

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

January 26, 2016. Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 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. Commissioner Sve led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Lake County Attorney Laura Auron discussed a rare situation of a dangerous dog determination. The Lake County Attorney received on January 25, 2016, a Request for an Impartial Hearing regarding a Dangerous Dog determination made by the Lake County Sheriff. Lake County has not enacted an animal control ordinance designating an animal authority for Lake County. County Attorney Auron recommends that in the future Lake County go through the process to adopt and implement an animal control ordinance. County Attorney Auron reviewed Minnesota Statute Chapter 347, Dogs and Cats, 347.541 disposition of seized animals, in the section on regulation of dangerous dogs. County Attorney Auron discussed the County Sheriff's role in responding to animal control situations and the County Attorney's role in prosecuting cases involving dangerous dog determinations. County Attorney Auron recommends that the County Board of Commissioners approve two proposed resolutions today. The first resolution designates the Lake County Sheriff as the animal control authority for the County of Lake. The Lake County Sheriff is authorized to keep and preserve the peace of Lake County pursuant to Minnesota Statute 387.03. It is necessary for the Lake County Sheriff to respond to complaints regarding animals in the performance of the office's duties. The second resolution specifies that an impartial hearing officer will be retained by Lake County to conduct the impartial hearing and that the County shall seek reimbursement from the dog owner for expenses related to the hearing, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 347.541. An impartial employee of the local government or an impartial person retained by the local government shall be appointed as impartial hearing officer to conduct the impartial hearing. The County Administrator will be the impartial employee responsible for seeking an impartial party to serve as impartial hearing officer.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 02 – Approve Resolution Designating the Lake County Sheriff as the Animal Control Authority for the County of Lake. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 03 – Approve Resolution Regarding Impartial Hearing Officer for a Dangerous Dog Determination. Absent: None

Ward Wallin and Terry Hukriede, members of the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon Board of Directors, attended the County Board of Commissioners' meeting to thank Lake County for our sponsorship of the event. GPS is an exciting part of the race and gets the most hits on the Beargrease web site, as a popular point of interest. The web site www.beargrease.com/gps.htm includes a special thanks to Lake County for sponsoring this year's GPS tracking. GPS tracking is important for the safety of the mushers and their dogs. The County Administrator discussed that Lake County (doing business as Lake Connections) would like to provide Wi-Fi internet at the start of the Beargrease race. Mr. Huddleston will continue discussions with Jeffrey Roiland, Lake Connections General Manager, to help make this happen. Lake County would like to be the official start of the race in future years and invites the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon Board of Directors to consider making a permanent move to this starting location. Commissioners asked race organizers to provide input to Lake County to continue improving that starting point site. The trails are used for ATV, snowmobiles and bikes, as well. Future improvements will benefit multiple uses of the site. The John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon Board of Directors invited Lake County Commissioners to attend the banquet and kick-off ceremony on Saturday, January 30th, at 5:00 p.m. and to RSVP if able to attend.

Two items were removed from the consent agenda for discussion and separate board action.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 04 – Approve revised consent agenda as follows.

1. Approve County Board meeting minutes from January 12, 2016.
2. Approve claims in the amount of \$51,654.83.
3. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
 - a. Region III Adult Mental Health Initiative payments \$ 19,519.00
 - b. Administrative payments \$ 37,751.82
 - c. Arrowhead Health Alliance payments \$ 50,623.67
4. Authorize payment to Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC) for 2016 Integrated Financial System (IFS) computer support in the amount of \$7,489.00. (\$2,661.00 for Auditor/Treasurer and \$4,828 for Computer Management for Human Services (CMHS)).
5. Approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Whitetails Unlimited, Inc. to have a raffle on April 23, 2016 at the Clair Nelson Community Center, 6866 Cramer Rd, Finland, Minnesota.
6. Authorize payment in the amount of \$11,336.50 to North Point Geographic Services for mapping fiber optic plant (reference 855).
7. Authorize the purchase of fiber related parts from Graybar in the amount of \$11,515.28 plus tax and shipping. This is primarily to have parts on hand to repair the fiber infrastructure.
8. Authorize payment in the amount of \$7,385.50 to Innovative Systems for billing & IPTV system maintenance fee, for the following invoices: a) 26591, \$1,073.92; b) 26435, \$5,370.47; c) 26688, \$941.11.
9. Authorize the purchase of Optisnap kits from Graybar in the amount of \$3,485.00 plus tax and shipping. These connectors are used for customer installations.
10. Approve year end transfers of funds to Road & Bridge for 2015 interdepartment services: \$6,275.29 from Broadband and \$26,502.53 from Solid Waste.
11. Accept proposal from LHB in an amount up to \$42,745.00 for Bridge 38503 (CSAH 9 over Knife River) Design Services.
12. Accept quote from Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. in an amount up to \$41,037.00 for SP 038-591-002 (CSAH 2 and CSAH 5 signage and accessibility improvements) Design Services.

13. Authorize amendment in the amount of \$13,623.00 for CSAH 29 (4th Street) Reconstruction and Skunk Creek Culvert Design Services from Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for a revised contract total amount up to \$83,101.00.
14. Authorize amendment in the amount of \$7,293.70 for Bridge 7065 (CSAH 18 over Garden Lake) Design Services from Erickson Engineering for a revised contract total amount up to \$25,693.00.
15. Approve payment of Invoice No. B037115 in the amount of \$1,501.66 for SP 038-090-004 (Two Harbors Trail) construction inspection duties from Braun Intertec for a revised total of \$3,623.58.
16. Approve payment in the amount of \$2,990.50 to ABE for Invoice No. 23231 and 23232 for annual Co-Ray-Vac systems maintenance.
17. Approve payment in the amount of \$4,162.04 to City of Ely for 2015-2016 salt-sand mixing.
18. Approve payment of \$1,863.75 to Ron Lemke for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 1 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4113.09.
19. Approve payment of \$4,216.75 to William Iacono 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.
20. Approve payment of \$6,020.00 to Ruth Nauer 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.
21. Approve the repurchase application by Sipper, subject to payment including total taxes and assessments of \$2,001.11, service fee of \$100.00, deed tax of \$6.60, deed fee of \$25.00, and recording fee of \$46.00; for a total of \$2,178.71.
22. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,845.17 to Lake County Human Services for public health nurse jail services for October through December 2015.
23. Approve and authorize the Lake County Board Chair to sign the Adult and Children's Crisis Response Service Grants Agreement for CY 2016. Lake County is acting as the Fiscal Agent of the Region III AMHI.
24. Approve and authorize the Lake County Board Chair and Lake County Health and Human Services Director Vickie L. Thompson to sign the Community Wellness Grant (Grant 1422) Grant Project Agreement between the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board (CHB) and Lake County for the funding period of November 1, 2015 – September 29, 2016.
25. Authorize sale at public auction of 2005 Ford F150 (VIN #1FTRF14W0FKC56113).

26. Approve re-appointment of John Bathke, Greg Hull, and Nancy Hansen to Lake County Standing Forestry Commission for three years.
27. Approve Land Commissioner request for Special Legislation regarding land sale and land exchange and initial land sale list pending Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) review.
28. Authorize year-end transfer of 2015 Gravel Royalty \$ from Highway Department to Tax Forfeit fund. \$10,633.25 in total (\$10,631.38 to 85-950-5490 and \$1.87 to 85-951-5490)
29. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,800.00 to Ehlers & Associates, Inc. for 2015 Disclosure Reporting Services (Invoice 69514).
30. Approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Friends of Finland Community to conduct excluded bingo on February 7, 2016; March 6, 2016; April 3, 2016; and May 1, 2016; at the Clair Nelson Community Center, 6866 Cramer Rd, Finland, Minnesota.
31. Authorize the following payments totaling \$32,775.75 to Cooperative Light and Power for rental of 2,081 poles (reference: Lake Connections 2016). Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 05 – Authorize payment to Giant Voices in the amount of \$5,000.00 (reference INV-038874) for January 2016 monthly retainer, advertising & printing services [for broadband marketing services including coordination and execution of communication priorities outlined in marketing services agreement]. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND JONES: 06 – Authorize the purchase of new carpeting with installation for the two new Human Resources offices and courthouse conference room, and select the proposal from the low bidder Superior Floor Care, to furnish and install 10-year warranty carpeting (Cambridge-Rush Hour), in the amount of \$3,997.96. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND JONES: 07 – Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the 2016 Pay Equity Report and authorize the submission of same to the State of Minnesota. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 08 – Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the updated Joint Powers Agreement between Northeast Service Cooperative and Lake County for participation in the Insurance Program offering. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 09 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Matthew Miller, DARE Officer for Sheriff's Office, at \$41.50 per hour including maximum return incentive effective February 1, 2016. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 10 – Approve the resignation of Tyler Anderson, part-time Dispatcher/Corrections Officer, effective April 1, 2016. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 11 – Approve the filling of one part-time Dispatcher/Corrections Officer. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 12 – Approve the following regarding 2016 Budgets for Probation (Corrections), Human Services, Public Health, Arrowhead Health Alliance, and Region 3 Mental Health Initiative:

RESOLVED, that a 2016 budget for Corrections, of Revenue in the amount of \$000.00, Expenses in the amount of \$479,302.00, for a net of (\$479,302.00) is hereby approved; and

RESOLVED, that a 2016 budget for Human Services, of Revenue in the amount of \$3,618,152.00, Expenses in the amount of \$3,799,899.00, for a net of (\$181,747.00) is hereby approved; and

RESOLVED, that a 2016 budget for Health, of Revenue in the amount of \$584,009.00, Expenses in the amount of \$583,666.00, for a net of \$343 is hereby approved; and

RESOLVED, that a 2016 budget for the Arrowhead Health Alliance, of Revenue in the amount of \$206,350.00, Expenses in the amount of \$250,900.00, for a net of (\$44,550.00) is hereby approved; and

RESOLVED, that a 2016 budget for Region 3 Adult Mental Health Initiative, of Revenue in the amount of \$2,888,532.00, Expenses in the amount of \$2,888,532.00 (includes \$1,245,260 Adult and Children’s Crisis Services Grant and \$1,643,272 AMHI Grant), for a net of \$000.00 is hereby approved. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 13 – Adjourn meeting at 2:26 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 convene an agenda meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, and a regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Both the agenda meeting and the regular meeting will be held in the Split Rock River Room located on the main floor of the Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. The Lake County Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, in the Lake County Law Enforcement Center, 613 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners