

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

Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Lake County Board of Commissioners, Lake County, Minnesota. Board meeting was held in the Lake County Service Center, in the Split Rock River Room, located at 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Board members present: District 1 Commissioner Peter R. "Pete" Walsh, District 2 Commissioner Derrick "Rick" L. Goutermont, District 4 Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd, District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. Board members absent: District 3 Commissioner Richard "Rick" C. Hogenson. 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 vote. Board Chairperson Rich Sve called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 01 – Approval of the agenda. Absent: Hogenson

Clerk of the Board Laurel Buchanan reviewed updates to the consent agenda and to the resolution items, requested by Lake County Highway Engineer Krysten Foster. Board Chairperson Rich Sve opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made. County Administrator Matthew Huddleston reviewed the proposed resolution requesting a variance from standard State Aid Operation from the Commissioner of Transportation and the Commissioner of Natural Resources for Project No. S.A.P. 038-600-017 (County Road 221 at Split Rock State Park).

The Board of Commissioners meeting was recessed at 2:06 p.m. During the recess, Board Chair Rich Sve called to order a public hearing for the purpose of considering a proposed Cartway to Access Landlocked Property submitted by petitioner David Leroy Christenson Jr., regarding Lake County Tax Parcel No. 24-5906-10170. Public hearing proceedings are separate from the proceedings of the County Board. No board action will be taken today on the proposed cartway. Public Hearing was recessed at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, and will be reconvened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at the Finland Fire and Rescue (Finland Fire Hall), ST HWY #1, Finland, Minnesota.

Following recessing the public hearing, Board Chair Rich Sve reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 3:05 p.m. with all members present except for Commissioner Hogenson. County Administrator Matthew Huddleston updated the Board of Commissioners on several items of county business. Mr. Huddleston discussed the status of the review of the Thye-Blatnik appraisal. Three counties are working together with Mr. Vigen, Real Estate Appraiser at Ramsland & Vigen. Also present for this discussion were County Attorney Russ Conrow, Land Commissioner Nate Eide, Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy, and County Auditor Linda Libal. County Attorney Russ Conrow discussed the timeline and explained that there is no set appeal process. County Attorney Russ Conrow left the meeting at 3:17 p.m. Mr. Huddleston will be attending a hearing at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) regarding Lake County's request to relinquish Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) status which is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) grant. Meanwhile, Lake County continues with the Letter of Credit (LOC) until the FCC grant is terminated. County Auditor Linda Libal updated the Board of Commissioners on the upcoming State Audit entrance meeting. Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy talked with the Board of Commissioners about implementing a landfill use fee for commercial disposal of items that are too large and difficult for us to manage, such as stumps. The area before the gate to the landfill is intended for residents for yard waste. Ms. McCarthy advises that chipping is better for cover. Disposing of wood chips could continue without a fee.

Land Commissioner Nate Eide was present for any questions on Forestry Department requests for board action. Mr. Eide explained the fee structure for Maple Syrup permits, the difference between personal use and commercial use. Fees are based on the number of taps and also per 40 acres of land.

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 02 – Approve Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Approve County Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes from June 25, 2019.
2. Approve Health and Human Services (HHS) claims in the following amounts:
 - a. Administrative payments \$ 90,995.97
 - b. Region III Adult Behavioral Health Initiative payments \$ 111,605.93
 - c. Special payments \$ 9,419.91
3. Approve the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Title III budget, initiate and obligate funds for the listed projects as authorized for use of FY 2017 and 2018 funds.
4. Approve the purchase of a used Kubota U17 (mini excavator) from COGGS for \$15,750.00 (Cyclists of Gitchee Gumee Shores (COGGS), Mountain Bike (MTB) Club).
5. Approve purchase of Midsota 14,000 lb. dump trailer from Pine River Sales for up to \$7,800 plus applicable tax and fees.
6. Approve payment of \$7,412.55 to Goutermont Logging for work done on Buck Mt. road.
7. Approve sale of up to 300 yards of pit material to Department of Natural Resources for North Shore State Trail bridge project.
8. Approve in-kind hauling and material contribution to Lake County Fair walking path project.
9. Authorize Highway Department purchase of stock culverts from Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$41,341.04 through State of Minnesota cooperative purchasing contract C-456(5).
10. Authorize filling of fluids stock tanks at Highway Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$10,833.90 from Hartland Lubricants & Chemicals.
11. Approve and authorize Highway Engineer to sign agreement with Tofte Land Survey & Mapping, LLC in the amount of \$8,260.00 for Kane Lake wetland boundary survey.
12. Authorize Highway Engineer to sign The Heck Epic special event permit for July 20-21, 2019.
13. Authorize Highway Engineer to sign Superior Man Triathlon special event permit for August 10, 2019.
14. Approve Lake View Hospital sanitary sewer utility permit crossing Highway 2.
15. Approve Jamar Company Change Order 5 in the amount of \$6,010.00 for Highway Maintenance Facility locker room and shop modifications.

16. Approve May 2019 Lake County Highway Maintenance Facility General Conditions payment in the amount of \$9,315.15 to Kraus-Anderson Construction Company.
17. Approve purchase of wetland credits for Prospector Trail System from Bruce Hasbargen and approve payment to Bruce Hasbargen for \$87,409.24 for the credits and payment to Board of Water and Soil Resources for \$1,688.09 for administration fees.
18. Approve purchase of wetland credits for Prospector Trail System from Dan Zeimet and approve payment to Dan Zeimet for \$10,338.00 for the credits and payment to Board of Water and Soil Resources for \$130.03 for administration fees.
19. Authorize payment to BMO Harris Bank N.A. in the amount of \$8,806.12 for the periodic fee for the collection period of March 18, 2019 – June 17, 2019, for Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. HACH503422OS.
20. Authorize payment to Ballard Spahr, LLP in the amount of \$15,355.50 for payment of Invoice No. 20190602419, for professional services rendered through May 31, 2019.
Absent: Hogenson.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 03 – Approve the probationary appointment of Cody Goette to Highway Maintenance Worker at the Step 2 rate of \$18.60 per hour effective July 15, 2019.
Absent: Hogenson

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 04 – Approve the retirement of Ronald Bautch, Highway Maintenance Worker, effective September 19, 2019. Absent: Hogenson

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 05 – Approve the internal posting for one full-time Highway Maintenance Worker. Absent: Hogenson

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 06 – Approve the resignation of Daniel Sathre, Deputy Sheriff, effective July 15, 2019. Absent: Hogenson

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 07 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Deputy Sheriff.
Absent: Hogenson

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 08 – Approve the probationary appointment of Samantha Goette to Human Services Professional at the Step 1 rate of \$24.77 per hour effective July 29, 2019. Absent: Hogenson

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 09 – Approve Resolution requesting a variance from the Commissioner of Transportation and the Commissioner of Natural Resources for Project No. S.A.P. 038-600-017 (County Road 221 at Split Rock State Park). Absent: Hogenson

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 10 – Adjourn County Board of Commissioners' meeting at 3:40 p.m. Absent: Hogenson

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

- Committee of the Whole (COW). 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Meeting will be held at Toimi School Community Center (Toimi Schoolhouse), located at 6486 Murphy Lake Road, Brimson, Minnesota, on the Superior National Forest Scenic Byway (Forest Highway 11) at its intersection with County Road 151.
- A regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, will be held at Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.
- County Board Workshop / Strategic Planning Session. 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at the Lake County Highway Department facility meeting room, 1513 Highway 2, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Board Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners