

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

September 9, 2014. Commissioners Chambers, Lake County Courthouse, Two Harbors, Minnesota.
Commissioners Present: Hurd, Jones, Sve, Walsh. Absent: Goutermont. Also present: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston and Laurel Buchanan, Clerk of the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rich Sve. Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas vote. Members of the public were present.

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 01 – Approve agenda. Absent: Goutermont

Lake County Information Systems Director Angie Dickison Palmer reviewed Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) legislative positions on broadband development and the Governor's Broadband Task Force budget recommendations for Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) office of Broadband Development. Ms. Palmer discussed Lake County's participation in the Blandin Foundation Broadband Communities Program and efforts towards digital literacy.

Lake County Land Commissioner Nate Eide reviewed Forestry Department updates and requests for board action.

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 02 – Recess County Board meeting at 2:04 p.m. Absent: Goutermont
The County Board meeting was reconvened at 2:12 p.m. with all members present except for Commissioner Goutermont.

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Increase Extension Committee budget line item for 2014 by \$250 for programming for the University of Minnesota Extension/Lake County Extension to offer a septic system program in Fall 2014. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 04 – Approve Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approve County Board meeting minutes from August 26, 2014.
2. Approve claims in the amount of \$46,005.97.
3. Approve payment of Invoice No. 644 to North Point Geographic Solutions, in the amount of \$5,106.00 for GIS consulting services.
4. Approve payment to State of Minnesota – Office of the State Auditor in the amount of \$20,364.74 for auditing services for the period 7/2/14 to 7/29/14 (invoices 64981 & 64984).
5. Approve and authorize the chair to sign the Agreement for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from MN Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
6. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,240.00 to A.W. Kuettel and Sons, Inc. (Invoice 5635) for fabrication and installation of scupper and downspout work in the rear of the courthouse.
7. Approve payment to Nuss Truck and Equipment on Invoice 627188 in the amount of \$3,301.36 for oil pan repair on unit #4090.
8. Approve utility permit from QWest for telephone cable across County Road 4.
9. Approve utility permit from Lake Connections for fiber optic network along CSAH 16 and CSAH 17.

10. Approve final pay request from St. Louis County for SP 88-070-016 in the amount of \$1,755.17. Original approval for Agreement was 3-27-12, Page 2, Resolution 8.12.
11. Approve the purchase and installation of a Heating Air Conditioning System from North Shore Oil and Propane for the cost of \$6,475.00.
12. Approve the purchase and installation of a new web-base designed automatic/energy management system from Johnson Controls for the amount of \$14,525.00.
13. Amend County Board meeting minutes from August 12, 2014, motion 12, as follows: Award bid and authorize Land Commissioner to sign the contract with Country Trucking and Excavating Inc., in the amount of \$172,800.00, for the construction of the Lake County Regional ATV trail using the North Shore State Snowmobile Trail. This portion of the trail runs between North Alger Grade & Moosewalk Trail.
14. Authorize payment to Giant Voices in the amount of \$5,000.00 (INV-036834) for Sept 2014 monthly retainer [for broadband marketing services including coordination and execution of communication priorities outlined in marketing services agreement].
15. Authorize the following payments totaling \$20,335.96 to Cooperative Light and Power for pole make ready:
 - a Invoice 6950 \$16,996.32
 - b Invoice 6951 \$ 2,117.17
 - c Invoice 6909 \$ 420.29
 - d Invoice 6904 \$ 79.69
 - e Invoice 6905 \$ 207.40
 - f Invoice 6906 \$ 190.63
 - g Invoice 6907 \$ 127.12
 - h Invoice 6908 \$ 197.34
16. Authorize payment in the amount of \$3,165.00 to 7Sigma Systems, Inc. for ISP support services (reference 83114LCN).
17. Authorize payment in the amount of \$5,515.88 to Minnesota Telecommunications (Northeast Service Cooperative) for commercial dark fiber to Duluth (reference 1536).
18. Authorize payment in the amount of \$107,155.91 to Lake Communications, Inc. for Operations and Management of the Lake County Fiber to the Home Project (Invoice 44).

19. Authorize payments to VISA for the following charges:

- \$1,130.26 for Department of Natural Resources, Pollution Control Agency, and Bureau of Land Management charges, and Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge charge.
 - \$165.40 for FedEx packages sent on behalf of the Lake Connections fiber optic project.
- Absent: Goutermont

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 05 – Authorize payment in the amount of \$4,000.00 to The Northspan Group, Inc. for 2014 funding commitment for Northland Connection Program (Northspan Group Project Number 150014). Absent: Goutermont

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 06 – Approve The Lake Bank as a depository for the revenue from Lake County's Fiber Optic Project. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 07 – Authorize the Chair and Auditor/Treasurer to sign the Pledged Telecommunications Revenue Deposit Account Control Agreement with The Lake Bank and the Rural Utilities Service listing The Lake Bank as the depository for the revenue from Lake County's fiber optic project. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION HURD, SECOND JONES: 08 – Approve the Auditor/Treasurer's office to close the U.S. Bank Revenue Account in connection with the fiber optic project. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 09 – Approve and authorize County Board Chair to sign Two Harbors Area Community Fund Grant Agreement for Voyageur Snowmobile Club ARMER radios. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 10 – Approve the resignation of Derek Lehtinen, Heavy Equipment Operator, effective September 8, 2014. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 11 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Heavy Equipment Operator. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION WALSH, SECOND JONES: 12 – Table for further review the adoption of a new Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 13 – Authorize the Lake County Veterans Service Office to purchase for Lake County Motor Pool fleet, a 2015 Ford Fusion from Ford of Hibbing under the State Bid Contract for \$17,471.69 plus sales tax and any applicable fees. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION JONES, SECOND HURD: 14 – Authorize Finley Engineering to complete a Minnesota Border to Border broadband state application and the FCC Connect America Fund rural experimental project funding application on behalf of Lake County at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Absent: Goutermont

MOTION JONES, SECOND WALSH: 15 – Adjourn meeting at 2:35 p.m. Absent: Goutermont

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will meet as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Little Marais Community Center, Little Marais, Minnesota.

A regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' boardroom at the Lake County Courthouse, 601 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners