

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 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, District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. County Commissioners Absent: None. Others absent: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston. Also present: Laurel D. Buchanan, Clerk of the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chairperson Rich Sve. Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas. Members of the public were present. Commissioner Sve led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Lake County Auditor Linda Libal updated the Board of Commissioners about the increase in online payments that Lake County has received since initiating the online payment options for property tax payments. Online receipts in 2015 were \$61,166.14. Online activity to date in 2017 is \$526,717.88. Lake County Auditor's office has received thank you notes for courtesy letters that their office has sent to property owners to remind them of tax payments due. Monthly budget updates have been sent to Department Heads for review. Department Heads have been asked to let the County Auditor know if any budget amendments are needed for year-end 2017.

Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy updated the Board of Commissioners on the public hearing that the Planning Commission held regarding the draft buffer law ordinance #23. The Lake County Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve adoption of Buffer Law Ordinance #23.

Land Commissioner Nate Eide was present to answer any questions about the Forestry Department request for board action. Letters were recently sent regarding cabin leases. Commissioners have heard from some people with cabin leases who have questions about their options.

County Commissioners reviewed the Lake County Road and Bridge action request from Highway Engineer Krysten Foster, for payment of the Krech Ojard & Associates, Inc. invoice for field work associated with the 3D scan of the Highway Building. This amount is expected to be reimbursed by Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT), and a second invoice for post-processing the data is expected.

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

1. Approve the Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from October 24, 2017.
2. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
  - a. Region III Adult Mental Health Initiative payments \$ 238,083.28
  - b. Administrative payments \$ 9,752.90
  - c. Special payments \$ 20,310.22

3. Authorize payment in the amount of \$55,639.45 for services rendered through September 30, 2017, to Lindquist and Venum (Invoice No. 733153-0325), in the following matter: Rohl Breach of Contract.
4. Approve the following resolution recommended by Lake County Assessor: Approve resolution to abate the values of assessment 2017, taxes payable 2017 for Marlow Timberland LLC, for the parcel numbers listed on the Lake County Assessor's request. This requested abatement will complete the last adjustments of the Marlow Timberland LLC tax court petitions filed 2014 through 2017. The settlement agreement for the parcels came after the County Board of appeal meeting in 2017 requiring the parcels to be abated. Abating the referenced parcels will eliminate the need to refund collected funds to the petitioner. This requested abatement is budget neutral and will be completed before tax calculations are calculated for pay 2018.
5. Approve the applications for abatement recommended by Lake County Assessor, regarding Property ID or Parcel Number: 29-5409-32490. This recommendation is to correct the erroneous assessment for taxes levied in 2015 and payable in 2016, and to correct the erroneous assessment for taxes levied in 2016 and payable in 2017.
6. Authorize payment to Wenck for invoice #11705851 in the amount of \$13,065.72 for preparation of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Landfill Expansion Permit for the Lake County Demolition Landfill.
7. Authorize payment in the amount of \$32,448.63 to Consolidated Telecommunications Company (CTC), invoice INV-3248, for voice expenses and share of October voice revenues.
8. Authorize payment in the amount of \$33,761.49 to Consolidated Telecommunications Company (CTC), invoice INV-3246, for October payroll, troubles, Sales, Technician & Customer Service Support and expenses, Base Camp software and other misc. office expenses.
9. Approve Highway Department payment to Krech Ojard & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$8,956.79 for Fire Assessment Professional Services.
10. Approve purchase of and payment in the amount of \$6,514.73 for the ATV plus approximately \$1,100 for accessories and labor and other fees for 2017 Polaris 570 Sportsman ATV from Sonju Two Harbors, LLC.
11. Award bid and approve Land Commissioner to sign contract with S.E.H. for \$165,000.00 for the Prospector Trail Project Manager contract.
12. Authorize payment to BMO Harris Bank, N.A. in the following amounts: \$6,602.40 for the Letter of Credit for the FCC, and \$211.00 for issuance fee.
13. Approve amended Commissioners' Committee assignment list. The updated list includes Lake County's voting delegate and its alternate for the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) annual meeting. Voting Delegate: Peter R. Walsh. Alternate: Derrick "Rick" L. Goutermont. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND HOGENSON: 03 – Adopt the recommendation made by the Planning Commission and approve adoption of the Lake County Buffer Ordinance #23. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 04 – Approve the 67-day temporary appointment of Richard Bennett General Custodian for the Maintenance Department, at \$12.00 per hour including maximum return incentive effective November 15, 2017. Absent: None

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND HURD: 05 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Social Worker. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HOGENSON: 06 – Approve the probationary appointment of Rebecca Muotka to Social Worker at the Step 1 rate of \$24.28 per hour effective November 27, 2017. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND HOGENSON: 07 – Adjourn meeting at 2:24 p.m. Absent: None

From the Lake County Board of Commissioners' meeting schedule:

- Committee of the Whole at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at the Law Enforcement Center, 613 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.
- Budget meeting at 10:30 am on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, in the Split Rock River Room located on the main floor of the Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.
- Regular board meeting at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, in the Split Rock River Room located on the main floor of the Lake County Service Center, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan  
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson  
Lake County Board of Commissioners