

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

Tuesday, October 27, 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 yea vote.

Lake 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 present by remote video communications: District 3 Commissioner Richard "Rick" C. Hogenson. Board member absent: None. Others absent: Lake County Administrator Matthew Huddleston. Also present in the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, Two Harbors, Minnesota: Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine M. McCarthy. Also present by remote video communications: Lake County Health and Human Services (LCHHS) Director Lisa B. Hanson and Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, welcomed attendees, and asked attendees to join him in reciting 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](mailto: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 WALSH, SECOND HURD: 01 – Approval of the agenda. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None

Board Chairperson Sve requested a COVID-19 update from LCHHS Department Director Lisa Hanson. Ms. Hanson discussed drastic increases in COVID-19 case counts. The pandemic is having a significant impact globally, regionally, and locally. Decisions on how students attend school in our district are based on our 14-day case rate and other local case data. Ms. Hanson reminded attendees that it takes all of us to keep our community safe, and to stay home if you are sick, if you are waiting for COVID-19 test results, if you have tested positive for COVID-19, and/or if you have had close contact or live with somebody who has tested positive for COVID-19 (even if you don't feel sick). Lake County Public Health provides an e-newsletter regularly to keep community members updated on the COVID-19 situation.

Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine M. McCarthy updated the Board of Commissioners on ordinance review, public hearing to be scheduled, and proposed amendments that may be brought forward for board action before the end of the year.

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

1. Approve Special Meeting minutes of October 6, 2020, for the final plat approval for P-19-001, Lac Superieur Acres.
2. Approve Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes of October 13, 2020.
3. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
  - a. Administrative payments \$ 21,608.51
  - b. Region III Adult Behavioral Health Initiative payments \$ 136,949.19

4. Approve application for Minnesota Exempt Lawful Gambling Permit by Voyageur Snowmobile Club of Two Harbors to conduct a raffle. Drawing to be held February 20, 2021 at 2502 Hwy 2 Two Harbors, MN 55616.
5. Approve payment in the amount of \$5,587.19 (invoice #34155) to SeaChange Print Innovations for 2020 General Election ballots.
6. Approve and authorize the County Recorder to sign the Acceptance and Authorization Agreement with US Imaging, Inc. for scanning and integrating the Deed Record Books at an estimated cost of \$45,063.02 to be paid for out of the Recorder's Technology Fund reserves.
7. Approve purchase of winter road salt from Morton Salt through the State CPV Contract S-763(5) in the amount of \$62.11 per ton (delivered to Two Harbors) and \$69.46 per ton (delivered to Finland), payable upon delivery through May 31, 2021.
8. Authorize the Board Chair and relevant Department Heads to sign a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Two Harbors for the reconstruction of 4th Avenue (CSAH 35), 7<sup>th</sup> Street (CSAH 20), 8<sup>th</sup> Street (CSAH 30) and adjoining city streets. The proposed project will utilize local funding by the City of Two Harbors and State Aid Highway funding under project numbers SAP 038-620-010, SAP 038-630-001, and SAP 038-635-001.
9. Authorize the Highway Engineer to sign a letter of support, on behalf of Lake County, for the City of Silver Bay's application for 2021 State Park Road Account funding for road improvements on East Lakeview Road for Black Beach Park access.
10. Authorize the Board Chair and Highway Engineer to sign an agreement with MnDOT to provide winter roadway maintenance services on CR 221 (Split Rock State Park Access) and Old Highway 61 in Beaver Bay Township through June 2021, for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.
11. Authorize payment for the repair of Loader #5113 for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.
12. Request approval for cancellation of Certificate of Forfeiture regarding parcel # 28-6311-20880 as recorded in Forfeiture Certificate A000125890, Book 114 of Deeds page 299 and described in said Forfeiture Document as, "that part of Lot 8 as described in Book 58 of Deeds, page 504". This parcel was erroneously forfeited in 1993 due to non-transfer to the new party by deed in 1971.
13. Approve abatement of 2020 taxes payable for parcel 22-7470-10360. North Shore Area Partners, a qualifying exempt organization purchased the property March of 2020 making taxes in 2021 exempt and requests an abatement of the current year 2020 taxes.
14. Accept quote from Larson Services, which is the low bid for snow removal, for the snow plowing contract for 2020/2021 season for the Lake County Courthouse, Law Enforcement Center, Service Center, and Recycle Center Facilities in Two Harbors.
15. Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission for Interim Use Application I-20-015 for Eric and Diane Lindberg.

16. Approve the appointment of Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy as Lake County's eighth voting delegate for the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), filling Lake County's voting delegate vacancy after the resignation of the former Lake County Highway Engineer Krysten Foster.

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

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 03 – Approve the reappointment of Gregg Swartwoudt, County Assessor, effective January 1, 2021 through December 1, 2024. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 04 – Approve the probationary appointment of Enoch Fischer to Dispatcher/Jailer at the Step 2 rate of \$20.61 per hour effective October 28, 2020. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND HURD: 05 – Approve the probationary appointment of Marcy Bentler to Administrative Assistant at the Step 2 rate of \$17.71 per hour effective November 2, 2020. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 06 – Approve the change in employment status of Alex McGrath, Deputy Sheriff, due to the completion of probation effective October 22, 2020. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 07 – Authorize the following name to be removed from the 2020 General Election Absentee Ballot Board: County Auditor Linda Libal. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND WALSH: 08 – Award Grants to Support COVID-19 Planning and Response in Lake County Congregate Care Facilities (Round 2) as recommended by the Grant Committee, and authorize Lake County Health and Human Services to release grant funds to these entities. The Grant Committee recommends awarding grants as follows:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Maple View Adult Foster Home (AFH)	\$5,000.00
The Waterview Shores Assisted Living (AL)	\$6,636.29
Barross Cottages I	\$7,500.00
Barross Cottages II	\$7,500.00
Barross Manor	\$7,500.00
Minnesota Veterans Home	\$4,425.00
Carefree Living	\$10,000.00
Total:	<b>\$48,561.29</b>

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

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 09 – Award the Small Business Relief Grants (Round 2) as recommended by the Lake County CARES Grant Committee for the second Business grant cycle, and authorize the County Auditor to release grant funds to these entities. The Grant Committee recommends awarding grants as follows:

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Moose Lodge	\$10,000.00
North Shore Landing	\$10,000.00
Kick Start Preschool and Child Care Center	\$10,000.00
Na-cho Bizness Food Truck	\$5,000.00
Bri Esa's Convenience Store	\$5,000.00
Evolve – a Salon	\$5,000.00
Wildly Organic	\$10,000.00
Vanilla Bean Restaurant	\$10,000.00
Lou's Fish House	\$5,000.00
Burlington Station	\$5,000.00
PureDriven	\$10,000.00
Hull's Sawmill	\$5,000.00
Ruth's Gourmet	\$10,000.00
Lemon Wolf Café	\$5,000.00
SalonHaven	\$5,000.00
Endless Summer Farms LLC	\$5,000.00
First Impressions Styling Salon	\$5,000.00
The New Hairitage Hair Salon	\$5,000.00
Total:	<b>\$125,000.00</b>

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

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 10 – Adjourn Board of Commissioners meeting at 3:04 PM.  
Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

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.

- Agenda meeting at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
- Regular meeting at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.
- Budget meeting at 9:00 AM on Friday, November 13, 2020.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan  
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Board Chairperson  
Lake County Board of Commissioners