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Carlton County Commissioners Attend AMC Fall Policy Meeting

Our Carlton County Commissioners recently attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Fall Policy Planning Conference in Alexandria, Minnesota. AMC is a voluntary, non-partisan statewide organization that has assisted the state's 87 counties in providing effective county governance to the people of Minnesota since 1909. AMC works closely with the legislative and administrative branches of government in seeing that legislation and policies favorable to counties are enacted. AMC also provides educational programs, training, research and communications for local county officials.

The Fall Policy Conference provides an opportunity for county commissioners, department heads and staff from across the state to meet to discuss changes to the AMC policy platform and potential legislative priorities. Policy committees are adjourned on the issues of Environment & Natural Resources, General Government, Health & Human Services, Public Safety, and Transportation & Infrastructure. Each of the five Carlton County Commissioners sits on one of the five committees. Those committees are charged with identifying the policy priorities that are ultimately presented to our state legislators in St. Paul at the following year's legislative session. At this fall's conference, our Carlton County Commissioners were applauded by AMC as comprising one of the most dedicated boards in the state for their presence and leadership on policy issues at the fall conference. Carlton County is well-served in that regard!

The next step in the policy creation process involves AMC staff fine tuning the policy issues identified as paramount at the fall conference so that those policy issues can be brought back to each district at the October AMC District meetings across the

state. There are ten districts in Minnesota, with Carlton County belonging to District One. District One includes the Counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Koochiching,

Lake, Pine, and St. Louis. Representatives from those counties will be meeting on October 13th in Silver Bay, Minnesota, for the purpose of reviewing and voting on the proposed policy priorities prior to the AMC Annual Conference in December in St. Paul. The AMC Annual Conference is where more than 600 county elected officials, department heads and staff come together to consider, discuss and vote on the important topics and trends affecting county government.

Consistent with their actions at the local and district levels, our current Carlton County Commissioners have actively participated in the policy planning meetings at the Annual Conference and will do so again this year with an eye towards working with other county commissioners from across the state to find solutions to common issues. As there are always challenges and opportunities facing counties, a focus on collaboration over new or improved ways to work is more important now than ever before. Some of the issues that will be addressed include improving broadband services, compelling state funding for mandated services, balancing economic growth with environmental protection and preservation, addressing a statewide drug epidemic, providing timely and appropriate medical and mental health services through the increased use of available technology, and the encouragement of a more functional federal government in the area of long term funding and appropriations.

(You can follow the work done by your Carlton County Commissioners by going to the Carlton County Website at www.co.carlton.mn.us or to the AMC website at www.mncounties.org.)



Association of
Minnesota Counties

Employee Service Awards



Kimberly Munoz
(PH&HS)
10 Years

Jody Meyer
(Zoning & Environmental Services)
25 Years

Milt Hagen
(Transportation)
25 Years

Joyce Schmitz
(PH&HS)
40 Years

Carlton County Truancy Prevention Program Tracks Attendance

Carlton County Truancy Prevention Program is the first truancy program listed in Minnesota on the Attendance Works Program. Attendance Works is a national and state initiative that promotes better policy and practice around school attendance. They promote tracking chronic absence data for each student beginning in kindergarten, or ideally earlier, and partnering with families and community agencies to intervene when poor attendance is a problem for students or schools.

The Carlton County Truancy Officer end of the 2015/16 school year statistics: 2,212 total interventions amongst 1,763 total students entered into the Carlton County Truancy Prevention Database.

Both of those statistics are the highest they have been in 11 years. A total of 11 students were referred to the Carlton County District Attorney's Office and 2 referred to Carlton County Health and Human Services for educational Neglect.

Carlton County School Districts had

approximately 256 students who had perfect attendance for the 2015/16 school year.

This spring, Donna Lekander, Carlton County Collaborative Director, Jamie Gibbons, Carlton County Intern, and Josh Hagen, Carlton County Truancy Prevention Specialist, organized and participated in the first of its kind Truancy

Prevention Forum for Region I held at Grand Rapids, MN. The Forum had multi-county participation for sharing policies and procedures. It was a great meeting to network with other truancy prevention agencies. The plan is to continue working regionally on truancy issues and several work groups were established.

The forum will be held on an annual basis. A special thanks to Ms. Gibbons for her hard work in organizing this forum.

Any questions or concerns in regards to any truancy or attendance issues, please feel free to contact Joshua L Hagen at 218-390-4813 or josh.hagen@co.carlton.mn.us.



Scholarship Opportunity for Law Enforcement Students



On August 31st, Sheriff Kelly Lake of the Carlton County Sheriff's Office, announced the commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2016. Sheriff Kelly Lake proudly announced that the Minnesota Sheriff's Association (MSA) Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for the awarding of up to 15 - \$600 scholarships for this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota.

The members of MSA give special recognition to the financial needs of students attending the peace officer skills course, or one of the two or four year law enforcement degree colleges. "The Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform" said Sheriff Lake. MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice. MSA recognizes some students need outside help

in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

The Scholarship Committee, in making its selection of awards, intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced by December 31st of the same year. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Carlton County Sheriff's Office. Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

1. Mandated POST Skills Program
2. In their second year of a two-year law enforcement program
3. In their third or fourth year of a four-year college criminal justice program

In order to qualify, students must have completed at least one year of the two-year program, or two years of a four-year program. Students meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application form from their local Sheriff's Office, or online at www.mnsheriffs.org.

Courthouse Beautification Project



Left to right: Gladys Bergstedt, Nora, Linda Crumpton

Have you noticed the flower pots at the south entrance of the court house? These beautiful containers are a new volunteer project for the local Master Gardener group.

The Master Gardeners, with advice from the Carlton Greenhouse, planted the pots in early June. The color scheme (red, white and blue) and varieties were chosen for visual interest.

Gladys Bergstedt of Esko has been the lead gardener for the project. She fertilizes and tends the pots weekly. She, along with help from Master Gardeners Sherry DeWulf, Nan Lindquist and Linda Crumpton, have made this project possible.

The positive feedback on the south side pots has prompted the planting of four more pots at the west and north entrances. Next summer all of these pots will be re-planted as well as the area directly under the flag pole. Let's see what combinations they will come up with next year! For information on becoming a Master Gardener please call the Extension Office at 218-384-3511.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield Fitness Center Membership Credit

Do you like to exercise? If you exercise the required number of times per month, Blue Cross Blue Shield will provide a \$20 per month credit towards your fitness club membership dues. The amount of the credit cannot exceed the total monthly membership dues.

Active members (at least 18 years old) of qualified Minnesota Service Cooperatives are eligible. If you're eligible, your Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota member ID card will show the icon in the middle of this article. A maximum of two qualifying adult Blue Cross members in your household can participate in the program and each can receive up to \$20 credit.

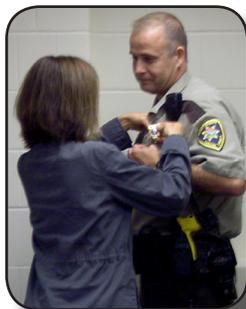
Find a participating fitness center with the health club locator at myBlueCross, the online member center at bluecrossmn.com.

Present your Blue Cross member ID card to a participating fitness center. Complete an enrollment form at the fitness center. Be sure that all member ID card information is current.

The fitness club tracks your participation and, after verifying your eligibility with Blue Cross, credits your fitness club membership account. There will be a period of time between the month that you've completed your workout requirement and the time you receive the credit.



Promotional Ceremony Held



Doug's wife, Jill, proudly pinning on his Sergeant badge

On Friday, September 23, 2016, Sheriff Kelly Lake held a promotional ceremony to recognize Doug Juntunen's promotion to the rank of Sergeant in the Patrol Division of the Carlton County Sheriff's Office.

Doug started his law enforcement career working as a St. Paul Police Department Officer from August 1999 through 2001. In August of 2001, Doug came to the Carlton County Sheriff's Office as a Patrol Deputy. During his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, he has served as a Field Training Officer training in new deputies, as a Background Investigator, and also as a youth ATV Safety Instructor. Doug is also a graduate of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Supervision & Management Program. Congratulations Doug!

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*Board meetings are held at the Transportation Building on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. and the 4th Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

Keeping Minnesota Ready

Winter Safety Checklist - Families and Children

Submitted by Emergency Management Coordinator Pete Neumann

GENERAL PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY

- **Make a plan.** Winter weather can have unpredictable consequences. What will you and your family do if you're separated during an unplanned event, like a blizzard or a power outage?
- **Make a kit.** Do you have enough reserve supplies on hand to keep yourself and your family warm and safe for an extended time without electricity, heat or access to markets or services? Do you know what your emergency needs would be — and can everyone access those items quickly, under stress?
- **Stay informed.** Make sure you have access to information — even if the power is out. Get a battery powered TV, radio or NOAA weather radio. Keep extra batteries handy. If you use a cell phone, be sure you have a vehicle charger.

FOR ADULTS

- **Take it easy.** Cold puts extra strain on your heart. Heavy exertion such as shoveling snow, clearing debris or pushing a car can increase the risk of heart attack.
- **Don't overheat.** Dress warmly, but peel layers as necessary to stay comfortable.
- **Slow down.** Rest frequently to avoid overexertion when working outdoors. If you feel chest pain, stop. Seek help immediately.
- **Stay hydrated.** Drink plenty of water before and while you are working.
- **Stay alert.** Know the signs of frostbite and hypothermia. Warm extremities frequently.

FOR KIDS

- **Stay inside.** During snowstorms, blowing snow and cold can make it hard to see and easy to get lost — even close to home. Wait until the storm is gone to go outside.
- **Dress right.** When going out to play after a storm, dress in snowsuits or layers of clothing, waterproof coat and boots, mittens or gloves and a hat. Avoid cotton clothing or socks as they can soak up water and offer little warmth.
- **Wear a hat.** Body heat is lost through the head, so always wear a hat or hood. Cover your ears, too. They are easily subject to frostbite.
- **Wear gloves.** Mittens are even better than gloves, because fingers maintain more warmth when they touch each other.
- **Use a scarf.** Keep your neck warm. A scarf can also be worn over your mouth to help protect your lungs from extremely cold air.
- **Warm up.** Go inside often for warm-up breaks. Long periods of exposure to severe cold and wind increase the risk of frostbite or hypothermia. If you start to shiver a lot or get very tired, or if skin turns numb or pale on your nose, fingers, toes or earlobes, go inside right away and tell an adult!
- **Stay near adults.** Always play near home or where there are adults nearby who can help you. Even familiar places can look different in winter, so don't get lost.
- **Stay away from streets and snowplows.** Plows can't slow down or turn quickly, and the snow and salt they throw is dirty and can hurt you. Cars may be sliding; they could hit you if you're in the street.
- **Stay off of ice.** Unless a lake or pond has been checked by an adult for thickness and safety, don't go out on the ice.

PETS AND ANIMALS

- **Provide a shelter.** Create a place where your animals can be comfortable in severe winter weather. Make sure any outbuilding that houses or shelters animals can withstand wind, heavy snow and ice.
- Bring pets indoors; shelter livestock from wind, snow, ice and rain. Grazing animals need access to a protected supply of food and non- frozen water.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR OTHER FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

- **Make a plan.** For elderly people and those dependent on assistance or medical equipment, make plans now to ensure their needs will be met if winter weather results in power outages, makes communication difficult or prevents personal contact.

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Winter Safety Checklist - Families and Children

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- **Make a kit.** Stock an emergency kit including a flashlight and extra batteries, extra blankets, a battery-operated radio with fresh batteries, bottled water, non-perishable foods, extra essential medicines and other necessities.
- **Have backup power.** If a standby generator or another alternate power source is used, be sure it is functioning properly and that a trained person operates it. Be aware of carbon monoxide produced by generators. NEVER use them in enclosed spaces — even garages.
- **Notify others.** Plan with others who could help, such as nearby neighbors, relatives or friends. Exchange phone numbers and always have someone check in after a severe storm or power outage.
- **Notify utilities.** Register as a special-needs individual with the local utility to become a priority customer during blackouts and emergencies. Do this before weather strikes. Do the same with any special support organizations you're involved with.
- **Notify authorities.** Also inform the county or city Office of Emergency Management and the Police or Fire Department that there is a special-needs resident at your address.
For more information about Winter Weather safety, visit the [HSEM Weather Safety website](#).

8th Annual Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk

The 8th Annual Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk will take place on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 9:30-11:30am at Carlton High School in Carlton, MN. Last year, around 200 walkers, from around the region and state participated in this free community event. There will be a short walk (non-competitive – approximately 35 minutes), followed by refreshments and a short message of hope from Mike Waldron, Executive Director of the 23rd Veteran. Megan Alama, with Carlton County's School Linked Mental Health (SLMH) program and Amanda Radtke from the Human Development Center will also share community resources.

Meghann Levitt, Health Educator for Carlton County Public Health and Human Services said, "We are aware that Carlton County, and many other counties in Northern Minnesota have some of the highest rates of suicide in the state. This event allows family and friends who have been impacted by suicide to remember those they have lost, as well as connect with others who have had the same, or similar, experience."

Jo Angell, a mother who lost her son to suicide and who has been involved with the local Carlton County Suicide Prevention Task Force since its beginning said, "This walk has been an important focus and connection for me. It has been very helpful to have a special day where people come together, supporting each other and walking in remembrance of our loved ones; publicly stating the seriousness of suicide. We're all there for the same reason."

The walk will begin and end at Carlton High School (405 School Ave., Carlton, MN 55718). This is not a fundraiser, however participants may

want to wear something with the name/picture of the person they are honoring (not required). In addition, participants will have the opportunity to tie a ribbon to the banner that will be carried on the walk in memory of the person they are honoring. Information on suicide awareness and education will be available. Everyone is welcome to participate, and participants typically include people from the local area, as well as some from neighboring counties and around the state. They are family members, friends, human service and mental health workers, co-workers, and many others whose lives have been affected by suicide or an attempt.

The Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk was organized by members of the Carlton County Suicide Prevention Task Force, including Levitt and Angell. The Task Force, consisting of community members, as well as professionals, continues to meet and plan further events and projects for suicide prevention and education in Carlton County.

In observing the importance of mental wellness, the Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk has become an annual October event—happening the second Saturday of the month. No preregistration is necessary. Interested persons are encouraged to show up at Carlton High School at 9:30am on October 8th.

For more information please contact Jo Angel, Parent Survivor and Volunteer Walk Organizer, at 218-590-4905 or Meghann Levitt, Carlton County Public Health and Human Services, at 218-878-2846 or email at meghann.levitt@co.carlton.mn.us.

Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. Announces Anticipated Joint Funding Arrangement Terms

Article Credit: Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P.

Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. (NYSE: EEP) today announced that its affiliate will be withdrawing regulatory applications pending with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project ("Sandpiper"). EEP has completed a review of Sandpiper and concluded that the project should be delayed until such time as crude oil production in North Dakota recovers sufficiently to support development of new pipeline capacity. Based on updated projections, EEP believes that new pipeline capacity will not likely be needed until beyond the Partnership's current five-year planning horizon.

An independent special committee of the board of directors of the delegate of EEP's general partner (the "Special Committee") and EECL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Enbridge Inc. ("Enbridge"), have also reached a tentative agreement on the terms of an arrangement through which each party would fund the acquisition of and participate in the returns generated by an effective 27.6 percent interest in the Bakken Pipeline System ("Bakken Pipeline" or the "System"), a transaction previously announced on August 2, 2016. It is anticipated that the investment in the Bakken Pipeline will be jointly funded 75 percent by Enbridge, through EECL, and 25 percent by EEP. EEP expects to fund its 25 percent interest through a combination of debt and equity. EEP would fund the equity portion of its investment through the issuance of a new class of limited partner units, Class F units, to EECL, and the debt portion through borrowing under its credit facility. The expected funding arrangements with EECL would result in the acquisition having a minimal impact on EEP's liquidity and no capital market transactions by EEP for funding. As part of the proposed joint funding arrangement, EEP is expected to have an option until December 31, 2019 to acquire an additional 15 percent interest from EECL in the investment at a total price equal to the pro rata portion of the capital contributed by EECL for its investment prior to the exercise date. The joint funding arrangement is subject to satisfaction of the closing conditions of the Bakken Pipeline acquisition by the System's owners, the Special Committee's recommendation, and approval of the Board of Directors.

The System consists of the Dakota Access Pipeline ("DAPL") and the Energy Transfer Crude Oil Pipeline ("ETCO") projects. EEP's interest in the System will be acquired through an indirect

investment in a joint venture ("MarEn") with Marathon Petroleum.

"This acquisition of an interest in the Bakken Pipeline represents another important step in expanding our market access strategy", said Mark Maki, President for the Partnership. "The investment offers strong risk-adjusted returns and includes a significant level of take-or-pay contracts with high credit quality counterparties. The investment is expected to be immediately accretive to EEP's distributable cash flow when the System is ready for service, which is expected in late 2016. The System also has low-cost expansion potential, offering further financial upside. Joint funding this investment with our sponsor enhances the Partnership's financing flexibility and improves EEP's credit profile through enhanced cash flow in 2017. In addition, the acquisition bolsters the prospective asset drop-down potential from our sponsor longer term."

The anticipated joint funding arrangement provides for funding to be accomplished through EEP's investment subsidiary, Enbridge Holdings (DakTex) L.L.C. ("Enbridge DakTex"), which is a 75 percent equity interest owner of MarEn. Enbridge DakTex expects to issue 75 percent of its equity interests to EECL for a purchase price of \$1.125 billion, and EEP expects to contribute \$375 million to Enbridge DakTex with respect to its resulting 25 percent equity interest in Enbridge DakTex. EEP expects to fund its \$375 million contribution through the sale of additional Class F limited partnership interests to EECL and a draw on its credit facility. The Class F units would pay distributions in-kind through the period ending December 31, 2018 and then would be cash paying thereafter.

MarEn will own a 49 percent interest in an affiliate of Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. and Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P., which in turn owns 75 percent of the Bakken Pipeline. The closing of the Bakken Pipeline acquisition is anticipated to occur around the end of the third quarter of 2016.

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Carlton County Committee's

Building Committee -

2nd Tuesday of the month immediately following the County Board meeting (Transportation Building -TB)

Committee of the Whole -

1st Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (TB)

Diversity Committee -

4th Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m. (PH&HS)

Finance Committee -

1st Tuesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. (TB)

Policy Committee -

3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. (Law Enforcement Center - LEC)

Management Team -

1st Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. (TB)

Supervisors Committee -

3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. (Varies)

Wellness Committee -

1st Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. (PH&HS)

For a more detailed Carlton County Committee list [click here](#).



Are you interested in submitting an article in the next Carlton County Newsletter? Email, mail or fax your articles and pictures by the December 19, 2016 deadline to:

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*Please note that all submissions are subject to editing, as needed.

"Let's Get Acquainted" with the Carlton County Assessor



Carlton County is pleased to announce that Kyle Holmes is the newly appointed Carlton County Assessor.

What role do you play at Carlton County?

I was just recently appointed to serve as the Carlton County Assessor. This is a 4-year term that I take very seriously. The County Assessor sets the Estimated Market Values on all real property in the county. This sets the tax base for your County Commissioners, School Boards, and local city and township boards to levy against thereby creating your property tax bills. We understand no one likes paying taxes, but we strive to make this the most fair and equitable assessment as prescribed by statute so that people can feel confident that they are being treated fairly in comparison with their neighbors.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I was born and raised in Wrenshall, MN and also where I currently reside. My wife (Emily Holmes) and I just recently built a new home here where we currently raise our two beautiful daughters (Madison and Makenzie). Both my wife and I attended the University of Minnesota-Duluth. I played football for the Bulldogs for three years under legendary coach, Jim Malosky, although I didn't see the field much due to injuries (7 knee surgeries and counting). I love to hunt, fish, and do just about anything outdoors, especially if it includes our British Lab, Tucker.

What work experiences and education led you to a career at Carlton County?

I graduated from UMD with a B.A. degree in Economics in 1999. From there I held various jobs (bartender, insurance, tool sales, etc.) until I found a position as an appraiser with the St. Louis County Assessor's office in January of 2001. Once there, I had an amazing boss that stressed education and professional development. I took advantage of any and all classes that the county would send me to and set my sights on advancement within the profession. In 2006, I accepted a promotion of supervisor at St. Louis County. In 2008, I had the opportunity to make another move, one that would bring me back 'home' to Carlton County as the Chief Deputy Assessor, or Assistant County Assessor to Mrs. Marci Moreland. I knew she was nearing the end of her career and it made sense to me to try to provide some stability and leadership in the county that I chose to live in. I couldn't be happier to serve our citizens and the Carlton County Board of Commissioners.

What are the main lessons you have learned in life?

Always do your best! Own up to your mistakes and move forward in a positive way. Celebrate your accomplishments and be proud of them. Try to leave things better than you found them.

Recent Update

On September 27, 2016, Carlton County Assessor Kyle Holmes swore in and accepted his oath to become the next Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers (MAAO) President during the Fall Conference held in St. Paul. Mr. Holmes stated, "This is a great honor for me, and one that I take very seriously. I have had the honor to sit on the State Executive board of this organization for 6 years, 4 as our Region IV Director, and the past 2 years as the 2nd V.P. and 1st V.P. with the anticipation of being elected this fall. MAAO has been around for 71 years, but I will be its 70th President. This is an organization made up of licensed assessors from within the state as well as assessment personnel from the Department of Revenue and boasts a membership of 800+ and a budget of nearly 500k a year. The #1 priority of our organization is providing quality education to Assessors in the state of Minnesota." If you would like more information on the organization, you can visit the website at www.MNMAAO.org.



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