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Welcome & Introductions

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General Session Panel

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AMC Tax Forfeiture Update

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Daniel Rogan, Senior Assistant Attorney, Hennepin County
Tyler v. Hennepin County

• Tyler’s condo forfeited after and was sold for $40,000. Only $15,000 in tax was owing.
• 2019 putative class action filed in state court
  • Hennepin County removed to federal court
  • District court dismissed for failure to state a claim
  • Eighth Circuit Court of appeals unanimously affirmed
  • SCOTUS granted certiorari
• Argued April 26, 2023
• Decided May 25, 2023
Holding

The retention of value in excess of the lien amount is a Taking.
Policy considerations to monitor

• Conservation
  • Will government acquire the parcels it desires through the judicial foreclosure sale?

• Distressed properties
  • Will buyers at the foreclosure sale remediate distressed properties?
  • If government is the default buyer, how will it fund expensive cleanup?

• Administratively efficiency
  • Will the new process administratively efficient and transparent for all parties involved?

• Revenue for local government
  • Will taxes collected through the foreclosure sale equal or exceed disbursements from the “old” TFL sale fund?

• Fairness
  • How do we balance private interest along with the public’s interest?
Perspective from the North

The unique nature of tax-forfeited lands & minerals in NE Minnesota
Early History

**pre-1920**
White Pine & Norway in high demand to feed the sawmills

**1900-1920**
Mills shut down, Settlement of cut-over lands promoted, regardless of location & adaptability

**1920-1935**
Agriculture did not have a market and a global recession coupled with property tax assessment issues led to massive tax delinquency

**1935**
Enactment of first Tax-Forfeiture Law with the objective to put lands to best use. Chapter 278, Session Laws of 1935

**1936-1937**
First lands coming into full forfeiture after being tax delinquent back to 1926. The first sale of forfeited lands was in 1939.
Figure 4.—Acreage Tax Delinquent in Sixteen Northeastern Counties, January 1, 1931

Uncollected Taxes, 1930 & before

16 NE Counties
$21,874,033

Remaining 71 Counties
$22,829,111
Ownership Trends in NE MN & Beyond

Tax Delinquency and Forfeiture remained high into the 1960's and continues today to a much lesser degree.

2.8 million acres of Tax-Forfeited land is managed by the 15 northern counties today.
Public Land

The concentration of Public Lands: Federal, Tribal, State and Tax Forfeited Trust lands is highly concentrated in N/NE Minnesota.
Value of the Trust land base in NE MN

- **Timber**
  Sustainably manage the forest for economic and ecological benefit

- **Mineral Development**
  Development and protection of the state mineral interests

- **Recreation**
  Public access to the abundant natural landscapes of NE MN

- **Environmental**
  Protection of natural landscapes, watershed and research of the natural environments
Sustainably Managed Forestland

- Professional Forest Staff
- 3rd Party Certified
- Follow Site Level Guidance, MFRC
- Reforestation through planting 2.3 million tree seedlings, direct seeding 4,300 acres along with natural regeneration
- 24% of annual stumpage on county lands
- 17,504 direct jobs, $1.13 billion in labor income
- $28 Million generated on county lands
Mineral Development

Impact of the Surface Estate

- Land base in and around existing and future mining projects provides key access
- Surface leasing provides revenue to the Tax-Forfeited Trust
- Protected access to severed minerals

Severed Mineral Estate

- Failure to claim and pay taxes on deeded severed minerals allows the forfeiture of the severed minerals.
- State of MN retains all forfeited mineral interests & severed minerals and the MNDNR manages these interests.
- Mineral interest have paid over $45M over the last ten years.
Recreation

Access & Protection
Connected public lands provide access and protection to much of the unique beauty of NE Minnesota to be explored on foot, bike, ski or ATV.

9,186 miles of locally sponsored grant-in-aid trail systems

Economic Driver
Outdoor recreation generates 2.4% of the state's GDP ($9.9 billion) in 2021.
Environmental

Natural Habitat

Provide acres of natural habitat to benefit game & non-game wildlife, critical and sensitive habitats, wildfire mitigation

Protect watersheds through good forest management

Protect resources essential for tribal communities to exercise their treaty rights
Management Challenges

Blight
Significant lack of funding to address extremely blighted properties

Environmental Cleanup
Many sites require extensive environmental remediation

Complicated Ownership
Ability to determine property interest at the time of forfeiture

Operational Funding
Ability to recoup the expenses to manage these lands.
Apportionment

Surface Estate:
5 Year Total: $28,985,713
5 Year Average: $5,797,142

Apportionment of Tax-Forfeited Revenue:
30% Memorial Forest, 20% Recreation
Remaining: 40% County
40% School
20% Town or City

Mineral Estate:
5 Year Total: $22,435,000
5 Year Average: $4,487,000

Apportionment of Tax-Forfeited Revenue:
20% MNDNR Mineral Management Account
Remaining: 3/9 County
4/9 School
2/9 Town or City
Northern Considerations

- Retain historic land base for timber, mining, recreation and environment
- Ability to sustainably manage our timber programs
- Protection of the Mineral Estate
- Sustainable funding for blight, land sale, and department as a whole
AMC TAX FORFEITURE GROUP VALUES

- Create a system centered on fairness. Keeping a broad sense of fairness center of any legislative solution, particularly as it relates to other property taxpayers. For example, if we use county resources free of charge to improve a property and the excess goes back, is that fair to other property taxpayers?

- Create a system that is administrative and budgetarily efficient, transparent, and accessible/understandable for a person going through it.

- Create a system that provides local governments flexibility to protect the public interest. There is a critical need to provide certain counties that deal with large natural resources/mineral holdings the ability to manage those critical resources in a way that benefits the public at large. Furthermore, all counties have an interest in remediating and ensuring the redevelopment of distressed properties.

- Protect and enhance landowners’ ample/robust opportunities to reclaim their property.

- Create a process that is effective in enhancing title ownership while meeting the constitutional requirements set by the Courts.
POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE BUCKETS

- Bucket 1: Retroactivity timeline, statute of limitations, class action lawsuit fund
- Bucket 2: New Surface Estate Scheme
- Bucket 3: New Minerals Estate Scheme
- Bucket 4: Protection of Memorial Lands & Minerals
- Bucket 5: Tax Foreclosure Resources—more deed/registry tax sharing for management activities
- Bucket 6: Home Ownership Preservation/Hardship Assistance Fund
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Family and Community Resource Centers in Minnesota

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AGENDA

Introduction
County Experience
Community Experience
Family Resource Center Foundation
Opportunities
Question/Answer
LEADING THE WAY
SCOTT COUNTY’S EXPERIENCE
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Number of Initiated Child Maltreatment Assessments and Investigations

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Parent Advisory Council Member

Margareth Gurreonero
Margareth and family!
With Love, Mauricio!
# LEADING THE WAY PINE COUNTY’S EXPERIENCE

## Weekly Calendar

**September 4th - 8th**

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<td><strong>COMING SOON!!</strong></td>
<td><strong>HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE WITH AN ISSUE?</strong></td>
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“Family Resource Centers are designed to support communities and East Central is looking forward to working collaboratively to bring this opportunity to Pine County.”

Stefanie Youngerberg, East Central School Superintendent.

“Pine County is a large, very rural county which makes knowing where and how to get services very difficult for many of our residents. We were recently blessed with a grant which will allow us to serve our residents, your residents better with FRC’s. I can’t wait to see the benefits this will give to so many!”

Pine County Commissioner Terry Lovgren
PINE COUNTY’S TIMELINE

PINE COUNTY FRC ROADMAP

July 2022
Commissioner Lovgren tours Colorado FRCs

2

Late 2021/early 2022
FRC Conversations
MACSSA and Scott County's work

1

Spring/Summer
Early Fall 2022
Convos with community partners and internal workgroups

3

Summer and Fall 2022
Reviewed Data and Community Health Assessment

4

November 2022
Approved for SFF Grant to hire an FRC Coordinator and begin implementation

5

Today!!
Two sites open, third one to open soon; over 70 participants in August 2023

6

February 2023
FRC Coordinator began her work: continued with community partnerships and found family friendly locations to launch FRC

7

Wrote SFF Grant—September 2022
LEADING THE WAY
PINE COUNTY’S EXPERIENCE
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

Protective Factors (Center for the Study of Social Policy):

- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need
- Social and emotional competence of children
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

Key components:

● Geoflexible
● Adaptable
● Community and Lived Expertise Leadership
● Sustainable
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

- In 2023, over 10 counties alongside community partners sought funding through the Sauer Family Foundation to pursue Family Resource Centers.

- Secured legislation that authorizes a statewide advisory council and provides one time grant funding at $5.7 through 2027

- Additionally, AMC sought funding to provide a central point for support, including technical assistance, training, development and a learning collaborative

- Continued Growth and Development
Evolution of CRCs in MN

2017–2018
*Scott County develops strategic plan to end child abuse.
*Scott County completes community assessment and develops strategic plan to end child abuse and neglect

2019–2020
*Scott County launches TOGETHER WE CAN, community-driven initiative to operationalize strategic plan to end child abuse.
*Scott County secures funding through Sauer Family Foundation to support development of first CRC in MN.
*MDO/DHS partner with community agencies to develop Community Hub model.

2021–2022
*CRCs of Scott County launched August 2021 with 3 sites. PAC developed 2022.
*Community Resource Hub pilot sites launched through MDO/DHS utilizing PDD funds.
*Sauer Family Foundation funds AAMC to develop the MN CRC Network with Technical Assistance from NPSM.
*Sauer FF & local county investment funds new projects in Polk, Pine, St. Louis, & Washington Counties.

2023–2024
*Collaboration between DHS, Children’s Committee, & Counties results in CRC Statutory Language & Initial Funding.
*CRCs launched in Pine & Polk Counties
*Sauer FF funds new projects in Sherburne, Otter Tail, Cass, Clay & Dakota Counties; expansion in Polk County
*DHS/Children’s Cabinet develops State Advisory Board & Core Teams, including expertise of persons with lived experience.
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS
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ON THE HORIZON

- Networking Minnesota FRC sites
- Continued Support through AMC in partnership with Sauer Family Foundation, Casey Family Programs and the National Family Support Network (NFSN)
- Collaboration and Partnership with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to shape and implement the Community Resource Center Advisory Council and grant funding
- Continue to promote the work of FRC’s and educate policy makers at the local, state and federal level
- Continue to identify and elevate the voice of community and lived expertise
THANK YOU!!!
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Today’s Events

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Policy Committee Meetings
4:30 p.m. Social Hour
   Tennis Center
5:00 p.m. Minnesota Counties Foundation Bean Bag Tournament & Wine Pull
   Tennis Center
6:30 p.m. Dinner
   Tennis Center

Special Thanks to the AMC Board of Directors and their generous donations to the Wine Pull.
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