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**Sponsor:** Property Tax, Records & Election Services

**Meeting Date:** 9/3/2024

**Title:** Public Online Auction of 64 Tax-Forfeited Properties Utilizing MNBid

**File Number:** 2024-374

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Productive Properties (“PRP”) section of the department of Property Tax, Records and Election Services (PTRES) will hold a public online auction of 64 tax-forfeited properties consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subdivision 1. The 64 properties consist of 16 properties improved with structures, and 48 vacant lots. The public sale will be held via online auction and conducted by the Minnesota Department of Administration, Fleet & Surplus Division, using their MNBid website. The auction will open for bids on October 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and will close on November 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

PRP has prepared a Notice of Sale, as Exhibit “A,” stating the terms and conditions governing the public auction, and an Auction List, as Exhibit “B,” containing the list of properties for sale and general information pertaining to each property being offered for sale. See link to maps:

[https://www.ramseycounty.us/sites/default/files/Property/Maps\\_0.pdf](https://www.ramseycounty.us/sites/default/files/Property/Maps_0.pdf)

If, for any reason, it is necessary to remove a parcel from the auction list, once it has been approved by the board, and there is insufficient time to obtain board approval prior to the auction, the County Manager will authorize removal of the parcel from the auction and bring it back to the board for ratification.

This public sale is guided by Section 10. Laws 2024, Chapter 113, section 1, subdivision 2, as amended. Some key Terms and Conditions are as follows:

- 1) The sale will be for no less than its appraised value and sold to the highest bidder;
- 2) The sale will be for cash only and not on contract-for-deed terms; and
- 3) If the property is a residential property with four or fewer residential units or a property that is unimproved with a structure, a person purchasing the property must intend to own and occupy the property as a residence or intend to use the property for a noncommercial personal use.

Any remaining unsold parcels will be offered for sale the next business day following the public auction at the PRP office, for their respective appraised value on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Authorize the County Manager to hold a public online auction of 64 properties, according to the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of Sale, Exhibit A.
2. Approve the appraised value of each parcel as listed on the Auction List, Exhibit B.
3. Certify that all parcels of land have been viewed and none of the parcels physically pertain to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subdivision 8, and 282.018.
4. Authorize the County Manager to remove any parcel prior to auction where insufficient time exists for board approval of the removal from the auction and to bring it back to the board for ratification of the removal.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.  
Motion passed.

Aye: - 5: Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: - 1: McGuire

By:   
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Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board