

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Government Center
Anoka, Minnesota

November 30, 2023

At 6:00 p.m. Chair Look called the county’s annual truth-in-taxation meeting to order and called for participation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Brad Johnson, County Attorney; Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator; Commissioners Braastad, Reinert, Schulte, Look, Gamache, Jeppson, and Meisner, staff, and members of the public.

County Administrator Rhonda Sivarajah presented a letter dated November 30, 2023, regarding the Anoka County budget and 2024 projects. (The letter is on file in the County Administration Office.)

Chief Financial Officer Cory Kampf presented the 2024 Budget Presentation. (Presentation is on file in the County Administration Office.)

At the request of Chair Look, the County Attorney opened the portion of the meeting where members of the public present had a full opportunity to speak. The County Attorney reported that he had inquired of county staff whether any public comments were received prior to the public meeting, and there were none. Upon the County Attorney’s call to those present, the following members of the public approached the county board and spoke, offering their comments and questions related to the proposed property tax levy and budget:

Faith Roberts, with Banner Canvas in Ham Lake; Terry Baker with The American Aviation Heritage Foundation in Blaine; Scott Engle, resident of Blaine; Barb Koloff with Meineke Car Care in Ham Lake; Becky Fink, resident of Coon Rapids; Nate Kveton with D&N Management in Blaine; Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff, resident of Spring Lake Park; Paddy Jones, resident of Ham Lake; Bob Schack, a resident of Lino Lakes; Warren Alvord, resident of Anoka; Benno Schuhbauer, resident of Lino Lakes; and Pankaj Chatwani, resident of Blaine; addressed the board with comments and questions.

After having made additional calls for members of the public to speak and having fully heard from all of the members of the public present who wished to address the county board, the County Attorney closed the public-address portion of the meeting and turned it back to Chair Look.

Chair Look stated that the subsequent meeting for adoption of the final tax levy and final operating budget will be during the regular county board meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Friday, December 1, 2023.

The county board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

By: _____
Rhonda Sivarajah
County Administrator

By: _____
Matt Look, its Chair