

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

September 8, 2015. Commissioners Chambers, Lake County Courthouse, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Commissioners Present: Goutermont, Hurd, Jones, Sve, Walsh. 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 GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 01 – Approve agenda. Absent: None

Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy updated the County Board of Commissioners on solid waste activities in Lake County, including that of the demolition landfill and the disposal of asbestos materials. The County Board agreed to the concept of setting a date that the County will no longer accept asbestos at the landfill and providing notice of that date to affected parties. The reason for this change is to maximize the remaining capacity for demolition waste since the landfill is nearing capacity. There was also discussion on the potential to request a landfill expansion.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 02 – Approve Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve County Board meeting minutes from August 25, 2015.
2. Approve claims in the amount of \$57,158.58.
3. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
 - a. Region III Adult Mental Health Initiative payments \$ 88,622.79
 - b. Administrative payments \$ 22,141.73
 - c. Special payments \$ 18,028.10
4. Authorize repair to the Law Enforcement Center building roof, with a roof repair rubber EPDM roofing system, in the amount of \$8,160.00, payable to A.W. Kuettel & Sons, Inc.
5. Authorize purchase and installation of a peaked canopy covering the east steps of the Lake County Courthouse entrance, in the amount of \$8,704.00, payable to Advanced Design Awnings & Signs.
6. Approve payment to State of Minnesota – Office of the State Auditor in the amount of \$15,896.00 (invoice #66163 in the amount of \$14,182.00, invoice #66164 in the amount of \$456.00 and invoice #66166 in the amount of \$1,658.00) for year-end 2014 auditing services.
7. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,676.50 to Ely Area Ambulance Service (EAAS) for the Town of Fall Lake's ambulance subsidy for 2015 (Invoice 201514).
8. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,640.00 to Conrow Law Office (Invoice Number: 10175) for services rendered between June 30, 2015, and August 20, 2015, in the matter of the fiber network.
9. Award bid for the demolition of structure and cleanup of garbage on County Road 8 to John's Sanitary Removal for \$6,000.00.

10. Amend 2015 Memorial Forest 2 Expenditures to \$9,000 to pay for roadwork and culverts.
11. Approve entering into a Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) Enhancement Grant Program, and authorize Rich Sve, Chairperson of the Lake County Board of Commissioners to execute the 2016 CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant on behalf of the County.
12. Authorize payment in the amount of \$150.00 to Northeast Service Cooperative (NESC) for annual membership dues for Fiscal Year FY16, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. (Invoice 30321).
13. Approve agreement between Herb Lattin and Lake County exchanging 25 yards of gravel for 5 years of access, for forest management purposes only, through Lattin's land.
14. Authorize payment to Giant Voices in the amount of \$5,000.00 (INV-038390) for September 2015 monthly retainer, advertising & printing services [for broadband marketing services including coordination and execution of communication priorities outlined in marketing services agreement].
15. Authorize the following payments totaling \$11,772.07 to Cooperative Light and Power for post-inspection: a) Invoice 7708: \$8,266.17. b) Invoice 7709: \$3,505.90
16. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,816.00 to Gray, Plant Mooty, Et al for legal services rendered in connection with Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) petition (reference 693899).
17. Authorize payment in the amount of \$206,301.08 to Lake Communications, Inc. for Operations and Management of the Lake County Fiber to the Home Project (Invoice 74).
18. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Legg Strategies for consulting services August 15, 2015 through September 15, 2015 (Invoice 1155).
19. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to 7Sigma Systems, Inc. for ISP support services (reference 83115LAK).
20. Authorize payments to VISA for the following charges:
 - \$125.00 payment for lodging accommodations.
 - \$297.10 payment for lodging accommodations.
 - \$107.32 for FedEx packages sent on behalf of the Lake Connections fiber optic project.Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Social Worker.
Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 04 – Approve the change in employment status of Valerie Nicolaison, Highway Accountant, due to completion of probation effective September 2, 2015. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 05 – Approve the resignation of Julie Smith, Dispatcher/Corrections Officer, effective September 6, 2015. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 06 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time female Dispatcher/Corrections Officer. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 07 – Approve the probationary appointment of Jodi Anderson to part-time Deputy Auditor at the probationary rate of \$18.18 per hour effective September 21, 2015. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 08 – Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the State of Minnesota Grant Contract between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources (“State”) and Lake County Sheriff’s Office (“Grantee”) for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Enforcement Grant Program for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Lake County will be reimbursed up to \$18,032.00 in state fiscal year 2016, and \$18,032.00 in fiscal year 2017, as determined by the grant funding formula. The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under the grant contract will not exceed \$36,064.00. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 09 – Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Third Amendment to the Option and Lease Agreement (MN4Isabella MN) and Memorandum of Lease, between Lake County (Landlord) and Verizon Wireless (Tenant), and the Resolution and Consent Affidavit, with lined out changes to the agreement, per mutual agreement between the parties to the agreement. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 10 – Adjourn meeting at 1:45 p.m. Absent: None

The Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Little Marais Community Center, 6470 Highway 61. Silver Bay, Minnesota, 55614. A regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commissioners’ boardroom at the Lake County Courthouse, 601 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners