

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

Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. County Commissioners Present: District 1 Commissioner Peter R. Walsh, District 2 Commissioner Derrick (Rick) L. Goutermont, District 3 Commissioner Richard (Rick) C. Hogenson, District 4 Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd, District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. County Commissioners Absent: None. Also present: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston and Laurel D. Buchanan, Clerk of the Board. Board of Commissioners 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 vote. Members of the public were present. Commissioner Sve led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HOGENSON: 01 – Approve agenda with addition. Absent: None

Lake County Auditor Linda Libal inquired during the public comment period about a United States Census Bureau packet that Lake County will be completing and which county department will be responsible for compiling the data and responding to the census bureau. County Administrator is reviewing the census packet and will follow up with the County Auditor on this.

Jim Miles, Traffic Engineer from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) appeared before the Lake County Board of Commissioners to propose implementation of sinusoidal rumble strips as a test strip near North Shore Mining in Silver Bay, Minnesota. Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. has approached MnDOT about safety concerns at the mine during fog conditions and what can be done to create a safer driving environment in this industrial zone. Fog creates a dangerous situation with low visibility. Rumble strips are well-established and effective tools for reducing the number of lane departure crashes by producing vibration and noise in the vehicle to alert the driver. Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. Public Affairs Manager Sandra Karnowski and Mechanical Engineer Jesse Aultman were present for the discussion. Mr. Miles explained the sinusoidal rumble strip design and how this newer design is much quieter than the rumble strips that had been removed after a noise analysis was completed. MnDOT removed most of the centerline strips after receiving many complaints statewide about noise disruption. These studies are in response to objections raised by some landowners about the unwanted noise caused by vehicles traveling over rumble strips when they drift over the edge or centerline of the roadway. By changing and modifying the design, the ultimate goal is to provide maximum safety by capturing the driver's attention through in vehicle generated sound levels while minimizing the associated external noise generated by the rumble strips. Researchers analyzed the volume and tone of the sounds produced by different rumble strip designs. The quieter sinusoidal rumble strip design has a sine wave pattern. The louder design has a sharp-edged, rectangular rumble strip design that is drilled into the pavement. MnDOT and Cleveland Cliffs, Inc. are recommending trying the new sinusoidal rumble strips along that portion of the corridor. Mr. Miles informed the County Board of Commissioners that the Federal Highway Authority (FHWA) person recommended these centerline rumble strips and shoulder strips. Wet reflective pavement markings are also recommended. Mr. Miles provided maps showing where sinusoidal strips are currently installed in District 1, in the state of Minnesota. A project that is coming up next year has already been let. MnDOT would be adding this component to that project. It was discussed that if we are going to try it, this would be the place to try it. Mr. Miles believes this will make a big difference in that corridor. Mr. Miles discussed three components to this: 1) safety component; 2) continue plant operations of the mine; 3) potential foothold for future Highway 61 projects if people realize that there is not a sound problem with the new design of the rumble strips. Commissioners expressed support of implementing the new design in this limited stretch of the corridor and stated that Lake County could put this into a resolution format in the near future. Commissioners advised that they need to hear community response to these rumble strips, and assess noise levels with the new rumble strip design before they would be in favor of implementing sinusoidal rumble strips in any future Highway 61 projects.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston introduced Bob Sworski, an architect with CBS Squared, Inc., an architectural firm that is working to achieve the most cost-effective project solution for Lake County's Highway Department's infrastructure needs following the fire that occurred in the Two Harbors Garage. Mr. Sworski and CBS Squared, Inc. President Sheryl Clafline, Civil Engineer also appeared before the Lake County Board of Commissioners for a Proposed Highway Facility Presentation. Ms. Clafline has over 25 years of experience in Civil / Municipal Engineering and Planning. Mr. Sworski has over 26 years of experience in architecture and the building industry. Their company's architectural project portfolio is built from a comprehensive blend of studies, evaluations, new construction, expansion, renovation, and alteration projects. Successful projects entail great planning, quality construction documents and owner involvement. The proposed structure has a total area of 40,750 square feet, about an acre in size. Mr. Sworski and Ms. Clafline presented the building plans, including the proposed layout of the building and discussed its design and features, including a mezzanine floor. The presentation included a drawing of the preliminary architectural design for a proposed new highway department building. The floor plan for the garage illustrates how the space would accommodate equipment. The design also includes vehicle storage, sign storage, soils lab, indoor wash bay, welding bay, tool room, lube room, parts room, maintenance repair area, vehicle lift, breakroom, training room, women's locker, men's locker, offices, and records/ storage. Administrative offices floor plan is included in the scope of the proposed project. A fire sprinkler system is included in the design. Lake County Highway Engineer Krysten Foster and Lake County Facilities Maintenance Manager Kevin Traster were present for the discussion. Roof design, ethylene propylene diene monomer (M-class) (EPDM) rubber roofing materials, and slopes for flat roofs were also discussed. In-floor heating systems were also discussed. Insulation, flooring and other construction materials were also discussed. Communication between CBS Squared, Inc. and Lake County will continue throughout the project as needs and wants are determined and prioritized. Ms. Clafline emphasized how CBS Squared, Inc. helps its clients stay within an established budget.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 02 – Recess County Board of Commissioners' meeting at 3:15 p.m. Absent: None

The County Board of Commissioners' meeting was reconvened at 3:25 p.m. with all members present. County Administrator Matthew Huddleston introduced our new Lake County Information Technology Director Boris Naschansky. Mr. Huddleston followed up with the Board of Commissioners on the recent presentation from the Lake County Public Health Department regarding proposed changes to the smoke-free ordinance and when a public hearing could be scheduled. Commissioners discussed that an existing board meeting would be a good venue and suggested that a public hearing could be held at an upcoming meeting of the Committee of Whole. Mr. Huddleston will follow up with our Health and Human Services Department to advise them of potential meeting dates.

MOTION HURD, SECOND HOGENSON: 03 – Approve consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve the Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from October 10, 2017.
2. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:

a. Region III Adult Mental Health Initiative payments	\$186,083.00
b. Administrative payments	\$ 32,789.76
c. Arrowhead Health Alliance payments	\$ 1,670.68
d. Special payments	\$ 305.15
3. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution adopting the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

4. Renew Lake County's Microsoft Office 365 annual licensing through Planet Technologies at a cost of \$39,357.60. This maintains our existing level of licenses at the same cost authorized at the 09/16/2017 board meeting.

5. Approve resolution, authorizing repurchase of Parcel No. 26-5808-04670, as follows:  
WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Knapp, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as: 26-5808-04670

The SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 4, Township 58 North, Range 8 West

The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake County Board approves the repurchase application by Knapp subject to payment including total taxes and assessments of \$4803.42, service fee of \$100.00, deed tax of \$15.85, deed fee of \$25.00, and recording fee of \$46.00; for a total of \$4,990.27 if paid by October 31, 2017, otherwise total consideration will be recalculated.

6. Approve additional payment to Silver Hill Land Improvements, Jeff Tikkanen, of \$3,594.50 for additional work done on Beaver River Road.
7. Allow Rob Simonich to relocate his lease cabin location to Southeast ¼ of Northwest ¼ of Section 14, Township 63, Range 11 due to access issues on current lease.
8. Approve and Authorize Board Chair to sign a non-exclusive easement for the construction, use and maintenance of a road and services for any and all utilities over and across a strip of land being 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on either side of the centerline of the approved road route across: West Half of Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 53 North, Range 11 West said land having forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of real estate taxes, said easement being for the ingress to, egress from, and utility service to Grantees following described land, to wit: North Half of Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 53 North, Range 11 West.
9. Approve payment of \$7,500.00 to Jay Elrod 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 Jay Elrod for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 3 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4131.13.
11. Approve payment of \$7,350.00 to Michelle Rasmussen for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 3 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4131.13.

12. Approve payment of \$5,880.00 to Jim McWethy for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 3 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4131.13.
13. Approve payment of \$6,816.60 to Steve and Sue Johnson for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 3 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4131.09.
14. Approve payment of \$5,385.10 to Harry Carlson for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 3 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4131.13.
15. Approve payment of \$7,500.00 to John Penn for the homeowner portion of FEMA Fire Resistant Roofing Grant 3 installation, pending reimbursement to Lake County from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4131.13.
16. Authorize payment in the amount of \$159,375.92 to CTC (Consolidated Telecommunications Company), invoice INV-3239 for payrolls, field labor, voice revenues, voice acquisition & October commissions and other miscellaneous charges.
17. Adopt the findings by the Planning Commission regarding the Interim Use Permit Application, I-17-017, for Judith Lykins.
18. Adopt the findings by the Planning Commission regarding the Interim Use Permit Application, I-17-018, for Michael Trojan & Joan Stumpf.
19. Adopt the findings by the Planning Commission regarding Interim Use Permit Application, I-17-019, for Shailesh Vasundhra.
20. Authorize out of state travel for Carey Johnson, Steve VanKekerix and Sharon Lind to attend Zuercher Technologies training in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
21. Authorize payment in the amount of \$6,352.92 to T.H. Auto for parts and repairs for damaged squad car (Invoice # 00042769).
22. Authorize payment in the amount of \$7,531.36 to MP Nexlevel, LLC, invoice 1109818, for new facilities installed at 1554 Highway 2. Absent: None

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND HURD: 04 – Approve the probationary appointment of Ian Havlick to General Maintenance/Custodian at the 2016 probationary rate of \$17.40 per hour effective October 25, 2017. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 05 – Approve the probationary appointment of Chet Barnes to Heavy Equipment Operator at the 2016 probationary rate of \$20.41 per hour effective October 25, 2017. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HOGENSON: 06 – Approve the change in employment status of Kylie Dietz, Financial Worker, due to completion of trial period effective October 3, 2017. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 07 – Adopt policy for Prohibition of Excessive Force; this policy is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding regarding the use of force in nonviolent Civil Rights demonstrations, and is required to receive funding through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) Grant. The adoption and enforcement of an excessive force policy is required by statute. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 08 – Authorize Lake County Director of Human Services, Lisa Hanson, to sign as Personal Representative of the Estate of Florence Alexander, and to deposit, withdraw and sign on the account as Estate Personal Representative of the Estate. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 09 – Recess County Board of Commissioners' meeting at 3:54 p.m. Absent: None

The closed session for contract negotiations was convened at 4:03 p.m. and adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The regular Board of Commissioners' meeting reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 10 – Adjourn County Board of Commissioners' meeting at 4:46 p.m. Absent: None

From the Board of Commissioners' meeting schedule, to 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:

- Strategic Planning Board Work Session at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2017
- Agenda meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017
- Regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan  
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson  
Lake County Board of Commissioners