

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

RESIDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

1:30 PM

Chair: Heather Edelson, District 6
ViceChair: Debbie Goettel, District 5
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Kevin Anderson, District 7

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [RS-COMMITTEEMINUTES-16-Sep-2025](#)

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0415](#)

Amd 6 to Agmt A178204 with Better Futures Minnesota f/k/a Network for Better Futures, to provide lawn care, snow removal and salt/sanding services for maintenance of state of Minnesota tax-forfeit properties administered by Hennepin County, 01/01/26-12/31/26

2.B. [25-0416](#)

Amd 6 to Agmt CM00000534 with Better Futures Minnesota for routine exterior property inspections and the boarding and securing of Hennepin County tax-forfeit properties, 01/01/26-12/31/26

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Board Action Request

TMP-25-0833

Item Description:

September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

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Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Resident Services Committee for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 to order at 3:41 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Jeff Lunde and Commissioner Marion Greene

Absent: Commissioner Heather Edelson and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. August 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Greene

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Anderson

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0357](#)

Amd 1 to agmt PR00004324 between Vision Government Solutions, Inc. and Hennepin County for software maintenance, reducing scope of support services and contract amounts in 2026 and 2027

CONSENT

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Greene

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Anderson

There being no further business, the Resident Services Committee for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 was declared adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

25-0415

Item Description:

Amd 6 to Agmt A178204 with Better Futures Minnesota f/k/a Network for Better Futures, to provide lawn care, snow removal and salt/sanding services for maintenance of state of Minnesota tax-forfeit properties administered by Hennepin County, 01/01/26-12/31/26

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and County Administrator be authorized to utilize the set-aside contracting authority under Minn. Stat. § 383B.145, Subd. 5 for Amendment 6 to Agreement A178204 with Better Futures Minnesota, to provide lawn care, snow removal, and salt/sanding services for maintenance of Hennepin County's inventory of state of Minnesota tax-forfeit properties, extending the contract period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, be approved, that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Better Futures Minnesota ("BFM") is a Minnesota nonprofit corporation and social enterprise that, since 2008, has provided employment to hundreds men who are chronically unemployed or formerly incarcerated, while generating revenues to support its mission, utilizing four fundamental components: jobs, housing, health, and coaching supports. Since 2010, providing services under another contract with Land Information and Tax Services ("LITS"), BFM Enterprise Division has enrolled more than 1,000 participants in its workforce development services, employing more than 500 at-risk men to provide lawn services and snow removal.

BFM reports that their participant recidivism rate in 2024 was 7%, compared to the national rate of 38% for individuals that return to prison within their first year of being released. BFM participants are given the opportunities to transform into engaged citizens in their communities, who can pay their taxes and child-support payments. BFM has calculated a social return on investment of \$2.12.

Land Information and Tax Services staff will manage the proposed contract amendment. LITS performs the statutory functions of the county auditor for administration and maintenance of state of Minnesota tax-forfeited lands under delegation of authority from the County Board. Revenues from sales and leases of tax-forfeit properties are deposited into the Forfeited Tax Sale Fund agency fund. County tax-forfeit property management and related operating expenses are paid from this fund, including the costs under the proposed Amendment 6 of Agreement A178204.

LITS seeks to continue contracting with Better Futures Minnesota for snow removal and lawn care and endeavors to support Hennepin County's disparity reduction efforts and the BFM program. The original contract was directly negotiated pursuant to the set aside statute (Minn. Stat. § 383B.145, Subd. 5) and contains provisions consistent with the findings requirement of the statute. To date, \$853,659.55 has been expended from the contract.

This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts by supporting employment and income opportunities for individuals who are chronically unemployed and/or who are returning to the community from the corrections system.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0416

Item Description:

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and County Administrator be authorized to utilize the set-aside contracting authority under Minn. Stat. § 383B.145, Subd. 5 to approve Amendment 6 to Agreement CM00000534, with Better Futures Minnesota for routine exterior property inspections, and the boarding and securing of Hennepin County tax-forfeit properties, amending to extend the contract period for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Land Information and Tax Services seeks to LITS seeks to continue contracting with Better Futures Minnesota for its routine exterior property inspections, and the boarding and securing services of Hennepin County tax-forfeit properties. This contract was directly negotiated as permitted under the set aside statute (Minn. Stat. § 383B.145, Subd. 5) and not derived from a competitive bid. To date, \$130,366.78 has been expended from the contract.

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Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval