

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2018. A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Minnesota, was called to order at 2:00 pm by Board Chairperson Rich Sve. Chair Sve led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the Split Rock River Room at the Lake County Service Center, 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, and District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. County Commissioners Absent: None. Also present: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston and Laurel D. Buchanan, Clerk of the Board. Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas vote. Members of the public were present.

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 01 – Approve agenda. Absent: None

Lake County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Nazareth V. (Vince) Sando appeared before the Lake County Board of Commissioners to make a request on behalf of the American Legion Post 109 Commander Dale Davidson. Commander Davidson is new to the American Legion Post and is looking to make positive changes for the community, veterans, and club members. CVSO Sando discussed plans for the upcoming Veterans Day dinner. This year the legion would like to provide this dinner free of charge and requests financial assistance for this dinner. Commissioners support this idea and would like to provide this free of charge to veterans and their spouses. Commissioners discussed how the cost may be offset by using funds from the Veterans Service Office budget and the Commissioners' Office budget. Specific funds will be identified by Lake County for processing the when the American Legion Post invoice when it is received by Lake County after the November 2018 Veterans Day dinner. Lake CVSO Sando plans for honorariums to be presented at the Veterans Day dinner. CVSO Sando also discussed a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on November 8, 2018, that may help toward the cost of the Veterans Day dinner.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 02 – Approve request for Lake County to sponsor the American Legion Post 109's 2018 Veterans Day dinner to provide this dinner free of charge for Minnesota veterans and their spouses. After the dinner, the American Legion Post in coordination with the County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) will provide an invoice to the Lake County Commissioners' Office. Absent: None

Lake County Administrator Matthew Huddleston provided an update on several areas of county business. A strategic planning session is scheduled for October 30, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Split Rock River Room, Lake County Service Center, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Mr. Huddleston provided updates on the construction of the new Highway Department Facility and on the Lake Connections sale process. Answers to prospective bidders' questions are communicated to the person who asked the question(s) and answers are posted to the reading room for all prospective bidders to review.

Lake County Land Commissioner Nate Eide provided an update on correspondence with the Minnesota Department of Revenue (DOR) with respect to Lake County and Silver Creek plans for the best use of land for the Gooseberry Village. Mr. Eide also provided an update on cabin leases and a communication that will be sent this week before deer hunting season.

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

1. Approve the Board of Commissioners’ regular meeting minutes from October 9, 2018.
2. Approve Health and Human Services claim payments in the following amounts:
  - a. Administrative payments \$ 22,933.08
  - b. Region III payments \$ 90,531.74
3. Authorize the renewal of the Ciena maintenance agreement and subsequent payment of \$21,588.72 plus applicable taxes per quote reference number MRQC\_4743.
4. Approve payment of \$3,256.79 to Phil Hegfors and Son Construction for work on the Bailey Road and Switchback Road for work not included in in the original bid package.
5. Award bid to Future Forests Inc for approximately 321.0 acres at \$109 per acre of disc trenching for a total of \$34,989.00.
6. Approve and award bid prices listed below for Wildfire Fuel Reduction (Stevens) Grant projects to reduce hazardous balsam fir understory and blow down on private lands in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas adjacent to USFS projects. Contracts will be paid by Lake County and reimbursed by the federal Wildfire Fuel Reduction Grant.

Acres	Project Group Name	Total Value	Awarded to
22.3	McDougal II - Martin Lane (6 properties)	\$61,325	Evergreen Construction, Inc
18.4	McDougal II - North McDougal Lane (5 properties)	\$23,276	Booker’s Tree Care, LTD
14.6	McDougal II - Middle Road (6 properties)	\$35,068	Chucks Wood and Firewise
<b>55.3</b>	<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>		

7. Adopt the findings by the Planning Commission for Interim Use Application I-18-023 submitted by Shailesh Vasundhra.
8. Adopt the finding by the Planning Commission for Interim Use Application 1-18-024 submitted by Timothy Thornburgh. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HOGENSON: 04 – Approve the probationary appointment of Jack Dietz to Deputy Sheriff at the Step 4 rate of \$25.24 per hour effective October 25, 2018. Absent: None.

MOTION HURD, SECOND HOGENSON: 05 – Approve the change in employment status of Han Taylor, Human Services Professional, due to completion of probation period effective October 16, 2018. Absent: None

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 06 – Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with Hildi, Inc. for actuarial services at a cost of \$3,300 for a projection of Lake County’s GASB 75 OPEB liability. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 07 – Approve the appointment of Mike Hoops (District 5) as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment to complete the remainder of the unexpired three-year term (through December 31, 2018), previously held by Jim Linscheid. In addition, approve the reappointment of Mike Hoops as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term through December 31, 2021. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 08 – Authorize the County Administrator to sign the Second Amended Lease Agreement between Two Harbors Auto, Inc. (“Landlord”) and Lake County (“Tenant”) to extend the term of the agreement for an additional six-month period, expiring on April 23, 2019, for temporary facility space for the Lake County Highway Department. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HOGENSON: 09 – Approve \$3,000 for Two Harbors Curling Club to assist with funding the replacement of carpet and interior paint throughout the public areas of the non-profit recreational facility. This will be paid out of the recreation budget, utilizing remaining event budget funds. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND HOGENSON: 10 – Adjourn County Board of Commissioners’ meeting at 3:18 p.m. Absent: None

From the Board of Commissioners’ meeting schedule:

- Strategic Planning meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2018; Split Rock River Room located on the main floor of the Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.
- Agenda meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6; Split Rock River Room located on the main floor of the Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.
- Regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018; Split Rock River Room located on the main floor of the Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.
- Committee of the Whole at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018; Law Enforcement Center, 613 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan  
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson  
Lake County Board of Commissioners