

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

December 23, 2014. Commissioners Chambers, Lake County Courthouse, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Commissioners present: Goutermont, Hurd, Walsh, Sve. Absent: Jones. 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 GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 01 – Approve agenda. Absent: Jones

Lake County Land Commissioner Nate Eide provided updates on forestry activities.

Lake County Administrator Matthew Huddleston reviewed Personnel Committee suggestions for 2015 salaries for elected officials. Lake County Sheriff Carey Johnson discussed average salaries for County Sheriff in our district and other Minnesota counties.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 02 – Reimburse the Lake Superior School District in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00 for costs associated with moving the fence at the Minnehaha Elementary School, per the Agreement between the City of Two Harbors and Lake County with respect to the Eighth Street Project. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Approve office space construction project and select Tim Anderson Construction, LLC, for cost quotes totaling \$60,501, for the construction of new offices for the Board of Commissioners' and County Administrator's Office at the Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Absent: Jones

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 04 – Support presenting a Proclamation in Recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, at the candlelight vigil event in January 2015. Absent: Jones

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 05 – Approve Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve County Board meeting minutes from December 16, 2014.
2. Approve claims in the amount of \$42,397.75.
3. Approve and authorize the chair to sign the Resolution, Application, Letter of Commitment of Funds, and Letter of Maintenance, to apply for the (third) FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant for Fire Resistant Roofing. This includes further authorization to sign HSEM approved grant revisions through January 5, 2015 that do not change the scope of the project, but may change the number of participants and/or reduce the total budget amount.
4. Authorize payment in the amount of \$9,640.00 to WatchGuard Video (Invoice 121514K) for two 4RE High Definition video camera systems to be used in two of the Sheriff's Office squads.
5. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,250.00 to Diamond Telcom Tower Services (Invoice 120914103) for removal of multiple antennas, mounts, coax, and all associated hardware on tower north of Two Harbors.

6. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,588.00 to Conrow Law Office (Invoice 10152) for services from October 28, 2014, through December 15, 2014, in the matter of the Lake County fiber network.
7. Authorize the following payments totaling \$43,601.07 to Rohl Networks for interest charges:
 - a Invoice LKCT2B-1054 \$ 34,884.88
 - b Invoice LKCT2A-1084 \$ 8,716.19
8. Approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Friends of Finland Community to conduct excluded bingo on January 4, 2015, February 1, 2015, November 1, 2015 and December 6, 2015 at the Clair Nelson Community Center, 6866 Cramer Rd, Finland, MN.
9. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Communication Tower Lease Agreement by and between Lake County and Two Harbors Community Radio.
10. Approve January 2015 transfer to Land and Timber for pit royalty to-date in the amount of \$37,877.25. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 06 – Approve the 2015 County Net Levy amount of \$9,010,454. Absent: Jones

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 07 – Approve the 2015 Tax Levy amount of \$32,000 for Unorganized Territory No. 1. Absent: Jones

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 08 – Approve the 2015 Tax Levy amount of \$328,000 (\$240,000 for Road and Bridge) for Unorganized Territory No. 2. Absent: Jones

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 09 – Approve the 2015 Expenditure Budget of \$31,250 and Revenue Budget of \$37,030 for Unorganized Territory No. 1. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 10 – Approve the 2015 Expenditure Budget of \$325,000 and Revenue Budget of \$338,690 for Unorganized Territory No. 2 (including \$240,000 for Road and Bridge). Absent: Jones

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 11 – Approve the 2015 County Expenditure Budget of \$58,999,918 and County Revenue Budget of \$55,707,535. Absent: Jones

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 12 – Set the County Attorney 2015 salary at \$98,330 and 2015 Health Care Saving Plan match at \$2,000. Absent: Jones

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 13 – Set the County Auditor 2015 salary at \$68,000 and 2015 Health Care Saving Plan match at \$2,000. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 14 – Set the County Recorder 2015 salary at \$68,917 and 2015 Health Care Saving Plan match at \$2,000. Absent: Jones

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 15 – Set the County Sheriff 2015 salary at \$88,967 and 2015 Health Care Saving Plan match at \$2,000. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 16 – Set the Board of Commissioners 2015 salary at \$21,828, with an additional \$1,500 per year for the Board Chair. This is the same rate as 2014, with no increase. Absent: Jones

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 17 – Set the Commissioner per diems at \$80 in county and \$100 out of county, effective January 1, 2015. This is the same rate as 2014, with no increase. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 18 – Approve Resolution for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Aid. Absent: Jones

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 19 – Approve the probationary appointment of Paul Thompson to Heavy Equipment Operator at the probationary rate of \$19.60 per hour effective December 29, 2014. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 20 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Matthew Miller, DARE Officer for Sheriff's Office, at \$41.00 per hour including second year return incentive effective January 1, 2015. Absent: Jones

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 21 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Dale Olson, Custodian for Maintenance Department, at \$11.50 per hour including maximum return incentive effective January 1, 2015. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 22 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Francis Kaliher, Survey Technician for Forestry Department, at \$16.50 per hour including maximum return incentive effective January 1, 2015. Absent: Jones

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 23 – Approve the internal posting for one full-time female Dispatcher/Corrections Officer. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 24 – Approve the recruitment for one part-time male Dispatcher/Corrections Officer. Absent: Jones

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 25 – Approve the resolution for the designation of a human services board by the county board of commissioners; that effective, January 1, 2015, the Lake County Board of Commissioners shall assume the powers and duties set forth in Minnesota Statute §402.02 subd. 1a now held by the Lake County Health and Human Services Board; and that effective January 1, 2015, all terms of the appointed members of the Lake County Health and Human Services Board shall be terminated. The Lake County Board of Commissioners thanks the appointed members of the Lake County Health and Human Services Board for their years of service and dedication to adult and child services in Lake County. Absent: Jones

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 26 – Approve partial payment to Compass Consultants in the amount of \$500,000.00 towards the amendment of the existing RUS 217 contract. Absent: Jones

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 27 – Approve RUS 245 contract with Compass Consultants for supplemental engineering outside of the existing RUS 217 contract not to exceed \$150,000. Contract is for any redesign of the network that will fall outside of the scope of work in the 217 agreement. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 28 – Authorize purchase from Minnesota Supply in the amount of \$5,065.00 plus any applicable taxes for a Douglas Battery for the electronic forklift at the recycle center, per the recommendation of the Lake County Solid Waste Officer. Absent: Jones

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 29 – Adopt resolution approving retransmission agreements and authorize the Chair to sign the Granite Broadcasting, Hubbard Broadcasting, Malara Broadcast Group and Red River Broadcast agreements covering the years 2015-2017, for video content on Lake Connections network. Absent: Jones

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 30 – Adjourn meeting at 2:55 p.m. Absent: Jones

An organizational board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners