

STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS) FINDINGS OF FACT
AND BELLE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
MINNESOTA STATUTES 414) AND ORDER

The joint resolution for orderly annexation submitted by the City of Little Falls and Belle Prairie Township was reviewed for conformity with applicable law. By delegation, the Chief Administrative Law Judge's designee hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 17, 2010, the Chief Administrative Law Judge reviewed and accepted the joint resolution which was adopted by the City on July 19, 2010 and Township on July 12, 2010, and duly filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings-Municipal Boundary Adjustments on July 28, 2010.

2. The joint resolution requests the designation and immediate annexation of certain property to the City of Little Falls described as follows:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section 26, Township 41 North, Range 32 West, shown as Parcel 10 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 49-64 as the same is on file and of record in the Office of the Morrison County Recorder, Minnesota; and

That part of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) and part of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N1/2 SE1/4), Section 23, Township 41, Range 32, described in Document No. 459945 recorded in the Morrison County Recorders Office,

Minnesota: and

That part of the highway right-of-way of Trunk Highway 371 in Sections 23,24 and 26, Township 41, Range 32 shown on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right-of-way Plats, No. 49-42,49-43,49-44,49-45 and 49-64, recorded in the Morrison County Recorders Office, Minnesota, except any portions previously annexed.

3. Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1(h) states that in certain circumstances the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation pursuant to the terms of a joint resolution for orderly annexation.

4. The joint resolution contains all the information required by Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1(h), including a provision that the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment but shall order the annexation within 30 days in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Office of Administrative Hearings has duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of the within proceeding.

2. An order should be issued by the Chief Administrative Law Judge annexing the area described herein.

ORDER

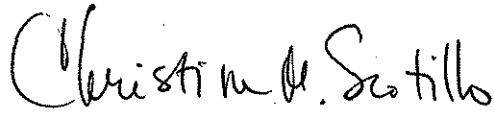
1. The property described in Findings of Fact 2 is annexed to the City of Little Falls, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.036, Belle Prairie Township will be reimbursed by the City of Little Falls in accordance with the terms of the Joint Resolution

signed by the City on July 19, 2010 and the Township on July 12, 2010.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2010.

For the Chief Administrative Law Judge's designee
P. O. Box 64620
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine M. Scotillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Christine M. Scotillo
Executive Director
Municipal Boundary Adjustments