

**Carlton County  
Board of Commissioners  
ADJOURNED SESSION - Rough Draft  
Monday, November 23, 2015  
4:00 p.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of November, 2015, in Adjourned Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Bodie called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Bodie, Peterson, Proulx, and Zmyslony. Absent: Brenner.

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

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

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2015, Regular Board Meeting.

At 4:05 p.m., the Board convened a Public Hearing to discuss Fire Protection Services for the Carlton County Unorganized Townships of Corona (North Half), Progress and Red Clover. The Cities of Cromwell and Wright have formed a Joint Powers Entity, the Cromwell/Wright Fire District, for the purposes of maintaining a joint volunteer fire department for its citizens and those citizens in the adjacent communities within the boundaries of the District. The Carlton County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Township Board for the Unorganized Townships of Corona (North Half), Progress, and Red Clover, currently contract with the Cromwell Fire Department for fire protection services. The Carlton County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Township Board for the Unorganized Townships of Corona (North Half), Progress, and Red Clover, is considering action to enter a Joint Powers Agreement allowing for membership into the Cromwell/Wright Fire District. Discussion was held with regards to the property tax impact, District (governing board) membership, and other areas of concern. No public (from the District) were present, nor was any correspondence received with respect to the proposed Fire Protection Services Agreement.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner, who was absent, to adopt the following resolution: (15-111)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Township Board for the Unorganized Townships of Corona (North Half), Progress, and Red Clover, do hereby authorize and approve entering into Joint Powers Agreement with the Cromwell/Wright Fire District, whereby

the District will provide fire protection services for the Carlton County Unorganized Townships of Corona (North Half), Progress and Red Clover.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to accept and approve the October, 2015, Public Health and Human Services Financial Report.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to authorize the temporary hiring (until mid January, 2016) of an addition Clerical Support Staff in the Public Health and Human Services Offices.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner, who was absent, to adopt the following resolution: (15-112)

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Carlton, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01 - Subdivision 8, 282.018, and the 1991 Laws of Minnesota Chapter 354, Article 10, Section 9, amending Minnesota Statute Section 282.018, Subdivision 2 (1990). The County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that either the County Land Commissioner or the Soil and Water Conservation Board of the district where the land is located has reviewed Landsale List No. 132 and identified any and all non-forested marginal wetlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Landsale will be held at 10:00 a.m., January 27, 2016, in the Carlton County Transportation Department Building Boardroom, Carlton, Minnesota.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner, who was absent, to adopt the following resolution: (15-113)

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 282.01, Subdivision 7A, provides for the County Auditor to sell certain tax-forfeited properties at a restricted landsale; and

WHEREAS, Carlton County has received requests to purchase several small parcel of tax-forfeited lands described as follows:

See EXHIBIT A (on file in the Land Commissioner Offices)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the sale of the following parcels of tax-forfeited lands as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 282.01, subdivision 7A:

See EXHIBIT A (on file in the Land Commissioner Offices)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to set a bid opening date of January 27, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in the Carlton County Transportation Department Building Boardroom with minimum bid amounts as indicated in EXHIBIT A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bidding be restricted to adjacent property owners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if payment is not received from the successful bidder within forty-five (45) days of January 27, 2016, the next highest bidder will be awarded the sale of said parcel at bid offering.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to authorize and instruct the County Land Commissioner to proceed with plans for the acquisition of a parcel of property in Moose Lake Township; said parcel is described as the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Twenty-six, Township Forty-six, Range Eighteen.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to authorize and instruct the County Land Commissioner to proceed with plans for the acquisition of a parcel of property in Eagle Township; said parcel is described as the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section Twelve, Township Forty-eight, Range Twenty.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner, who was absent, to adopt the following resolution: (15-114)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve entering into a Lease Agreement by and between Carlton County and the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, whereby AEOA will lease space at the Carlton County Transportation Department facilities. The terms and conditions of this lease are on file in the Transportation Department Offices.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner, who was absent, to adopt the following resolution: (15-115)

BE IT RESOLVED to enter into a License Agreement (License No. L-52), by and between Carlton County and the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Natural Resources, whereby the DNR will lease space for a helipad site at the Carlton County/Cloquet Airport facilities. The terms and conditions of this License are on file in the Transportation Department Offices.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner, who was absent, to adopt the following resolution: (15-116)

BE IT RESOLVED to enter into a Land Lease Agreement (Lease No. 1001946), 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. The terms and conditions of the Lease are on file in the Sheriff Department Offices.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner, who was absent, to adopt the following resolution: (15-117)

BE IT RESOLVED to enter into a Communications Facility Use Agreement (Agreement No. 1001922) by and between Carlton County and the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Transportation, whereby Carlton County will utilize space on a MnDoT Communications Tower located at 5602 Maple Hill Road in Midway Township, St. Louis County. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are on file in the Sheriff Department Offices.

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

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner, who was absent, to adopt the following resolution: (15-118)

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties are mandated by the state to provide essential services in many program areas including human services, public safety, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, counties depend on County Program Aid ("CPA") for the financial sustainability of these state-mandated, county-administered services; and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the CPA formula, pursuant MS Chapter 447A.0124, creates considerable volatility in the fund's distribution, interfering with counties' abilities to accurately budget for essential services; and

WHEREAS, the current formula's inadequacies have also resulted in the dramatic reduction of funding for one-third of counties, that have lost at least 50 percent of their funding since 2005; and

WHEREAS, despite fluctuations over the past ten years, the state appropriation to the 2015 CPA is equal to the 2005 appropriation making it greatly depressed in terms of inflation; and

WHEREAS, a revised CPA formula in conjunction with additional funding will enable counties to continue to provide quality services that may also translate into reductions in county levies, decreasing the tax burden of Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS, in October 2014, the Association of Minnesota Counties assembled the CPA Work Group including leadership from twenty counties and representatives from the Metropolitan Inter-County Association and the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus to analyze and develop a CPA formula that reflects the pressing needs of Minnesota's counties; and

WHEREAS, the CPA Work Group unanimously approved a revised CPA formula that benefits all Minnesota counties by reducing volatility and ensuring a fair distribution of CPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Counties that represents the diverse interests of Minnesota's 87 counties, voted to support the proposed CPA formula revisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby endorse the following revisions to the Minnesota County Program Aid formula:

- A funding increase of \$40 million;
- The creation of a funding floor that guarantees each county \$350,000 in tax base equalization aid ("TBEA");
- Adjustments to the TBEA formula factors to slow down counties' loss of TBEA funding, including: an increase of the per capita factor to \$190 and a decrease of the county adjusted net tax capacity (ANTC) factor to 9 percent;
- The elimination of special funds and transition aid; and
- The creation of a 5% cap on annual CPA losses; ensuring no county will lose more than 5% of its funding each year.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to authorize the Extension Office to proceed with plans for the acquisition of a pickup truck for the By Products Program; funding for this purchase will come from excess revenues with the Program.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution: (15-119)

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners did previously take action to approve an Small Cities Development Program Loan to Marvin Pirila and Gail Francette; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to subordinate said loan to Members Cooperative Credit Union.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and approve the subordination of their loans in favor of Members CU.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul G. Gassert  
County Auditor/Treasurer

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Marv Bodie  
County Board Vice Chairperson

