

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

May 27, 2014. Commissioners Chambers, Lake County Courthouse, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Commissioners Present: Goutermont, Hurt, Jones, Walsh, Sve. Absent: None. Also present: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston and Laurel Buchanan, Clerk of the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rich Sve. Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas vote. Members of the public were present.

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 01 – Approve agenda. Absent: None

Lake County Land Commissioner Nate Eide spoke during public comment and reviewed a new addition to the action items list for accepting a quote for hand release of planted trees, total not to exceed \$6,500. Mr. Eide explained that approximately \$6,100 will be funded from Conservation Partners Legacy Grant, with the remaining an in-kind cash match.

Lake County Attorney Laura Auron and Highway Engineer Krysten Foster, along with County Administrator Matthew Huddleston, updated the County Board on a potential policy that would provide standards and criteria for owners / contractors that are allowed to use county-owned / operated gravel pits. It was noted that the current county policy only allows county gravel resources to be used on a case-by-case basis for public projects / infrastructure. There was also discussion on a recent request for the county to consider selling certain materials to the general public. The Board requested additional information on our available resources, needs and value of county gravel. County Attorney Laura Auron also updated the board that the Toimi School agreement has been drafted and next steps regarding that agreement.

Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Conservation Outreach Coordinator Dan Schutte stopped by the board meeting to answer any questions on the sediment sampling apparatus and to update the board on recent and upcoming staffing changes.

Ehlers, and Associates, Inc. Senior Financial Advisor Bruce Kimmel reviewed Series 2014A Bond presale report. He explained the approach that is being recommended by Ehlers, Inc. and a proposed resolution. The proposal includes financing to effect the funding of an estimated \$900,000 in County broadband system improvement costs; and the current refunding of the 2015 – 2019 maturities of the County's G.O. Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2005A, for interest cost savings. The interest rates on the Series 2005A Bonds to be refunded are 3.60% to 3.80%. The proposed refunding is expected to reduce net interest expense by approximately \$53,200 over the next 4.5 years. The Net Present Value Benefit of the Series 2005A refunding is estimated to be \$50,300, equal to 3.51% of the refunded principal. The Series 2005A refunding is considered to be a current refunding, as the obligations being refunded are currently callable. The Broadband System portion of the Bonds is being issued pursuant to the G.O. Tax Abatement Bond authority in Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 469 and 475. The County is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed tax abatement prior to awarding the sale of the Bonds and plans to hold such hearing at its regular June 24 meeting. The Series 2005A Refunding portion of the Bonds is being issued pursuant to the G.O. Capital Improvement Bond authority in Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 and Chapter 475, as was the original issue. The Bonds will be general obligations of the County for which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 02 – Approve resolution providing for the sale of \$2,460,000 in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 03 – Recess County Board meeting at 1:57 p.m. Absent: None

The County Board meeting was reconvened at 2:06 p.m. with all members present.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 04 – Approve Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve County Board meeting minutes from May 13, 2014.
2. Approve claims in the amount of \$49,189.02.
3. Approve and authorize Chair Rich Sve to sign Addenda One to the 2013 Toward Zero Death (TZD) Safe Roads Grant.
4. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,556.38 to Minnesota Telecommunications (Northeast Service Cooperative) for commercial dark fiber to Duluth (reference 1325).
5. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,370.47 to Innovative Systems for billing system maintenance fee (reference 20329).
6. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,794.29 to Zayo Group, LLC, for Transport Duluth to 511 MPLS (Reference 050114).
7. Approve a three-day temporary on-sale liquor permit for Finland Fire & Rescue for the dates July 18, 19, and 20, 2014 at the Clair Nelson Rec. Center Ball Field contingent on the filing of necessary paperwork and payment of applicable fees.
8. Approve payment in the amount of \$5,367.50 to Election Systems & Software for 2014 hardware and software maintenance for election equipment. \$2,892.50 will be paid for from HAVA Grant funds. (invoice #889381).
9. Approve payment in the amount of \$5,371.11 to American Solutions for Business for printing of the 2014 tax statements and valuation notices. (invoice #INV01715287).
10. Approve 1 year maintenance agreement with Metro Sales Inc. for Highway Department Canon Copier at a base rate of \$588/quarter; black and white coverage at \$0.0092 per image (over 15,000/quarter) and color coverage at \$0.0750 per image (over 6,000/quarter).
11. Authorize payment to Petro Choice in the amount of \$2569.68 for bulk supplies.
12. Authorize payment to Nuss Truck and Equipment in the amount of \$5,401.21 for repairs on unit #4100 (Mack Truck).
13. Authorize payment to Titan Machinery in the amount of \$4994.00 for mover deck for unit #8901.
14. Approve Calcium Chloride Bid to Enviro Tech Services, Inc. for a lump sum of \$66,160.00 for 2014 Dust Control. Bids done through St. Louis County.
15. Approve Highway Department purchase of a PT-110 Forestry Track Machine with attachments from ASV Factory Outlet Store at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.
16. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,688.00 to Emergency Communications Network, LLC for CodeRED services from 03/27/2014 to 03/26/2015.

17. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the 2014 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Patrol Supplement Grant Agreement.

18. Authorize payment to Giant Voices in the amount of \$5,149.09 (detail below) for website, pre-sales letters & e-mail services.

a Invoice INV-036313 \$ 828.68

b Invoice INV-036314 \$ 78.10

c Invoice INV-036423 \$ 78.10

d Invoice INV-036463 \$ 4,164.21

19. Approve recommendation from Lake County Assessor to change the property classification from taxable Rural Vacant Land to exempt State Public Land for the 2013 assessment, taxes payable in 2014, for Parcel No. 26-5607-04910.

20. Authorize County Administrator to sign RUS 282 subcontractor forms for all three phases of construction. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 05 – Approve the probationary appointment of Courtney Anderson, Financial Worker, to Financial Assistance Supervisor I effective June 2, 2014 at the 2013 probationary rate of \$22.64 per hour. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 06 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Financial Worker. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 07 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Norman Williams, Truck Driver for Highway Department, at \$15.50 per hour including maximum return incentive effective June 9, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 08 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Alan Lampela, Industrial Mower Operator for Highway Department, at \$12.50 per hour including maximum return incentive effective June 9, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 09 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Robert Bradow, Industrial Mower Operator for Highway Department, at \$11.00 per hour effective June 9, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 10 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Dustin Cavallin, Industrial Mower Operator for Highway Department, at \$11.00 per hour effective June 9, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 11 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of William Sell, Engineering Intern for Highway Department, at \$13.00 per hour effective June 9, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 12 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Thomas Ultican, Survey Technician for Highway Department, at \$15.50 per hour including second year return incentive effective June 9, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 13 – Approve the change in employment status of Steven Olson, Jail Administrator/Dispatch Supervisor due to completion of probationary period effective May 6, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 14 – Approve the probationary appointment of Kathleen Norton to Legal Secretary II at the probationary rate of \$19.03 per hour effective June 2, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 15 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Braden Potter, Laborer for Highway Department, at \$8.50 per hour effective May 27, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND JONES: 16 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Andrew Kragseth, Industrial Mower Operator for Highway Department, at \$12.50 per hour including maximum return incentive effective June 9, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND JONES: 17 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Elizabeth Huss, Laborer for Highway Department, at \$11.50 per hour including first year return incentive effective June 9, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 18 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Erik Flynn, Survey Assistant for Highway Department, at \$8.50 per hour effective June 9, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 19 – Approve James Larsen, 67-day temporary Shop Helper/Mechanic, to fill-in as Truck Driver at \$14.50 per hour including first year return incentive effective May 27, 2014. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 20 – Authorize Lake County signatures on Amendment 3 to contract B-24X dated April 9, 2013, between Rohl Networks, LP and Lake County, and amend County Board meeting minutes from April 8, 2014, motion 21. Change order now has to be an amendment in the amount of \$7,340,791.67. Revise meeting minutes to read as follows: Lake County accepts the Engineering redesign and recommendation by Compass Consultants to approve Phase 2B Amendment #2 and Amendment #3 to the telecommunication system construction contract between Lake County and Rohl Networks LP, which pertain to converting aerial plant to underground due to high make ready costs, for an ARRA funded Stimulus project for rural telecommunication, for the Lake County Fiber to the Premises Project, in the amount of \$25,254,618.97. Total savings of \$ 759,079.64 from original aerial design. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 21 – Approve findings by the Planning Commission for approval with conditions for Interim Use Permit I-14-004 for Dan & Brenda Zeimet. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 22 – Approve findings by the Planning Commission for five-year renewal approval for Interim Use Permit I-14-005 for Blacklock Nature Sanctuary. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 23 – Authorize County Administer to sign a temporary work space permit with Northern Natural Gas Company (NNGC). Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 24 – Accept quote from Northwoods Forestry Inc. for \$130/acre for hand release of planted trees. Total not to exceed \$6,500. Approximately \$6,100 will be funded from Conservation Partners Legacy Grant, with the remaining an in-kind cash match. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 25 – Adjourn meeting at 2:52 p.m. Absent: None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will hold an agenda meeting on Tuesday, June 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' boardroom at the Lake County Courthouse, 601 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. A regular County Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., also in the boardroom.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town of Fall Lake Town Hall, 393 Kawishiwi Trail, Fall Lake, Minnesota

A regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at the Lake County Courthouse, 601 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. The County is holding a public hearing on the proposed tax abatement prior to awarding the sale of the Bonds, and plans to hold such hearing at its regular June 24 meeting, at 1:05 p.m. and at approximately 1:15 p.m. will meet for the purpose of considering sealed proposals for and awarding the sale of the Bonds.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan  
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson  
Lake County Board of Commissioners