

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

Tuesday, February 27, 2018. 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 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. Absent: District 4 Commissioner, Jeremy M. Hurd. Also present: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston and Laurel D. Buchanan, Clerk of the Board. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Board Chair 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.

Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy introduced new employee Jill Paron, Environmental Services Specialist. Ms. Paron spoke about her first few weeks working and learning in Planning and Zoning and the work of the Planning Commission.

Tim Jezienski spoke during public comment about snowmobilers driving in his yard. He inquired about where it is legal for snowmobiles to be operated. He discussed that the right-of-way changes several times in his yard. The right-of-way in his yard ranges from 75 up to 250 feet. He would like to see an ordinance include a defined standard number of feet from the road that is legal for snowmobile use.

Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) board members Tom Lovdahl and Bob Entzion provided an update that the HRA Board has approved the Management Agreement proposed by Lake County for the Lakeview Apartments. The HRA will sign the agreement and provide to County Attorney Russ Conrow. Mr. Entzion also provided a financial update on plans for additional apartment units. Lake County will pay the HRA per the agreement after the agreement is fully executed.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston updated the Board on several items of county business, including Thomas R. Pearson's Application for Repurchase of Parcel No. 20-5908-09270, located at 9375 Highway 1, Isabella, Minnesota. County Attorney Russ Conrow was present for the discussion and answered questions related to this tax forfeiture and the status of the deed. The State of MN is in process of purchasing a portion of the land through a condemnation action. County Auditor Linda Libal has been in contact with the MN Department of Transportation (MnDOT) regarding when Lake County may receive payment resulting from condemnation. MnDOT will need to have a recordable deed. The proposed application for repurchase is for Pearson to provide payment in an amount equal to the difference between the condemnation payment and the amount of back taxes due. Commissioners expressed support in moving forward with the process of completing the repurchase.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston updated the Board of Commissioners on the highway department claims with the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT). Reimbursement from MCIT for Lake County rent payments will continue until a certain dollar threshold has been met with dollars spent on the construction of the new facility. Mr. Huddleston provided an update on the preparations for the sale of a judgment bond. A rating call is scheduled with Standard and Poor's (S&P). The upcoming schedule of legislative appointments was discussed, for meetings set up during Capitol Days. Lake County officials will seek infrastructure grant resources through the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. Applications are due by March 29, 2018.

Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy discussed a grant application for recycling and a proposed resolution of support that she will be seeking for board action. She discussed a campaign with an emphasis on community-based social marketing.

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

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HOGENSON: 02 – Approve consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve County Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from February 13, 2018.
2. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
 - a. Administrative payments \$ 19,361.85
 - b. Region III payments \$ 93,561.23
 - c. Special payments \$ 9,980.04
3. Approve the appointment of Simbre Fosness (District 5) as a member of the Planning Commission to complete the remainder of the unexpired three-year term (through December 31, 2018), previously held by Blaine Fenstad (District 1).
4. Approve the appointment of Mike Hoops (District 5) as a member of the Planning Commission to complete the remainder of the unexpired three-year term (through December 31, 2018), previously held by Nancy Mancini (District 5).
5. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Cooperative Agreement between City of Two Harbors and Lake County for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.
6. Approve the recommendation by the Assessor's Office for reduction in value of a fabric utility building from \$146,900 to \$49,800 and the elimination of the commercial class on the parcel, for taxes payable 2018, for Parcel Number: 25-5211-04910.
7. Authorize payment in the amount of \$25,510.90 to Consolidated Telecommunications Company (CTC), invoice INV-3279, for payroll, Calix support, January trouble tickets, SLACK subscription, FCC required mailing, February commissions and misc. shipping expense.
8. Authorize payment in the amount of \$6,130.85 to Keepers for the purchase of 2 ballistic helmets, 2 shrouds and 17 impact visors (Invoice # 365254).
9. Authorize payment to St. Louis County (Invoice # IN-00000071) in the amount of \$7,358.00 for 2017 Recycling Services at the Fall Lake Township Transfer Facility.
10. Authorize payment in the amount of \$31,458.17 to Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc. for the purchase and installation of equipment for three 2018 patrol vehicles. Absent: Hurd

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HOGENSON: 03 – Approve the probationary appointment of Scott Dowling to Forester at the Step 2 rate of \$25.39 per hour effective March 5, 2018. Absent: Hurd

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 04 – Approve the change in employment status of Francine Johnson, Administrative Assistant, due to completion of probation period effective February 8, 2018. Absent: Hurd

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 05 – Approve the recruitment for one 67-day temporary General Custodian. Absent: Hurd

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 06 – Approve Resolution in Support of State Bonding Money for Parks and Trails, as requested by the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails (GMPT) Organization. Lake County supports an appropriation of \$2.5 million each in general obligation bonds in 2018 for the Outdoor Recreation and Local Trails Connections grant programs and urges adoption of this proposal by the House (HF 1270 – Rep. Posten) and Senate (SF 689 Sen. Ruud); Lake County supports the adoption by the Legislature of the Legislative Citizens Commission for Minnesota Resources' (LCCMR) recommendation that \$2 million of the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust fund be dedicated to these programs. Absent: Hurd

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HOGENSON: 07 – Approve committee appointments of Lake County Commissioner Rick Goutermont and Lake County Commissioner Rick Hogenson as the two (2) representatives appointed by the Lake County Board to the Advisory Committee, per the Agreement between Lake and Cook County for Shared Highway Engineer Services. Suggested name for this new advisory committee: Shared Highway Engineer Advisory Committee (SHEAC). Commissioner Pete Walsh will serve as an alternate if needed. Absent: Hurd

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND WALSH: 08 – Adjourn County Board of Commissioners' meeting at 3:10 pm. Absent: Hurd

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:

- Action meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.
- No meeting the week of March 13, 2018, due to Capitol Days.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners