

Legal Notices

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Johannsen and carried unanimously, the resolution of Straight River Township (Resolution 2017-10) expressing their non-support of the National Off Road Vehicle Conservation Council and MN Four-Wheel Drive Association Border to Border (B2B) Trail project within the township was acknowledged by the Board.

Closed Session: On motion of Mr. Johannsen, seconded by Mr. Stacey and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 11:19 a.m. pursuant to M.S. §13D.05, Subd 3 for the performance evaluation of Social Services Director, Deb Vizecky. The meeting was re-opened at 11:39 a.m.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

GENERAL REVENUE:

Association of Minnesota Counties	3,260.40
Beltrami County Treasurer	4,761.00
Bytespeed LLC	8,180.00
Citizens National Bank - VISA	6,056.94
Hampton Inns	247.26
Amazon.com	53.98
National PELRA	200.00
National PELRA	89.00
Amazon.com	24.99
Amazon.com	6.99
BCA Training Education	25.00
USPS PO	17.96
Amazon Mktplace	23.55
Best Western	117.94
WM Supercenter	80.92
Embassy Suites	202.86
U of M Cont Learning	535.00
U of M Cont Learning	265.00
Ferguson Enterpris	62.08

Bobcat of Bemidji	131.44
WM Supercenter	17.97
Drivers License Guide	29.95
Best Western	135.52
Paypal LOF Inc.	49.95
Amazon Mktplace	69.99
BCA Training	25.00
Wal-Mart	60.73
Wal-Mart	7.44
Wal-Mart	149.00
Best Western - River Falls	76.49
Best Western - Coon Rapids	98.01
Alliedhanddd	600.00
Officeworld.com	2,455.14
Best Western Hotel	197.78

Emergency Automotive Technology	2,437.95
Howard's Driveway, Inc.	2,500.00
Kustom Signals, Inc.	2,441.00
MCIT	3,703.29
Mend Correctional Care PLLC	7,361.03
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	4,648.88
Summit Food Service, LLC	14,010.28
Turnkey Corrections	3,284.44
Watchguard Video	4,820.00
51 Payments Less Than \$2,000	20,853.36

ROAD & BRIDGE:

Aggregate Industries Midwest	5,603.48
Cargill, Incorporated	4,732.81
Knutson Brushing, LLC	35,000.00
Oberg Fence Co.	11,178.00
OK Tire Stores, Inc.	2,683.20
Powerplan	2,483.31
Wadena Asphalt, Inc.	3,080.00
21 Payments Less Than \$2,000	9,950.34

HLC CONSTRUCTION FUND:

Heritage Center, LLC	172,000.00
SOLID WASTE:	
Terracon Consultants, Inc.	7,915.31
16 Payments Less Than \$2,000	8,043.22
HERITAGE COTTAGE:	
1 Payment Less Than \$2,000	750.00
FORFEITED LAND:	
Future Forests, Inc.	26,599.30
Mills Detail & Trailer Sales LLC	7,375.00
2 Payments Less Than \$2,000	70.19
SOCIAL SERVICES	
Heartland Homes SILS	5,220.02
Hubbard County DAC	49,244.10
Hubbard County Social Services	10,975.00
Kindred Family Focus	6,766.75
Lake Country Associates, Inc.	20,000.00
Montgomery, Mark	3,442.86
North Homes, Inc.	2,438.78
Northwestern MN Juvenile Center	2,277.00
Northwood Children's Home - Main	8,391.08
Pine Manors	4,875.00
Stellher Human Services, Inc.	2,229.10
The Hills Youth & Family Services	8,389.53
19 Payment Less Than \$2,000	6,170.24
Hubbard County Attorney	3,911.25
Purchase Power	3,041.98
48 Payments Less Than \$2,000	16,360.98

/s/ Vern Massie
Vern Massie, Chairman
Hubbard County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST:
/s/ Debbie Thompson
Debbie Thompson
Hubbard County Coordinator

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What consumers can do after a data breach



As the summer of 2017 drew to a close, news broke of a data breach at the credit monitoring agency Equifax. Reports suggested the breach might have compromised the sensitive personal information of as many as 143 million Americans, or roughly half the adult population of the United States.

In the digital age, consumers are more vulnerable to such breaches than ever before. Data stolen as part of the Equifax breach included names, social security numbers and birthdates, among other personal information. Consumers concerned about data breaches can take certain steps to determine if they have been compromised while also taking measures to safeguard themselves against future breaches.

When breaches happen

News of the Equifax breach understandably inspired panic among consumers, and future data breaches will be no different. Hackers who gain ac-

cess to consumers' personal information can steal identities, file false tax returns, take out loans in unsuspecting consumers' names, and commit a host of other crimes that can negatively affect consumers' credit ratings and compromise their ability to secure loans in the future. When a breach happens, consumers should do the following.

- Contact the agency that was affected. After acknowledging it had been breached, Equifax set up a website (<https://trustedidpremier.com/eligibility/eligibility.html>) where consumers could find out if their information had been compromised by the breach. When using such websites, consumers should make sure they are using secure connections, as they will be asked to enter personal information.
- Examine credit reports. Even if individuals' personal information was not compromised, they can monitor their credit reports for suspi-

cious activity. Many credit card companies now provide monthly credit report updates to cardholders. Individuals should monitor these to see if any new accounts have been opened without their knowledge. If ratings suddenly plummet despite relative inactivity from consumers, they should contact one of the major reporting agencies for a thorough report. Such reports are typically free once per year.

Future breaches

Breaches are seemingly inevitable in the digital age. Concerned consumers can take steps to protect themselves against future breaches.

- Continue monitoring credit reports. Individuals should take advantage of the monthly credit rating reports offered by their credit card companies even if no breaches have been reported. Hackers may sell consumers' information, which thieves can then sit on for years before ultimately using to commit financial fraud. Routine monitoring can help consumers instantly address any suspicious activity before things spiral out of control.
- Place a fraud alert on all accounts. Fraud alerts warn creditors that individuals may have been compromised by past data breaches, forcing them to verify that credit or loan applicants are legitimate before they can open any new accounts or take out any loans.
- File taxes as early as possible. Criminals with access to consumers' personal information can file false tax returns and steal their refunds before consumers even realize they have been victimized. File early, before thieves have had a chance to file false returns.

Consumer data breaches can affect every facet of consumers' lives. Knowing what to do when such breaches occur and how to reduce their risk of being victimized can help consumers when the next breach occurs.

Minnesotans encouraged to apply for energy assistance to help pay heating bills, stay safe

As cold winter weather returns to the state this week, the Minnesota Department of Commerce encourages eligible Minnesotans to get help paying their heating bills through the state's Energy Assistance Program.

"The winter weather may be slow in arriving this year, but we know there will be plenty of cold days ahead that can pose a serious challenge for Minnesotans who struggle to pay their heating bills," said Commerce Commissioner Jessica Looman. "Heating your home is a necessity in Minnesota, and energy assistance is essential for vulnerable Minnesotans, especially low income families with young children, people with disabilities, veterans and seniors."

Households that earn less than 50 percent of the state's median annual income (\$48,077 for a family of four) are eligible for the Energy Assistance Program.

Energy assistance funds help low-income homeowners and renters pay for heating bills through grant money paid directly to utility compa-

nies and heating fuel vendors on behalf of eligible households. The funding also helps some homeowners repair or replace malfunctioning heat systems.

In October, the Energy Assistance Program received over \$102 million in federal funds, or about 90 percent of the total funds expected for the program this year. The program served over 126,000 Minnesota households last year, with an average grant of about \$520.

The Minnesota Commerce Department administers the Energy Assistance Program in partnership with 30 local service providers throughout the state. The program is part

of the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

How to apply

Applicants have until May 31, 2018, to apply. However, energy assistance funding is limited and administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Households apply through the local service provider in their area. To find your local service provider, call the Commerce Department toll-free at 800-657-3710 or visit the Energy Assistance Program section at the department's website (mn.gov/commerce).

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