

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Lake County Board of Commissioners' meeting was held as a virtual meeting. 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 4 Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd, and District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. County Board member present by remote video communications: District 3 Commissioner Richard "Rick" C. Hogenson. Board Member absent: District 2 Commissioner Derrick "Rick" L. Goutermont. Also present in the Lake County Service Center, Two Harbors, Minnesota: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston. Also present by remote video communications: Lake County Health and Human Services (LCHHS) Department Director Lisa Hanson; Environmental Services Department Director Christine McCarthy; County Attorney Russ Conrow; Land Commissioner Nate Eide; and Laurel D. Buchanan, Clerk of the County Board.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and began the meeting with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 01 – Approve Agenda as presented. Yeas: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nays: None. Absent: Goutermont.

LCHHS Director Lisa Hanson provided a situation update on COVID-19. Ms. Hanson advised that case counts are growing dramatically in the region, in neighboring states, in the State of Minnesota and in Lake County. Ms. Hanson discussed public health communication with the school district concerning COVID-19. Ms. Hanson provided an update on round two CARES grant applications for congregate care facilities.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston provided an update on several items of county business. Administrator Huddleston advised that round one CARES grant awards for nonprofit organizations are on for board action today. Administrator Huddleston discussed the round two application period. Lake County Forestry Department is handling applications from timber contract holders for the 2020 CARES Act Timbersale Turnback Program. Administrator Huddleston updated board members on planned facilities projects and projects underway. Administrator Huddleston advised that Lake County has meetings with Fall Lake on solid waste. County Attorney Russ Conrow and Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy were present for the discussion.

Land Commissioner Nate Eide reviewed trail maps and discussed access issues. Commissioners discussed options, easements and longer range goals for the trail system. Mr. Eide discussed the request to put the Cardinal Road parcel up for sale. Cardinal Road is a non-conforming lot and is County Fee Land. Notice will be provided to adjoining land owners. Ms. McCarthy was present to answer any questions about the proposed Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Cook County, with Lake County as the Fiscal Agent for Lake Superior North 1W1P (One Watershed One Plan) SSTS (subsurface sewage treatment systems) Database Inspection, Upgrades and Groundwater Nutrient Abatement Project.

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

1. Approve Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes of September 22, 2020.
2. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
 - a. Administrative payments \$ 100,702.29
 - b. Region III Adult Behavioral Health Initiative payments \$ 47,140.65
 - c. Special payments \$ 43,400.00
3. Approve Resolution Documenting Updated Review of Lake County Split Rock Wilds Mountain Bike Trail Project Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) following Proposed Route Changes and Upholding the Existing EAW.
4. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Amended Purchase of Service Agreement between Lake County and Louise Anderson, BAN, MSN, RN, PHN, for the period of April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
5. Approve and authorize the Board Chair and Lake County Attorney to sign the Minnesota Department of Human Services County Grant Contract for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Further authorize the Board Chair and County Attorney to sign any subsequent amendments during the term of this contract.
6. Approve and authorize the Board Chair and Lake County Attorney to sign the Minnesota Department of Human Services County Grant Contract on behalf of Region III for which Lake County is the Fiscal Host, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Further authorize the Board Chair and County Attorney to sign any subsequent amendments during the term of this contract.
7. Authorize payment to Office of the State Auditor in the amount of \$15,154.50. (Claim #70720) 2019 year-end audit services 7-22-2020 to 9-1-2020.
8. Authorize Highway Department to return to five eight-hour days per week schedule on Monday, October 19, 2020.
9. Authorize payment for the repair of plow truck #4130 (2014 Mack Truck) for an amount up to \$17,344.66.
10. Approve update to SAP 038-629-001 right of way acquisition offer of \$32,200.00 to the current owner of the affected parcels, Chad H. Scott.
11. Approve 2021 Cooperative Agreements - State Aid Pavement Marking Project and Maintenance Striping Project, between St. Louis County and Lake County.

12. Approve revised right-of-way offer to Michael A. Trieschmann and Nhan T. Pearson, of \$5,907.00 to include additional taking of trees.
13. Authorize County Highway Engineer to sign the Frontier Communications utility permit for telephone service drop CSAH 2.
14. Approve and Authorize County Board Chair to sign the resolution for Lake County to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) as Fiscal Agent for Cook County for the One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Database Inspection, Upgrades and Groundwater Nutrient Abatement Project. This project is funded with Clean Water Funds (FY2020) as Implementation Funding for the Lake Superior North Watershed.
15. Approve payment to Track Equipment Company for BFP602HT rubber tracked carrier for \$7,600 plus any additional fees to be reimbursed by Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative Grant.
16. Approve payment to Contech Engineered Solutions LLC for \$8,043.90 for culverts for road repair projects to be paid with Forest Road Grant money.
Yea: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: Goutermont.

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 03 – Approve the probationary appointment of Shane Anderson to Facilities Worker at the Step 3 rate of \$15.31 per hour effective October 14, 2020. Yea: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: Goutermont.

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND HURD: 04 – Approve the probationary appointment of Leigh Neitzel, Forester, to Deputy Land Commissioner at the Step 1 rate of \$30.07 effective October 19, 2020. Yea: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: Goutermont.

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 05 – Approve the recruitment for one full-time Work Crew Leader-911 Field Technician. Yea: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: Goutermont.

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 06 – Approve the Human Services grievance settlement between Lake County and AFSCME Council 5. Yea: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: Goutermont.

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND WALSH: 07 – Set date of public hearing to set final budget and levies for Lake County, for Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:00 PM. This public hearing will be held as a virtual meeting. Yea: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: Goutermont.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 08 – Amend County Board of Commissioners' meeting schedule for December 2020 as follows:

- Add an action meeting to be held on December 8, 2020, at 2:00 PM.
- Remove an action meeting that was scheduled for December 15, 2020, at 2:00 PM.
- Convene Committee of the Whole on December 15, 2020, to be held in conjunction with the public hearing at 6:00 PM.

Yea: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: Goutermont.

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND HURD: 09 – Award Grants to Support COVID-19 Planning and Response in nonprofit organizations as recommended by the Grant Committee and authorize the Lake County Auditor to release grant funds to these entities. The Grant Committee recommends awarding grants as follows:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Community Partners Two Harbors Living at Home Block Nurse Program	\$4,429
Friends of the Finland Community	\$2,000
Lake County Ambulance Service	\$5,000
Northshore Area Partners	\$5,000
Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	\$4,000
Lake County Agricultural Society, Inc.	\$2,000
Superior Hiking Trail Association	\$2,000
Two Harbors Community Radio	\$2,000
Two Harbors Curling Club, Inc.	\$2,000
Veterans on the Lake Resort	\$ 849
Total:	\$29,278

Yea: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: Goutermont.

MOTION HURD, WALSH: 10 – Motion to adjourn the County Board of Commissioners' meeting at 3:22 PM.
Yea: Walsh, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: Goutermont.

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.

- Committee of the Whole at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.
- Budget Meeting at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 22, 2020.
- Regular meeting at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Board Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners