

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Lake County Board of Commissioners' meeting was held in the Split Rock River Room at the Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota, at 2:00 p.m. County Commissioners Present: District 1 Commissioner Peter R. "Pete" Walsh, District 2 Commissioner Derrick L. "Rick" Goutermont, District 3 Commissioner Richard C. "Rick" Hogenson, District 4 Commissioner, Jeremy M. Hurd District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. 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 yea vote. Board Chair Rich Sve called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION HURD, SECOND HOGENSON: 01 – Approval of the agenda. Absent: None

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston updated the Board of Commissioners on several items of county business. Mn. Huddleston discussed the Lake County Highway Department facility construction project budget and the technology budget. Information Technology (I.T.) Director Boris Naschansky was present for the technology budget discussion. Mr. Huddleston advised that the process continues on the sale of Lake Connections. Mr. Huddleston briefed the Board of Commissioners on discussions with the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) on legislative updates and county program aid. Topics included Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA). Lake County Lodging Sales Tax Committee will meet this week.

I.T. Director Boris Naschansky reviewed a technology purchase planned for the County Board. County Auditor Linda Libal discussed research that she has done relative to potential revenue of the lodging sales tax. Ms. Libal discussed the election location for Unorganized Territory No. 2 (UT2). Ms. Libal suggests that the new highway facility would be a good location for this. Ms. Libal discussed State Auditor costs. Land Commissioner Nate Eide provided a map of the Silver Bay Loop Trail, tax-forfeited properties. Mr. Eide discussed that the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is interested in the development and would like Lake County to convey this public land to the HRA. Mr. Eide provided a map of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) Finland Area Fisheries, Shoofly Lake (38-0422-00). The MN DNR is interested in coordinating with Lake County on a better access route to Shoofly Lake. Mr. Eide updated the Board of Commissioners that clearing trees at Split Rock Lighthouse Campground will start tomorrow.

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND WALSH: 02 – Approve Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve County Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from March 12, 2019.
2. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
 - a. Administrative payments \$ 20,860.77
 - b. Region III Adult Behavioral Health Initiative payments \$ 11,637.51
3. Approve and authorize the Lake County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the Agreement Between Lake County and Cook County for Shared Public Health Nurse Services for the period of February 27, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
4. Approve and authorize the Lake County Board Chair to sign the Agreement of Institutional and Program Affiliation between Regents of the University of Minnesota, through its Department of Social Work, University of Minnesota Duluth ("University") and Lake County ("Affiliate") for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024.

5. Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission for Right Path LLC, I-19-003.
6. Accept SHI quote# 16816633 for six tablet computers with breakage warranties, and authorize subsequent payment to SHI in an amount not to exceed \$7,656.00.
7. Modify Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from February 26, 2019, Motion 03 Item 29: "Approve payment to Ziegler in the amount of \$8,130.18 for repair of Unit 5921 (1992 Caterpillar grader)."
8. Approve payment to Contech in the amount of \$9,580.24 for 2019 flood repairs.
9. Approve payment to Contech in the amount of \$5,493.54 for stock culverts.
10. Authorize Highway Engineer to sign Grandma's Marathon road closure permit for June 22, 2019 and approve Lake County staff assistance with this event.
11. Approve amendment to Twin Ports Testing services for the Highway Department Facility project in an amount up to \$8,723.25 for a revised agreement total up to \$40,341.25.
12. Approve resolution supporting increased transportation funding in Minnesota.
13. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,152.52 to Lake States Construction Inc., invoice number 7789 for construction of Town Road.
14. Authorize payment in the amount of \$21,217.88 to Consolidated Telephone Company, invoice INV-3408, for circuit expense, Pinpoint assistance, technician labor & expenses, optics, shipping charges, and payroll of 3/1/19.
15. Authorize payment in the amount of \$33,116.60 to Consolidated Telephone Company, invoice INV-3410, for February voice revenues and January voice expenses.
16. Authorize the renewal of a maintenance contract with CCI Systems and subsequent payment in the amount of \$9,765.44 plus any applicable taxes. This contract covers Cisco and Nexus equipment for the period beginning March 11, 2019 and ending August 1, 2019.
17. Authorize payment in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Old Republic Surety Group for renewal of the bond required by Frontier Communications for pole attachments.
18. Approve payment in the amount of \$8,136.72 (invoice #69689) to the Office of the State Auditor for Year-end 2018 audit services.
19. Authorize payment to BMO Harris Bank N.A. in the amount of \$8,658.69 (invoices for Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. HACH503422OS: periodic fee for December 18, 2018 – March 14, 2019, period fee for March 15, 2019 – March 17, 2019; and administrative fees for Amendment No. 5 and Amendment No. 6). Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HOGENSON: 03 – Approve the resignation of Krista Olek, Human Services Professional, effective March 22, 2019. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 04 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Human Services Professional. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 05 – Approve the change in employment status of Synthia Seliskar, Human Services Professional, due to completion of probation effective April 1, 2019. Absent: None

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 06 – Adjourn County Board of Commissioners' meeting at 3:22 p.m. Absent: None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will convene for the following meetings to be held in the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

- Agenda meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.
- Regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Board Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners