



**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
MUNICIPAL BOARD**

Suite 165 Metro Square  
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

January 10, 1984

Secretary of State  
c/o Donna Scott  
State Office Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Re: Municipal Board Docket Number OA-108-20 Buffalo

The subject order of the Minnesota Municipal Board makes the following changes in the population of the named units of government:

The population of City of Buffalo  
is increased by No Change

The population of Town of Buffalo  
is decreased by No Change

A new municipality named \_\_\_\_\_  
has been created with a population of \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_  
has been dissolved.

Official date of the Order January 10, 1984

cc: Commissioner  
Department of Revenue  
c/o Wallace Dahl, Director  
Tax Research Division  
205 Centennial Building

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Secretary of State

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION )  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BUFFALO AND THE TOWN )  
OF BUFFALO FOR THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION OF )  
CERTAIN LAND TO THE CITY OF BUFFALO )  
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FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,  
AND ORDER

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before the Minnesota Municipal Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414, as amended, on November 30, 1983, at Buffalo, Minnesota. The hearing was conducted by Terrence A. Merritt, Executive Director, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.01, Subdivision 12. Also in attendance were County Commissioners Basil Schilleweart and Michelle Bogenrief, Ex-Officio Members of the Board. The City of Buffalo appeared by and through Roger Tesch, the property owners appeared by and through Robert Danforth, and the Town of Buffalo appeared by and through Martin McAlpine, Supervisor.

After due and careful consideration of all evidence, together with all records, files and proceedings, the Minnesota Municipal Board hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Buffalo and the Town of Buffalo and duly accepted by the Minnesota Municipal Board.

2. A resolution was filed by one of the signatories to the joint resolution, the City of Buffalo, on August 1, 1983, and the orderly annexation agreement amendment was approved by the Minnesota Municipal Board on September 16, 1983, making the resolution operative, requesting the annexation of certain property within the orderly annexation area. The resolution contained all of the information required

by Statute including a description of the property subject to annexation, which is as follows:

That part of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and that part of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 120, Range 25, lying Westerly of the Northwesternly right-of-way line of Minnesota State Highway No. 25, together with all that part of the right-of-way of Minnesota State Highway No. 25 lying between the Northerly and Southerly lines of the foregoing described tract projected in an Easterly direction to the boundary line of the City of Buffalo.

3. Due, timely and adequate legal notice of the hearing was published, served, and filed.

4. The area subject to annexation is unincorporated, within the orderly annexation agreement area, approximately 18.1 acres in size and abuts the City of Buffalo by approximately 25%.

5. The area proposed for annexation has steep slopes and a gravel base.

6. In 1970, the City of Buffalo's population was 3,275, its population in 1980 was 4,560, and its current population is 4,568.

7. In 1970, the Town of Buffalo's population was 1,236, and in 1980 its population was 1,870.

8. There are no residents in the annexation area.

9. The annexation area is presently owned by the Hosanna Lutheran Church, which is constructing a new church on it. The long-term plans of the church include the construction of a school for students in K - 8th grade.

10. The City of Buffalo has a Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, an Official Map, Capital Improvements Program, Fire Code, Minnesota Building Code, Minnesota Plumbing Code, and a Shoreland Ordinance.

11. The proposed annexation is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the city.

12. The Town of Buffalo has a Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, and an Official Map.

13. The County of Wright has a Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, an Official Map, Fire Code, Minnesota Building Code, Shoreland Ordinance, Floodplain Ordinance, Wild and Scenic Rivers Ordinance, Sanitation Ordinance, and Human Services Program.

14. The City of Buffalo presently provides its residents with water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, solid waste collection and disposal, fire protection, police protection, street improvements and maintenance, administrative services, recreational opportunities, health inspection and library services.

15. The City of Buffalo presently provides the annexation area with fire protection through a contract with the Town of Buffalo, as well as recreational opportunities, and library services.

16. The City of Buffalo is willing to provide all of the services it presently provides to its residents to the area proposed for annexation, if it is annexed.

17. The Town of Buffalo presently provides its residents with police protection, street maintenance, administrative services, health inspection, and fire protection which it purchases by contract from the City of Buffalo.

18. Presently, the city's sanitary water and sewer lines are located adjacent to the annexation area.

19. The city's Waste Water Treatment Facility and water system have been expanded and have the capacity to service the area proposed for annexation.

20. The City of Buffalo has six miles of highways, twenty miles of streets, and one mile of roads.

21. The Town of Buffalo has 150 miles of roads.

22. The area proposed for annexation contains that portion of Minnesota State Highway No. 25 adjacent to the area proposed for annexation. There are no other streets or roads within the area proposed for annexation.

23. In the City of Buffalo, 60% of its area is for residential use, 15% is for institutional use, 20% is for commercial use, 1% is for industrial use, 1% is

for agricultural use, and 3% is vacant land

24. In the Town of Buffalo, 15% of the land is used for residential purposes, 5% for institutional purposes, 2% for commercial purposes, 2% for industrial purposes, and 76% for agricultural purposes.

25. There are presently no potential environmental problems related to the development of the area proposed for annexation.

26. The City of Buffalo has an assessed valuation of approximately \$20,013,461 and its mill levy is 21.400.

27. The Town of Buffalo has an assessed valuation of approximately \$10,618,087 and its mill levy is 9.418.

28. The City of Buffalo has a total bonded indebtedness of \$7,482,500. The Town of Buffalo has no present bonded indebtedness.

29. The mill levy for the Wright County is 23.953 and the mill levy for the school district is 50.474.

30. The annexation area and the City of Buffalo are presently served by the same school district.

31. The City of Buffalo has a fire insurance rating of 6.

32. The Town of Buffalo does not have the ability to provide public sewer and water to the area proposed for annexation.

33. The City of Buffalo is the only municipality adjacent to the area proposed for annexation.

34. The Town of Buffalo can continue to function without undue hardship if the area proposed for annexation is annexed.

35. The annexation is consistent with the joint resolution for orderly annexation between the Town of Buffalo and the City of Buffalo.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Minnesota Municipal Board duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of

the within proceeding.

2. The area subject to annexation is now or is about to become urban or suburban in nature and the annexing municipality is capable of providing the services required by the area within a reasonable time.

3. The existing township form of government is not adequate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the area proposed for annexation.

4. The annexation would be in the best interests of the area proposed for annexation.

5. The annexation is consistent with the terms of the joint resolution for orderly annexation.

6. Three years will be required to effectively provide full municipal services to the annexed area or to comply with the terms and conditions of the orderly annexation agreement as it relates to the mill levy step up.

7. An order should be issued by the Minnesota Municipal Board annexing the area described herein.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the property described herein in Findings of Fact 2 be and the same hereby is annexed to the City of Buffalo, Minnesota, the same as if it had been originally a part thereof.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the mill levy of the City of Buffalo on the property herein ordered annexed shall be increased in substantially equal proportions over a period of three years to equality with the mill levy of the property already within the city.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the effective date of this order is January 10, 1984.

Dated this 10th day of January, 1984.

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*Terrence A. Merritt*  
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Executive Director

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83-43

ESTABLISHING AN INTERAGENCY  
TASK FORCE ON  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, crime is a significant concern to the people of Minnesota, many of whom have been victims of criminal acts; and

WHEREAS, state, county, and municipal governments in Minnesota must devote substantial resources to criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities to insure public safety, to assist victims, to prosecute criminal defendants, and to carry out sentences upon those convicted of criminal acts are divided and shared among many government bodies and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the coordination of criminal justice policy among the responsible state agencies is difficult and hindered by the lack of a forum for the overall development and coordination of policy and long-range planning;



NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. The Governor's Interagency Task Force on Criminal Justice Policy is hereby created.
2. The Task Force shall coordinate the development and implementation of criminal justice policies and programs within state government which required interagency cooperation.
3. The Task Force shall advise the Governor and Legislature on measures that will increase public safety, foster interagency coordination, and improve the overall workings of Minnesota's criminal justice system.
4. The Task Force shall consist of the following members: the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Commissioner of Corrections, the Ombudsman for Corrections, the State Public Defender, the Attorney General or designee, the Commissioner of Public Welfare, the Director of the State Planning Agency, a representative of the Supreme Court, two members of the Senate majority party and one of the minority, and two members of the House of Representatives majority party and one of the minority.
5. The Task Force shall be chaired by the Commissioner of Public Safety.
6. Staff support for the work of the Task Force shall be provided by the Criminal Justice Program of the State Planning Agency, who may call upon other state agencies for assistance.
7. The Task Force shall meet no less than once each quarter and may meet more frequently, at the call of the chair.