

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

2G Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 9/12/2017

Title of Item: Application to repurchase tax-forfeited land - Rick & Kelly Olson **Action Requested: Direction Requested** REGULAR AGENDA Approve/Deny Motion Discussion Item CONSENT AGENDA Adopt Resolution (attach draft) Hold Public Hearing* INFORMATION ONLY *provide copy of hearing notice that was published Submitted by: Department: Land Commissioner Land Department Presenter (Name and Title): **Estimated Time Needed:** Mark Jacobs Summary of Issue: MN Statute 282.241 allows the previous owners of tax forfeited lands to apply to repurchase the property for back taxes. penalties and fees within 6-months of forfeiture. Rick and Kelly Olson of Palisade, MN have made application to repurchase Plat of Palisade Lot 9 and 10 Block 5; which forfeited on 8/1/2017 The attached draft resolution contains the required provisions for application to repurchase and the required fee of \$11,014.36 has been submitted. Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: Recommended Action/Motion: I recommend approval of the repurchase application as being in the best interest of Aitkin County. Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? Yes Please Explain:

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED September 12, 2017

By Commissioner: xx 20170912-0xx

Repurchase Application - Olson

WHEREAS, Rick J and Kelly J. Olson, the former owner has 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:

Plat of Palisade – Lots 9 and 10 Block 5 Property ID – 60-1-008500

and, WHEREAS, said applicants have set forth in their application that:

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

The hardship and injustice are: While operating the business at 303 Main Street in Palisade there was an extreme financial collapse to the economy. While I (Kelly Olson) took day to day control of operating the business, my husband took care of our personal finances. He however lost his job and was laid off for two years. During this time our home went into default and we lost that. His only job opportunity came from the Twin Cities and we had no other choice of closing our business and relocating to the cities. It took almost two years for me to find a part-time position.

After 5 years of this property being on the market, and multiple times dropping the price down from the initial asking of \$235,000 to \$30,000. We were finally able to obtain a purchase offer. During the spring of 2013 we had an auction to pay our taxes; we sold on auction approx. (estimated value) of \$60,000 of equipment and only made approx. \$3,000 for this attempt to settle our debts. This was the last time we had any money to send towards our tax debt to Aitkin County.

We live day to day and paycheck to paycheck to afford our daily living expenses; and we will most likely never recover from this loss.

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

After 5 years of the building being on the market, we finally received a purchase agreement for the building and are paying cash.

The family who has made this offer would like to put an establishment into this location as they understand that a good business structure helps the whole community.

c) Type of ownership you hold on the property:

At the time of this notice we are the owners of the property; originally we purchased it with a contractfor-deed on a 3 year term and satisfied this contract in 2008. We invested an additional \$75,000 in upgrades and equipment. The upgrades remain, the equipment does not as it was sold in previously noted auction.

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 Rick J and Kelly J Olson for the repurchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized 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
STATE OF MINNESOTA

All Members Voting

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 12th day of September 2017, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of September 2017

Jessica Seibert County Administrator





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Date: 08/23/2017

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REMITTER: KELLY AND RICK OLSON

PAY TO THE AITKIN COUNTY ORDER OF

DRAWER: MONEYGRAM PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC. P.O. BOX 9476 MINNEAPOLIS MN 55480 DRAWEE: FIRST INTERSTATE BANK, BILLINGS, MT. \$11,014.36

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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Aitkin County, Minnesota
I, the undersigned owner-mortgagee-heir-representative of heirs Rich J. Kelly J. Olson at the time of forfeiture of the parcel of land situated in the County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit: 303 Main ST Palisade, MN 56469 Lots 9:10, block 5 Sec 22 Twp 49.0 Rg 25 Lot Block Acres 00 Property Lo 60-1-008500 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,
Please See Attached explaination
(b) That the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because: Please See Attached explanation Also, attached Purchase agreement
Kelly J. Olson and Ool Olson
State of Minnesota County of
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this M day of PIXMST > 20 17 by

Signature of person taking acknowledgement

Notarial Seal

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