

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Petition for the
Incorporation of Baldwin Township
(MBAU Docket I-75)

**POST-HEARING
SCHEDULING ORDER**

This matter came before Administrative Law Judge Jessica A. Palmer-Denig for evidentiary and public hearings on March 7 and 8, 2024.

Michael C. Couri and Robert T. Ruppe, Couri & Ruppe, P.L.L.P., appeared on behalf of the Baldwin Town Board (Township). Kelly Bourgeois and Damien Toven, Toven and Associates, appeared on behalf of the City of Princeton (City).

Based on Minn. Stat. §§ 414.02, .09 (2022), Minn. R. 6000.1150 (2023), the Administrative Law Judge issues the following:

ORDER

1. **Public Comment Period.** Based upon the level of public interest and involvement generated by this proceeding, the Administrative Law Judge has established a public comment period.

(a) Interested persons may submit written comments concerning this matter to the Administrative Law Judge. All comments must be submitted so they are received by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024**. Comments shall include the docket number for this case: **OAH 71-0330-39760**. The Office of Administrative Hearings will provide copies of all comments received by the deadline to the Township and City.

(b) Comments should be submitting in one of the following ways:

- email sent to *star.holman@state.mn.us*;
- mail to the Office of Administrative Hearings, Attn: Star Holman, MBAU Administrator, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620;
- fax to (651) 539-0310; or
- personal delivery to the Office of Administrative Hearings, Attn: Star Holman, 600 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101.

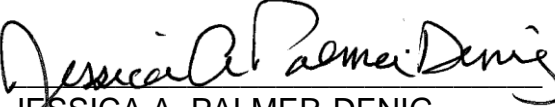
2. **Post-Hearing Filings.** The Township and City shall submit post-hearing filings no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024.**

(a) **Baldwin Township.** The Township shall submit:

- a final brief containing its closing argument and addressing the legal authority provided under Minn. Stat. § 414.02 for annexation of property in the absence of a filed annexation petition;
- proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order, which shall provide citations for factual findings using specific citations to the record;
- Exhibit 67, as discussed on the record at the hearing; and
- a response to public comments.

(b) **City of Princeton.** The City shall submit a brief addressing the legal authority provided under Minn. Stat. § 414.02 for annexation of property in the absence of a filed annexation petition.

Dated: March 11, 2024


JESSICA A. PALMER-DENIG
Administrative Law Judge