

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY BOARD
LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

March 4, 2014. Commissioners' Chambers, Lake County Courthouse, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Acting Chair (Vice Chairman) Goutermont. Commissioners Present: Goutermont, Hurd, Jones, Walsh. Absent: Sve. Also present: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston, and Laurel Buchanan, Clerk of the Board.

Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas vote. Members of the public were present.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 01 – Close the meeting at 1:13 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the status and strategy of the litigation filed by ORIX Public Finance, LLC with appointed legal counsel in accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D.05 subd 3(b). Absent: Sve

Attorney Ken Bayliss and Lake County Attorney Laura Auron were present. Commissioner Sve was joined by phone at 1:13 p.m. Commissioner Sve signed off at 1:41 p.m. The meeting was opened at 1:44 p.m. immediately after the conclusion of the litigation status and strategy discussion.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 02 – Approve resolution approving a settlement agreement with ORIX Public Finance, LLC. Absent: Sve

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston reviewed a proposed resolution notifying the public of the intent to make the Offices of County Recorder and Auditor / Treasurer appointed and providing an opportunity for public comment on March 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Minnesota Session Laws 2013-2014 Chapter 161 S.F. 629, if passed by the legislature and signed into law by the governor, provides a process for making certain county offices appointive in Lake County. The Lake County Board of Commissioners intends to consider making certain offices appointed. The County Board must notify the public of its intent to make certain offices appointed by publishing a resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official publication of the county. Following publication and prior to formally adopting the resolution, the county board must provide an opportunity at its next regular board meeting, March 18, for public comment. After the public comment opportunity, at the same meeting or a subsequent meeting, the board of commissioners may adopt a resolution that provides for the appointment of certain offices. Within 60 days after the county board adopts the resolution, a petition requesting a referendum to make certain offices appointed, signed by at least 10 percent of the registered voters in the county, may be filed with the County Auditor.

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Approve resolution that notice is hereby given that the Lake County Board of Commissioners is considering the appointment of the County Auditor / Treasurer and County Recorder effective upon completion of the term of office to which the incumbent was elected or until a vacancy occurs in the office, whichever occurs earlier. The required notice be published in the official newspaper of Lake County on March 8, 2014 and March 15, 2014. Notice is hereby given that public comment will be heard on the intent to appoint the County Auditor / Treasurer and County Recorder positions at the Lake County Board of Commissioners meeting held on March 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lake County Law Enforcement Center at 613 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Absent: Sve

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MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 04 – Adjourn special meeting at 1:53 p.m. Absent: Sve

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Derrick L. Goutermont, Acting Chair (Vice Chairman)
Lake County Board of Commissioners