

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY BOARD
LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Lake County Law Enforcement Center, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Commissioners Present: Goutermont, Hurd, Jones, Walsh, Sve. Also present: County Administrator / Acting Clerk of the Board Matthew Huddleston. Also absent: Laurel Buchanan, Clerk of the Board.

Chairperson Rich Sve convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Members of the public were present.

The County Board held this special meeting as a public hearing in order to hear public comment on the proposed 0.5% Greater Minnesota Transportation Sales and Use Tax.

Minnesota Statute § 297A.993 authorizes the board of a county outside the metropolitan transportation area to impose a transportation sales tax of up to one-half of one percent on taxable retail sales and uses by resolution of the county board, following a public hearing. The proceeds of the tax would be dedicated exclusively to payment of the capital cost of a specific transportation project or improvement, which must be designated by the County Board, and the tax must terminate when revenues raised are sufficient to finance the transportation project plan.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston reviewed the outreach process, which began in January 2016 followed by a meeting with local townships and cities on March 15, 2016 followed by several public information meetings at various locations throughout the county during the spring and summer.

County Highway Engineer Krysten Foster discussed the recommended strategy of pavement preservation investments and reviewed Lake County's proposed \$4,530,000.00 transportation project plan. County Administrator Matthew Huddleston discussed that the Department of Revenue's projection for Lake County is about \$400,000 per year.

The public hearing was opened for public comment at 6:15 p.m. Public comment was heard from three county constituents. No public comments were received against the proposal. Public comment was heard until 6:25 p.m. and was discussed further by the County Board.

Chairperson Rich Sve notified attendees that the County Board may take action on the Lake County Transportation Sales and Use Tax as soon as Tuesday, November 22.

The special meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Absent: None

ATTEST:

Matthew Huddleston
Acting Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners