutional. Inclusion of this funding in the agreement is great news for counties! Additionally, highlights from the combination of Governor's recs and targets include:

- **Local Road Wetland Replacement Funds** – the Governor increased from \$2.0M in GO bonds and \$2.5M General Fund, \$3.942M GO and \$10.558M General Fund. MICA has requested \$15M GO and \$16M General Fund.
- **Bonding Overall:** The Governor increased Capital Investment recommendations by only \$6.5 million, from \$982.45 to \$989 million. GO Bonding recommendations remained at \$830 million, meaning an additional \$150 above the Governor's recommendations could be approved within the limits of the state debt guidelines and the February Forecast. The recommendation do not yet include funding for solid waste management infrastructure ([Letter, project-by-project](#)).

- **EMS aid** - \$10 million for one-time aid and \$6 million for innovation grants (Page 9, with Innovation grants on page 18*)
- Expanded **Direct Care and Treatment** (page 10)
- **Child Welfare Workforce System** Improvements (Page 12)
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* [page numbers refer to the summary of Governor's Proposed Supplemental Budget](#)

2024 Supplemental Budget Target Agreement				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2026-27	
(\$'s in 000')	TARGET	Gov Rec's	TARGET	Gov Rec's
K-12 Education	\$ 43,000	\$ (5,640)	\$ 18,050	\$ 5,962
Children and Families	\$ 34,370	\$ 1,374	\$ 24,780	\$ 8,842
Health and Human Services	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,091	\$ 5,000	
Human Services	\$ 42,130	\$ 43,387	\$ 14,860	\$ 10,238
Higher Education	\$ 500			
Agriculture	\$ 4,545	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,576	
Housing	\$ 10,000		\$ 1,000	
Environment & Natural Resources	\$ 17,000	\$ 12,000		
Energy & Climate	\$ 1,000			
Commerce	\$ (5,499)	\$ (5,499)	\$ 1,738	\$ 2
Workforce Development	\$ -	\$ (5,000)	\$ (4,000)	\$ (4,000)
Economic Development	\$ 1,000			
Labor	\$ 1,000			
State Government	\$ 2,500			
Veteran & Military Affairs	\$ -	\$ 2,304		\$ 1,608
Elections	\$ 500		\$ 200	
Transportation	\$ 2,000			
Judiciary	\$ 36,000		\$ 3,000	
Public Safety & Corrections	\$ 17,900	\$ 19,549	\$ 14,220	\$ 18,508
Taxes, Aids, & Credits	\$ 53,000	\$ 46,878	\$ 5,230	\$ 4,832
Debt Service & Capital Projects	\$ 40,000			
- Governor Revised Capital Recs		\$ 31,938		\$ (19,363)
Tyler Settlement	\$ 109,000		\$ (26,727)	
Educator Pensions	\$ 31,458	\$ 15,729		
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000		
Other (NOL, SRO's)	\$ 15,440	\$ 15,440	\$ 980	\$ 980
Claims Bill	\$ 200			
Inflation Interaction			\$ 1,836	
Total Net General Fund Impact	\$ 477,544	\$ 199,551	\$ 62,743	\$ 27,609
General Fund Forecast Balance	\$ 3,715,076		\$ 2,237,083	
<i>Balance after Targets</i>	<i>\$ 3,237,532</i>		<i>\$ 1,696,796</i>	

News and Notes:

- **Retirements:** Rep. Dean Urdahl (R-Grove City), longtime legislator and capital investment leader, announced his [retirement](#). That brings the number of announced [retirements to 17](#), with three other members leaving the legislature to seek other public offices.
- **New Legislator:** Bryan Lawrence, a resident of Baldwin Township in Sherburne County, was elected Tuesday in a Special Election to fill the vacancy created when former House Speaker Kurt Daudt left office.
- **State of the State Address:** The Governor will deliver his annual address on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. from Owatonna High School.
- **Spring Break:** This Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., the legislature will begin its first of three religious holiday breaks this spring.

What's Next? With the Governor's budget recommendations having been released and joint budget targets set, expect committee action to turn earnestly in the direction of developing and adopting supplemental budget recommendations. The third and final deadline for committees to pass their budget proposals is April 18. Likely some committees will begin

private discussions during the legislative break. The shared session priority of passing an Omnibus Capital Investment bill will remain an ongoing discussion, even as the House and Senate also begin taking up more bills on the floor.

TAX & FISCAL POLICY

LAST WEEK

Budget Targets Include \$'s for Tax Forfeited Lands (Tyler) Settlement: The global supplemental budget targets specify a set-aside of \$109 million in FY2024-25 to fund settlement of class action claims related to the 2023 U.S. Supreme Court Decision ruling Minnesota's tax forfeiture law to be unconstitutional in part. The budget targets also reflect and estimated \$26.727 million being returned to the state in FY2026-27 as tax certain tax forfeited lands are sold.

[SF4936](#) (Hauschild), introduced on March 13, establishes a **tax forfeited lands settlement account** and appropriates \$109 million in FY2024 to fund settlements. Each county could elect to participate in the settlement account if they agreed to certain conditions, including making a good faith effort to sell all tax forfeited lands that, for MICA counties, were forfeited from June 23, 2016 (except from June 2, 2016 for St. Louis) through December 31, 2023 – by June 30, 2026. Additionally, participation in the settlement fund would be contingent on 7 percent of the proceeds from sales of these tax forfeited properties being deposited into the **tax forfeited lands settlement account**. The bill provides other parameters on the processes for selling these lands relative to current law. Also under the bill language, a county that does not participate in the account retains all liability for payment of settlement claims. State budget targets reflect an estimate that such sales will generate about \$26.7 million of deposits into the account.

Tax Forfeited Lands Bill Heard in House: On Tuesday, the House [Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee](#) hear [H.F. 4822](#) (Feist). As reflected in the [bill summary](#) the bill creates a process for taxpayers to file a claim for monetary compensation for excess proceeds from the sales of the property if it is forfeited and sold due to nonpayment of property taxes. The bill also creates a process for claims to property sale proceeds when mineral interests are forfeited to the state for nonpayment of property taxes, although an amendment to the bill is anticipated. Some testifiers raised concerns ([testimony packet](#)) about the extent to which the proposed approach satisfies the requirements of the *Tyler* ruling, and counties continue to offer feedback to legislators and legislative staff. The companion bill, [S.F. 4895](#), authored by Senators Westlin and Hauschild, was referred to the [Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy](#) upon introduction and has not yet been heard in committee.

Local Homeless Prevention Aid Hearing: On Thursday, the House Tax Committee heard from four counties regarding uses and benefits of the [Local Homeless Prevention Aid](#) enacted in 2021. The aid provides \$17.6 million annually to counties for six years beginning in [2023](#). Hennepin, St. Louis, Mower, and Anoka County staff testified on how the funds have been used in their counties. MICA submitted this [letter](#) providing examples from three additional counties.

Public Safety Aid Reporting Requirement: On Tuesday, the House [Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee](#) heard [HF4370](#), authored by House Tax Committee Chair Aisha Gomez (DFL-Minneapolis). The bill would require county, city and Tribal government recipients of 2023 one-time Public Safety Aid required to report on the amount of aid received, and the way in which the aid was used or is intended to be used. The bill was amended to specify a reporting due date of February 15, 2025. The allowable uses of the funds are quite broad but did include some limitations. For example, the 2023 authorizing legislation prohibited the funds being used to build a police station or purchase armored or tactical vehicles. Those restrictions became the focal point of the hearing, as an [A2-Amendment](#) was offered to the undo those limitations. The amendment failed, and the bill was passed and re-referred to the House Tax Committee.

Local Construction Materials Refund Exemptions: The [Senate Tax Committee](#) heard eleven special laws providing for refunds of state sale tax paid on construction materials purchased for local public projects. The bills were laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. MICA has long proposed that such a refund of sales tax paid on construction

materials be generally available to all local governments for all such purposes, rather than necessitating a special law. The bills heard would provide about \$8 million of sales tax relief to these local governments over three years.

Also heard on Tuesday were:

- S.F. 4828 (Putnam), a bill modifying the definition of intensive ‘market farming,’ and application of the agricultural homestead property classification for market farming.
- S.F. 4724 (Rest), modifying requirements for class 4d (1) low-income rental housing.

House Property Tax Proposals: On Wednesday, the House Property Tax Division heard four bills, two with statewide implications.

- [HF2436](#) (Hansen) creates the redevelopment area homestead credit. This new property tax credit would be available homestead properties within South St. Paul and would be equal to 70 percent of the portion of a property’s tax attributable to the repayment of city capital improvement bonds. The intent is to offset property tax base loss and high local tax rates to better address aging schools, infrastructure and services in South St. Paul.
- [HF4990](#) (Davids) increases the tier thresholds for class 1c homestead resorts. The proposal would cause a shift in property taxes away from properties newly qualifying for a lower tier classification rate and onto all other properties, including homesteads, resulting in increased property tax refunds for some taxpayers. Shift impacts are modest on a statewide level but maybe more in the jurisdictions where the parcels are located. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

THIS WEEK

Senate Tax Committee

Tuesday

- **SCORE Bill**, [SF4982](#), a bill that would permanently redirect all the solid waste management tax revenues that are currently deposited into the state general fund to SCORE grants to counties over three years. Counties spend four to five times the amount received in SCORE grants on solid waste management activities. The legislation would ensure all solid waste management tax revenues are used to fund solid waste management activities.
- [SF4186](#) (Gustafson), a bill requiring the counties, cities, and Tribal governments that received a portion of \$300 million of one-time **Public Safety Aid** in 2023, to report (by an unspecified date) the amount of aid received and how the aid was used or is planned to be used. Reports would go to the Commissioner of Public Safety.
- [S.F. 5085](#) (Rest), making tax law related policy and technical changes.

House Tax Committee

Tuesday

- HF5002, a Revenue Department policy and technical bill that will be the vehicle for an omnibus tax bill.
- HF4444 (Greenman), a bill prohibiting the misclassification of employees.

Wednesday

- [HF4826](#) (Robbins), a bill proposing to create an advance credit of the homestead credit refund for seniors.

House Property Tax Division

- **EMS Aid**, [HF3992](#), For counties and local governments, this bill will be the main focus of the hearing. Authored by Committee Chair Rep. Dave Lislegard, the bill would provide \$120 million in one-time aid to emergency medical service providers (EMS). The Senate companion file, [S.F. 3992](#) (Hauschild), has already been heard in the Senate Tax Committee and laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. Governor Walz recommended \$10 million for one-time aid, and \$6 million for one-time innovation grants.
- Also on the agenda are a local property tax exemption bill and TIF proposal.

BONDING AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT

LAST WEEK

On Wednesday, the [House Capital Investment Committee](#) heard two policy bills that would impact how counties and other local governments apply for state capital assistance grants, as well as place requirements on local entities receiving funds.

- [HF3584](#) (Lee) would require political subdivisions to report debt capacity when making capital budget submissions. Many counties have indicated that they already calculate a number akin to debt capacity as part of annual audit statistical measures.
- More impactful for counties, [HF3582](#) (Lee) would require local governments to establish and fund a replacement account for rehabilitation and replacement of the capital asset as a condition of receiving a state capital grant. Further, the state would set minimum deposit amounts into the account and require approval of the state granting agency to use funds in the account. The bill has narrowed somewhat the projects that would be impacted. The Chair's rationale is that putting in place more of a perpetual funding structure for projects that receive state support is needed to help better meet growing demand for state bonding, by diminishing the number of projects that seek replacement funds over the long term. [MICA](#) and other local government associations have raised concerns about the bill. Republican members of the committee raised concerns about including policy provisions in the capital funding bill.

The Senate Capital Investment Committee did not meet last week.

THIS WEEK

On Monday morning, the House [Ways and Means Committee](#) will take up HF3631, authored by Rep. Fue Lee (DFL-Minneapolis), the Chair of the House Capital Investment Committee. [HF3631](#) amends previously enacted capital appropriations to correct and adjust the language of those authorizations. The bill will be [amended](#) to include more adjustments, including to many county and state highway projects.

Later Monday, the House [Capital Investment Committee](#) will continue hearing the Governor's capital budget recommendations for state agencies.

On Wednesday, the committee will hear a dozen local project bills that have bipartisan authorship, as well as [HF4371](#) (Xiong) funding reconstruction of a tunnel between the State Capitol and the State Office Building to make it ADA compliant.

The Senate Capital Investment Committee, chaired by Senator Sandra Pappas (DFL-Saint Paul), is not scheduled to meet this week.

TRANSPORTATION

The House and Senate met on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The House passed H.F. No. 3613 (Hornstein), companion to S.F. No. 3660.) relating to transportation; providing for clarification on forecasted Metro Mobility funding; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.386, subdivision 10; Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 114. First Engrossment. Printed page No. 278.

LAST WEEK

The transportation highlights of the week were the passage of several transportation policy bills which beat the combined first and second deadline on Friday, March 22nd.

Transportation related subjects included but were not limited to: High-voltage transmission lines construction, child passenger restraint provisions, Capitol complex security services, license center provisions, traffic safety issues, metropolitan airport provision, crash reporting requirements and several others.

The House and Senate met on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Monday, the county engineers and county lobbyists had their regular organized meetings. Several one-on-one meetings with legislators were held. Committee agendas were full as everyone tried to beat deadlines one and two with their policy bills.

The House and Senate transportation omnibus bills both met the deadline. The following were the committee agendas for the week:

Monday, March 18th, 2024, 3:00 PM

Transportation

Chair: Senator D. Scott Dibble

Location: (Hybrid Hearing) 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Agenda:

- [S.F. 4067 Dibble](#)
- Various policies clarification and modification related to Driver and Vehicle Services.
- [S.F. 3949 McEwen](#)
- High-voltage transmission lines construction, placement and maintenance along certain highways authorization.
- [S.F. 4488 Carlson](#)
- Child passenger restraint provisions modifications.
- [S.F. 4066 Carlson](#)
- Criminal vehicular operation addition to list of offenses requiring a one-year waiting period for a limited driver's license.
- [S.F. 4599 Westlin](#)
- State Capitol complex security services requirement modification.
- [S.F. 2132 Coleman](#)
- Use of ground lights on motorcycles authorization to increase visibility at night.
- [S.F. 3085 Jasinski](#)
- Motor vehicle dealer access modification to replacement license plates.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 8:30 AM

Transportation Finance and Policy

Chair: Rep. Frank Hornstein

Location: Basement Hearing Room

Agenda:

- HF2717 (Kraft) Excavation notice system governing provisions modified.
- HF3900 (Kraft) High-voltage transmission lines siting and relocation governing provisions modified.
- HF3594 (Sencer-Mura) All cities authorized to designate lands for pedestrian malls on city rights-of-way.
- HF4652 (Sencer-Mura) Crash reporting requirements modified.
- HF4649 (Sencer-Mura) Child passenger restraint provisions modified.

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, 1:00 PM

Capital Investment

Chair: Rep. Fue Lee

Location: Basement Hearing Room

Agenda:

- MN Historical Society 2024 bonding request.
- State Auditor Report on Infrastructure Stress Transparency Tool.
- HF 3584 (Lee) Debt capacity reporting by political subdivisions required in capital budget submissions – Informational only.
- HF 3582 (Lee) Local governments required to establish replacement fund to maintain and replace capital projects that receive state funding – Informational only.
- HF 3870 (Olson B) Armory provisions modified – Formal action will be taken.

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, 3:00 PM

Transportation

Chair: Senator D. Scott Dibble

Location: (*Hybrid Hearing*) 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Agenda:

- [S.F. 3526 Mohamed](#)
All Cities designation of lands for pedestrian malls on city rights-of-way authorization
- [S.F. 4349 Kupec](#)
Additional fuels that are eligible for hours of service exemption establishment for interstate transport during an emergency
- [S.F. 0927 Kupec](#)
Transporting petroleum products requirements modification
- [S.F. 3816 Carlson](#)
Traffic Safety Advisory Council members modification
- [S.F. 3817 Carlson](#)
Crash reporting requirements modification
- [S.F. 4926 McEwen](#)
Certain limitations modification on towing authority
- [S.F. 4641 Mathews](#)
Supplemental warning system requirements modification on school buses
- [S.F. 4813 Kreun](#)
Applicants permission to designate a secondary mailing address for drivers' licenses and identification cards.
- [S.F. 4823 Kreun](#)
Public Safety use of verification systems to verify the identity of participants in the Transportation Security Administration's Registered Traveler program authorization.
- [S.F. 4475 Lang](#)
Construction materials special permit application expansion.
- [S.F. 3975 Jasinski](#)
Roadable aircraft registration and operating requirements establishment.

Thursday, March 21, 2024, 8:30 AM

Transportation Finance and Policy

Chair: Rep. Frank Hornstein

Location: Basement Hearing Room

Agenda:

- HF3436 (Tabke) Transportation; various policies modified, including but not limited to legislative routes, driving rules, small business contract preferences, nondivisible loads, and greater Minnesota transit programs; technical corrections made; and money appropriated.

Friday, March 22, 2024, 2:00 PM

Transportation

Chair: Senator D. Scott Dibble

Location: (Hybrid Hearing) 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Agenda:

- [S.F. 3944](#)
- [Dibble](#)
- Transportation Policy Omnibus Provisions
 - [scs3944a-8 \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Transportation Policy Omnibus \(SCS3944A-8\) Summary \(PDF\)](#)
 - [2024 Transpo Omnibus Policy - Included Bill List \(PDF\)](#)

BILL INTRODUCTIONS OF INTEREST

- Senators Dibble, Carlson, McEwen, and Hawj introduced:
S.F. 4067, relating to transportation; modifying and clarifying various policies related to Driver and Vehicle Services, including but not limited to noncompliant driver's licenses and identification cards, recreational vehicles, and driver education programs; making technical corrections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.
- Senators Dibble and Jasinski introduced:
S.F. 4425, relating to transportation; appropriating money for state match funding related to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- Senator Fateh introduced:
S.F. 4603, relating to transportation; establishing a vehicle size and weight surcharge for motor vehicle registration; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 168.013, by adding a subdivision; 174.40, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 168.013, subdivision 1a.
- Senators Kreun, Dibble, Pappas, Housley, and Jasinski introduced:
S.F. 4629, relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the local road wetland replacement program; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.
- Senator Morrison introduced:
S.F. 5099, relating to transportation; modifying requirements governing assessment of trunk highway projects for impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled; establishing a technical advisory committee; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 161.045, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 161.045, subdivision 3; 161.178; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 161.
- Table; Koegel; Brand; Noor; Lislegard; Petersburg; Pfarr; Wolgamott; Anderson, P.H.; Dotseth; Kozlowski; Lillie and Elkins introduced:
H.F. 4608, relating to transportation; providing for commercial transportation; establishing a commercial driver training assistance program; establishing a truck parking improvement program; appropriating money; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022.

THIS WEEK

This will be a short week due to Easter break which begins at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The House and Senate will meet on Monday and probably Wednesday. County engineers and lobbyists will hold their normal weekly meetings on Monday. Several one-on-one legislator meetings are scheduled. The following are the committee agendas for the week:

Monday, March 25th, 2024, 1:00 PM

Capital Investment

Chair: Rep. Fue Lee

Location: Basement Hearing Room

Agenda:

- Governor's 2024 bonding recommendations for:
- Minnesota Department of Military Affairs
- Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
- All bills will be heard on an informational-only basis. Amendments may be offered for reference only.
- [HF1841](#) (Bennett)
- Waldorf; roadway improvement funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.
- [HF3754](#) (Hemmingsen-Jaeger)
- Washington County; public works facility funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.
- [HF3759](#) (Howard)
- Richfield; Nicollet Avenue improvement funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.
- [HF4436](#) (Kiel)
- Red River Basin flood hazard mitigation projects funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.
- [HF4736](#) (Clardy)
- Dakota County; Thompson County Park funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.
- [HF4833](#) (Baker)
- Middle Fork Crow River Watershed capital improvements funding provided to improve water quality, bonds issued, and money appropriated.
- [HF4906](#) (Davids)
- Fillmore County; historic Forestville bridge preservation funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.
- [HF3710](#) (Edelson)
- Edina; Highway 100 and Vernon Avenue intersection interchange funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

Tuesday, March 25, 2024, 8:30 AM

Transportation Finance and Policy

Chair: Rep. Frank Hornstein

Location: Basement Hearing Room

Agenda:

- March 21, 2024 hearing minutes
- [HF4374](#) (Tabke) Rumble strips required at certain locations on trunk highway system.
- [HF4295](#) (Koegel) Community roadside landscape partnerships funding provided, and money appropriated.
- [HF4468](#) (Koegel) Pavement selection guidelines modified, and report required
- Agenda items may be added or changed.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

It was a busy week with committees adding extra time and extra meetings as they worked to beat the session's combined first and second deadline on Friday.

LAST WEEK

Supplemental Budget: After last year's ambitious \$72 billion, two-year budget, Governor Tim Walz on Monday released a plan for a relatively lean supplemental budget proposal, with \$226 million in new spending. Walz said his proposal for this year's supplemental budget is intentionally small and will keep Minnesota on "solid fiscal footing." He also continued to advocate for a \$989 million infrastructure package funded with borrowed money (bonding).

- Walz's most expensive item is a new *Child Tax Credit Payment Protection Pilot*, a \$45 million program to enhance last year's child tax credit. Under this new program, families could opt in to receive advance payments of the child tax credit. Those who qualified for one year would be guaranteed to receive up to 50 percent of the amount for each child in the next tax year, without a tax penalty even if their income goes up. This means that people who have their income increase from one year to the next will not owe money next tax year because of the credit.
- Miscellaneous Human Services:
 - Acute Care Transitions for People with Disabilities and Complex Health Conditions: \$931 million (FY24-25); \$6.7 million (FY26-27)
 - Addressing Food Security for Minnesotans: \$5 million (FY24-25)
 - **Child Welfare Workforce System Improvements: \$15 million (FY24-25)**
 - **Expanding Access to Direct Care and Treatment Care: \$3.88 million (FY24-25); \$3.2 million (FY26-27)**
 - Human Services Response Contingency Account: \$10 million (FY24-25)
- Walz is also **proposing \$16 million for emergency medical services (EMS), whereas both the Senate and House have proposed \$120 million.**

COUNTY PRIORITIES:

MA Benefit for Children: Chair Peter Fischer (DFL-Maplewood) is the author of [HF4671](#), which establishes the youth care professional training program; modifies children's mental health grants; modifies adult and children's mobile transition units appropriations; **directs DHS to develop MA children's residential mental health crisis stabilization**; directs DHS to provide access to respite care services; and appropriates money for various mental health services.

Leslie Yunker, Supervisor in Mental Health, Dakota County, testified before the House Human Services Policy Committee on Tuesday. She focused her comments on two components of the bill:

- Establishment of an **MA benefit for children's residential mental health crisis stabilization services**. Requires DHS to consult with providers, advocates, Tribal Nations, counties, people with lived experience as or with a child in a mental health crisis, and other interested community members to develop a covered benefit under MA to provide residential mental health crisis stabilization for children. A report to the Legislature is due by October 25, 2025. Because much of this work has already been completed by the Children's Residential Facilities Crisis Stabilization Service External Provider Workgroup, which was created by the 2022 Legislature, counties are asking the Legislature to consider moving the proposed date from October 1, 2025, to January 1, 2025, thereby allowing the 2025 Legislature to address this critical need.
- **Collaborative Intensive Bridging Services (CIBS)**, a six to nine month, intensive in-home treatment program that provides clinical services to children or youth and their families. Clinical services are provided in the family's home two to three times per week and four to six hours per week. CIBS includes a 30-45-day stabilization placement in a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (RTC). This treatment model began in 2009, and has

expanded in some areas across the state due to funding from the SAMSHA, System of Care Grant. CIBS outcome data confirms that treatment options provided in the community are cost effective, prevent future costly out-of-home placements and hospitalizations, and have the best overall outcomes for children or youth and their families. The CIBS model is part of the continuum of services that is outlined in the Building Blocks for Children's Mental Health. The bill includes CIBS services in the appropriation section of the bill as part of "In-Home Children's Mental Health Infrastructure Grants."

The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the committee's omnibus bill.

Direct Care and Treatment (DCT): [HF4692](#) (Noor; DFL-Minneapolis) establishes DCT as a separate agency and establishes governing provisions for its executive board. **Matt Freeman, MACSSA Executive Director, testified on behalf of counties** in the House Human Services Policy Committee on Tuesday. He stated that, while the legislation includes counties as a non-voting member of the Executive Board, as partners of DHS and DCT, counties feel we should be a voting member in order to best address Minnesota's high acuity mental and behavioral health needs. He also expressed counties' concern that the current language states that an employee of a county, including a county commissioner, cannot serve on the board within one year of working at a county. He pointed out that the same language is not mirrored for other members serving on the board. The bill passed and was referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Hospital Decompression: Also on Tuesday, the House Health Committee addressed [HF4106](#) (Noor), which would provide for expedited state medical review team determinations of disability, expedited MA applications, expedited MnCHOICES assessments and support planning, and emergency supplemental payments under the MA home and community-based services waivers for people who received an expedited assessment and support planning. A joint [letter](#) was submitted by MICA, AMC and MACSSA. The Minnesota Hospital Association testified in support of the bill.

During the hearing, Representative Ann Neu Brindley (R-North Branch) asked Chair Noor whether counties would be able to meet these timelines, and whether there will be compensation to counties as part of the appropriation. Chair Noor indicated that this is a work in progress and will be further discussed in his committee. The bill passed and was referred to Human Services Finance.

Priority Admissions/Direct Care and Treatment: Sponsored by Representative Heather Edelson (DFL-Edina), [HF4366](#) is based on [recommendations](#) from the Task Force on Priority Admissions to State-Operated Treatment Programs. Improving capacity and access to treatment programs for civilly-committed individuals with mental health and substance use disorders is at the heart of the comprehensive bill. The Health Committee addressed the bill on Tuesday.

Testimony:

- MACSSA Executive Director Matt Freeman testified in support of the bill, urging the Legislature to take action this year. He spoke of the need for increased capacity at Direct Care and Treatment. He asked that the Legislature create a mechanism to return DNMC dollars to counties so we are able to create community options - rather than be placed in the General Fund as is done currently.
- Sue Abderholden, NAMI Minnesota, stated that the 48-hour rule is not working. While everyone recognizes that jails are not appropriate settings for people with mental health issues, she urged the Legislature to avoid putting in timelines for moving individuals out of certain facilities - as the ongoing bed and workforce shortages will take years to increase capacity. This cannot be solved without additional funding for state and community resources, as well as the jails.
- Lt. Chris Thompson, Jail Administrator, Cass County Sheriff's Office, acknowledged Governor Walz's investment in his supplemental budget recommendations, but indicated that more is needed. Mental health does not get better for individuals languishing in our jails.
- Danny Ackert, Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in support - citing again the number of individuals being "boarded" in hospitals.

So far unamended, Representative Edelson indicated that the bill will be amended in the Human Services Finance Committee next week, which will incorporate the input from the many committees where the bill has been debated. She also indicated there would be a discussion on creating a pilot program dealing with medications in jails. The bill passed and was referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Sponsored by Representative Dave Lislegard (DFL-Aurora), [HF3992](#) allocates up to \$122.5 million in one-time funding in FY25 to public and private ambulance services throughout the state. The House Health Finance and Policy Committee approved the bill on a split-voice vote Tuesday and referred it to the House Taxes Committee. To receive funding, an ambulance service would need to file an application delineating its revenue and expenses. Volunteer hours would be calculated as an expense at \$34 an hour. By December 1, 2024, state officials would need to certify the aid amount for each provider and payment would be made by December 26, 2024.

In his [supplemental budget request](#) Governor Walz calls for spending \$16 million to address the problem. Of that, \$6 million would be for transferring the responsibilities of the EMS Regulatory Board to a proposed Office of Emergency Medical Services, and for a “sprint medical model” pilot project to test different ways of providing triaged emergency medical services in communities.

MnCHOICES: [HF4949](#) (Fischer) is the counties’ bill which would make several changes to the long-term assessment tool:

- allow the few counties currently contracting for PCA reassessments to continue using a contracted provider while working with DHS on a plan;
- allow initial assessments to remain valid for 365 days rather than 90 days;
- change the initial visit from county staff from within 20 “calendar” days to 20 “business” days; and
- reduce unnecessary annual reassessments for case scenarios where the person’s needs have not changed.

County testimony was provided by Katie Molenare, Ramsey County Social Services Deputy Director. An individual also testified on behalf of ARC Minnesota in favor of the bill. She specifically highlighted the challenges of the annual reassessment process; in a wheelchair, her situation does not change from year to year. When asked where DHS is on the proposal, Matt Burdick indicated that the Department continues working with stakeholders – specifically looking into federal interactions. The House Human Services Policy bill passed the bill on Wednesday and referred it to the Human Services Finance Committee. Note that the same language was added by amendment in the Senate Omnibus Human Services bill (SF4399; Hoffman) on Wednesday.

Omnibus Policy Bills:

House Omnibus Human Services Policy: HF4392 (Fischer); DHS human services policy bill that modifies personal care assistance and community first services and supports remote reassessment requirements, prioritizes technology in informed choice for disability waiver services, clarifies form usage for community-based waiver services, modernizes language in the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Act, **establishes minimum wage protections for people with disabilities**, and makes technical corrections to behavioral health language. The bill also modifies statutes related to peer recovery support services, substance use disorder (SUD) comprehensive assessments, SUD level of care requirements, and MA SUD demonstration project requirements.

The committee passed the author’s [delete all amendment](#). Representative Dave Baker (R-Willmar) offered the [A2 amendment](#) that would have removed Article 3 of the bill, which phases out the special minimum wage for persons with disabilities by August 1, 2028. While Chair Fischer did not support the amendment, he indicated that there will be further discussion on this issue.

The bill passed as amended and was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Senator John Hoffman (DFL-Champlin) is the author of the Senate companion (SF4399). **Senator Paul Utke (R-Park Rapids) previously offered an amendment, which removed chapter 14(c) provisions relating to minimum wages for disabled individuals.** The bill was addressed again on Wednesday. Several amendments were adopted:

- Senator Hoffman: [A3 delete all amendment](#):
 - [Summary](#) (per delete all amendment)
 - [Bill Index](#) (per delete all amendment)
- [A12 amendment](#) (Abeler; R-Anoka); **county MnCHOICES recommendations from [SF4955](#) (Abeler). Louella Kaufer, Hennepin County, testified on behalf of counties.**
- [A19 amendment](#) (Rasmusson; R-Fergus Falls) **assistive technology lead agency partnerships.**
- [A7 amendment](#) (Rasmusson) **lead agencies must not implement additional requirements, in addition to those required by the commissioner, that could result in the delay of approval or implementation of technology**
- [A19 amendment](#) (Utke) **assistive technology to individuals on waiver programs – using a Bluetooth connection to a person’s television**
- [A20 amendment](#) (Abeler) **encourages DHS to reengage with stakeholders regarding Waiver Reimagine and the MnCHOICES 2.0 assessment tool**

The bill passed, as amended, and was sent to the Senate floor.

House Omnibus Health and Human Services Policy: [HF4247, as amended](#), authored by Representative Tina Liebling (DFL-Rochester), was reviewed on Wednesday and Thursday. The proposed changes in the bill produce a net FY25 expenditure of \$138,000 from the state government special revenue fund.

The bill largely deals with scope of practice issues. **Article 6 addresses social work practices. The current language does not change the exemption local governments have relating to the use of the title “social worker.” Note, the bill does address the use of titles for “licensed behavior analyst,” “behavior analyst,” “veterinary technician” or the abbreviation “LVT” unless licensed by their boards.**

Key components of the bill:

- Repeals a subdivision that pertains to the scope of practice for physician assistants. Under current law, a physician assistant must collaborate with a licensed physician to provide ongoing psychiatric treatment to children with emotional disturbances or adults with serious mental illness. A practice agreement must define the collaboration, including appropriate consultation or referral to psychiatry. NAMI testified against repealing the law. She said physicians assistants are not trained sufficiently to address illnesses as complex as schizophrenia without the collaboration of a licensed physician.
The Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants had the absolute view, indicating that the change is needed because the demand for mental health services is rising - while the number of workers is declining.
The repeal is supported by the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice, which investigates any claim of harm.
- Allows transfer care specialists to remove human bodies from the place of death, provide registration of transfer care specialists, and add a mortuary science fee.
- Regulates veterinary technicians, the practice of veterinary technology, and unlicensed veterinary employees.
- Amends veterinary medicine licensing for University of Minnesota employees.
- Modifies requirements for licensure by credentials for dental assistants;
- **Modifies and recodifies social worker provisional licensure.**
- Establishes licensing requirements for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts, provides criminal penalties, and appropriates money.
- Modifies specialty dentistry licensure practice limitation.
- Establishes marriage and family therapy guest licensure and fees.
- **Amends opiate product manufacturer reporting requirements and the opiate product registration fee determination process.**
- Establishes relocation and change of ownership fees for persons registered with or licensed by the Board of Pharmacy.

House Omnibus Mental Health: HF3495 (Fischer) modifies the Mental Health Uniform Service Standards Act, children's therapeutic services and supports, and intensive rehabilitative mental health services. Moves and modifies provisions from Minnesota Rules to Minnesota Statutes relating to children's residential facility and day treatment services staff orientation and individual staff development, and the use of psychotropic medications and clinical supervision in children's residential mental health treatment settings. Chair Fischer offered two amendments, both of which were adopted:

- [Delete all DE3 amendment HF3495 DE3 Bill List](#)
- [A4 Author's Amendment](#) would appropriate one-time money for adult and children's mobile transition units and children's residential treatment programs. The Human Services Policy Committee passed the bill, as amended, and referred it to the Health Finance Committee.

Monday:

Targeted Case Management: Chair Mohamud Noor is the author of [HF4360](#), which requires county boards that contract with other individuals or agencies to provide adult mental health targeted case management services to initiate a competitive proposal process at least every two years. The House Human Services Policy Committee passed the bill and referred it to Human Services Finance.

Tuesday:

House Children and Families Committee:

- **Child Maltreatment Reporting:** [HF4793](#) (Nash; R-Waconia). Mandatory reporters are required to report when they know or have reason to believe a child is being maltreated, or has been maltreated within the preceding three years. Any person may voluntarily report child maltreatment. HF4793 prohibits any organization, facility, school, or other similar entity from having policies that prevent or discourage any person from reporting suspected or alleged child maltreatment. Adds a misdemeanor penalty for any person who intentionally prevents or attempts to prevent a mandatory reporter from reporting child maltreatment. The bill passed and was referred to Public Safety, which heard it on Thursday. The bill passed and was sent to the House floor.
- **Child Care Providers/Immunization Policy:** State law requires anyone older than 2 months to be immunized to enroll in an elementary or secondary school, or a child care facility, unless they have an exemption for medical reasons, demonstrated immunity or personal beliefs. [HF367](#), authored by Representative Mike Freiberg (DFL-Golden Valley), would allow child care providers to set their own vaccination policies. The bill passed and was sent to the House floor.

The House Human Services Policy Committee addressed several bills of interest to counties:

- **Disability Services:** To qualify as having a disability under MA, a person must satisfy the disability criteria used by the federal Social Security Administration (SSA) or a state medical review team (SMRT). In most cases, the SMRT uses the same criteria for disability and blindness as the SSA. Consumer-directed community supports (CDCS) is an option under the MA waivers that provides a person with more choice and responsibility in managing his or her services and supports, as well as their budget allocation. A financial management services provider helps the person with financial and employer-related tasks. [HF4568](#) (Virnig; DFL-Eagan), an initiative brought by Gillette Children's Hospital, Lutheran Social Services, Legal Aid, and other advocacy groups, allows for direct SMRT referrals to DHS by hospital or clinic social workers, modifies budget procedures; requires lead agencies to provide waiver participant certain information, including how the budget was calculated, a copy of the formula used to calculate the budget, and information about the participant's right to appeal. The bill passed, as amended, and was referred to Human Services Finance.
- [HF1683](#) (Bierman; DFL-Apple Valley) modifies eligibility and rate requirements for a range of mental health treatment services and programs, including behavioral health fund room and board services, assertive community treatment, intensive residential treatment, residential crisis services, psychiatric residential

treatment facility services, and intensive rehabilitative mental health services. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the committee's omnibus bill.

- [HF4981](#) (Her; DFL-St. Paul) provides various mental health services payment rate increases, appropriates money for certain rate increases, and repeals certain MA payments for mental health services. The bill passed and was referred to the Health Committee.
- [HF4877](#) (Clardy; DFL-Inver Grove Heights) modifies the positive support analyst and positive support specialist qualifications governing home and community-based service standards. The bill passed and was referred to Human Services Finance.
- [HF4675](#) (Noor) requires DHS to prepare legislation for the 2025 legislative session to make various changes to personal care assistance (PCA) and community-first services and supports (CFSS), and submit to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) any necessary changes to applicable waivers or the MA state plan to implement the PCA and CFSS changes. The bill passed and was referred to Human Services Finance.
- **Supplemental MA Related to Level 1 Trauma Care and Statewide EMS:** [SF3838](#) (Rest; DFL-New Hope) directs DHS to develop and recommend a supplemental payment program to increase MA funding to physicians, ambulance services and other professionals affiliated with a level 1 trauma hospital. Requires a report to the Legislature by December 15, 2024.
- **High Acuity Patients:** [SF2885](#) (Morrison (DFL-Deephaven) establishes temporary funding for settings that receive high-acuity patients discharged from hospitals, and establishes grants to reimburse hospitals for avoidable nonacute patient days.

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee addressed hospital-related bills. Both were laid over for possible inclusion in the committee's omnibus bill.

Wednesday:

- **Guardianship:** [SF3438](#) (as amended), sponsored by Senator Scott Dibble (DFL-Minneapolis), as introduced, amended the liability for guardians who recklessly or intentionally harmed the person subject to guardianship or knowingly violated the law. It also creates a task force to look into improved training, certification, and pay for guardians. The [A3 amendment](#) was adopted, which improves the bill some by adding further immunity language. Senator Dibble indicated that a separate task force bill is forthcoming. We have been assured by the advocates that **a county member will be appointed to the task force**. The Senate Judiciary Committee passed the bill as amended and sent it to the Senate floor. We subsequently spoke with House author Senator Sandra Feist (DFL- New Brighton), and she indicated the House will be following suit with identical language and a separate task force bill.
- **Radon:** As introduced, [HF4613](#) (Pursell; DFL-Northfield) would have required radon testing every three years in a residential rental home or building and for those tests to be provided to tenants and the Department of Health. An [amendment](#) was adopted that now limits the bill to permitting tenants to terminate a lease based on an elevated radon concentration. The author explained that she removed some of the provisions of the original bill that would have required the bill to be heard in the Health and Judiciary Committees. She indicated that she would continue to work on expanding the proposal and will likely be back next year. The House Commerce Committee passed the bill, as amended, and sent it to the House floor.

Thursday:

- The House Children and Families Committee heard [HF912](#) (Agbaje; DFL-Minneapolis), which would establish the **Minnesota African Family Preservation Act**. Addresses social services agency and court requirements for African American and other disproportionately-represented children in the child protection system. The bill passed on a unanimous vote of 15-0 and was referred to Judiciary. [Summary](#)
- **Medical Cannabis:** [SF4524](#) (Dibble) **modifies “qualifying medical condition” by giving patients’ health care practitioners discretion – rather than the current language, which gives the Office of Cannabis Management the authority to add medical conditions**. The Senate HHS Committee heard the bill on Thursday and laid it over for possible inclusion in the committee's omnibus bill.

- **Vapor Product:** [SF4351](#) (Gustafson; DFL-Vadnais Heights) prohibits advertisement, distribution, and sale of certain vapor products. The Senate Commerce Committee heard the bill on Thursday and laid it over.
- **Basic Income Program:** Sponsored by Representative Athena Hollins (DFL-St. Paul), [HF2666](#) would implement a basic income program to provide direct cash payments of at least \$500 per month for 18 to 24 months to eligible recipients around the state. It would be paid for with a one-time \$100 million appropriation from the General Fund in FY25. Supporters believe providing a basic monthly income to those who need it removes barriers to full-time employment, provides families a financial safety net and improves outcomes for children. The House Human Services Finance Committee passed the bill on Thursday and referred it to Economic Development.

BILL INTRODUCTIONS OF INTEREST

- [SF5008](#) (Morrison; DFL-Deephaven) Lead risk assessment grants appropriation
- [SF5032](#) (Dibble) Pregnant and parenting homeless youth study requirement and appropriation
- [SF5035](#) (Mohamed; DFL-Minneapolis) **Provisions classifying and regulating the use and sharing of mental health data when responding to a mental health emergency**
- [SF5113](#) (Maye Quade; DFL-Apple Valley)/HF5089 (Clardy) Collaborative Intensive Bridging Services (CIBS) MA covered service establishment and directing DHS to conduct a rate study and request federal approval
- [SF5114](#) (Maye Quade)/HF5088 (Bierman) **Residential crisis stabilization for children medical assistance covered service establishment directing DHS to request federal approval**
- [SF5130](#) (Oumou Verbeten; DFL-St. Paul) **Standards of basic medical care establishment for confined or incarcerated persons**
- [SF5135](#) (Draheim; R-Madison Lake) Earned sick and safe time modification
- [HF4981](#) (Her; DFL-St. Paul)/SF5084 (Wiklund; DFL-Bloomington) MA rate adjustments for physician and professional services establishment, increasing rates for certain residential services, requiring a statewide reimbursement rate for behavioral health home services
- [HF5017](#) (Pinto; DFL-St. Paul)/SF5089 (Mitchell; DFL-Woodbury) Child protection funding technical changes
- [HF5021](#) (Edelson)/SF5126 (Maye Quade) **Parental fees elimination for out-of-home placements**
- [HF5038](#) (Curran; DFL-Vadnais Heights) Cities and counties required to create policies regarding homeless encampments
- [HF5130](#) (Zelevnikar; R-Fredenberg Township) Variances to licensed capacity allowed
- [HF5131](#) (Mekeland; R-Clear Lake)/SF5213 (Mathews; R-Princeton) Immunization data required to be included on death records
- [HF5135](#) (Wolgamott; DFL-St. Cloud) **Eligible recipients and funding modified for mental health innovation programs, county responsibility for cost of care for client awaiting transfer to another state-operated facility or program or Department of Corrections facility removed, direct care and treatment facility capacity and utilization funding provided, and money appropriated**

THIS WEEK

This Week: This week will be abbreviated with the Easter Break to begin at 5 pm on Wednesday, March 27, and run until noon on Tuesday, April 2. The final committee deadline is Friday, April 19, by when committees must act favorably on major appropriations or finance bills.

Hearings of Note as of Sunday:

Monday, March 25, 2024

1:00 PM

House Commerce Finance and Policy

Chair: Zack Stephenson

Agenda:

- [HF3766](#) (Hanson, J.) Patients enrolled in registry program authorized to cultivate up to 16 cannabis plants without a license, patients enrolled in registry program authorized to obtain cannabis flower from registered designated caregivers, and caregivers authorized to grow plants on behalf of patients.
- [HF3760](#) (Hanson, J.) Licensing sanctions prohibited for patients in registry program, schools and landlords prohibited from refusing to serve patients enrolled in registry program because cannabis is a controlled substance under federal law, and other protections for patients enrolled in registry program provided.
- [HF4195](#) (Hanson, J.) Pilot project established for sale of cannabis by medical cannabis manufacturers to Tribal governments and Tribal cannabis businesses.
- [HF4789](#) (Her) Definition of qualifying medical condition modified for purposes of medical cannabis registry program.
- [HF4251](#) (Her) Office of Cannabis Management prohibited from approving cannabis flower, cannabis products, and hemp-derived consumer products.
- [HF2177](#) (Cha) **Tobacco; sale or offer for sale of flavored tobacco, nicotine, or lobelia products prohibited; and penalties authorized.**
- [HF4029](#) (Tabke) Selling, giving, furnishing, or procuring lower-potency hemp edibles for use by an impaired person prohibited.
- [HF4377](#) (Stephenson) Sale of empty packaging that would violate limits on packaging for cannabis flower and related products prohibited, and attorney general authorized to enforce prohibition on sales of empty packaging.
- [HF4629](#) (West) Petition process to designate cannabinoids an nonintoxicating or approved for use in lower-potency hemp edibles established, hemp edibles provisions modified, provisions related to testing of hemp products modified, and cannabitol and cannabichromene designated as nonintoxicating cannabinoids.

3:00 PM

Senate Human Services

Chair John Hoffman

Agenda:

- [SF4296](#) (Hoffman) Licensed assisted living facilities staff required training modification
- [SF1969](#) (Housley) Assisted living facilities and services provisions modification
- [SF4268](#) (Kupec) **Informed choice and expedited service authorization for technology systems demonstration partnership for people receiving home and community based services authorization**
- [SF3506](#) (Mann) Available resources for medical assistance long-term care eligibility modification
- [SF903](#) (Hoffman) Care evaluation as a covered medical assistance home care service establishment; medical assistance homecare rates modification
- [SF2968](#) (Hoffman) Reimbursement rates modification for transitional supports under the home and community-based services waivers
- [SF4220](#) (Hoffman) DirectCourse curriculum pilot project grant establishment and appropriation
- [SF4030](#) (Maye Quade) Lifework Services, Inc. payment provision for a disability inclusion pilot project
- [SF4094](#) (Maye Quade) Grant establishment for a pilot program for pediatric hospital discharge to home care nursing services
- [SF4931](#) (Maye Quade) Dakota County disability services workforce shortage appropriation
- [SF4984](#) (Abeler) Culturally responsive supports and resources related to well-being and long term services and supports grant establishment and appropriation

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:30 AM

House Children and Families Finance and Policy

Chair Dave Pinto

Agenda:

- [HF3699](#) (Lee, K.) Child care improvement grant program funding provided, and money appropriated.
- [HF3826](#) (Keeler) Child care services grants funding provided for staff training, and money appropriated.
- [HF4950](#) (Keeler) Pregnant and parenting homeless youth study required, report required, and money appropriated.
- [HF4697](#) (Pinto) **Membership and requirements for child mortality review panel modified, review process for child fatalities and near fatalities related to maltreatment modified**, Department of Human Services child systemic critical incident review team requirements modified, and critical incident public information portal established.
- [HF4192](#) (Hollins) **Child welfare system fiscal analysis directed**, report required, and money appropriated.
- [HF5036](#) (Finke) Emergency shelter for LGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness needs analysis funding provided, report required, and money appropriated.

10:30 AM

House Health Finance and Policy

Chair Tina Liebling

Agenda:

- [HF3889](#) (Hicks) Amino acid-based elemental formula health insurance coverage required.
- [HF3339](#) (Koegel) Orthotic and prosthetic device coverage required, and rulemaking authorized.
- [HF4557](#) (Klevorn) Health plans required to cover scalp hair prostheses.
- [HF3330](#) (Hemmingsen-Jaeger) Health carriers required to provide coverage for rapid whole genome sequencing.
- [HF4853](#) (Bierman) Health maintenance organization transaction oversight provided, and nonprofit health coverage entity conversion transaction requirements established, transaction conversion prohibited, enforcement authorized, and data classified.

1:00 PM

House Human Services Policy

Chair Peter Fischer

Agenda:

- [HF4548](#) (Frederick) Ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities provisions modified, and classification of recovery peers as independent contractors prohibited.
- [HF4073](#) (Hanson) Remote worker training and development services permitted for community first services and supports.
- [HF3419](#) (Hicks) Medical assistance for employed persons with disabilities program modified.
- [HF3445](#) (Hicks) Commissioner of human services required to issue request for proposals for a continuous improvement study of access to disability services, report required, and money appropriated.

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:30 AM

Senate Health and Human Services

Chair Melissa Wiklund

Agenda:

- [SF1303](#) (Pha) Issuance requirement and appropriation of a grant to support a stillbirth prevention through tracking fetal movement pilot program

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- [SF4584](#) (Mann) Medication repository program requirements modification
- [SF2960](#) (Hoffman) Ramsey County appropriation for a youth mental health urgency room
- [SF4986](#) (Hoffman) Certified community behavioral health pilot project establishment and appropriation
- [SF3927](#) (Morrison) Rare Disease Advisory Council membership modifications and appropriation
- [SF3700](#) (Morrison) Child care services facility improvements grants appropriation
- [SF4341](#) (Kupec) Child care services grants appropriation for staff training

*A DE amendment for SF4570 will be posted here as soon as it becomes available. SF4570 will become the Committee's omnibus scope and licensing bill. The Committee WILL NOT take up SF4570 during this hearing. The bill and the DE will be posted again at a subsequent hearing time, upon return from the Legislative break, for markup and passage.

Thursday, March 28, 2024

- Easter Break begins.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER

LAST WEEK

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR): heard several bills with direct impact for counties:

- [HF 3675 \(Wolgamott\)](#); [SF 3822 \(Kupec\)](#): was introduced as a bill to unreduced early retirement annuity for state DOC probation officers (in Minnesota State Retirement System or MSRS- General Plan) if the employee is at least 62 years old or has at least 30 years of service. However, it was amended in Committee to also expand the parallel benefit to all county probation and community corrections staff. Pension Fund Directors testified that costs were not yet known but would be significant. Several Commission members raised questions, including that with immediate effect, the bill would likely mean many current staff could immediately retire once the bill passed and received an unreduced pension benefit. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion.
- [HF 4081 \(Stephenson\)](#); [SF 4092 \(Gustafson\)](#): Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Correctional Plan; Increasing the benefit multiplier from 1.9% to 2.2% for prospective service; increasing employee and employer contributions. On average, the increase county employer contribution would amount to about 5% of the 2023 increase in County Program Aid. The bill was laid over.
- [HF 4899 \(O'Driscoll\)](#); [SF 5073 \(Westlin\)](#): PERA Defined Contribution Plans; Defined contribution plan federal compliance. The bill was passed as [amended](#).

ESST Modifications: — The bill was removed from the Senate [Judiciary and Public Safety Committee](#) for Wednesday, likely because it is in Committee due to a small, net zero fiscal impact and is likely considered to have met deadline because it is in a Finance Committee. There was no new formal action on this legislation last week.

Open Meeting Law (OML) Changes: On Tuesday, the [Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee](#) heard three bills modifying the OML, including:

- [SF4297](#) (Mitchell), a bill requiring that if public comment periods are the practice of a public body, they must be part of the official meeting and, the extent practicable, allow a person to monitor all public meetings from a remote location. SF4297 was laid over in Committee, but the companion [HF4120](#) did not get a hearing.
- [SF4461](#) (Mann) allowing unlimited remote participation in a public meeting by members of a public body. The bill was laid over but the companion [HF4454](#) did not get a hearing.
- [SF4132](#) (Mitchell) requiring meetings of public bodies closed under the 'attorney-client' exception to the OML to be recorded and available for judicial review, increases the civil fines for violating the OML, and changing the

standard for what constitutes a violation such that it could encompass unintentional or uniformed violations occurring in a single event. The bill was passed and re-referred to [Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee](#) where it was heard on Friday. At that hearing, Committee members had many questions and concerns about the bill. The bill was laid over but the companion [HF4136](#) did not get a hearing in the House.

The **Senate State and Local Government and Veterans** Committee also heard:

- [SF4483](#) (Oumou Verbeten) **prohibiting the misclassification of employees** by employers. The companion [House File 4444](#) (Greenman) has been heard in three committees of jurisdiction and re-referred to House Tax Committee (**correction from last week's update**).
 - On Thursday, March 14, the Office of Legislative Auditor issued a [report](#) on the issue.
- [SF3428](#) (McEwen) making technical and policy changes the **Public Employee Labor Relations Act (PELRA)**, such as to provisions enacted last session related to payroll deduction for exclusive representatives, new employee 30-minute meeting opportunity, and other provisions of the law. The bill was passed and re-referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

Cannabis “Fix It” Bill: The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM), with input from various stakeholders, prepared a package of Cannabis law modifications and related appropriation changes. The bills, [SF4782](#) (Port) and [HF4757](#) (Stephenson), were both heard on Friday in Senate Commerce and House Commerce Committee’s respectively. Many social equity advocates testified to express concern regarding the planned temporary license lottery. Advocates are concerned that as this process has been used in other states, it has resulted in many investors engaging eligible persons to seek licenses as straw purchasers, and then remove those persons from control once the business is in place. Most advocates preferred a merit-based system. Overall, the changes largely protect the requirement that local zoning ordinances must be complied with, while clarifying that the state experts are responsible for monitoring and testing product compliance with allowable THC levels and other product provisions. Here is a [HF4757 bill summary](#).

Also involving the regulation of cannabis, the House Labor Committee reviewed [HF4761](#) (Stephenson; DFL-Coon Rapids), which makes changes and clarifications to definitions, limitations, exceptions, and work rules that apply to reflect the changes made for **cannabis testing in the workplace**. The bill passed and was referred to the Commerce Committee where it was heard on Friday. We anticipate further discussion as the Omnibus Commerce bill is put together.

Omnibus Elections – Local Elections: The House and Senate Elections Committees both moved forward an elections omnibus bill last week. In the House, [HF4772](#) (Frieberg) was passed, as amended, and placed on the General Register in the House. In the [Senate Elections Committee](#), S.F. 4729, as [amended](#), was passed and rereferred to Senate Judiciary and Public Safety where it will be heard this week. The bill includes multiple provisions impacting the work of counties, including establishment of a Minnesota Voting Rights Act and a requirement for post-secondary polling locations on request.

Labor Standards Policy and Technical Changes: On Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee heard [S.F. 4384](#) (McEwen). The bill was passed and sent to the floor.

Local Residential Zoning/Land-Use Restrictions: Legislation preempting continuation or establishment of various local zoning and land-use ordinances with the intent of providing more housing, and more affordable housing is following at least two tracks. On Thursday, the House Housing Committee adopted this [HF4010 DE1 Amendment](#). The bill requires that certain multi-family housing units could be built in areas zoned as commercial and sets certain parking and high restrictions on those development. City associations testified with continued concerns on the bill, but that it is moving in a better direction. The bill was passed and re-referred to House State and Local Government as amended.

“Missing Middle” legislation sets density standards for housing in cities over 10,000 population may also remain under consideration. In the Senate, S.F. 1370, as [amended](#) by the author, Committee Chair Senator Lindsey Port remains the most current public version of the proposal in the Senate. As summarized (see [A-3 Amendment Summary](#)). That bill was passed and re-referred to Senate State and Local Government and Veterans, awaiting hearing and/or action. In the House, the most current language is [HF 4009-1E](#) (Kraft). The bill is was re-referred to House State and Local Government and has not yet been heard. In addition to significant city government concerns, counties have also objected to the preemption of local control and the implications the legislation could have on unfunded demands for increased public infrastructure outside of city boundaries, land use, and sprawl.

Disaster Aid Account – On Tuesday, the House Public Safety Committee heard [HF4753](#), a bill authored by Rep. Gene Pelowski (DFL-Winona) providing that if a positive General Fund budget balance is forecast for the current biennium, General fund surplus dollars would be required to be allocated to the **disaster assistance contingency account up to \$50 million**. The fund helps pay state and local match for natural disasters, and currently has about \$26 million available, down from \$46 million at the end of last session. The bill was passed and re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

THIS WEEK

Several committee hearings will begin hearing more budget related bills this week, with no hearings on Thursday or Friday.

- **Pensions:** [Mondays Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement](#) hearing on Monday will focus on teacher pension funds, including a bill that would provide an unreduced annuity upon reaching age 62 with 30 years of service. The budget target agreement announced Friday specified \$31.458 million for educator pensions. There is no indication of agreed upon state funds for local government pensions. However, several pending proposals call for expanded pension benefits paid for through higher employee and/or employer contribution levels and may still be under consideration.
- **Elections and Minnesota Voting Rights Act:** On Monday, the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee’s agenda includes a hearing on [S.F. 3994 \(Champion\)](#) establishing a Minnesota Voting Rights Act and establishing civil cause of action for violations of the act.
- **Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure:** On Tuesday, the House State and Local Government Committee will hear HF 4025 (Koegel) establishing a Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure. The Council would be modeled somewhat after a similar Council in Michigan, with the aim of providing for coordination of planning and infrastructure investment across levels of government and categories of infrastructure. Also on the agenda is HF3345 (Jordan), a bill to remove the state ban on **local prohibition of merchant bags**. The companion [S.F. 4108](#) (Hauschild) will also be heard in [Senate State & Local Government and Veterans](#) on Tuesday. Also on that agenda is [S.F. 4493](#) (Hawj) requiring rulemaking for Pollution Control Agency **Capital Assistance Program** rulemaking.
- **Regional Rail Indemnification:** On Tuesday, the Senate State and Local Government Committee will hear [HF4741](#) (Pappas) a bill providing for Ramsey County and Ramsey Regional Rail Indemnification for rail related incidents occurring at Union Depot.
- **Labor & Industry Omnibus Bill:** Also Tuesday, the [House Labor and Industry Finance and Policy Committee](#) will hear several bills including HF 3947 (Nelson), a construction codes and licensing provisions policy and technical bill the will be amended to become the Labor and Industry Committee Policy Bill.

- **Housing:** The House Housing Finance and Policy Committee will meet Tuesday with two bills scheduled, one to provide funding to **Land Bank Twin Cities** (HF4614-Norris), and HF4618 (Her) **modifying housing infrastructure program** appropriations and providing assistance to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing.
- **Cannabis:** The Senate Agriculture Committee will hear selected provisions of the S.F. 4782 ([Port](#)), the modifications bill to the Cannabis law enacted in 2023.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

LAST WEEK

The House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee heard several bills of interest to counties, including:

- [HF4370](#) (Gomez), would require local units of government that received aid from the 2023 public safety aid provision to report by January 13, 2025, to the Department of Public Safety on the amount of aid received and the ways in which it was spent. DPS would then be required to submit a report the public safety committees by February 15, 2025. After a lengthy discussion, which included a failed amendment that would have expanded the use of funds for the purchase of armored vehicles, the bill was passed and sent to the Tax Committee. Although the bill does not have a Senate companion, it is expected to be included in a public safety omnibus bill.
- [HF3725](#) (Wolgamott), would provide local corrections officers with the same protections as peace officers in the Police Officers Discipline Procedures Act (PODPA). The rights of local correctional officers would be expanded as summarized by this [table](#). The Minnesota Police and Peace Officer Association submitted a [letter of support](#) to the committee. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the committee's omnibus policy bill.
- [HF4793](#) (Nash), would make it a misdemeanor to intentionally interference with a mandated report of child maltreatment. Currently, the law does not provide for any charges. The bill was passed and sent to the House General Register.
- [HF3304](#) (Weins), under this bill Veteran's Courts would be required to send data to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission regarding outcomes or their efforts, including defendant housing status, treatment success and relapse rates, employment and family indicators. The bill was passed and sent to the House General Register. The Senate companion bill, [SF3328](#), was passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee and sent to the Senate floor on Thursday.

BILL INTRODUCTIONS OF INTEREST

Schomacker introduced:

[H. F. 4995](#), A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money for public safety radio grants. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Frazier introduced:

[H. F. 5134](#), A bill for an act relating to public safety; limiting supervision of parolees to five years; modifying the grounds for early discharge from parole and the certificate of final discharge; modifying the qualifications for the Supervised Release Board members; limiting reappointment of members to the Supervised Release Board; making certain inmates eligible for earned release credits; modifying the considerations for granting parole or supervised release; modifying the standards for granting medical release; establishing the Medical Release Review Board; eliminating life sentences; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 244.05, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 243.05, subdivision 3; 244.049, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 244.05, subdivisions 4, 5, 8; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 244.45; 244.46, subdivision 4; 609.106, subdivision 2; 609.3455, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Wolgamott introduced:

[H. F. 5135](#), A bill for an act relating to direct care and treatment; modifying the eligible recipients and funding for mental health innovation programs; removing county responsibility for the cost of care for a client awaiting transfer to another state-operated facility or program or facility operated by the Department of Corrections; appropriating money for direct care and treatment capacity and utilization; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 245.4662; 246.18, subdivision 4a; 246.54, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 246.54, subdivisions 1a, 1b.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Policy.

Senator Limmer introduced--

[S.F. No. 5028](#): A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring county attorneys to disclose certain information regarding expert witnesses to peace officers in an officer-involved death incident; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 388.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

[S.F. No. 5130](#): A bill for an act relating to corrections; establishing standards of basic medical care for confined or incarcerated persons; providing for information release forms; requiring a portable recording system for correctional facility and jail staff and correctional officers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 241.021, subdivisions 1i, 7, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 241.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

THIS WEEK

On Monday, the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee will hear:

- [S.F. 4714 Champion](#) Criminal record expungement provisions modifications
- [S.F. 4272 Carlson](#) Licenses of impaired drivers' revocation uniformity establishment
- [S.F. 42052420 Howe](#) Public safety radios and related equipment upgrade grants appropriation
- [S.F. 4005 Anderson](#) Beltrami County grant appropriation for planning and developing a comprehensive mental health services program for individuals under arrest or subject to arrest.
- [S.F. 3987 Pappas](#) Restorative practices restitution program establishment, court order fine in delinquency proceeding or juvenile major water or traffic offender proceeding ability elimination and conforming and technical changes

ENVIRONMENT

LAST WEEK

Last week brought the release of the Governor's proposed supplemental budget, as well as policy omnibus bills from individual committees. Highlights from these include:

- [The Governor's Supplemental Budget](#) proposal includes over \$4 million in general fund appropriations and nearly \$2.8 million in Clean Water funding to support immediate action to address nitrate contamination of groundwater in southeast Minnesota. This would go toward conducting a well inventory, providing free well testing, and supporting mitigation efforts in wells found to have nitrate levels at or above the maximum contaminant level of 10 mg/L.

- **The Senate Legacy Omnibus Bill, [SF5116](#)** authored by Sen. Hawj (DFL-St. Paul), includes an additional [\\$25.4 million](#) in Clean Water funding, as recommended by the Clean Water Council. A significant portion of these funds will go toward supporting the state's EPA petition response to groundwater contamination in southeastern Minnesota.
- **The Senate Environment Policy Omnibus Bill, [SF3631](#)** (also authored by Sen. Hawj), includes language from the Department of Natural Resources policy bill (the original content of [SF3631](#)) and the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) policy bill ([SF3559](#)). It also includes [SF4168](#), requiring solid waste composition studies and [SF4492](#), aligning requirements for manure management plans for certain feedlot permits across Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). A full list of the bills pulled into the omnibus package [can be found here](#). It was passed onto the Senate floor.
- **The House Environment Policy Omnibus Bill, [SF2904](#)** authored by Rep. Hansen (DFL-South St. Paul), diverges from the Senate. In the author's description, this bill is focused on only the least controversial proposals that had been in front of their committee this session. It included language from [HF3550](#), the BWSR policy bill also included in the Senate omnibus. This bill was passed to the House floor.

There were three more hearings on the **Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act** last week, including a stop in the House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law committee on Tuesday, March 19. [HF3577](#) (Jordan, DFL-Minneapolis) was passed [as amended](#) to the House Ways and Means committee. On the Senate side, [SF3561](#) (Morrison, DFL-Deephaven), passed both the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety committee on Wednesday, March 20, and the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection committee, [as amended](#), on Thursday, March 21. Dakota County Commissioner Laurie Halverson testified in support of the bill in the Senate Commerce Committee hearing.

Finally, a slate of other bills was heard in the House:

- [HF4410](#), authored by Rep. Hansen (DFL-South St. Paul), which clarifies MPCA enforcement authority, passed out of committee and was re-referred back to the House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy committee.
- The House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy committee laid over [HF4932](#), authored by Rep. Hornstein (DFL-Minneapolis), to divert wasted food from landfills, and [HF4135](#), authored by Rep. Hansen (DFL-South St. Paul), to tax fertilizer use and report on PFAS presence in biosolid fertilizer.
- The House Agriculture Finance and Policy committee heard [HF4044](#), authored by Rep. Jacob (R-Altura), which was re-referred to the House Taxes committee. The committee also heard [HF4989](#), authored by Rep. Pursell (DFL-Northfield), which incentivizes regenerative agriculture practices and sets goals related to how many acres of land in the state follow these best practices. This bill was re-referred to the House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy committee.
- The House Commerce Finance and Policy committee passed [HF3566](#), Rep. Hollins' (DFL-St. Paul) electronic waste bill, [as amended](#) and re-referred it to the House Ways and Means committee.

BILL INTRODUCTIONS OF INTEREST

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Latest Version
HF 4989	Pursell	Clean water, climate-start, and soil-healthy farming goals established; pilot program to provide financial incentives for farming practices in southeastern Minnesota created; fertilizer fee extended; data collection required; and money appropriated.	Introduction
SF 5125	Kunesh	Eligibility modification for sustainable agriculture demonstration grants.	Introduction

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Latest Version
SF 5099	Morrison	Trunk highway projects assessments for impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled requirements modifications, technical advisory committee, and appropriation. Companion bills: HF 4988	Introduction
HF 5075	Lee, F.	Individual income tax credit for removal of trees infested by emerald ash borer provided. Companion bills: SF 5191	Introduction
SF 5055	Nelson	Minnesota agricultural water quality certification program certain acres credit establishment and appropriation.	Introduction
HF 4988	Kraft	Requirements governing assessment of trunk highway projects for impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled modified, technical advisory committee established, and money appropriated. Companion bills: SF 5099	Introduction
HF 5011	Lislegard	Wetland Conservation Act determinations efficiency improved, environmental and resource management permit application process improved, Pollution Control Agency required to issue separate permits for construction and operation of certain facilities, other provisions related to environmental review and licensing modified, and money appropriated. Companion bills: SF 4876	Introduction

A full list of relevant environment bills, including those for MICA member counties, [can be found here](#). If the bill has had a hearing, our team's notes on the testimony and member discussion during the hearing are included.

THIS WEEK

This week will be relatively quiet and short, especially compared to last week's flurry of activity as policy omnibus bills were rolled out and heard in committee. Easter Break starts on Wednesday at 5 p.m., with legislative activities resuming on Tuesday, April 2 at noon.

As the schedule currently stands, most relevant activity will be concentrated in the Senate this week. The SCORE bill, [SF4982](#) (Dibble, DFL-Minneapolis) will be heard in the Senate Taxes committee on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. MICA counties will be represented among the testifiers in support of the bill, in addition to the Partnership on Waste and Energy and the Association of Minnesota Counties.

The Senate State and Local Government committee is hearing a few bills of interest at 11:00 a.m. that same day:

- [SF4493](#) (Hawj, DFL-St. Paul), which was amended in an earlier committee stop to include language regarding the MPCA Commissioner's approval to end the post-closure care period of a solid waste disposal facility.
- [SF4108](#) (Hauschild, DFL-Hermantown), establishing the Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure.

- [SF4183](#) (Fateh, DFL-Minneapolis), the Minneapolis 2040 Plan compromise legislation clarifying that building up housing density in cities is an environmental benefit.

At 3:00 p.m., the Senate Environment, Climate and Legacy committee will hear:

- [SF4523](#) (Hauschild, DFL-Hermantown), establishing a task force to increase the recovery of critical materials from end-of-life products.
- [SF3527](#) (Gustafson, DFL-Vadnais Heights), appropriating funds for manure management grants appropriation.

On Wednesday, the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate committee will hear two relevant bills at 12:30 p.m.

- [SF4863](#) (Rest, DFL-New Hope), providing an ongoing grant program for renewable energy projects.
- [SF4889](#) (Mitchell, DFL-Woodbury), appropriating funds for an anaerobic digester in Shakopee (this is a priority for Washington County).

On Wednesday, The House companion to SF4889, [HF4938](#), authored by Rep. Hollins (DFL-St. Paul), will be heard in the House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee.

Additionally, on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety committee will hear [SF4433](#), authored by Sen. Hawj, clarifying MPCA enforcement authority.

COMBINED HEARING SCHEDULES

[Next 7 Days Combined Hearing Schedule](#)

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Minnesota Update

Minnesota Legislature Hits Key Committee Deadlines in a Flurry of Activity

The Minnesota Legislature worked day and night last week as committee chairs looked to advance a broad and diverse legislative agenda prior to the Friday, March 22, 2024 committee deadline. A number of committees used the week to assemble and pass omnibus policy bills as a way to combine several bills from one issue area, such as health policy, and simplify the process of having one large bill instead of many smaller ones.

The legislature will return next week for three days of work before a short Easter break as they transition towards assembling any supplemental appropriation bills. All spending bills must be passed out of committee by April 19, 2024.

Budget Targets Released

Budget targets, agreed upon by the House's Speaker, Governor, and Senate's Majority Leader, were released last Friday. These targets will be used to put together a limited supplemental budget across all areas of government. Even years are typically the "off years" for the budget, so anything that is spent is in addition to the overall budget that was passed last session. However, these budget targets only reflect the General Fund and do not take into account any spending that may occur in a bonding or capital investment bill. Total GF spending for FY 24-25 for the supplemental budget target agreement is \$477.5 million.

House District 27B Special Election

Last week, voters in District 27B elected Bryan Lawrence, a farmer, small-business owner, and supervisor in Baldwin Township to replace former Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt (R-Crown). Rep. Daudt resigned his seat just prior to the 2024 legislative session. Rep.-Elect Lawrence (R-Baldwin Township) won handily with 84.5 percent of the vote and will represent a district that includes portions of Anoka, Sherburne, Mille Lacs and Isanti counties in east-central Minnesota, including the city of Princeton.

Insurance Coverage Proposals

On Wednesday, March 20th, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee took up and considered several proposals to require health insurance coverage for difference forms of care and treatment. Specifically, the committee considered legislation that would require insurance companies to cover infertility treatment, prenatal and post-natal maternity care, abortion and abortion related services, intermittent catheters, gender affirming care, scalp hair prosthetics for those with hair loss due to cancer treatment, and orthotic and prosthetic devices. It remains to be seen which proposals will advance and become law this session.

Omnibus Bills

As noted above, many policy committees spent last week assembling various omnibus policy bills made up of many smaller bills that have first been individually heard in each committee. Non-budget years are generally more policy heavy which means we will see many policy omnibus bills moving through the committee process. The following is a list of policy bills being tracked so far:

- S.F. 4027 (Champion) / H.F. 3448 (Hassan) – Jobs Policy Omnibus
- S.F. 4399 (Hoffman) / H.F. 4392 (Fischer) – Human Services Policy Omnibus
- S.F. 4097 (Klein)/H.F. 4077 (Stephenson)- Commerce Policy Omnibus
- S.F. 3567 (Cwodzinski) / H.F. 3782 (Pryor) – Education Policy Omnibus
- S.F. 4729 (Carlson) / H.F. 4772 (Freiberg) – Elections Policy Omnibus
- H.F. 4661 (Wolgamott) / S.F. 4745 (McEwen) – Workers Compensation
- H.F. 3872 (Becker-Finn) / S.F. 4271 (Latz) – Judiciary Policy Omnibus
- H.F. 4024 (Pelowski) / S.F. 4003 (Fateh) – Higher Education Policy Omnibus
- H.F. 4247 (Liebling) / S.F. 4570 (Wiklund) – Health Licensing Omnibus
- H.F. 3614 (Moller) / S.F. 4959 (Latz) – Public Safety Policy Omnibus
- S.F. 5116 (Hawj) / H.F. 4124 (Lillie) – Legacy Omnibus
- S.F. 3631 (Hawj) / H.F. 3418 (Hansen) – Environment Policy Omnibus
- S.F. 3852 (McEwen) / H.F. 3947 (Nelson) – Labor Policy Omnibus
- S.F. 2904 (Hawj) / H.F. 2774 (Hansen) – Environment and Natural Resources Policy Omnibus

Other Key Bills Moving Through Committee

Several significant proposals advanced through the committee process this week, including:

H.F. 4700 (Long) / S.F. 4784 (Frentz) would significantly change the energy infrastructure permitting process with the intent to move closer to clean energy. The bill is the result of a work group with 31 stakeholders assembled by the Public Utilities Commission and includes that group's top 12 recommendations for streamlining the permitting process. The bill was laid over by the House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee for possible including in a larger climate and energy bill.

H.F. 3992 (Lislegard) / S.F. 3886 (Hauschild) would allocate up to \$122.5 million in one-time funding in fiscal year 2025 to public and private ambulance services throughout the state. The House Health Finance and Policy Committee approved the bill on a split-voice vote and referred it to the House Taxes Committee.

H.F. 4819 (Howard) / S.F. 4940 (Xiong) would look to create financial stability and constancy within the area of affordable housing. The bill would authorize the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to use bonds to assist affordable housing organizations whose buildings are in financial distress and where residents earn at or below 60% of the area median income. The bill passed the House Housing Finance and Policy Committee and was sent to the House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee.

H.F. 3769 (Lislegard) / S.F. 3774 (Rest) would fix a drafting error in the 2023 tax law that made many Minnesota companies pay more in taxes this spring than the Legislature intended. A change intended to take place in tax year 2024 was inadvertently expedited when “tax year 2023” appeared in the law. The bill unanimously passed the House of Representatives and was sent to the Senate.

H.F. 4563 (Vang) would look to fill the mental health professional shortage in rural communities. This bill would establish the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Education Center and a training program for youth care professionals within the Department of Health. It was heard in the House Human Service Policy Committee and held over for possible inclusion in a larger policy bill.

Important Dates to Remember

March 26, 2024	Gov. Walz State of the State
March 27, 2024 at 5pm	Easter Recess Begins
April 2, 2024 at 12pm	Easter Recess Ends
April 9, 2024 at 5pm	Eid Recess Begins
April 11, 2024 at 12pm	Eid Recess Ends
April 19, 2024	Third Deadline
April 22, 2024	Passover Recess Begins
April 24, 2024 at 12pm	Passover Recess Ends
May 20, 2024	Deadline to Adjourn Legislative Session

Federal Update

Both the House and Senate are on Congressional recess for the next two weeks. President Joe Biden will be on the road this week, traveling first to North Carolina with Vice President Kamala Harris and then on to New York City.

Final Piece of Budget Passed; Signed into Law

The Senate cleared a second and final spending package in the wee hours of Saturday morning, closing the fiscal 2024 appropriations process nearly six months late. The \$1.2 trillion minibus spending package passed the Senate by a 74-24 margin, averting a shutdown that would have

affected several federal agencies. That vote ended a 10-month ordeal that began with last May's spending and debt-limit deal between President Joe Biden and former Speaker Kevin McCarthy. After McCarthy was ousted in October, House Republicans tried to alter the agreement, but Hill Democrats and the White House were having none of it.

The Senate cleared the package for President Joe Biden's signature around 2 a.m., a couple of hours after the 11:59 p.m. Friday deadline to fund the government, though the effects of a partial government shutdown were unlikely to be felt until Monday. The president signed the measure this weekend. Twenty-two Republicans voted against the bill, along with Sen. Michael Bennet, D-CO who protested the lack of Ukraine aid, and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT who sought funding for Palestinian aid. The legislation would provide appropriations for agencies covered under the Defense, Financial Services, Homeland Security, Labor-HHS-Education, Legislative Branch, and State-Foreign Operations bills. Senator Murray D-WA touted funding for child care, research for cancer and Alzheimer's disease, and efforts to combat the opioid crisis included in the bill. She also aimed at House Republicans, who for months resisted the parameters of the deal former Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-CA, struck with Biden, eventually ending up with a final result that resembled the original agreement.

The House voted 286-134 to pass the bill earlier in the day, clearing the two-thirds majority needed to pass a bill under suspension of the rules. But in a blow to Speaker Mike Johnson, R-LA, the bill failed to win support from the majority of House Republicans, with 101 voting for it and 112 voting against it, after facing criticism from the party's right flank. Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-GA, introduced a resolution to vacate the speaker's chair after House passage of the appropriations package. The spending package faced a warmer reception in the Senate. Senator Susan Collins of Maine, the top Republican on the Appropriations Committee, praised the funding in the package directed at strengthening national security. She highlighted funding for the border included in the package, including spending to support additional detention beds, border patrol agents, and port of entry officers.

Still, the legislation faced opposition among some Republicans, critical of the spending levels in the package and wary of its effect on the deficit. Sen. Rand Paul, R-KY, took the floor ahead of the vote to criticize the measure. Paul aimed the short turnaround between the bill's release in the early hours Thursday morning to the final passage vote, saying members lacked adequate time to examine the 1,012-page bill and its more than 1,400 earmarks.

Amendments

The Senate moved to the final passage of the legislation after dispensing with about a dozen amendments and related motions. The chamber voted down a handful of republican amendments related to immigration. Those included one offered by Senator James Lankford, R-OK, that would stop the release of immigrants flagged as potential national security risks during immigration proceedings and another, offered by Sen. Ron Johnson, R-WI, to block funding to local governments that don't inform the Department of Homeland Security ahead of releasing an undocumented immigrant from custody. The Senate also tabled or killed, an amendment offered by Senator Ted Cruz, R-TX that would prevent the Biden administration from waiving sanctions on Iran and an amendment offered by Senator Tommy Tuberville, R-AL., that would block federal

funding for schools that allow transgender women to participate in women's sports. Adoption of any amendments would have derailed the entire spending package because it would have sent the measure back to the House, which left town Friday for a two-week recess.

As part of the agreement, Senator Schumer also agreed to hold a floor vote by April 19 on a bill modeled on an amendment offered by Senator Michael Crapo, R-ID that would block the Environmental Protection Agency from enforcing its tightened tailpipe emissions standards. The EPA regulations are designed to speed the transition to electric vehicles.