

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

May 26, 2015. Commissioners' Chambers, Lake County Courthouse, Two Harbors, Minnesota.  
Commissioners present: Hurd, Jones, Sve, Walsh. Absent: Goutermont. 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 HURD, SECOND JONES: 01 – Approve agenda. Absent: Goutermont

Bruce Mosel spoke during public comment regarding the assessed value of the buildings on the cabin site lease that he has had with Lake County. Lake County recently canceled the lease in order to put the tax-forfeited land up for sale. Appraisals were performed by the Lake County Assessor and by an appraiser that Mr. Mosel hired. Mr. Mosel requested to negotiate a higher price for the buildings. Mr. Mosel is asking for a fair market value. Lake County Land Commissioner Nate Eide reported on his research on building materials prices. The County Board of Commissioners will ask the County Assessor to re-evaluate, taking into consideration not only the exterior but also the interior of the buildings.

Billi Spencer spoke during public comment to question when the Waterfront Center would be receiving Lake Connections service. In 2013 Lake County became the fiscal agent for the Center and changed the model to a consumer-run center. The County Board reminded Ms. Spencer of this independence and advised that the Waterfront Center should ensure that it has an application in with Lake Connections. Lake County can assist in helping the Waterfront Center with these questions; however, it is the responsibility of the Waterfront Center to be sure they have submitted an application for service.

Jane Soukup of Alden Township spoke during public comment to voice concerns and remind the County Board of her opposition to the current proposed data center site that is located in Lake County near Ms. Soukup's residence in St. Louis County. Ms. Soukup opposes economic development on that site and opposes the proposed marketing service contract between Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX) and Lake County. APEX CEO Brian Hanson was present to answer any questions regarding the contract and marketing activities. Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) is a partner to Lake County on the data center initiative and participates financially with respect to the APEX agreement. The new contract with APEX is a one-year agreement.

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 02 – Approve consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve County Board meeting minutes from May 12, 2015.
2. Approve meeting minutes from the special meeting held on May 19, 2015.
3. Approve claims in the amount of \$61,000.85.
4. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
  - a. Region III Adult Mental Health Initiative payments \$198,241.51
  - b. Administrative payments \$ 15,797.36
  - c. Arrowhead Health Alliance payments \$ 7,154.13
  - d. Special payments \$ 1,757.33

5. Authorize the Land Commissioner to, in the case of an exceptional circumstance beyond the control of the timber permit holder that makes it unreasonable, impractical, and not feasible to complete cutting and removal under the permit within the time allowed, grant one regular extension for one year. A written request for the regular extension must be received by the commissioner before the permit expires. The request must state the reason the extension is necessary and be signed by the permit holder. An interest rate of eight percent may be charged for the period of extension. Should the extended sale expire again without harvest, the permit holder may be responsible for the full value of the sale with the possibility of an additional one-year extension.
6. Authorize the Land Commissioner to proceed with the land exchange of lands listed as follows:  
**Land owned by Brandenburg:**  
Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 63, Range 11  
**For the following described Tax Forfeited Lands:**  
Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Township 64, Range 9
7. Authorize the Land Commissioner to proceed with the land exchange of lands listed as follows:  
**Land Owned by Ekstrom:**  
Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, Township 54, Range 10  
**For the following described Tax Forfeited Lands:**  
Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 53, Range 11
8. Authorize the Land Commissioner to proceed with the land exchange of lands listed as follows:  
**Lands owned by Robinson:**  
North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, Township 64, Range 11  
**For the following described Tax Forfeited Lands:**  
West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Township 64, Range 11
9. Authorize Highway Department to advertise 2015 crushing contract in a quantity up to 21,000 cubic yards.
10. Approve addition of 1,500 cubic yards of MnDOT maintenance gravel (not including hauling) to 2015 crushing contract in exchange for snow and ice control along CR 221.
11. Approve 2015 crushing of approximately 2,000 cubic yards Class 1 maintenance material reimbursable by City of Silver Bay. Approve temporary storage of said material in Lax Lake Pit contingent upon the city's adherence to Lake County's NPDES gravel pit permit provisions.
12. Approve 2015 crushing of approximately 2,500 cubic yards Class 5 maintenance material reimbursable by City of Two Harbors contingent upon the city's adherence to Hansen pit agreement provisions.
13. Approve 2015 crushing of approximately 5,000 cubic yards Class 1 maintenance material reimbursable by Crystal Bay Township. Approve temporary storage of said material in Lax Lake pit contingent upon the township's adherence to Lake County's NPDES gravel pit permit provisions.
14. Approve June 2015 sale of pit run material and billable Highway Department hauling for DNR ATV trail maintenance up to a total value of \$5,000.00.

15. Approve resolution supporting Lake County Historical Society's application to the Minnesota Historical Society for a 2015-2016 preservation grant for the D&IR Depot building.
16. Approve utility permit to Lake Connections (LC-CO-2015-1) for fiber optic crossing at Bridge #L4589.
17. Approve utility permit to Lake Connections (LC-CO-2015-2) for fiber optic crossing at Bridge #L1291.
18. Approve utility permit to Lake Connections (LC-CO-2015-3) for underground fiber optic along CSAH 2 in Two Harbors.
19. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,963.63 to Elite Tinting & Graphics for painting four vehicles (reference 17060a).
20. Authorize payment to election Systems and Software in the amount of \$5,367.50 for Annual election equipment maintenance agreement. Invoice #929601 (As per budgeted line items #01-060-6345 & #01-060-060-6345)
21. Approve payment to Bayside Printing & Northshore Journal in the amount of \$2,953.15 for publishing of the 2015 Budget (\$157.50, invoice #12530) and the 2013 Financial Statements (\$2,795.65, invoice #12531).
22. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,688.00 to Emergency Communications Network, LLC (Invoice ECN-019094) for CodeRED services from 03/27/2015 to 03/26/2016.
23. Approve payment of Invoice No. 764 to North Point Geographic Solutions in the amount of \$12,955.50 for GIS consulting services.
24. Authorize general motor pool vehicle purchase from Polar Chevrolet in White Bear Lake of one (1) 2015 Chevrolet Impala Limited sedan, and to make payment upon delivery for the total amount not to exceed \$17,973.90 plus tax and license.
25. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,667.16 to Innovative Systems for billing system maintenance fee, statement printing and postage.
  - a Invoice 23905 5,370.47
  - b Invoice 24066 \$ 296.69
26. Authorize payment in the amount of \$465,380.80 to Lake States Construction for pole make ready in rural Ely & Fall Lake areas.
  - a Invoice 5974 \$192,777.60
  - b Invoice 5969 \$130,536.00
  - c Invoice 5968 \$ 45,154.00
  - d Invoice 5975 \$ 96,901.20

27. Authorize the purchase of Samsung Tablets and accessories from SHI, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$6,160.00 plus shipping.
28. Authorize the purchase of hardware from Dell for an amount not to exceed \$3,259.86 plus shipping.
29. Authorize the purchase of Solarwinds Network Performance Monitor (NPM) SL500 (500 Elements) with first year maintenance in the amount of \$5,000.00 (SolarWinds Quote: QN666610). Solarwinds is an enterprise level SNMP monitoring server. SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) is a protocol that is used for monitoring devices on an IP network. Solarwinds will give us in-depth information to all of the ISP/IPTV/Internal Server equipment. Solarwinds is able to monitor and see if, EX: equipment reboots/interfaces go up, or down/bandwidth limits are being utilized, or underutilized/etc. The "NOC view" gives a customizable view of the network (up and down nodes/upstream usage/last 25 events/geological maps/etc.) that is easy for all to understand. Solarwinds can be set up with an alert manager that will call, text, or email a group(s) to inform employees about any issues. This program will help us: meet SLAs, monitor our network from one dedicated location, and be proactive, rather than reactive.
30. Authorize the purchase of Panasonic hardware for an amount not to exceed \$10,668.78 plus shipping. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Approve the resignation of Alex McGrath, Dispatcher/Corrections Officer, effective May 12, 2015. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 04 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Al Lampela, Industrial Mower Operator for Highway Department, at \$13.00 per hour including maximum return incentive effective June 15, 2015. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 05 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Andrew Kragseth, Industrial Mower Operator for Highway Department, at \$13.00 per hour including maximum return incentive effective June 15, 2015. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 06 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Elizabeth Huss, Industrial Mower Operator for Highway Department, at \$12.50 per hour including second year return incentive effective June 15, 2015. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION HURD, SECOND JONES: 07 – Approve and authorize Maria VanSanten, Lake County Health and Human Services Social Services Supervisor, to sign the Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Court Data Services for Governmental Agencies. This Agreement is between Lake County Health and Human Services and the State of Minnesota. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 08 – Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX) agreement / data center marketing for the 2015 Budget and Deliverables Proposal – Data Center Technical Marketing and Technical Sales (Marketing Service Contract), effective May 27, 2015 and ending on May 26, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 09 – Adjourn meeting at 2:10 p.m. Absent: Goutermont

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The Board of Commissioners will hold an agenda meeting in the Commissioners' boardroom on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. The Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting in the Commissioners' boardroom on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. This noon start time is a schedule change from the regularly scheduled board meeting time of 1:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan  
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson  
Lake County Board of Commissioners