

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

September 13, 2016. Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Commissioners present: Jones, Sve, Walsh. Absent: Goutermont, Hurd. Also absent: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston. Also present: Laurel Buchanan, Clerk of the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rich Sve. Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas. Members of the public were present. Commissioner Sve led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 01 – Approve agenda. Absent: Goutermont, Hurd

Bob Thompson addressed the Board of Commissioners and the audience regarding the fiber cut that took place on the evening of Thursday, September 8, 2016. Mr. Thompson discussed the damage that was done and the resulting loss of connectivity that was experienced by many Lake Connections subscribers. Two 864 cables over County Road 26 were damaged (stretched or burned). The damaged area covered five pole spans. The cable and strand wrapped around the power lines which made them unusable. The amount of cable stored in slack loops was insufficient to replace the damaged cable. Having to use new cable increased repair costs and doubled the time needed to splice. After our incident a truck was stopped in Duluth on Thursday evening. The vehicle's equipment was measured at 16' 2". Lake Connections has requested a copy of the police report generated in Duluth. Over \$50,000 is the current estimate for the repairs.

Mr. Thompson reviewed a timeline of events and how many customers were without service at those times. About 1,000 Lake Connections subscribers were without service on September 8th, at 7:00 p.m. By 10:00 p.m. on September 9th, 700 subscribers service had been restored and 300 subscribers were still without service. By 11:00 a.m. on September 10th, 140 subscribers were without service. Throughout the next couple days, service continued to be restored to customers. By September 12th, at 2:30 p.m., 13 customers were still out of service from the outage, and by 5:00 p.m. service had been restored to those customers.

Mr. Thompson discussed network redundancy design and how extensive damages contributed to the loss of connectivity. He discussed why redundancy measures did not work as expected. Lake Connections is looking into equipment failure, cause and prevention. Verizon network was also affected by the outage. Bill Miller also commented that 911 services were out. Lake Connections subscriber Lenore Johnson was present to discuss her experience with the outage and her suggestions on improvements to public relations during the outage, based on her experience in the 72 hours that service was impacted. Mr. Thompson discussed that Lake Connections will be reviewing this matter and updating procedures to prevent future losses.

Land Commissioner Nate Eide discussed that he has submitted an updated proposed resolution on the subject of stream easement. The resolution has been updated with language required by the Department of Revenue.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 02 – Approve consent agenda, with removal of one item for separate discussion. Approve revised consent agenda as follows

1. Approve County Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from August 23, 2016.
2. Approve claims in the amount of \$82,377.35.

3. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
 - a. Region III Adult Mental Health Initiative payments \$ 34,452.66
 - b. Administrative payments \$ 31,891.85
 - c. Special Payments \$ 5,572.12
4. Approve the application of Lakeview Liquorette DBA Lakeview Liquor for a new off-sale intoxicating liquor license to be located at 2777 Hwy 61 Two Harbors subject to the approval of the County Attorney and County Sheriff offices and payment of applicable fees.
5. Approve payment to MN State Nursery Account for \$22,733.25, to be reimbursed with CPL grant money.
6. Approve payment in the amount of \$7,460.00 to the Office of the State Auditor for 2015 audit services from June 29, 2016 through July 26, 2016. (invoice #67383 for \$648.00 and invoice #67382 for \$6,812.00).
7. Authorize payment in the amount of \$6,738.05 to Innovative Systems for billing system maintenance fee for the following invoices: a) Invoice 28852 in the amount of \$5,370.47 and b) Invoice 29025 in the amount of \$1,367.58.
8. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Legg Strategies for consulting services (reference 1219).
9. Authorize payment in the amount of \$9,836.25 to North Point Geographic Services for mapping fiber optic plant (reference 940).
10. Approve MCIS Data Confidentiality Agreement and Data Access and Use Agreement and authorize board chair to sign.
11. Authorize payment to Lake County SWCD in the amount of \$17,034.80 for 2nd Quarter 2016 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Activities per the Minnesota County Program Aid Grant for AIS Prevention.
12. Approve the application of Isabella Community Council for a new Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premises Permit.
13. Authorize payment to Wenck Associates in the amount of \$3,999.35 for the Demolition Landfill Leachate Pond Design (\$2998.15) and Geotechnical Boring Investigation Services (\$1001.20).
14. Approve payment of \$5,433.40 to DF & Company 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.
15. Approve payment of \$7500 to Michael Frazier 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.

16. Approve and authorize financial assistance for the Two Harbors Area Food Shelf in the amount of \$7,500.00.
17. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,810.46 to Holiday for fuel through 08/15/2016 (reference 1400-012-590-598).
18. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,800.00 to Citi Lites / Korterra for cable locating for the weeks ending 08/14/2016 & 08/21/2016 for the following invoices: a) Invoice 52332 in the amount of \$1,901.00 and b) Invoice 52263 in the amount of \$1,899.00.
19. Request approval for the Auditor's office to reimburse for travel expenses submitted outside the 90-day county policy by Lake County employee #4208.
20. Authorize Highway Department purchase of Two Harbors Shop air compressor at a cost up to \$10,603.00 including freight and startup from Ingersoll Rand.
21. Amend County Board Minutes from May 24, 2016, Motion 02, Item 16, as follows: Authorize Highway Department purchase of plastic culvert pipes from Jamar Company (through State CPV Contract C-857(5)) at a cost up to \$16,213.20.
22. Approve Highway Department payment of Invoice No. 11889 in the amount of \$584.00 to Erickson Engineering for additional bridge load rating services.
23. Approve Highway Department payment of Invoice No. 530056800 in the amount of \$2,880.00 to Pomp's Tire Service for mower tractor tires.
24. Approve Highway Department payment of Invoice No. SW070069339 in the amount of \$11,624.76 to Ziegler for Unit #5050 (2005 Caterpillar grader) repairs.
25. Approve Highway Department payment of Invoice No. 104455 in the amount of \$3,420.00 to John's Sanitary Removal for emergency loader truck rental.
26. Authorize Highway Engineer to sign Heck of the North special event permit for October 1, 2016.
27. Approve the proposal for Wenck Associates to prepare a Hydrologic Evaluation Work Plan for the Landfill Expansion Permit Application at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.
28. Approve and authorize the County Board Chair to sign the Purchase of Service Agreement with Kay Larson for Supervised Visitation Services for the period of September 6, 2016 through February 28, 2017.
29. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,756.40 to Danny's Auto Shop for repairs to 2016 F150 for damage from windblown tree.
30. Authorize and approve Highland Lake Public Easement across land to be sold.

31. Approve and authorize easement to be given to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) for trout stream access.
32. Approve Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Coalition (GMRPTC) application match of in-kind services including construction equipment, design and wetland credits for a total of \$191,400.
33. Approve a Resolution and authorize the Chair to sign a letter requesting state public disaster assistance in accordance with Minnesota Statute 12B.30.
34. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to 7Sigma Systems, Inc. for ISP support services (reference M1600).
35. Authorize the following payments totaling \$47,956.76 to Cooperative Light and Power for post-attachment inspection for the following invoices: A) Invoice 8154 in the amount of \$1,724.70; B) Invoice 8096 in the amount of \$5,755.55; C) Invoice 7927 in the amount of \$13,805.26; D) Invoice 7808 in the amount of \$18,455.00; and E) Invoice 7834 in the amount of \$8,216.25.
36. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,015.00 to Conrow Law Office (Invoice Number: 10219) for services rendered between July 22, 2016, and August 30, 2016, in the matter of the fiber network.
37. Authorize a payment in the amount of \$2,615.90 to Ely Area Ambulance Service (EAAS) for the Town of Fall Lake's 2016 EAAS Joint Powers Contribution.
38. Authorize payment in the amount of \$174,521.54 to Lake Communications, Inc. for Operations and Management of the Lake County Fiber to the Home Project (Invoice 107).
39. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,813.47 to Lake Country Power for building service to "Ely G" node (reference 36253).
40. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Mesabi Bituminous (Invoice 2016-8416) for bituminous paving at the Lake County Sheriff Station. Absent: Goutermont, Hurd

A proposed item from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. This was regarding MnDOT's request for Lake County to support MnDOT implementing U.S. Bicycle Route 41 (USBR 41), which would link St. Paul and Grand Portage State Park. MnDOT's plan is to combine existing roads and trails to create a continuous bicycle route approximately 325 miles long. On August 23, 2016, the Board of Commissioners recommended that MnDOT look into changing a portion of the route in order to get safer conditions than what Highway 61 allows. County Commissioners who were present on September 13, 2016, discussed concerns on proposed route. No motion was offered.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 03 – Approve the probationary appointment of Jessica Breden to Public Health Nurse at the probationary rate of \$26.19 per hour effective September 14, 2016. Absent: Goutermont, Hurd

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 04 – Approve the probationary appointment of Jamie Linden to Deputy Auditor at the probationary rate of \$18.55 per hour effective September 19, 2016. Absent: Goutermont, Hurd

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 05 – Approve the probationary appointment of Mandi Jackson to Financial Worker at the probationary rate of \$20.20 per hour effective September 19, 2016. Absent: Goutermont, Hurd

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 06 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Deputy Sheriff. Absent: Goutermont, Hurd

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 07 – Increase spending authorization for Office 365 licensing spending to \$39,357.60 from \$38,000.00 as authorized in the Board Minutes of Sept. 22, 2015. Absent: Goutermont, Hurd

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 08 – Adjourn meeting at 2:38 p.m. Absent: Goutermont, Hurd

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Little Marais Community Center, 6470 Highway 61, Silver Bay, Minnesota, 55614. The Lake County Board of Commissioners will convene a regular board meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 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