

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

Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Lake County Board of Commissioners, Lake County, Minnesota. Board of Commissioners meeting was held in the Lake County Service Center, in the Split Rock River Room, located at 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Board Chairperson Rich Sve called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: District 1 Commissioner Peter "Pete" R. Walsh, Commissioner Derrick "Rick" L. Goutermont, District 3 Commissioner Richard "Rick" C. Hogenson, District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. Board member absent: District 4 Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd. 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.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HOGENSON: 01 – Approval of the agenda. Absent: Hurd

Board Chair Rich Sve opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made. Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan provided an update to the Consent Agenda, item 3, with updated language from Land Commissioner Nate Eide.

Lake County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Nazareth V. "Vince" Sando provided a briefing on the work of the Lake County Veterans Service Office, including numbers of veterans served, outreach efforts, and average daily numbers of phone calls and appointments. CVSO Sando also reviewed the statistics on the Lake County Motor Pool fleet and provided recommendations for vehicle replacements.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston discussed the appraisal that was received from the United States Forest Service (USFS) for public lands under the Thye-Blatnik Act of 1948. The lands are reappraised every ten years. The appraisal as presented would decrease federal payments to Lake County for its lands in the Boundary Waters. This loss would significantly affect the county's operating budget. County Assessors continue to work on review of the report. Lake County Appraiser John Denney, Appraiser Supervisor Noah Mittlefeldt and County Administrator Matt Huddleston attended a meeting with Mr. John Vigen of Ramsland & Vigen, Inc., real estate appraisers in Duluth. We met with Mr. John Vigen to seek assistance with our reviews. Three counties (Cook, Lake, and St. Louis) will prepare comments together. Lake County Open House and Meet & Greet event was well-attended and well-received. This was held on Monday, June 24, 2019, at the new Lake County Highway Department Facility. Mr. Huddleston updated the County Board on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) grant and the Letter of Credit (LOC). Mr. Huddleston discussed several upcoming committee meetings including the Lodging Tax Committee, Labor Management Committee, County Board Workshop, and 2020 County Budget planning meetings to be scheduled.

Land Commissioner Nate Eide discussed a request that will be brought forward for board action at the next meeting. Cyclists of Gitchee Gumees Shores (COGGS), a Mountain Bike (MTB) Club in Duluth, is selling a used Kubota mini excavator. It has 1500 hours and has been maintained at Bobcat of Duluth. If Lake County were to purchase this, the Forestry Department would be able to use this for small road repairs, clearing beaver dams from culverts, fixing small culverts and minor ditching. It will also be used for bike trail repairs and maintenance once they are completed. Lake County Highway Department is interested as well and would help the Forestry Department with maintenance of it. To haul the mini excavator and haul material for road repairs, the Forestry Department would like to purchase a dump trailer. The dump trailer is priced on the State bid contract. County Commissioners were supportive of the Land Commissioner in pursuing these purchases.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HOGENSON: 02 – Approve Consent Agenda as amended:

1. Approve County Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from June 11, 2019.
2. Award bid to Duluth Archaeology Center, L.L.C. of \$10,522.25 for 21.46 miles of Split Rock Wilds Mountain Bike Trail Phase I archeological survey.
3. Approve Sovde Easement as follows: 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: East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 55 North, Range 10 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: Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter lying South of Stoney Creek of Section 23, Township 55 North, Range 10 West.
4. Approve and authorize the Lake County Board Chair to sign the Resolution Supporting the Provision to Provide Managed Health Care Services in Lake County.
5. Accept quote from low bidder Cavallin Plumbing & Heating, Inc. (Quote dated June 5, 2019, Option I) for replacing two existing commercial water heaters at the Two Harbors Lake County Ice Arena with a single unit as detailed in the proposal, and authorize payment in the sum of \$10,500.00 to Cavallin Plumbing & Heating, Inc. upon satisfactory completion of the project.
6. Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission for Jenni and Justin Viken, Interim Use Application I-19-008.
7. Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission for Monika Bauerlein, Interim Use Application I-19-009.
8. Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission for Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Interim Use Application I-19-010.
9. Authorize payment in the amount of \$46,130.20 (Invoice 7890) to Lake States Construction, Inc.
10. Approve new On-Sale with Sunday Sales and Off-Sale liquor license to LFH Holding LLC DBA Ledge Rock Grille for the period of June through December 31, 2019 subject to the approval of the County Attorney and County Sheriff, the filing the proper application papers and payment of applicable license fees.
11. Approve new On-Sale with Sunday Sales and Off-Sale liquor license to SRR Holding LLC DBA Grand Superior Grill for the period of June through December 31, 2019 subject to the approval of the County Attorney and County Sheriff, the filing the proper application papers and payment of applicable license fees.
12. Approve TNT Aggregates Change Order 1 in the amount of \$4,973.80 for Highway Maintenance Facility modifications and substitutions.
13. Approve Ben's Structural Fabrication, Inc. Change Orders 1 & 2 in the net amount of \$4,643.27 for Highway Maintenance Facility modifications.

14. Approve Harbor City Masonry, Inc. Change Order 2 in the amount of \$7,825.88 for Highway Maintenance Facility masonry wall additions.
15. Approve DoorCo Change Order 1 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Highway Maintenance Facility overhead door protection lights.
16. Approve Jamar Company Change Order 4 in the amount of \$14,603.00 for Highway Maintenance Facility mechanical and roof modifications.
17. Approve St. Germain's Cabinet Co. Change Order 1 for \$895.00 for Highway Maintenance Facility countertop addition.
18. Approve Northern Industrial Erectors, Inc. Change Order 1 in the amount of \$10,205.70 for Highway Maintenance Facility steel modifications.
19. Declare surplus equipment and authorize sale of the following Highway Department pickups:
  - a. Unit 2950 (1995 Chevrolet)
  - b. Unit 2930 (1993 Chevrolet)
  - c. Unit 2970 (1997 Chevrolet extended cab)
  - d. Unit 2030 (2003 Chevrolet)
  - e. Unit 2031 (2003 Chevrolet)
20. Declare Highway Department Unit 7940 (1994 twenty-ton tag trailer) surplus equipment and authorize its sale. Absent Hurd

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Approve the resignation of Renee Karth-Pearson, Mental Health Professional, effective August 9, 2019. Absent: Hurd

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 04 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Mental Health Professional. Absent: Hurd

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HOGENSON: 05 – Approve the resignation of Joann Cox, Public Health Nurse, effective October 4, 2019. Absent: Hurd

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND WALSH: 06 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Public Health Nurse. Absent: Hurd

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HOGENSON: 07 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Evan Gill, Grounds Maintenance Worker for Facilities Department, at \$11.00 per hour effective July 1, 2019. Absent: Hurd

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HOGENSON: 08 – Approve the change in employment status of Ronald Lundin, Highway Maintenance Worker, due to completion of probation effective July 7, 2019. Absent: Hurd

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 09 – Approve the change in employment status of Scott Anseth, Highway Maintenance Worker, due to completion of probation effective July 14, 2019. Absent: Hurd

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HOGENSON: 10 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Laurie Anderson, Mower Operator for Highway Department, at \$13.00 per hour effective June 26, 2019.  
Absent: Hurd

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND WALSH: 11 – Adjourn County Board of Commissioners' meeting at 3:37 p.m. Absent: Hurd

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will convene for the following meetings:

- 2:00 pm on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, an agenda meeting will be held at Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.
- 2:00 pm on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, a regular meeting will be held at Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.
- 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Meeting of the Committee of the Whole (COW) will be held at the Toimi School Community Center located on the Superior National Forest Scenic Byway (Forest Highway 11) at its intersection with County Road 151, at 6486 Murphy Lake Road, Brimson, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan  
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Board Chairperson  
Lake County Board of Commissioners