

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 2:00 PM, Lake County Board of Commissioners' virtual meeting of the Committee of the Whole. At virtual meetings of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, board actions are by roll call vote if any board members are participating from a remote location. Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas.

County Board members present in the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota: District 1 Commissioner Peter "Pete" R. Walsh, District 2 Commissioner Derrick "Rick" L. Goutermont, District 4 Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd, and District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. County Board member absent: District 3 Commissioner Richard "Rick" C. Hogenson County Board member present by remote video communications: None. Also absent: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston. Also present: Environmental Services Director Christine M. McCarthy.

Also present by remote video communications: Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan, Lake County Health and Human Services (LCHHS) Department Director Lisa Hanson, Land Commissioner Nate Eide, Facilities Maintenance Director Curt Backen, Highway Engineer Jason DiPiazza, County Sheriff Carey Johnson, and guest Scott Dane, Executive Director of the Associated Contract Loggers and Truckers of Minnesota (ACLTMN).

Board Chairperson Rich Sve called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and welcomed attendees. The meeting was made available to the public to join remotely by telephone by dialing 1-888-742-5095 and entering Participant Code: 7635925916. In-person attendance is not allowed at this time. Lake County buildings are closed to the public due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Public comments will not be heard during the board meeting during this time of closure. Written comments are welcome and may be submitted in writing by email to clerk.board@co.lake.mn.us or by United States Postal Service (USPS) mail addressed to Lake County Service Center, Attn: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve announced three items for board action today, all related to election grants available through 2020 "Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Securities" CARES Act. The proposed resolutions were provided by the Lake County Auditor's Office. Board Chairperson Rich Sve requested a COVID-19 situation update. LCHHS Director Lisa Hanson provided an update on COVID-19 statistics in the United States of America, the State of Minnesota, regionally and in Lake County. Ms. Hanson provided updates from Public Health and discussed the trends that we are seeing with community spread.

Scott Dane, Executive Director of Associated Contract Loggers and Truckers of Minnesota (ACLTMN), attended the board meeting to discuss the coronavirus pandemic economic impact on the logging and trucking industries, including the Verso closure and the lack of market for spruce and balsam timber. Land Commissioner Nate Eide was present for the discussion and advised the Board of Commissioners on this matter. Facilities Maintenance Director Curt Backen reviewed several requests for board action on facilities maintenance projects, remodeling projects and a request for a vehicle purchase for the general motor pool fleet. Highway Engineer Jason DiPiazza updated the County Board on several Road & Bridge items, road maintenance, road improvements and equipment maintenance. Mr. DiPiazza briefly discussed results of a bid opening held today in which two bids were received. Both bids were below the Engineer's Estimate. A request for board action will be forthcoming to award the project contract to the lowest responsible bidder. County Sheriff Carey Johnson attended the County Board of Commissioners' meeting to follow up on the discussions of updating the medical examiner contract, department structure and investigative needs. County Sheriff Carey Johnson discussed assignments and the ability to change assignments when necessary. County Auditor Linda Libal joined in by telephone for a discussion on setting preliminary levies for 2021.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 01 – Approve Resolution between Lake County, Minnesota and City of Silver Bay for “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security” (CARES) Act Election Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,313.17. Absent: Hogenson

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 02 – Approve Resolution between Lake County, Minnesota and Town of Fall Lake for “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security” (CARES) Act Election Grant Funds in the amount of \$646.40. Absent: Hogenson

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 03 – Approve Resolution between Lake County, Minnesota and Town of Stony River for "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security" (CARES) Act Election Grant Funds in the amount of \$445.84. Absent: Hogenson

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 04 – Motion to adjourn at 4:05 PM. Absent: Hogenson

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will convene for the following meetings to be held at the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. .

- Regular meeting at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.
- Strategic Planning session at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.
- Agenda meeting at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Board Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners