

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

Tuesday, January 12, 2016, Split Rock River Room, Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Commissioners Present: Goutermont, Hurd, Jones, Sve, Walsh. Absent: None. Also present: Laurel D. Buchanan, Clerk of the Board. Absent: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston.

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: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 02 – Approve new monthly contract rate of \$1,500 a month, payable to Legg Strategies. This new rate replaces a previously contracted rate that was established in a Memorandum of Agreement between Legg Strategies and Lake County. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Approve continued membership in the Iron Range Economic Alliance (IREA) and authorize payment of \$50 for 2016 dues. Absent: None

In the County Administrator's absence, Chairperson Rich Sve discussed some of the items that the County Administrator would have discussed during his time on the agenda. Clerk of the Board Laurel Buchanan updated the County Board of Commissioners about communication with Monica Hendrickson with the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon, thanking Lake County for our generous donation in support of the race. The sled dog marathon organizers would like to feature a Lake County ad in the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon program book. The Commissioners discussed that they would like to include a welcome to Lake County. Lake County welcomes the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon and its participants, spectators and supporters, and wishes good luck to the mushers and their dogs. The Commissioners would like to thank the community and attendees for participating and supporting this important community event and our area businesses. As a local unit of government, Lake County is aware of the importance of cultural events like the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon and how these events draw people to our community to celebrate in the camaraderie of the competition. Participants support economic development in Northeastern Minnesota. Lake County prides itself in our trail system and the outdoor recreational opportunities available in our area.

On a related topic, the question was asked whether consent agenda item 23 is duplicative of a recent County Board decision designating funds to sponsor the GPS tracking of the 2016 John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon. Clerk of the Board Laurel Buchanan clarified that the previous board action was to designate the funds and today's board action would authorize payment. County Auditor Linda Libal clarified that today's board action is needed to specify the dollar amount and authorize the payment.

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

1. Approve Board of Commissioners' organizational meeting minutes from January 5, 2016.
2. Approve claims in the amount of \$44,608.23.
3. Approve Health and Human Services claim payments in the following amounts:
 - a. Administrative payments \$ 4,942.59
 - b. Special payments \$ 738,503.45

4. Approve payment of \$7,500.00 to Jeana Kapcysnki for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 1 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-1982.07.
5. Approve payment of \$4,348.40 to Mark Zapp for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 1 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-1982.07.
6. Approve payment of \$7,500.00 to Larry Zelenz for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 1 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-1982.07.
7. Approve payment of \$7,500.00 to William Johnson for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 1 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-1982.07.
8. Approve payment of \$7,490.00 to Dorthy Benhke for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 1 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-1982.07.
9. Approve payment in the amount of \$3,387.81 to American Solutions for Business for the 2015 payable 2016 Truth-in-Taxation notices (invoice #INV02401435).
10. Approve and authorize the chair to sign the *Master Services Agreement* for technical support services from Works Computing.
11. Approve the repurchase application by Sonner, subject to payment including total taxes and assessments of \$1,717.68, service fee of \$100.00, deed tax of \$5.67, deed fee of \$25.00, and recording fee of \$46.00; for a total of \$1,894.35, if paid before 1/31/16, otherwise total consideration will be recalculated. (This resolution reflects corrections to the amounts.)
12. Authorize payment to Giant Voices in the amount of \$2,509.33 for November 2015 advertising & printing services, for the following invoices: INV-038809, \$2,139.83 and INV-038810, \$369.50.
13. Authorize payment to Kortuem Living Trust in the amount of \$3,325.00 (#238555) for billboard lease from January 1, 2016 to July 31, 2016.
14. Approve and authorize the Lake County Board Chair to sign the Minnesota Department of Health Statewide Health Improvement Program Grant Project Agreement between the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board and Lake County Health and Human Services for the period of November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2017.
15. Approve and authorize the Lake County Board Chair to sign the Purchase of Service Agreement with North Shore Horizons for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
16. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,736.00 to Conrow Law Office (Invoice Number: 10189) for services rendered between October 14, 2015, and December 21, 2015, in the matter of the fiber network.

17. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,621.00 to 7Sigma Systems, Inc. for ISP support services (reference M1032).
18. Authorize payment for an amount not to exceed \$13,385 to Mid-America Business Systems for annual Imaging System software maintenance.
19. Authorize out-of-state travel for Land Commissioner Nate Eide to attend the Northern Fatbike Summit in Marquette, Michigan, from February 19-21, 2016.
20. Approve amended County Fee Schedule for 2016, including the following changes submitted by the Forestry Department: 1) adding maple syrup permit fee for personal use, 2) increasing cabin site lease fee, 3) eliminating the term "Land Use License" and replacing that term with "Road License."
21. Approve the appointments of Commissioner Rick Goutermont and Commissioner Jeremy Hurd as Lake County representatives and Commissioner Rich Sve as Lake County alternate on the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority.
22. Authorize payment in an amount not to exceed \$6,913.32 to SHI, Inc. for Cisco hardware and software maintenance.
23. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 to John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon, Lake County sponsored amount for GPS tracking in 2016.
24. Authorize payment in the amount of \$136,365.95 to Lake Communications, Inc. for Operations and Management of the Lake County Fiber to the Home Project (Invoice 82, less the finance charge).
25. Authorize payment in the amount of \$151,824.32 to Lake Communications, Inc. for Operations and Management of the Lake County Fiber to the Home Project (Invoice 85).
26. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,592.00 to Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) for renewal of Lake County Agricultural Society's 2016 insurance premiums (Invoice 1184R). Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 05 – Approve the probationary appointment of Krista Olek to Case Aide at the probationary rate of \$18.23 per hour effective January 13, 2016. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 06 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Dale Olson, Custodian for Maintenance Department, at \$12.00 per hour including maximum return incentive effective January 13, 2016. None

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 07 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Frances Kaliher, Survey Technician for Forestry Department, at \$17.00 per hour including maximum return incentive effective January 13, 2016. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 08 – Approve the Highway Department request to fill the following 67-day temporary positions:

Truck Driver	2 positions	\$15.00 per hour	
Mower Operator	5 positions	\$12.00 per hour	
Laborer	2 positions	\$ 9.50 per hour	
Survey Assistant	1 positions	\$ 9.50 per hour	
Engineering Intern	2 position	\$14.00 per hour	
Engineering Aide	1 position	\$ 9.50 per hour	
Survey Technician	1 position	\$15.50 per hour	Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 09 – Approve the resignation of Michelle Geissler, Financial Worker, effective January 15, 2016. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 10 – Approve the filling of one full-time Financial Worker. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 11 – Authorize early payment to Lake County Ambulance Service (LCAS) in an amount equal to half of the 2016 allocation to be paid from the Lake County subsidy account. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 12 – Adjourn meeting at 1:40 p.m. Absent: None

At the conclusion of the county business discussed at the board meeting, the audience was invited to watch the curling practice of the Lake County Board of Commissioners to be held at the Two Harbors Curling Club immediately following adjournment of today’s county board meeting. The curling practice is for practice only, not for official county business. The Lake County Board of Commissioners will be participating in a curling competition during the annual Winter Frolic the weekend of February 12-13, 2016. The Exhibition Curling Challenge will be held on Friday, February 12th, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. during the Winter Frolic Mini-Spiel to be held at the Two Harbors Curling Club. The curling match will be the City of Two Harbors City Council vs. the Lake County Commissioners.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, in the Lake County Law Enforcement Center, 613 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. The Lake County Board of Commissioners will convene a regular board meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, in the Split Rock River Room located on the main floor of the Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

Attest:

Laurel Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners