

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Lake County Board of Commissioners' Board Meeting was held in the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, located at 616 Third Ave, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Members present: District 1 Commissioner Peter "Pete" R. Walsh, District 2 Commissioner Derrick "Rick" L. Goutermont, District 3 Commissioner Richard "Rick" C. Hogenson. District 4 Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd, and District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. Board Members Absent: None. 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 PM and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 01 – Approval of the Agenda. Absent: None

Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan reviewed updated resolution items and recent correspondence included in the board packet.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston provided an update on several items of county business. Administrator Huddleston discussed the schedule for Capitol Days, as well as county participation in Transportation Day at the Capitol. He provided updates from the Personnel Committee on recruitment for several positions. County Commissioners Sve and Goutermont and Administrator Huddleston will attend a meeting scheduled on March 4, 2020, in Washington D.C. with James Hubbard, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The meeting with the undersecretary is regarding reappraisal of the appraised value of federal lands within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Federal payments that Cook, Lake, and St. Louis counties receive from the USDA Forest Service under the Thye-Blatnik Act of 1948 (Public Law 80-733).

Lake County representatives will also attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference taking place that same week in Washington D.C. Administrator Huddleston advised that a lodging tax ordinance review meeting is scheduled this week with the County Attorney. Commissioners discussed the proposed access route for the Border to Border (B2B) Touring Route for a connection into the Silver Bay trailhead. Maps were provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR).

Highway Engineer Krysten Foster discussed a steering committee approach for a project management team for the 8th St. Project. County Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd volunteered to represent Lake County on that committee.

County Auditor Linda Libal updated the Board of Commissioners on the upcoming Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) election. County Auditor and our election intern have created an informational brochure. They provided copies of the informational brochure and gave a presentation at the Two Harbors High School. Ms. Libal will be attending the Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO) conference this week.

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

1. Approve Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes of January 28, 2020.
2. Approve Health and Human Services (HHS) claims payments in the following amounts:
 - a. Administrative payments \$ 29,362.23
 - b. Region III Adult Behavioral Health Initiative payments \$ 61,569.41
 - c. Special payments \$ 899.99

3. Authorize payment to Kokatat in the amount of \$10,232.50 for 11 GORE-TEX SAR Suits. 80% of this will be paid for with the MN Coastal Program Grant and the remaining 20% will be paid for out of the Rescue Squad budget.
4. Approve Superior Glass Change Order 1 in the amount of \$7,380.00 for Highway Maintenance Facility modifications.
5. Approve remittance of 2020 Town Road Account distributions in accordance with Minnesota Statute 162.081 and Minnesota Rules, as follows:
 - a. \$8,050.84 for Crystal Bay town roads
 - b. \$11,586.87 for Fall Lake town roads
 - c. \$19,181.13 for Silver Creek town roads
 - d. \$7,215.44 for Beaver Bay town roads
 - e. \$8,676.98 for Stony River town roads
6. Authorize Highway Engineer to sign contract with Bolton & Menk in an amount up to \$74,100.00 for SAP 038-630-001 (8th St. from 7th Ave. to 4th Ave. & 4th Ave. from 8th St. to 7th St.) reconstruction design engineering services.
7. Approve appointment of Krysten Foster to a three-year term on Minnesota County Engineers Association Board of Directors.
8. Approve out-of-state travel for Rod Gilbertson to attend American Traffic Safety Services Association workshop in Fargo, North Dakota, March 16-18, 2020.
9. Authorize payment to City of Ely in the amount of \$11,875.30 for winter 2019-2020 salt sand supply.
10. Approve contract amendment with LHB in the amount of \$5,000.00 for right-of-way acquisition services for a Bridge 92381 contract total up to \$36,849.00.
11. Set date and time for transportation sales tax hearing on March 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Lake County Service Center.
12. Appoint County Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd to SAP 038-630-001 Project Management Team.
13. Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign SAP 038-030-008 (2020 State Aid Pavement Marking Project) cooperative agreement with St. Louis County at a cost up to \$80,000.00.
14. Authorize transfer of \$12,936.82 in Gravel Royalty money from the Highway Department for 2018 and 2019 to the 2019 Tax Forfeit fund (acct# 85-950-000-0000-5490).
15. Authorize payment to Mark McDonough in the amount of \$5,100.00 for the training of the new Sheriff's Office K-9.
16. Authorize payment to Finland Fire and Rescue in the amount of \$8,000.00 for 2020 rent of Finland Rescue Hall. Absent: None

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Approve the change in employment status of Jeffrey Foley, Highway Maintenance Worker, due to completion of probation effective February 20, 2020. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 04 – Approve the change in employment status of Timothy Weber, Mechanic’s Assistant, due to completion of probation effective February 20, 2020. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 05 – Approve the change in employment status of Roberta Laidlaw, Administrative Assistant, due to completion of probation effective February 12, 2020. Absent: None

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 06 – Approve the Maintenance Department request to fill two 67-day temporary Grounds Maintenance worker positions at \$13.00 per hour. Absent: None

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 07 – Approve the release from probation of Rachel Mason, Deputy Land Commissioner, effective January 31, 2020. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND HOGENSON: 08 – Approve the probationary appointment of Shawn Pierce to Deputy Sheriff at the 2019 Step 1 rate of \$23.07 per hour effective February 24, 2020. Absent: None

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 09 – Approve the access route for the Border to Border Touring Route for a connection into the Silver Bay trailhead. Absent: None

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 10 – Adjourn Board of Commissioners’ meeting at 2:51 pm. Absent: None

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

- Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 6:00 PM at the Clair Nelson Community Center, Finland, Minnesota.
- Regular meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 2:00 PM at the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Board Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners