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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Commissioner Dan Erhart Named Chair of Anoka County Regional Railroad Authority**

Anoka County Commissioner Dan Erhart has been named chair of the Anoka County Regional Railroad Authority (ACRRA). The rail authority is the lead agency in efforts to develop major transportation initiatives in the county including the Northstar Commuter Rail line running through Anoka County from Big Lake to Minneapolis and the Northern Lights Express, a proposed passenger rail line running from Minneapolis to Duluth through the heart of Anoka County. Erhart also will chair the Northstar Corridor Development Authority.

“We had a very successful year in 2009 with the opening of Northstar Commuter Rail and look forward to continued progress in 2010 on Northern Lights Express to Duluth and extending Northstar Commuter Rail service to St. Cloud,” Erhart said.

At the county board’s organizational meeting on January 5, 2010, Erhart also was named chair of the county’s Finance and Capital Improvements and Intergovernmental and Community Relations Committees and will serve on the Airport, and Waste Management and Energy Committees. He also was appointed to the Counties Transit Improvement Board, Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition, Minnesota Inter-County Association, and the Minnesota Association of Urban Counties (MAUC). Erhart is a delegate for the Association of Minnesota Counties and the National Association of Counties (NACo). He also serves on NACo’s Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee. Erhart is the lead commissioner in the area of elections, reapportionment, and voter registration and will serve on the Anoka County Canvassing Board.

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Anoka County Commissioner Dan Erhart