

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
ADJOURNED SESSION - Rough Draft
Monday, August 22, 2016
4:00 p.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 22nd day of August, 2016, in Adjourned Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Proulx called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Bodie, Brenner, Peterson, Proulx, and Zmyslony. Absent: None.

The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2016, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to accept and approve the July, 2016, Carlton County Public Health and Human Services Financial Report.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the refilling of a Disability Services position at the Public Health and Human Services Offices.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution: (16-077)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and approve entering into a Master Subscriber Agreement by and between Carlton County and the State of Minnesota, acting through its Office of State Court Administration. Said Agreement will allow the Carlton County Public Health and Human Services Offices electronic access to court records and documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney, County Auditor, and County Board Chairman are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Agreement.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the actions on Foster and Child Care Licenses as follows:

Family Foster Care Renewal:
Allison Jerde #33470194

Heather Schmitz #33474405
Tracy Timmer and Maranda Grangruth #33558663

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution: (16-078)

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners did previously take action to enter into a Land Lease Agreement by and between Carlton County and the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Transportation, whereby the MnDoT will lease property located at 1007 Rosicky Road for the purposes of the erecting and maintenance of a Communications Tower (Lease No. 1001946); and

WHEREAS, it has become desirous of both parties to amend this Land Lease Agreement so as to allow for the placement of utilities on said leased property.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and approve an amendment to Land Lease No. 1001946, Section 6, to allow for the placement of utilities over and across said lease parcel in Red Clove Township, Carlton County.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to authorize entering into an Agreement by and between Carlton County, acting through its Land Department and the American Bird Conservancy, whereby the Conservancy will conduct Brushland/Young Forest Habitat Management services on certain tax forfeited lands in Wrenshall Township, Carlton County.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to accept staff recommendation and approve an Application for General Tax Abatement as follows:

No. 1764 Carlton County (Anderson MH) City of Barnum Payable 2014

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the expenditure listing for July, 2016, as follows:

Revenue	\$1,990,092.89
Road and Bridge	1,736,808.75
Human Services	1,375,684.42
2016 Refi	8,798,500.00
2010A BaB Bonds	98,425.00
2010B RZB Bonds	130,790.63
Refunding Bonds	15,111.25
Motor Vehicle	443,572.58
State Fund	13,406.00
Forfeited Tax	15,386.19
Economic Development Fund	36,342.47

Refunding	4,483.50
Schools	165,395.95
Towns and Cities	6,239,931.37
Total	<u>\$21,063,931.00</u>

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution: (16-079)

WHEREAS, good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates, with a focus starting as early as prekindergarten and kindergarten,

WHEREAS, chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason including excused and unexcused absences, or just two of three days a month – is a proven predictor of academic trouble and dropout rates,

WHEREAS, chronic absence is now a required reporting metric under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act,

WHEREAS, improving attendance and reducing chronic absence takes commitment, collaboration and tailored approaches to particular challenges and strengths in each community,

WHEREAS, chronic absence predicts lower third-grade reading proficiency, course failure and eventual dropout, it weakens our communities and our local economy,

WHEREAS, the impact of chronic absence hits low-income students and children of color particularly hard if they don't have the resources to make up for lost time in the classroom and are more likely to face systemic barriers to getting to school – such as unreliable transportation, lack of access to health care, unstable or unaffordable housing,

WHEREAS, attendance gaps among groups of students often turn into achievement gaps that undermine student success. Chronic absence particularly exacerbates the achievement gap that separates low-income students from their peers, since students from low-income families are both more likely to be chronically absent and more likely to be affected academically by missing school.

WHEREAS, absenteeism also undermines efforts to improve struggling schools, since it's hard to measure improvement in classroom instruction if students are not in class to benefit from them,

WHEREAS, schools and community partners can reach out more frequently to absent students to determine what barriers they face to attending school and what would help them attend more regularly,

WHEREAS, health care providers can share the importance of school attendance with families and can offer proactive, preventive care to reduce absences.

WHEREAS, schools and districts must do more to track, calculate and share the data on how many students are chronically absent so that we can see the attendance gaps and can deliver the right interventions to the right students,

WHEREAS, all students – even those who show up regularly – are affected by chronic absence because teachers must spend time reviewing for students who missed lessons,

WHEREAS, chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, families and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as the Carlton County Board of Commissioners, proclaim our county will stand with the nation in recognizing September as “Attendance Awareness Month.” We hereby commit to focusing on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotional and socially.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to accept a \$10,000 grant from the Carlton County United Way. The proceeds of this grant will be used to assist the Jump Start Program for the 2016/2017 school calendar year.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution: (16-080)

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners did previously take action to enter into a Lease Agreement by and between Carlton County and the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Employment and Economic Development, whereby the DEED will lease office space located at 14 North 11th Street, Cloquet, Mn. for the purposes of office space (Lease No. 11852); and

WHEREAS, it has become desirous of both parties to amend this Lease Agreement so as to allow for a five year extension of the lease.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and approve an amendment to Lease No. 11852, to allow for a five year extension of the Lease (through September 30, 2021).

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to set a closed meeting to discuss labor negotiations following the close of regular business at this meeting.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to authorize the Shriners Hospitals for Children to utilize the Community Services Building Screening Room for Free Screening Clinic.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to accept a \$1,000 grant from the Northland Foundation. The proceeds of this grant will be used to assist the Family, Friends, and Neighbors Program.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes that this meeting be adjourned.

Attest: _____
Paul G. Gassert
County Auditor/Treasurer

Thomas Proulx
County Board Chairperson