

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

November 8, 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 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 JONES, SECOND HURD: 01 – Approve agenda with addition. Absent: None

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston provided an update on the bowling alley demolition project. The recommendation is to accept the quote from Twin Ports Environmental Construction (TPEC). Mr. Huddleston also provided an update on the FCC grant and letter of credit. Next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. is the public hearing on the transportation sales tax. Mr. Huddleston also provided an update from the Negotiations Committee. Lake County is close to finalizing an agreement with Consolidated Telecommunications Company (CTC), to operate and manage Lake Connections, the County's fiber-optic network. CTC, of Brainerd, Minnesota, brings 65 years of experience in rural telecommunications, including its current partnership with Arrowhead Electric Cooperative providing wholesale network services in neighboring Cook County.

Lake Communications Incorporated (LCI) managed the network since February 2011. The move to CTC was necessary when the County could not reach an acceptable agreement with LCI to provide management services, after their 5-year contract expired on November 1, 2016.

While the County appreciates the five years of hard work LCI provided, it is hard to match the model CTC provides for network management. CTC's model for management will provide the County the ability to reduce expenses and increase revenue for Lake Connections by leveraging the current assets of the member-owned cooperative. CTC has numerous public/private partnerships they work with today and has a long history of engaging with public entities.

CTC's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kevin Larson introduced himself to the County Board and also introduced several members of CTC staff, who were also in attendance at the Lake County Board of Commissioners' meeting. Other CTC staff in attendance were Chief Operating Officer (COO) Kristi Westbrook; Andy Isaacson, marketing manager; and Joe Buttweiler, partnership development manager.

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

1. Approve County Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from October 25, 2016.
2. Approve batch 1 claims in the amount of \$58,290.12.
3. Approve batch 2 claims in the amount of \$8,624.60.
4. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
 - a. Region III Adult Mental Health Initiative payments \$ 93,705.28
 - b. Administrative payments \$ 9,879.67
 - c. Special payments \$ 17,950.73

5. Approve and authorize the County Board Chair and Lake County Auditor/Treasurer to sign the Minnesota Counties Information System (MCIS) Joint Powers Agreement effective January 1, 2017.
6. Approve payment of \$4,161.50 to Sharon Starkovich 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 \$4,333.00 to James Hecimovich for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 2 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4113.09.
8. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services County Grant Contract (#116341), which Lake County is acting as the Fiscal Host for Region III. This Contract covers the Grant period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.
9. Approve payment of \$4,340.00 to Robert Artisensi for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 2 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4113.09.
10. Approve payment of \$7,500.00 to Bert Hyde for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 2 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4113.09.
11. Authorize Highway Department bulk oil stocking in an amount up to \$10,908.80 from Petrochoice.
12. Authorize Highway Department renewal of AutoCAD software services at a cost of \$2,925.09 from DLT Solutions.
13. Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign County Road 221 winter maintenance agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation District 1 at an annual lump sum cost of \$1,510.00 payable in May 2017.
14. Approve payment of \$29,437.76 plus license and other fees to Midway Ford for 2017 F-150 4x4 Crew Cab.
15. Award bid and approve payment to Future Forests for site prep by disc trenching on approximately 374 acres in the amount of \$42,187.00 (payment not to exceed \$43,000) to be paid for with Moose Grant money.
16. Award bid and approve payment upon successful completion of project to Future Forests Inc. in the amount of \$2,949.80 (payment not to exceed \$3,100) for site prep by disc trenching for approximately 30.1 acres.

17. Authorize the purchase of Microsoft Office 365 licenses from CDW-Government in the amount of \$2,632.46 plus tax and shipping. This is a one-year subscription.
18. Authorized payment in the amount of \$5,020.00 to Watchguard Video for the purchase of video equipment for the Sheriff's Office interview room.
19. Authorize payment in the amount of \$4,277.50 to North Point Geographic Services for mapping fiber optic plant (reference 960).
20. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,500 to the North Shore Management Board (NSMB) for Annual Local Match pledged toward the NSMB 7/1/2016-6/30/2017 (Invoice # 3744, Order # 170020-Lake County).
21. Authorize payment in the amount of \$7,420.00 to Summit Mechanical Services, Inc. for labor and materials to install one new Daikin DM80HS0 80,000 BTU 80% efficient furnace and for providing and installing the new single zone duct work system in the Lake County Search and Rescue Building. The cost for the new furnace is \$2,840.00 and the total cost of the single zone duct work system is \$4,580.00. Grand total is \$7,420.00 (Invoice #15602).
22. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,856.00 to Conrow Law Office (Invoice Number: 10241) for services rendered between October 5, 2016, and October 31, 2016., in the matter of the fiber network.
23. Authorize payments in the following amounts to Lindquist & Vennum, LLP for legal services through September 30, 2016:
 - \$13,691.70 (Invoice 715732-0325)
 - \$18,747.07 (Invoice 715743-0325)
24. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,809.12 to Holiday for fuel through 09/15/2016 (reference 1400-012-590-598).
25. Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to 7Sigma Systems, Inc. for ISP support services (reference M1741).
26. Approve purchase and authorize payment for pickup plow from Bear's Heavy Duty for \$6,092.00.
27. Approve quote from Twin Ports Environmental Construction (TPEC) for \$13,880.00 for the demolition of the Bowling Alley and authorize County Administrator to sign a contract. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Approve the change in employment status of Megan Swanson, Social Worker, due to completion of probation effective October 21, 2016. Absent: None

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 04 – Authorize the Negotiation Committee to continue negotiations with Consolidated Telecommunications Company (CTC) to finalize an Operate and Manage Agreement for Lake Connections. Absent: None

Chairperson Rich Sve read a resolution provided by County Attorney Laura Auron regarding closing the Board of Commissioners' meeting to discuss tax court litigation.

MOTION HURD, SECOND JONES: 05 – Approve resolution to close the Board of Commissioners' meeting at 2:38 p.m. Absent: None

The Board of Commissioners' meeting was reconvened at 3:23 p.m.

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 06 – Adjourn Board of Commissioners' meeting at 3:24 p.m. Absent: None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Law Enforcement Center, 613 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will convene a regular board meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 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