

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROBATE NOTICE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BENTON
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Court File No: 05-PR-24-1475

Notice and Order for Hearing
on Petition for Descent of
Property

In Re: Estate of
Gary Allan Strandemo,
Decedent.

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last will and the descent of such property to be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the

Petition will be heard on November 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. by this Court via Zoom of the Benton County Courthouse, 615 Highway 23, Foley, Minnesota 56329. This hearing will be held administratively and you are not required to appear.

(1) Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice (Minn. Stat. 524.3-204).

(2) Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.
Dated: October 7, 2024

/s/ Robert J. Raupp
District Court Judge

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PETITIONER

F-42-2B

Notice to Voters

November 5, 2024

General Election



Review the information below to learn about the upcoming election.

Access Your Sample Ballot	Find Your Polling Place	Voting Before Election Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Your official ballot will have the names of all candidates for your precinct. <input type="radio"/> To see a list of the names of candidates and questions that will be on the ballot for your precinct visit: mnvotes.gov/myballot <input type="radio"/> You may request to have a free copy of your sample ballot mailed to you. <input type="radio"/> Election results will be available starting after 8pm on Election Day at: www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Election Day is Tuesday, November 5 <input type="radio"/> You can find your Election Day Polling Place by visiting: mnvotes.gov/pollfinder <input type="radio"/> Election Day Polling Locations are open November 5, 2024 7am-8pm <input type="radio"/> You may live in a precinct where a ballot is mailed to you as a mail ballot voter <input type="radio"/> If voting by mail, return your ballot no later than 8pm on Election Day to the Benton County Auditor-Treasurer Office 531 Dewey Street Foley, MN 56329 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> You can vote early with an absentee ballot starting September 20 <input type="radio"/> You can vote early by mail, in person or from the military or abroad <input type="radio"/> The ONLY place to vote absentee in person is at the Benton County Government Center 531 Dewey Street Foley, MN 56329 <input type="radio"/> Absentee voting hours: Mon-Fri 8am - 4:30pm Oct. 26th 9am - 3pm Oct. 29th 8am - 7pm Nov. 2nd 9am - 3pm Nov. 3rd 9am - 3pm Nov. 4th 8am - 5pm Benton County Government Center Auditor-Treasurer Office

Contact Your Local Election Official

Your county election official:

- Can mail you a sample ballot for free
- Keeps your voter registration record
- Handles other parts of the voting process

Head Election Official:
Christine Scherbing
 Phone: (320)968-5008

Website: www.co.benton.mn.us/169/Elections
 Email: cscherbing@co.benton.mn.us

**531 Dewey Street
 Foley, MN 56329**

BENTON COUNTY
AUDITOR-TREASURER
ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Assistant Election Official:
Heather Bondhus
 Phone: (320)968-5006

Website: www.co.benton.mn.us/169/Elections
 Email: elections@co.benton.mn.us

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SUMMONS

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BENTON COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Court File Number:
05-JV-24-1769

of the above-named parent(s) or another Permanency Petition seeking the permanent placement of the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) was filed in the above-named court.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT at the following date, time, and place where a hearing regarding the Petition and the best interests of the child(ren) will be held:

December 12, 2024
Admit/Deny Hearing
9:30 AM
District Court Judge
Carl Ole Tvedten
Benton County District Court
Courtroom 2
615 Highway 23,
PO Box 189
Foley, MN 56329
(320) 968-5205

YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS because, pursuant to statute or

court rule:
• You are a parent to the child(ren) named in the petition; or
• You are a party to this proceeding pursuant to Juvenile Protection Rule 32.01 or an attorney for a party; or
• You have physical custody of the child who is the subject of the Petition; or
• You are a person whose presence the court believes is important to a determination concerning the best interests of the child(ren) who are the subject of the Petition.
IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING:
• The court may conduct the hearing without you; and
• The court may find that the factual allegations and statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved; and
• The court may enter an order granting the relief requested in the petition, which may include:

removing the child(ren) from the home of the parent or legal custodian and placing the child(ren) in foster care;
permanently severing the parent's rights to the child(ren) pursuant to a termination of parental rights petition;
permanently transferring the child(ren)'s legal and physical custody to a relative; or
an order for other permanent placement of the child(ren).

A STATEMENT OF YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, including the right to be represented by an attorney as authorized under the statutes and court rules, can be obtained in Court Administration. It is your responsibility to immediately notify the court administrator if your address changes.
Dated: October 9, 2024
Megan Bergman
Court Administrator
F-43-3B

SUMMONS

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BENTON COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Court File Number:
05-JV-24-1771

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PLEASE take notice that on October 08, 2024, a Termination of Parental Rights Petition seeking to permanently sever the rights of the above-named parent(s) or another Permanency Petition seeking the permanent placement of the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) was filed in the above-named court.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 11, 2022
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$319,088.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Brian James Fisher and Nikole Renee Fisher, married to each other
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Homeowners Financial Group USA, LLC, its successors and assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: April 13, 2022 Benton County Recorder
Document Number: 459956
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: Planet Home Lending, LLC
Dated: August 31, 2024
Recorded: September 3, 2024 Benton County Recorder
Document Number: 473370
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1003775-1300254728-4

Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: Homeowners Financial Group USA, LLC
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Planet Home Lending, LLC
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Benton
Property Address: 1734 Maple Court, Saint Cloud, MN 56304
Tax Parcel ID Number: 17.01546.00
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 9, Block 1, Oakwood Heights Plat Six, according to the plat and survey thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Benton County, Minnesota
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$322,106.38
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; 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:

November 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, 581 Highway 23, Foley, Minnesota
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.
If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on May 21, 2025, or the next business day if May 21, 2025 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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.
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: September 30, 2024
MORTGAGEE: Planet Home Lending, LLC
Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200
Woodbury, MN 55125
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 055221-F1 F-41-6B

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 the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 9, 2011
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$161,658.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Thomas Kolbo, a single adult
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Liberty Savings Bank
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 21, 2011 as Document Number 383861 in the Office of the County Recorder of Benton County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on December 23, 2015 as Document Number A413639 in the Office of the County Recorder of Benton County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on

October 15, 2019 as Document Number 438849 in the Office of the County Recorder of Benton County, Minnesota.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 16, Block 2, Fox Meadows, Benton County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 909 7TH ST NE, RICE, MN 56367
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Benton County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$121,172.41
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Liberty Savings Bank
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: R15.00666.00
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1003624-1045299240-8
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the

same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
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: December 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Benton County Sheriff's Office, 581 Highway 23, Foley, MN 56329.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagor, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on June 10, 2025.
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.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: October 02, 2024
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee
TROT LAW, P.C.
By: /s/
N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Sung Woo Hong, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(22-0501-FC03)
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
F-41-6B

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 29, 2006
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,825.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Angela C. Devore and Robert Devore, Wife and Husband
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for BNC Mortgage, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, its successors and assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: January 4, 2007 Benton County Recorder
Document Number: A 344933
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee for BNC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-1
Dated: February 22, 2022
Recorded: March 1, 2022 Benton County Recorder
Document Number: 459076
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100122200002991856
Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: BNC Mortgage, Inc., a Delaware Corporation
Residential Mortgage Servicer: PHH Mortgage Corporation
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Benton
Property Address: 521 2nd St SE, Saint Cloud, MN 56304
Tax Parcel ID Number: 170030900
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF

PROPERTY: Lot Fifteen (15), Block Twenty-four (24), East St. Cloud (now a part of the City of St. Cloud), according to the plat and survey thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Benton County, Minnesota, together with a 12 foot access easement over the northeast 12 feet of Lot Sixteen (16) in said Block Twenty-four (24)
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$104,996.21
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; 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: December 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, 581 Highway 23, Foley, Minnesota
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.
If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on June 10, 2025, or the next business day if June 10, 2025 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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.
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: October 14, 2024
MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee For BNC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-1
Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200
Woodbury, MN 55125
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 055043-F4 F-43-6B

PUBLIC NOTICES

2024 County “SCORE” Grants Available for Solid Waste Abatement, Recycling Projects, and Tire Recycling

Benton County is seeking to enhance existing or promote new solid waste abatement and recycling activities/ programs through our SCORE grant application process. Examples of recently funded projects include recycled material playground equipment, composting, and educational plays at schools. These grants are open to the individuals, public and private sectors.

For more information about either grant program and to obtain application forms, please access the Benton County Web site at www.co.benton.mn.us or contact the Benton County Planning & Zoning at: Benton County Government Center, 531 Dewey Street, P.O. Box 129 Foley, MN 56329-0129, (320) 968-5065. Applications must be received by November 4th, 2024 at the above address.

F-43-1B

PROBATE NOTICE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BENTON
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
Court File No: 05-PR-24-1736

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Michael Paul Kuklok,
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 25, 2024, at 8:00 AM, a hearing will be held in this Court at 615 MN-23, Foley, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent and for the appointment of Luann Gregoire, whose address is 2417 26th Ave. S. #101, Fargo, ND, 58103 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts,

claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. This hearing will be held administratively and you are required to appear.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 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 months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: October 9, 2024
/s/ Carl Ole Tvedten
Judge of District Court
Dated: October 9, 2024
/s/ Megan Bergman
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner
Mike Rajkowski
Evenson Decker, P.A.
1011 2nd St. N. #201
Saint Cloud, MN 56302
Attorney License No. 0195303
Telephone: (320) 253-7130
Email: MRajkowski@EvensonDeckerLaw.com

F-43-2B

MAYHEW LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MEETING

Due to the general election being on Tuesday, November 5, we will be having our monthly Mayhew Lake Township meeting on Wednesday, November 6, at 7 p.m. at the Mayhew Lake Town Hall.

F-43-2B

PUBLIC NOTICES

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2024

The Benton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 1, 2024, in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN. Call to order by Chair Jared Gapinski was at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A roll call showed Commissioners Beth Schlangen, Steve Heinen, Jared Gapinski, Scott Johnson, and Ed Popp present.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Popp to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

No one was present to speak under Open Forum.

Motion by Popp and seconded by Heinen to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 3: 1) approve the Special Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024 and authorize the Chair to sign; 2) approve the contract for FirstTwo information services and authorize the Chair to sign; 3) approve the maintenance agreement with Identisys and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Land Services Director Roxanne Achman requested the County Board to consider adopting the proposed assessment of \$442,813.76 for the replacement/upgrade of the community septic system serving Eagle View Commons through the Agricultural Best Management Practices Loan Program (AgBMP). The property owners within the Eagle View Commons development applied for the AgBMP loan through Benton County for the replacement/upgrade of the community septic system serving their development in 2023. Resolution 2023-14, which sets the terms of the loan, was adopted by the County Board on March 21, 2023. All property owners within the development completed an application and filed a lien agreement with Benton County, agreeing to the terms and repayment of the loan. The terms include special assessing the cost to the individual properties and repayment over 10 years at an interest rate of 1.75%. The replacement/upgrade of the system began in June 2024 and was completed in July 2024 by Steinbrecher Companies, Inc. The estimated cost of the project was \$444,000.00. The total and final cost of the project was \$442,813.76 which is approximately \$11,070.35/parcel. The assessment will be placed on the 2025 tax statements. Interest will begin accruing on the first business day of 2025 (January 2, 2025). Property owners may pay in full up front to avoid interest or pay off the loan early without penalty. The Public Hearing opened at 9:05 AM. No one was present in-person or virtually. The Public Hearing closed at 9:05 AM. Achman reported that there were no emails, letters or other communications to be read into the record. The Department has not received any comments or concerns from any State agencies, cities or townships on this agenda item, and there was no official action required by an affected Township. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Popp to adopt the proposed assessment of \$442,813.76 for the replacement/upgrade of the community septic system serving Eagle View Commons through the AgBMP Loan Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Finance Director Jackie Traut invited Kristen Houle and Eric Aronson of CliftonLarsonAllen to provide a summary of the results of Benton County's 2023 Audit. This item was for informational purposes only.

Next, County Administrator Montgomery Headley requested the County Board to consider additional services for employee engagement from Employee Strategies. The first cohort of County supervisors and Department Heads have completed the Leadership Training. A common theme in post training feedback was that the sessions felt too rushed (too much content for just three sessions). Employee Strategies normally delivers its leadership program in 8-9 sessions but attempted to compress its program into three half-day sessions. This new proposal adds an additional half-day session to address those concerns. Also, based on Culture Team feedback and discussions with Employee Strategies, the Culture Team could benefit from additional in-person facilitation from Andy Zimney of Employee Strategies. This proposal adds three more in-person sessions. The original financial commitment was \$64,300. Adding another day of Leadership cohorts #2 and #3, plus adding three more in-person Culture Team meetings will cost an additional \$22,600. Funding can be provided from savings in the vacant HR Director position. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Johnson to approve the additional commitment of \$22,600 for expanded Leadership Training and additional in-person Culture Team facilitation, funded by savings from the vacant HR Director position. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested to reclassify the Wetland and Solid Waste Program Lead position. Our Class and Comp consultant (DDA) recommends reclassifying from Grade 8 to Grade 11. Also, DDA recommends creating a Senior classification at Grade 12. This reclassification recognizes the significant technical responsibilities of this position and the independent nature of this work. It also recognizes the substantial economic consequences of wetlands-related actions in the County. The reclass is also due to prevailing labor market conditions. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Popp to approve the reclassification of the Wetlands and Solid Waste Program Lead to a Grade 11 and create a Wetlands and Solid Waste Senior position at Grade 12. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley invited Amy Diedrich (virtual) of Marsh McLennan Agency (MMA) to provide the recommendation for employee health insurance funding (premium rates) for 2025. MMA recommends increasing funding factor by 0% for 2025. This recommendation will allow us to keep building our reserves from depleting them in prior years. Benton County currently has approximately \$1.2 million in reserves and has a target of six months of Fund expenses which equals about \$1.9 million. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Heinen to approve the MMA recommendations to increase funding factor by 0% for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Human Services Deputy Director Sandi Shoberg requested to hire two MnChoice Social Workers included in the 2025 budget in 2024. During the 2025 budget process, the Board approved hiring two Social Workers for the MnChoice unit. Per statute, MnChoice Assessments should be completed within ten days of request. Our waiting list currently has 51 persons on that list who may wait 4-5 months for an assessment. The unit does triage those on the waiting list and attempts to meet the needs of those in most urgent needs first, but this does slow down the

provision of medical services needed by the residents of Benton County. The cost of these positions is completely off set by revenue generated. Also, starting October 1, 2024, the counties will be responsible for managing service requests for CFSS (Community First Services and Supports), which is a new way to manage needs for those needing PCA (Personal Care Assistance). Over the course of the year, this will add approximately 100 cases for Benton County. Costs are based on posting the positions yet this month with a start date in November. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Popp to approve to hire two social workers for the MnChoice unit in November. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, County Engineer Chris Byrd shared a request from the City of Gilman to delay road construction project on CSAH 3 and CSAH 5. While it does look favorable that the City will receive Congressionally Delegated Spending appropriations through Representative Emmer's office, this is only a portion of the funding the City needs to complete their project. The City is also seeking funding through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority and through USDA RD program. The city is asking to hold off on construction until they can secure more funding for their portion of the project. This item was for informational purposes only.

The County Board Meeting recessed at 9:49 AM to conduct a Community Health Board Meeting.

The County Board reconvened at 10:27 AM.

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

There were no additional comments under Comments by Commissioners.

Johnson/Heinen to set the Committee of the Whole Meetings: Friday, October 4, 2024 Space Needs Discussion, Benton County Boardroom, Foley, 8:00 AM; Wednesday, October 9, 2024 Foley School District Walk to School Day, Gustavus Adolphus Church, 640 Broadway Ave N, Foley, MN 56329, 7:45 AM; Monday, October 21, 2024 Human Services and Public Health Quarterly Meeting and discussion on Cannabis Ordinance, Human Services Third Floor Conference Room, Foley, 8:30 AM; Monday, October 21, 2024, River Heights Facility, Lincoln Center and St. Cloud Salvation Army tour, beginning at River Heights Facility 1307 Lincoln Ave SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304 at 11:00 AM or upon completion of Committee of the Whole Meeting, then going to Lincoln Center at 630 Lincoln Ave SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304, and ending at St. Cloud Salvation Army, 400 Highway 10 S, Saint Cloud, MN 56304. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Gapinski adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:41 AM.

Jared Gapinski, Chair
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator

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