



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
MUNICIPAL BOARD

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February 18, 1988

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

Re: Municipal Board Docket Number: D-235 Clarissa

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

The population of the City of Clarissa is decreased by 5.

The population of the Town of Eagle Valley is increased by 5.

Official date of the Order is February 18, 1988.

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D-235 Clarissa

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Shirley J. Mihelich	Chair
John W. Carey	Vice Chair
Kenneth F. Sette	Commissioner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR )  
THE DETACHMENT OF CERTAIN LAND FROM )  
THE CITY OF CLARISSA PURSUANT TO )  
MINNESOTA STATUTES 414.06 )  
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FINDINGS OF FACT  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW  
AND ORDER

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The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before the Minnesota Municipal Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414, as amended, on December 2, 1987 at Clarissa, Minnesota. The hearing was conducted by Terrence A. Merritt, Executive Director, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.01, Subdivision 12. Also in attendance were Shirley J. Mihelich, Chair, John W. Carey, Vice Chair, and Kenneth F. Sette, Commissioner of the Minnesota Municipal Board. The petitioners appeared by and through Michael Dolan, Attorney at Law, the City of Clarissa appeared by and through Stephen Larson, Attorney at Law, and the Town of Eagle Valley appeared by and through David Dreher, Town Board Chair. Testimony was heard and records and exhibits were received.

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. On September 16, 1987, a petition for detachment from the City of Clarissa was filed by all of the property owners with the Minnesota Municipal

Board. The petition contained all of the information required by statute including a description of the property proposed for detachment which is as follows:

The North 562 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4) of Section 27, Township 131, North, Range 34, west of the 5th P.M. according to the United States Government Survey thereof.

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

3. The area proposed for detachment is situated within the City of Clarissa and abuts the northeastern municipal boundary.

4. The area proposed for detachment abuts the Town of Eagle Valley.

5. The City of Clarissa is approximately 640 acres in size.

6. The area proposed for detachment is approximately 17.03 acres in size.

7. The area proposed for detachment is hilly, lightly wooded, and has some wetlands and clay soil.

8. The City of Clarissa has approximately 7 miles of roads.

The Town of Eagle Valley has approximately 44.5 miles of roads.

The area proposed for detachment has approximately 1/8 of a mile of road. Along its eastern boundary is one half of the right-of-way of a gravel road and along its northern boundary is one half of an unused cartway.

9. The City of Clarissa had a 1970 population of approximately 599, a 1980 population of approximately 663, and a current population of approximately 663.

10. The Town of Eagle Valley had a 1980 population of approximately 714.

11. The population of the area proposed for detachment is five.

12. The area proposed for detachment has five buildings located on it.

13. The City of Clarissa has an assessed valuation of \$1,452,012.

14. The Town of Eagle Valley has an assessed valuation of \$2,505,058.

15. The area proposed for detachment has a total assessed valuation, payable 1987, of \$10,692.

The area proposed for detachment is presently one of the highest, if not the highest, taxed residential dwellings within the City of Clarissa.

16. The mill rate for the City of Clarissa is 64.049.

17. The mill rate for the Town of Eagle Valley is 11.66.

18. The City of Clarissa has a total bonded indebtedness of \$1,010,000.

19. The Town of Eagle Valley has no bonded indebtedness.

20. The City of Clarissa 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, street lights and cable t.v.

21. The area proposed for detachment presently receives no municipal services other than fire protection, police protection, administrative services, and recreational opportunities.

The City of Clarissa has no present plans of extending municipal sewer, water or cable to the area proposed for detachment. Those services are approximately 350 yards from the detachment area.

It would cost approximately \$7,600 to extend cable service to the area proposed for detachment. It would cost approximately \$93,000, based on engineering averages, to extend sewer and water to the area proposed for detachment. Both the cost for cable service and the costs for sewer and water would be borne by the property owners should they wish those services extended.

22. The area proposed for detachment presently is served by a private septic system and a private well.

23. If the area proposed for detachment were detached, fire protection

would be supplied by the Town of Eagle Valley through a contract with the City of Clarissa. The level of service would remain the same for the area proposed for detachment, whether it is within the city or the township. If the property were detached, there would be a charge for fire service should it be required by the property owners, whereas within the city there is no such charge levied against the residents.

24. The property owners do not have any present plans for development of the area proposed for detachment. Additionally, there are no present plans for development of the area within the city adjacent to the area proposed for detachment.

The property owners are approximately 350 yards away from the nearest neighbor within the city. The land within the city adjacent to the detachment area, as well as the land outside of the city is agricultural in nature.

25. The detachment of the area proposed for detachment would not unreasonably affect the symmetry of the City of Clarissa.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The detachment of the area proposed for detachment would not unreasonably affect the symmetry of the City of Clarissa.

3. The remainder of the municipality can continue to carry on the functions of government without undue hardship if the area proposed for detachment is detached.

4. The area proposed for detachment is rural in character and not developed for urban residential, commercial, or industrial purposes.

5. An order should be issued by the Minnesota Municipal Board approving the petition for detachment of the area described herein.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the property described in Findings of Fact 1 herein is hereby detached and made a part of the Town of Eagle Valley, the same as if it had been originally made a part thereof.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the population of the City of Clarissa is decreased by five persons.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the population of the Town of Eagle Valley is increased by five persons.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the effective date of this order is February 18, 1988.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1988.

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Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

In approving the proposed detachment, the board notes that the hearing included testimony as to the cooperative nature of the relationship between the City of Clarissa and the Town of Eagle Valley concerning shared road maintenance. The board hopes that the spirit of cooperation will continue between the two governmental units. *JAM 2-18-88*

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