



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** October 8, 2019

**Title of Item:** Application to repurchase tax-forfeited property

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <small><i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i></small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Rich Courtemanche		<b>Department:</b> Land Department
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Rich Courtemanche - Land Commissioner		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> n/a
<b>Summary of Issue:</b>  S 282.241 allows application to repurchase tax-forfeited property by the former owner.  Thomas and Christine Von Walter, husband and wife at the time of forfeiture, have submitted a letter of application to repurchase the following tax forfeited land:  21-1-076500 Lot 14 of Sugar Lake Addition according to the plat thereof on file, Section two (2), Township forty-five (45), Range twenty-five (25)  and  has submitted the fee of \$3,784.69		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>  		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Adopt resolution.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

By Commissioner: xx

20191008-0xx

Repurchase Application – Von Walter

**WHEREAS**, Thomas and Christine Von Walter (Husband and wife), of 1755 E. Laurie Road, Maplewood, MN 55109, the owners at the time of forfeiture, have made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described parcel of tax forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, of amended, which land is situated in the County of Aitkin, Minnesota and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 14 of Sugar Lake Addition according to the plat thereof on file, Section two (2), Township forty-five (45), Range twenty-five (25)

**and WHEREAS**, said applicant has set forth in his application that:

- a. Hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit:

My wife paid all the bills and received all the mail. I was unaware of any problems until I intercepted a bill from a collection agency on a credit card. I didn't know about back taxes until I was served by the sheriff. The cause of this situation was my trust in my wife and her addiction to gambling.

The repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because:

I will see that the taxes are paid on time to Aitkin County and that I'll keep up the property and use the local businesses as I did before.

**and WHEREAS**, this board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the application of Thomas and Christine Von Walter for the purchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of  
Aitkin County, Minnesota.

I, the undersigned owner-mortgagee-heir-representative of heirs Thomas VonWalter, at the time of forfeiture of the parcel .... of land situated in the County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

**RE: Sect 2, Twp 45, RGE 25; SUGAR LAKE ADDITION PLAT 4, LOT 14**

do hereby make application for the purchase of said parcel... of land from the State of Minnesota, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

In support of this application for the repurchase of said land I make the following statement:

(a) That hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit: **My wife Christine paid all the bills and received all the mail - I was unaware of any problems until I intercepted a bill from a collection agency on a credit card. I went to the credit union and checked my accounts, and discovered problems. Over the last six months I've resolved these issues. I didn't know about the back taxes until I was served by the sheriff. The cause of this situation was my trust in my wife and her addiction to gambling. My finances will no longer be taken for granted and checked regularly.**

(b) That the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because

**I will see that the taxes are paid on time to Aitkin County and that I'll keep up the property and use the local businesses as I did before.**

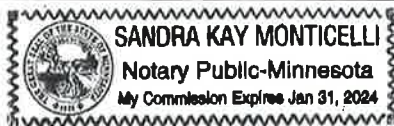
Thomas VonWalter  
Owner-Mortgagee-Heir-Representative of Heirs

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, by SM

Sandra Kay Monticelli  
Signature of person taking acknowledgement

Notarial Seal



9-16-2019

To The Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
Hickin County -

My wife called the auditors office about  
the 2nd of June - was told we could send \$1,500.  
We sent a check #6008. Then we sent another  
check for \$1,500 #6014 on Aug 9th. My wife  
made it sound like if we made payments we  
wouldnt have to worry about the due date.  
We were trying to make the payments in good.  
Hickin County - I hope you'll take this into  
consideration -

~~Thomas Lon Walter~~

Please let us keep the cabin in the family

No delinquent taxes and transfer entered; Certificate of Real Estate Value ( ) filed (  ) not required  
 Certificate of Real Estate Value No. Nov 19, 1990  
Melena C. Datzler  
 County Auditor  
 by Alice Datzler  
 Deputy

284311

FILED NOV 19 1990 AT LP M.

Everett Davies, County Recorder

STATE DEED TAX DUE HEREON: \$ 1.65

Date: December 15, 19 89

(reserved for recording data)

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, Mary L. Von Walter, a single person  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Grantor (  ),  
(marital status)  
 hereby convey (s) and quitclaim (s) to Thomas Von Walter and Christine Von Walter, husband and wife  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Grantee (s),  
 real property in AITKIN County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Lot 14, of Sugar Lake Addition according to the plat on map thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said county and state subject to all mineral and mineral rights as of record.

Total consideration for this transfer was less than \$500.00

(if more space is needed, continue on back)  
 together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto.

AITKIN COUNTY DEED TAX  
 No 63 Date 11-19-90  
\$1.65 Dollars Paid  
Melena C. Datzler  
 County Treasurer

Mary L. Walter  
 MARY L. VON WALTER

By K. Sueck Deputy

STATE OF MINNESOTA }  
 COUNTY OF AITKIN } ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 15 day of December, 19 89.  
 by ~~XX~~ Mary L. Von Walter  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Grantor (s).

NOTARIAL STAMP OR SEAL (OR OTHER TITLE OR RANK)

Alice Datzler

Date: December 15, 19 89

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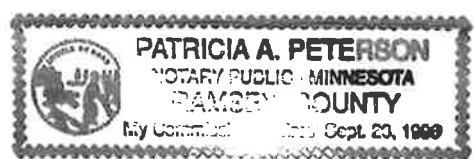
Mary L. Von Walter  
MARY L. VON WALTER

By K. Lueck Deputy

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COUNTY OF AITKIN } ss.

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Patricia A. Peterson  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON TAKING ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Tax Statements for the real property described in this instrument should be sent to (Include name and address of Grantee):

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY (NAME AND ADDRESS):  
John G. Ganley #185334  
HYATT LEGAL SERVICES  
Attorney at Law  
3035 White Bear Ave.  
Maplewood, MN 55109  
(612) 777-0400

Thomas and Christine VonWalter  
1755 E. Laurie Rd.  
Maplewood, MN 55109

Thomas & Chris VonWalter  
 September 9, 2019  
 21-1-076500

Interest calc September 30, 2019

Year	Tax	Cost	Interest	Penalty	Total	
2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.875
2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.775
2013	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.675
2014	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.475
2015	\$ 719.05	\$ 20.00	\$ 304.11	\$ 71.91	\$ 1,115.07	0.375
2016	\$ 766.00		\$ 231.72	\$ 76.60	\$ 1,074.32	0.275
2017	\$ 289.49		\$ 55.73	\$ 28.95	\$ 374.17	0.175
2018	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.075
2019	\$ 862.00		\$ -	\$ 30.17	\$ 892.17	
Total:	\$ 2,636.54	\$ 20.00	\$ 591.55	\$ 207.63	\$ 3,455.72	

Total:	3455.72
St Deed Tax	11.40
Forf Proc Cost	100.00
Sheriff Cost	40.00
Deed	25.00
Land Dept Cost	100.00
Rec Fee	46.00
Crt Letter Fee-Auditor	6.56
Crt Letter Fee-Land	0.00
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total:	3,784.69

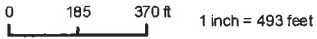




USDA, Aitkin County, GIS

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Von Walter



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Date: 9/20/2019