

PUBLIC NOTICES

COUNTY OF BENTON  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
ORDINANCE No.: 500

THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

The ordinance adopted is too lengthy to be published in its entirety. The full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Benton County Auditor/Treasurers Office

The following is a summary of Ordinance No. 500:

Ordinance No. 500 amends Benton County Ordinance No. 477, the Benton County Development Code to further regulate campgrounds and resorts within the zoning jurisdiction of Benton County.

That the following Sections of the Benton County Development Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Definitions

• The following definitions have been added to Section 3: Campground, Recreational, Recreational Camping Vehicle and Resort.

• The following definitions have been amended in Section 3: Commercial Multiple Unit Development, Commercial Recreation, Outdoor, Multiple Unit Development and Residential Planning/Multiple Unit Development.

Section 7: Zoning Use Districts

• Campgrounds and Resorts were added to the following districts as permitted with a conditional use permit: Agricultural (Ag), Rural Agricultural (RA), Business (B-1) and Business Enterprise (B-2).

• In Section 7.14 the term Planned Unit Development was corrected to Multiple Unit Development for consistency purposes.

Section 9: Use Specific Standards

• Section 9.28 Campgrounds and Resorts was added to provide a clear outline of requirements and expectations for campgrounds and resorts. This section closely mirrors the licensing requirements of the Minnesota Department of Health and statutory shoreland management requirements. This section outlines licensing, seasonal use, site plans, design criteria, operation plans and development functioning.

Approved and adopted by the Benton County Board of Commissioners this 20th day of May 2025.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

R-21-1B

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME  
Minnesota Statutes  
Chapter 333

ASSUMED NAME: Honest American Flooring.

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 1175 125TH ST NW, RICE, MN 56367 USA.

NAMEHOLDER(S): Scott J Jansma, 1175 125TH ST NW, RICE, MN 56367 USA.

(4) By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

/s/ Scott J Jansma  
05/16/2025  
R-21-2P

**BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 6, 2025**

The Benton County Board of Commissioners met in special session on May 6, 2025, in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN. Call to order by Chair Ed Popp was at 6:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A roll call showed Commissioners Pam Benoit, Ed Popp, Scott Johnson, Jared Gapinski, and Steve Heinen present.

County Administrator Montgomery Headley requested to conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2025–2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and to consider a resolution of intent to issue Capital Improvement Plan Bonds to fund the construction of a new Benton County Government Center. Such issuance must be pursuant to an approved Capital Improvement Plan and Public Hearing. Notice of this public hearing was published in the Sauk Rapids Herald and the Benton County News not less than 14 days prior to this hearing.

Jessica Green from Northland Securities was introduced to present the staff report and financial overview. Green summarized the proposed 5-year CIP. The plan complies with Minnesota Statutes §373.40 and is specific to the issuance of general obligation CIP bonds, not the broader county-wide CIP for routine infrastructure projects. Key points included:

- The CIP covers 2025-2029 and is a statutory requirement for issuing these specific bonds.
- The maximum proposed bond amount is \$29.7 million, which establishes a ceiling, not a commitment to borrow
- The County’s market value is \$5.5 billion and allows for an annual debt service capacity of \$6.5 million and a total bonding capacity of \$164 million, which is well below what is being proposed
- The projected construction start is in 2025, but the plan allows flexibility within the 5-year window
- Green outlined the eight required review areas which includes:

- o Conditions of the County’s infrastructure, including the projected need for repair or replacement
- o Likely demand for the improvement
- o Estimated cost of the improvement
- o Available public resources
- o Level of overlapping debt in the County
- o Relative benefits and cost of alternative uses of the funds
- o Operating costs of the proposed improvements
- o Alternatives for providing services most efficiently through shared facilities with other municipalities or Local Government Units

Green emphasized that approving the plan does not compel the County Board to issue bonds, nor does it obligate the county to spend that amount. If the County Board chose to adopt the proposed CIP plan and proposal to issue CIP Plan Bonds, it opens a 30-day reverse referendum period. If a valid petition is received bearing the signatures of at least five percent of the votes cast in the last county general election requesting a vote on the Issuance of General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds is received by the Auditor/Treasurer within thirty (30) days after the public hearing, a referendum vote on the issuance of the bonds shall be called or the County Board may elect to not issue bonds and any action on the specific request is stayed for one year.

Popp stated that tonight’s purpose is to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, and this is not to issue the bonds, but the intent to propose the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$29.7 million. If approved, this would begin the 30-day reverse referendum period. The Public Hearing opened at 6:17 PM.

Jim Hovde of Langola Township spoke in opposition to issuing bonds for the proposed government center. Hovde expressed concern about tax burdens, especially for fixed-income residents, and criticized the handling of the airport commission and overall transparency. Popp stated we are not the only entity questioning the Airport Authority.

Mike Deppa, a registered voter in Benton County, questioned how much money had already been spent. Deppa also questioned the feasibility and sustainability and emphasized the financial impact on taxpayers. Headley reported that \$1.3 million has already been spent on this project.

Mary Kay Nordmann of 9511 25th St NE Sauk Rapids, spoke in opposition of the project and criticized the project cost and the \$1.3 million already spent. Nordmann expressed satisfaction with Benton County’s current facilities and concern over high taxes forcing residents out of Benton County.

Jim Gotwald of Langola Township spoke in opposition of the project, using his construction background to suggest more affordable alternatives. Gotwald called for an outside audit and argued the meeting timing limited participation. Gotwald asked about interest rates of the bonds and Green responded they are at around 4%.

Karen Kampa of St. George Township shared that she is a disabled resident on a fixed income. Kampa spoke in opposition of the project and criticized the lack of early public vote and project transparency. Kampa also shared poor experiences with county services and argued for smaller-scale renovations.

Benoit stated that since she has been on the Board (term began January 1, 2025), the boiler has gone down twice and has concerns of the risks of our IT Department because of outdated infrastructure. Benoit does not want taxes to go up. Benoit added that Benton County did not have to have the open houses, but the Board chose to have those meetings to be more transparent with the public.

Mike Lewandowski of Alberta Township spoke in opposition of the project but supported public input via a vote. Lewandowski stated he attended public meetings and suggested more public collaboration during planning and questioned the thoroughness of renovation alternatives.

Nick Schumacher of 7510 95th Ave NE Foley, shared his dissatisfaction with government spending and regulatory codes. Schumacher advocated for community-based solutions and interior reorganization over a new construction. Schum-

acher shared concerns over escalation of property values and taxes.

Chad Popp of Graham Township spoke in opposition of the project and criticized the need for more space because of shrinking government, employees working remotely and the future of Artificial Intelligence (AI). He also expressed concerns over the tax burden this would impose.

Kampa added that the majority worked remotely during COVID and we made it work then, and we can make it work now. Kampa added that the main places people go to are on the main floor.

Terry Gullick, Benton County employee and a resident of Benton County, stated he heard something about mold in the building. Johnson clarified that if we remodeled the building, it would have to be brought to code. The ceilings on the 1st floor of Human Services are too low to place any duct work, which is where we would need to place the duct work to be brought to code (duct work currently runs through the floor), which would then remove all the office spaces from the 1st floor. Gullick also spoke in opposition of the project due to increased tax burdens.

Nordmann questioned how to prevent our taxes from going up and suggested to fix what we have, and to be considerate when spending our tax dollars.

Becky Lesniak, who has worked in Benton County Human Services for 17 years, questioned why we still have East Gate? Heinen responded saying that we opened East Gate a month before COVID began and had to close the doors to the public during COVID, not allowing East Gate a fair chance to see its full potential. East Gate was also opened to address the space issues. Johnson added that if we build the new building, we will end the lease with East Gate. Lesniak stated the County Board deliberately made (Human Services) look bad by not making repairs, and questioned necessity of the drive-through at the DMV. Pete Filippi of Contegrity Group shared that the drive-through at the DMV costs roughly \$30,000. Lesniak stated she is opposed to the new Government Center.

Jane Latterell (via call-in) asked what will happen to the current building? Johnson responded that they cannot answer that yet, but there is talk of opening a medical facility, a non-profit dental clinic, coffee shop, food court, etc. Johnson added that the intent would be to divest of the current Government Center building.

Schumacher questioned why there is a bid opening if all that is happening tonight is approving the funding mechanism? Filippi responded saying Benton County followed State law in obtaining bids, and we needed to get to where we are today in order to get the estimates to put out for bids. On Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 2:00 PM the bids will be opened in the County Boardroom. On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, the County Board will hold a Special Meeting at 8:30 AM in the County Boardroom where Filippi will share the lowest responsible bidder. If there is a petition filed to the Benton County Auditor/Treasurer, there will be 10 business days to determine if the petition is valid, and if it is, that will end the project for now. Filippi added that this Board has met more than any other in his 29 years of experience, and the project is very well vetted.

Deppa commented on the boiler system stating it should not have gone out twice if there was proper maintenance. Deppa added that you do not have to bring the entire building up to code, you could just update the bathrooms. Deppa noted that the buildings are only used during normal business hours and ended saying we need to separate the needs from the wants, and we can’t put the cost burden on the taxpayers.

Debra Olson, a resident of Foley, stated she toured the building and found that there are things that need to happen. Olson shared concerns that we do not have a panic button and would hate to work here because of the lack of space, heard other employees mention the work areas get loud, and employees struggle to get their own work done. Olson does not see value in remodeling/adding-on because that does not fully take care of the current problem. Olson spoke in favor of the new government center and added that she wants Benton County employees to work in a safe environment.

Kampa asked if we would have to bring the current building up to code before a new entity could purchase the building? Popp responded saying we would sell it as is and demolish the 1901 building. Kampa asked how many times the County Board can bring this back if it gets voted down? Kampa also questioned why we were getting bids before the 30-day reverse referendum period is over? Heinen responded saying we need to get the bids to see what the actual cost of the building would be, and \$29.7 million was the estimate and the maximum amount we could bond for, and the County Board could not make any decisions until the reverse referendum period is over. If a petition is filed, it will take another two weeks to verify the validity of the petition.

Gotwald asked what would happen if the bids came back at \$35 million? Johnson responded saying we are done with the project because we cannot go over the \$29.7 million. Johnson stated that a 5% contingency was added into the design estimate. Gapinski added that if we approve the issuance of the CIP bonds, we can still end the project at any time for any reason.

Headley stated the bids are due to the Benton County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office by 2:00 PM on May 29th. The County Board scheduled the next meeting to consider the bids to either accept or reject for Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 8:30 AM in the County Boardroom. Gapinski added that if there is a petition filed, the process will be delayed up to 10 business days to verify the petition, however, if the petition is valid, then the project is done.

Pam Vizenor, a Foley resident asked what the cost would be to get the petition validated? Heinen responded that we would have to validate the petition in-house (approximately 2 weeks of staff time). Vizenor spoke in favor of the new building. Some benefits would include a better DMV and new added services that could bring in more revenue to our County, and a Community Room that would be available to the public to rent. Vizenor added concerns of handicap accessible areas in all areas of the building.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:23 PM

Headley read into the record a letter from County resident and former Commissioner Jake Bauerly:

*Project Proposal: Courthouse and Administrative Building Plan*

*Objective:*

*To address the need for updated facilities while minimizing the tax impacts and maintaining accessibility for the community.*

*Key Steps:*

- *Step 1: Build a new Administrative Building*
- *Construct a state-of-the-art administrative facility across the road from the current courthouse*
- *This building will accommodate all departments except Human Services, providing modern, efficient workspace and reducing the strain on the old courthouse*
- *Step 2: Remodel newest section of the Old Courthouse*
- *Renovate the most recent addition to the old courthouse to exclusively house Human Services*
- *This will optimize utilization of the existing structure and maintain a centralized location for this essential department*
- *Partner with Stearns and Sherburne Counties to continue operating the east side facility*
- *This will meet the demands of East St. Cloud residents and ensure accessible services across the region*

*Expected Benefits:*

- *Minimized tax burden by balancing new construction costs with remodeling expenses*
- *Enhanced functionality and efficiency of Administrative and Human Services operations*
- *Continued service coverage for all parts of the community, particularly the east side*

*Next Steps:*

- *Engage with stakeholders, including county representatives and community members, to refine the proposal*
- *Conduct feasibility studies for the new administrative building and courthouse remodeling*
- *Develop a detailed budget and timeline for each phase of the project*

*Additionally, the phased process allows more time for assessing the evolving needs of the community and tailoring the project accordingly. By adopting this measured approach, Benton County can ensure that resources are allocated efficiently while accommodating unforeseen factors such as demographic shifts or changes in service demand. This strategy not only mitigates immediate financial risks but also provides a foundation for sustainable development that aligns with long-term community goals.*

Headley reported that the Department has not received any comments or concerns from any State Agencies, cities or townships on this agenda item.

Heinen stated that we need to do something and have researched other options such as remodeling/adding-on, and we have remodeled time and time again, but we do not get any additional space. How long do we have to keep remodeling 2-3 old facilities?

Gapinski stated that one day he is for it and the next he opposes it, and this is only one step in the process. Gapinski stated that he will vote in favor of the preliminary approval for the issuance of the County General Obligation CIP bonds. This will allow us to get the bids and allow for the reverse referendum period to begin, and there are a lot of “what if’s” at this point but wants to see what the actual numbers are. Gapinski stated that this does not mean we are going forward with the building.

Heinen stated he will vote in favor tonight as well because this is one step of the process, and he wants to see the hard numbers come in.

Johnson stated that he wants the public to know that a reverse referendum is an option that the public has, and that the County Board will respect. It behooves us to make sure everybody understands if the reverse referendum goes through, it stops the project and it will get projected out to the November 2026 ballot, and if at that time they approve this building, you are looking at an additional \$2 million to \$3 million dollars added to this project. Johnson stated he wanted to be very clear on that.

Popp stated that in the 10 years he has been a Commissioner, they have struggled to keep our taxes low, and with the added school levies, tax mandates at the State level that are going to be pushed down to the counties, the uncertainty of the Federal Government cuts, Union negotiations this fall and the upcoming Minnesota Paid Family Leave act going into effect January 2026, he is unsure if he can stomach going forward with this right now because the “timing just really stinks”. We have spent \$1.3 million, but not all of that money is wasted because those plans will be there in the future. Popp stated he has a hard time stomaching where we are now and where we are going to go. The New Government Center is a 6% to 8% levy increase alone on our taxes and does not believe that today, Benton County residents can handle that.

Gapinski stated that we are not voting on the building today, we are only voting on a Resolution giving preliminary approval for the issuance of the County General Obligation CIP bonds. Heinen stated it sounds like we have already made a decision. Popp stated that he is unsure if we should move forward from this point on. Gapinski asked Popp if he wanted to see the numbers come in and he said: “I do not want to see the numbers come in”.

Benoit shared that she is very torn and does not want to waste money. Benoit said that this is a very hard decision. At this point, it is not going to cost any extra to get the numbers and wants to see what those true numbers are and not go off an estimate. We have already spent \$1.3 million on this project, why not see where those numbers are going to come in at. Benoit stated she will vote in favor at this point just to see where the actual bids come in at.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 31, 2022

MORTGAGOR: Richard E Schwartz, unmarried man.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 1, 2022 Benton County Recorder, Document No. 464022.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated March 20, 2025 Recorded March 20, 2025, as Document No. 476489.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100661190012434582

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON

MORTGAGE: Home Point Financial Corporation

RESIDENTIAL

MORTGAGE SERVICER:

LoanCare, LLC

MORTGAGED

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

6705 135th Avenue Northeast,

Foley, MN 56329

TAX PARCEL I.D. #:

020034100

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

OF PROPERTY:

The East 625 ft of the

North 350 ft of the SE 1/4

of the SE 1/4 of Section 25,

Township 37, Range 29,

Benton County, Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH

PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

Benton

ORIGINAL

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF

MORTGAGE:

\$360,000.00

AMOUNT DUE

AND CLAIMED TO BE

DUE AS OF DATE OF

NOTICE, INCLUDING

TAXES, IF ANY, PAID

BY MORTGAGEE:

\$ 357,965.64

That prior to the

commencement of this

mortgage foreclosure

proceeding Mortgagee/

Assignee of Mortgagee

complied with all notice

requirements as required

by statute; That no action

or proceeding has been

instituted at law or otherwise

to recover the debt secured

by said mortgage, or any part

thereof;

PURSUANT to the

power of sale contained in

said mortgage, the above

described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF

SALE: June 24, 2025 at 10:00

AM

PLACE OF

SALE: Benton County

Sheriff's Office, 581 Highway

23 Northeast Foley, MN

to pay the debt then secured

by said Mortgage, and taxes,

if any, on said premises, and

the costs and disbursements,

including attorneys' fees

allowed by law subject to

redemption within six (6)

months from the date of said

sale by the mortgagor(s),

their personal representatives

or assigns unless reduced to

Five (5) weeks under MN

Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO

VACATE PROPERTY: If

the real estate is an owner-

occupied, single-family

dwelling, unless otherwise

provided by law, the date

on or before which the

mortgagor(s) must vacate the

property if the mortgage is

not reinstated under section

580.30 or the property is

not redeemed under section

580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on

December 24, 2025, unless

that date falls on a weekend

or legal holiday, in which

case it is the next weekday,

and unless the redemption

period is reduced to 5 weeks

under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07

or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S)

RELEASED FROM

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

ON MORTGAGE: None

“THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.”

Dated: April 18, 2025

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Mortgagee/Assignee of

Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN,

DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/

Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300

Minneapolis, MN 55416

(952) 925-6888

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IN THE EVENT

REQUIRED BY

FEDERAL LAW: THIS

IS A COMMUNICATION

FROM A DEBT

COLLECTOR.

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Johnson stated that he understands where Popp is coming from and agrees that this is terrible timing. We are expecting our county to grow, and we are expecting our services to grow, and believes it would be an error to think our services would not grow with an increasing population. Johnson acknowledged the school levies and the drainage assessments, and stated the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the people of Benton County, and it's not just building for tomorrow, this is a long-term solution. Johnson stated that he feels like our hands get tied because of all the outside pressures, and he understands the outside pressures and is empathetic to them. Johnson stated that if you would have asked him yesterday, he may have said no, today might be yes, and tomorrow is I don't know. That is where we are at. Johnson stated that he wants to see the numbers, and there is no additional cost to see the numbers, and to get into June where they can decide. Benoit added that if the reverse referendum comes in, then, they "won't have to worry about it, and it takes everything off this Board". Popp stated that he does not want to put the tax burden on Benton County. Gapinski stated that Popp is assuming that they are going to vote yes when the numbers come in. Popp said we don't know about that.

Headley asked for the requested actions of tonight's meeting to: 1) conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan; and 2) a motion to adopt a Resolution giving preliminary approval for the issuance of the County General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,700,000 and adopting the Benton County 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Gapinski to approve a Resolution giving preliminary approval for the issuance of the County General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,700,000 and adopting the Benton County 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried on a 4-1 roll call vote with Commissioners Benoit, Heinen, Gapinski and Johnson voting "aye" and Popp voting "nay".

Chair Popp adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 8:38 PM.

Edward D. Popp, Board Chair  
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley  
Benton County Administrator

R-21-1B

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
2025 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE  
STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION  
PROGRAM (SWPPP)**

BENTON COUNTY SWPPP:

The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) is available for public review/comment. The program may be viewed at the Benton County Public Works Building located at 7752 Highway 25 NE, Foley, Minnesota and under the Public Works/Highway page of the Benton County website (www.co.benton.mn.us).

This is notice that a public meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 4th, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Benton County Highway Department, 7752 Highway 25 NE, Foley, MN. The public can submit oral, electronic, or written comments before or at the time of the public meeting.

Adam Ritsche  
Benton County Environmental Technician  
Publish: Benton County News – Legal Ad May 20, 2025  
Sauk Rapids Herald – Legal Ad May 24, 2025

FR-21-1B

**Notice of Hearing on Improvement**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Sauk Rapids will meet in the council chambers of the City Hall at 6:10 p.m. on June 9, 2025, to consider the making of 2026 2nd Avenue South Improvements No. SAUKR 176402, an improvement on 2nd Avenue South from 10th Street South to Searle Street Northeast, and the "side" streets of 10th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South, 11th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South, 12th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South, 13th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South, 14th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 3rd Avenue South, and 9th Street South from 150 feet east of 2nd Avenue South to Lincoln Avenue South by Reconstruction of the Streets, Sidewalks, Drainage System, Water Main, Sanitary Sewer, and Street Lighting, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 429.011 to 429.111. The area proposed to be assessed for such improvement is 2nd Avenue South from 10th Street South to Searle Street Northeast, and the "side" streets of 10th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South, 11th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South, 12th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South, 13th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South, 14th Street South from Broadway Avenue South to 3rd Avenue South, and 9th Street South from 150 feet east of 2nd Avenue South to Lincoln Avenue South. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$6,544,084.41. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

Ross Olson  
City Administrator  
Published in Sauk Rapids Herald on May 17 and May 24, 2025.

R-20-2B

**SAUK RAPIDS-RICE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47  
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
Monday, April 28, 2025**

A semi-monthly meeting of the Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD 47 Board of Education was called to order by Chair Butkowski Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (CST) in the District Office Boardroom.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present included Butkowski, Dwyer, Hauck, Holthaus, Johnson, Loidolt, and Morse. Others present were Superintendent Bergstrom, Director of Business Services Fiereck, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Schoenherr, Director of Teaching and Learning Boser, Director of Technology Zimpel, and Rice Principal Bushman.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Chair Butkowski asked Clerk Loidolt to affirm there was a quorum in attendance. Clerk Loidolt affirmed there was a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

A motion was made by Holthaus, seconded by Dwyer and unanimously carried to approve the meeting’s “Agenda”.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Holthaus, seconded by Morse and unanimously carried approve the meeting’s “Consent Agenda”.

**ACTION**

**APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS**

A motion was made by Holthaus, seconded by Hauck and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote to approve the resolution relating to \$14,850,000.00 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2025A; Authorizing the issuance, awarding the sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment thereof.

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES RELATING TO \$14,850,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2025A**

Issuer: Independent School District No. 47 (Sauk Rapids-Rice), Minnesota

Governing Body: School Board

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A regular meeting held on April 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the District offices.

Members present: Hauck, Loidolt, Morse, Holthaus, Dwyer, Johnson, Butkowski

Members absent: None

Documents attached:

Minutes of said meeting (including):

RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$14,850,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2025A; AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE, AWARDED SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation issuing the bonds referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to said bonds; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer this 28th day of April, 2025.

School District Clerk

**APPROVAL OF FY26 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dwyer and unanimously carried to approve the preliminary FY26 Budget projections and proposed adjustments.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input at 7:06 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF THE UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ULA) RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Loidolt and unanimously carried, by roll call, vote to adopt the resolution relating to the unrequested leave of absence, effective at the end of the 2024 – 2025 school year.

**ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION NON-RENEWING TEACHING CONTRACTS**

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Morse and unanimously carried by, roll call, vote to adopt the Non-Renewal Resolution, which relates to the Program Reduction Resolution adopted by the Board on 01.06.25. This resolution terminates contracts for certain probationary teaching staff as indicated, effective the end of the 2024 – 2025 school year.

**APPROVAL TO WAIVE STATUTORY PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Hauck and unanimously carried to approve the memorandum of understanding between the school district and a SRRHS special education teacher that would extend their statutory probation period from three years to four years. Following Board approval, Superintendent Bergstrom requested approval for the employment of the SRRHS special education teacher, effective 08.25.25 pending approval of an out of field placement by PELS.

**APPROVAL TO WAIVE STATUTORY PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

A motion was made by Holthaus, seconded by Morse and unanimously carried to approve the memorandum of understanding between the school district and a PV special education teacher that would extend their statutory probation period from three years to four years. Following Board approval, Superintendent Bergstrom requested approval for the employment of the PV special education teacher, effective 08.25.25.

**APPROVAL FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED STAFF FOR THE 2025 – 2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Following approval of the preceding resolution non-renewing teaching contracts, a motion was made by Dwyer, seconded by Loidolt and unanimously carried to approve the employment of:

Employment of:

**Breanne N. Ostendorf**, SRRHS special education teacher, for 1.0 FTE, effective 08.25.25 at a salary schedule placement of BA, Step 1. Breanne replaces Tammy Victorian.

**Brett L. Vesel**, SRRMS mathematics teacher, for 1.0 FTE, effective 08.25.25 at a salary schedule placement of MA, Step 12. Brett replaces Alana Curtis-Nair.

**ADOPTION OF THE DONATION RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Hauck, seconded by Dwyer and unanimously carried to adopt the Donation Resolution. It is recommended by the Minnesota School Boards Association that a Donation Resolution be adopted in the Action area of the agenda rather than in Consent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business appearing before the Board, a motion was made by Morse, seconded by Loidolt and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Loidolt,  
Board of Education Clerk

Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD 47  
R-21-1B

**BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 6, 2025**

The Benton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 6, 2025, in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN. Call to order by Chair Ed Popp was at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A roll call showed Commissioners Pam Benoit, Ed Popp, Scott Johnson, Jared Gapinski, and Steve Heinen present.

County Administrator Montgomery Headley requested to add a legislative update as the last item under County Administrator at 9:05 AM. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Benoit to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No one was present to speak under Open Forum.

Benoit requested to pull Consent Agenda item #7 for further discussion. Motion by Gapinski and seconded by Johnson to approve Consent Agenda items 1 – 6 and 8 - 12: 1) approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025 and authorize the Chair to sign; 2) approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025 and authorize the Chair to sign; 3) approve a Resolution supporting DNR Grant Application by Benton County Snowmobile Club and authorize the Chair to sign; 4) approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc., regarding the Senior Promotions of Deputies Assigned to the Violent Offender Task Force and authorize the Chair to sign; 5) approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc., regarding a reclassification and unit change for the Emergency Communications Officer Lead position and authorize the Chair to sign; 6) approve the Application for Local Option Disaster Abatement for 2025 for Parcel 13.00033.00; 8) approve the Fiscal Agent and Provider of Services Contract between Benton, Mille Lacs, Morrison, and Sherburne “BMMS” Regional Fraud Prevention Investigation Program and Benton County Human Services and authorize the Chair to sign; 9) approve the 2025-2026 contract for Benton-Stearns Education District Early Intervention Program for a mental health professional to provide reflective consultation and home visiting and authorize the Chair to sign; 10) approve the Assessing Agreement(s) with the following jurisdiction(s): Town of Langola and authorize the Chair to sign; 11) approve the Special Road Use Permit for Rice Days and authorize the Chair to sign; 12) approve the 2025 Boat and Water Safety Grant and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Benoit requested clarification on Consent Agenda item #7 regarding a contract for Lighthouse Child and Family Serves for a co-located therapist in Foley. Human Services Director Sandi Shoberg stated that this contract provides time for a therapist to work at the school with students and teachers. This funding is from a collaborative, and not funded by tax dollars. Motion by Benoit and seconded by Johnson to approve Consent Agenda item #7 regarding the 2025-2026 contract for Lighthouse Child and Family Services for a co-located therapist at Foley Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, project manager Brian Hunker of Northland Reli-

ability provided an update to the County Board. This item was for informational purposes only.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider the discussion on Retiree dental coverage. The County has five pre-65 retirees who are eligible for the County’s new group dental coverage under Guardian. The County’s retiree’s health insurance administrator MedSurety mistakenly communicated to those retirees that the additional dental coverage (over and above preventative) was included in their medical premium (at no additional cost). The monthly cost of coverage of these retirees is \$29.34 for Guardian dental. The affected retirees have requested that the County cover the monthly premium for January through April (total cost \$586.80). Some retirees accessed dental services during this timeframe believing that coverage did not require an additional dental premium. From May onwards the retirees will either pay the monthly premium or opt out of dental coverage. Retiree Mary Spiczka requested the County Board to continue to pay the premium for the 5 pre-65 retirees currently participating in the health insurance coverage because of the loss of the preventative dental coverage. Gapinski suggested to continue the coverage through May to allow for the retirees to receive proper notification and time to decide if they want to continue with the dental coverage without any lapse in dental coverage. Gapinski also suggested to discuss retiree dental coverage at the next Board Meeting. Headley urged the County Board to use discretion on paying retiree benefits. Motion by Gapinski and seconded by Heinen to allocate \$733.50 from Board Contingency Fund to the dental insurance fund to cover the cost of pre- 65 retiree dental insurance from January 2025 to May 2025, and to have Headley gather information to present at the next Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider installing one-way security film on Courts Facility windows as recommended by the Courts Facility Security Committee. Window film was also recommended in a February 2024 security assessment conducted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). The quoted cost from a local vendor is \$6,900. Heinen asked why this would come from the Contingency account? Headley stated that it is the responsibility of the County to maintain the Courts facility. Johnson suggested this could come out of the Capital Improvement Plan fund balance because this would be an improvement to the Courts facility. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Heinen to approve the installation of security film on Court Security windows and allocate \$6,900 from the Capital Improvement Plan fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Headley provided a legislative update from Lobbyist Grady Harn. Headley shared that the sales tax refund request is struggling this session, and there was also a Bill for State-wide sales tax permanent refund, but that did not go through either. Harn will continue to work the issues the best he can. Harn requested County Board Members to attend a Legislative session on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM. This meeting would be set later in the meeting when the Committee of the Whole’s are set.

Next, Human Services Director Sandi Shoberg requested approval of the 2025 contract with Solutions Behavioral Health for Community Support Services. This is a new contract with this agency. Benton County previously contracted with another agency who is no longer able to fulfill this service. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Gapinski to approve the 2025 contract with Solutions Behavioral Health for Community Support Services. Motion carried unanimously. Next, Shoberg provided an update on ARPA funds for childcare home recruitment. This item was for informational purposes only.

Next, Shoberg shared the work well done by the fiscal department of Human Services. Benton County received a letter from MN Department of Human Services complimenting us on perfect performance in meeting the Department of Human Services (DHS) financial reporting requirements for calendar year 2024. Present from the Fiscal Services Department was Fiscal Services Director Ashely Moscho, and Fiscal Services Specialists Hannah Fischer and Terry Gullick. This item was for informational purposes only.

Next, County Engineer Chris Byrd requested the County Board to consider awarding construction contract for tied Construction Projects No. CP 005-043-012 & 005-066-007. These projects are the mill and overlay projects that were programmed for years 2026 and 2027 in the 5-Year Road CIP. However, due to receiving very favorable bid prices on earlier let projects the decision was made to advance these projects and capitalize on low prices. Bids were opened on April 30, 2025, via online bidding. Three bids were received. The engineer’s estimate was \$1,777,253 combined, and the lowest responsible bid was from Knife River of \$1,372,414.70 (23% under the estimate). Motion by Johnson and seconded by Popp to adopt the Resolution to Award Construction Contract to Knife River Corp. – North Central Division for \$1,372,414.70. Motion carried unanimously.

The County Board recessed at 9:59 AM to conduct a Community Health Board Meeting.

The County Board reconvened at 10:25 AM.

Next, Board members reported on recent meetings they attended on behalf of Benton County.

There were no additional comments by Commissioners.

Johnson/Gapinski to set the Committee of the Whole Meetings: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 bonding request at the Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155, 11:00 AM; Monday, June 9, 2025 Association of Minnesota Counties District 5 Meeting, Morrison County Boardroom, 213 1st Avenue SE, Little Falls, MN 56345, 8:00 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Popp adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:38 AM.

Edward D. Popp, Board Chair  
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Montgomery Headley  
Benton County Administrator

R-21-1B



WATAB TOWNSHIP  
BENTON COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 3 (amended)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR  
FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES  
(amended)

The Board of Supervisors of Watab Township, Benton County, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1: Purposes and Intent

This ordinance is adopted for the purpose of authorizing Watab Township (the “Town”) to charge for Fire and Emergency Services as authorized by Minn. Statutes §§ 366.011 and 366.012.

Section 2: Definitions

1. “Fire and Emergency Services” means any deployment of firefighting personnel, emergency medical personnel and/or equipment to extinguish a fire or perform any preventative measure to protect equipment, life, or property in an area threatened by fire, or to provide fire suppression, rescue, extrication, medical, and any other services related to fire and rescue as may occasionally occur.

2. “Service Charge” means the charge imposed by the Town for receiving Fire and Emergency Services.

3. “Fire Protection Contract” means a contract between the Town and another jurisdiction which provides Fire and Emergency Services.

Section 3: Parties Affected

Persons or entities that utilize Fire and Emergency Services within the Town, regardless of residence.

Section 4: Rates

1. Residents of the Town who receive Fire and Emergency Services will be billed 75% of the amount charged to the Town by the Fire and Emergency Services provider pursuant to the Fire Protection Contract. In the event the charges must be sent to collections or certified to the resident’s property taxes because of non-payment, the resident will forfeit the resident discount previously applied to the invoice. Interest will be applied to the original amount of the invoice prior to discount.

2. Non-residents of the Town who receive Fire and Emergency Services will be billed 100% of the amount charged to the Town by the Fire and Emergency Services provider pursuant to the Fire Protection Contract.

Section 5: Fire and Emergency Service Charges in General

1. The Collection of Fire and Emergency Service response charges shall be pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 366.011 and any other applicable statute. Collection of unpaid service charges shall be as authorized in Minnesota Statute § 366.012 and any other applicable statute.

2. Parties requesting Fire and Emergency Services, parties receiving Fire and Emergency services, and owners of property upon which Fire and Emergency Services are performed may be billed directly by the Town if such Fire and Emergency Services are provided pursuant to the Fire Protection Contract. If Fire Department personnel deem a fire or other emergency exists, even if the parties did not request services, the parties will be charged and billed.

3. When a particular service rendered by the Fire and Emergency Services provider directly benefits more than one person or property, the owner of each property so benefited, and each person or entity so benefited (where the property protection only is not involved) shall be liable for the payment of a proportionate share of the full charge for such service as outlined herein.

4. All parties will be billed whether the Fire and Emergency Services are covered by insurance. Any billable amount of the service charge not covered by a parties’ insurance remains a debt of the party billed for such Fire and Emergency services.

5. Parties receiving an invoice for Fire and Emergency Services will have 30 days to pay. If the invoice is not paid within that period, the invoice will be considered delinquent, and interest will accrue at a rate of 1.5% per month.

6. If the Fire and Emergency Service charge remains unpaid for 30 days after the notice of delinquency is sent, the Town Board may, in addition to any remedies available under Minnesota law, on or before November 15 of each year, certify the unpaid Fire and Emergency Services charge to the County Auditor of the county in which the delinquent party owns real property for collection with property taxes levied against

the property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 366.011 and 366.012. The County Auditor shall be responsible for remitting to the Town all charges and service charges collected on behalf of the Town. The Town must give the property owner written notice of its intent to certify the unpaid service charge to the Auditor by October 15. The service charge shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, and other conditions provided for the collection of property taxes.

7. The parties receiving the service shall be liable for all collection costs incurred by the Township including, but not limited to, administrative costs, attorneys’ fees, recording fees, and court costs.

8. Any party aggrieved by a charge authorized in this ordinance may appeal the charge as follows:

a. Within the period for which a bill is payable, the party shall file a written request with the Town Clerk setting forth specific reasons why the charge is improper.

b. The Clerk shall notify the aggrieved party, in writing, of the time, place, and date the Town Board will hold a hearing on the issue.

c. The Town Board may grant relief on appeal if it finds good cause and sufficient proof to satisfy the Board.

d. The Town Board may extend the time for payment for a reasonable period.

Section 6: Application to Collections to Budget

All Fire and Emergency Services charges collected will be Town funds and used to offset the expenses of the Town in contracting for Fire and Emergency Services.

Section 7: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective and enforceable upon its publication in the Town’s official newspaper.

Section 8: Severability

If any portion of this Ordinance is found unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of proper jurisdiction, all remaining provisions shall remain in effect and shall not be affected by the ruling on the invalid section.

Passed by the Watab Town Board this 10th day of December, 2024.

Jesse Arndt, Chairperson

Kathy Sauer, Clerk  
R-21-1B

WORK SESSION  
Monday, May 5, 2025  
District Office Boardroom  
5:30 p.m. (CST)

A Work Session of the Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD 47 Board of Education was called to order on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (CST) in the District Office Boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Members present included Butkowski, Dwyer, Hauck, Holthaus, Loidolt, Johnson, and Morse. Others present were Superintendent Bergstrom, Director of Business Services Fiereck, Director of Early Childhood Paasch, Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School Assistant Principal Johnson, Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Assistant Principal Wagner, and Mississippi Heights Elementary Assistant Principal Foley.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Chair Butkowski asked Clerk Loidolt to affirm there was a quorum in attendance. Clerk Loidolt affirmed there was a quorum.

AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion was made by Hauck, seconded by Dwyer and was unanimously carried to approve the Work Session Agenda as written.

WORK SESSION TOPICS

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES UPDATE

Assistant principals Foley, Johnson, and Wagner provided an update regarding parent-teacher conferences and were available to answer Board member questions.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SITE PLAN PRESENTATION

Director Paasch presented the early childhood site plan and was available to answer Board member questions.

BENTON STEARNS EDUCATION DISTRICT (BSED)  
FACILITY UPDATE

Superintendent Bergstrom provided a Benton Stearns Education District facility update and was available to answer Board member questions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further Work Session topics appearing before the Board, a motion was made by Morse, seconded by Butkowski and was unanimously carried to adjourn the Work Session at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Loidolt  
School Board Clerk  
Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD 47  
R-21-1B

PROBATE NOTICE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF STEARNS  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No:  
73-PR-25-2749

ORDER AND NOTICE OF  
HEARING ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL PROBATE  
OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF  
PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE IN  
UNSUPERVISED  
ADMINISTRATION AND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of:  
Doris V. Schefers  
a/k/a Doris Veronica  
Schefers,  
Deceased.

TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of June, 2025, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above-named deceased, dated March 31, 2014, and for appointment of Robert L. Schefers whose address is 463 19th Avenue South, Sartell, Minnesota

56377, as personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. This is an administrative hearing, and your appearance is not required.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.  
Dated: 05-15-2025  
/s/ Laura Moehrle  
Judge of District Court  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Court Administrator

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PROBATE NOTICE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BENTON COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT  
Court File No:  
05-PR-25-704  
Case Type: Informal Probate

NOTICE OF INFORMAL  
PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF  
PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of  
Rosalie K Wlaznak, aka  
Rosalie Katherine Wlaznak,  
Deceased.

TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent’s Last Will Dated March 10, 2014, Codicil(s) dated October 18, 2023, has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Carolyn Wlaznak, 12920 18th Ave S, Burnsville, MN 55337, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of the Notice, or the claims will be barred.  
Date: May 5, 2025  
/s/ Lea Hippe  
Probate Registrar  
Date: May 5, 2025  
Megan Bergman  
Court Administrator  
R-21-2B

PROBATE NOTICE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF STEARNS  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No:  
73-PR-25-3998

ORDER AND NOTICE OF  
HEARING ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL PROBATE  
OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF  
PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE IN  
UNSUPERVISED  
ADMINISTRATION AND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of:  
Paul Warren Schelske,  
Deceased.

TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of June, 2025, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above-named deceased, dated April 3, 2023, and for appointment of Patsy R. Schelske whose address is 32652 River Vista Lane, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303, as personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. This is an administrative hearing, and your appearance is not required.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.  
Dated: 05-13-2025  
/s/ Laura Moehrle  
Judge of District Court  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Court Administrator

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