

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
ADJOURNED SESSION - Rough Draft
Monday, January 24, 2022
4:00 p.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 24th day of January, 2022, in Adjourned Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Bodie, Peterson, Proulx (by video), and Thell. Absent: Brenner until 4:28pm (by video).

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

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the January 4, 2022, Minutes of the Annual meeting.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve refilling a Fiscal Officer position in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve a .5 Office Support position working out of class as a Case Aide up to six weeks in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve a 2022-2023 contract for medical services with Dr. Kenneth Ripp for \$2,000.00 per year as on file in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve a 2022 contract for Employment and Training Services for \$147,650.50 with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) as on file in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve a 2022 contract for Employment and Training Services for \$147,650.50 with Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training (NEMOJT) as on file in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve increasing a Transfer Station Cashier/HHW Technician to a range between .7 and 1.0 FTE in the Zoning and Environmental Services Department.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the following resolution (22-012):

WHEREAS, the contract with Ulland Brothers, Inc. for CP 009-696-002, for grading, drainage improvements, bituminous milling and paving, pavement markings on CR 696 (St. Louis River Rd) between TH 33 and CSAH 1; has in all things been completed and the County Board has been fully advised in the Premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Carlton; and
2. That the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the County Engineer to make final payment in the amount of fifty-five thousand, nine hundred fifty-nine dollars and forty-eight cents (\$55,959.48) to Ulland Brothers, Inc.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the following resolution (22-013):

WHEREAS, the County of Carlton is planning to implement County State Aid Street Project(s) in 2022 which will require State Aid funds in excess of those available in its State Aid Regular/Municipal Construction Account, and

WHEREAS, said County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project(s) through the use of an advance from the County State Aid Construction Fund to supplement the available funds in their State Aid Regular/Municipal Construction Account, and

WHEREAS, the advance is based on the following determination of estimated expenditures:

Account Balance as of date 01/17/2021	\$(808,845.94)
Less estimated disbursements:	
Project #009-603-038	\$4,200,000.00
Project #009-603-040	\$260,000.00
Project #009-601-056	\$800,000.00
Project #009-604-040	\$840,000.00
Project #009-604-041 & 009-605-026	\$1,000,000.00
Other Local Funding Used	(\$2,500,000.00)
Total Estimated Disbursements	\$7,100,000.00
Advance Amount (amount in excess of acct balance)	\$3,000,000.00

WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced will be made in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.08, Subd. 5 & 7 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8820, and

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges advance funds are released on a first-come-first-serve basis and this resolution does not guarantee the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this advance for financing approved County State Aid Highway Project(s) of the County of Carlton in an amount up to \$1,500,000 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 9. I hereby authorize repayments from subsequent accruals to the Regular/Municipal Construction Account of said County from future year allocations until fully repaid.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the following resolution (22-014):

WHEREAS, bids have been received by the County Auditor/Treasurer for FDR, bituminous surfacing, aggregate surfacing, pavement markings, milling, concrete curb & gutter and walk for projects SAP 009-600-006 (Low), SAP 009-601-056, SAP 009-604-040, SAP 009-604-041, & SAP 009-605-026; and

WHEREAS, said bids or proposals were duly opened in the Carlton County Engineer's Office at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022, and this Board has, with the County Engineer, determined the lowest bidder of said project for which proposals were invited and submitted; and

WHEREAS, in the judgement of this Board, it is for the best interest of Carlton County that the award of said contract be made to the lowest bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Carlton County Board of Commissioners, in regular session duly convened, hereby approve the award of the contract on the above project to the lowest bidder:

Ulland Brothers, Inc	\$2,287,455.01
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chairperson, the County Auditor/Treasurer, and the County Attorney, on behalf of Carlton County, are hereby authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contracts with the Contractor for the above listed project.

County Engineer gave information on the interchange at CSAH 61 and MN 210.

Commissioner Brenner joined the meeting via video.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve out of state travel for the Jail Administrator and Maintenance Supervisor for a Steel Cell of North America manufacturing plant site visit in Baldwin, GA.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to authorize the Board Chair to sign the 2022-2023 snowmobile safety grant in the amount of \$10,710.00.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, to approve the following resolution (22-011):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve submission of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) application to the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State (OSS). The grant is intended to improve accessibility to, implement security improvements for elections systems for, and/or fund other activities to improve the security of, federal elections. Regularly scheduled state elections in Minnesota are also federal elections.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to accept the expenditure listing for November 2021 as follows:

Fund 01	Revenue	2,096,039.10
Fund 10	Road and Bridge	1,454,351.91
Fund 11	Public Health & Human Services	1,543,739.99
Fund 27	Cap Projects - Justice Center	77,861.20
Fund 71	Motor Vehicle	307,504.60
Fund 73	State Fund	173,918.97
Fund 74	Forfeited Tax	19,728.70
Fund 75	Economic Development (IRRRB)	20,901.01
Fund 76	Refunding Fund	21,496.00
Fund 77	HS Agency Fund LCTS	16,942.74
Fund 78	Schools	2,694,858.09
Fund 79	Towns and Cities	1,519.12
Total		\$8,428,861.43

Motion by Thell, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve Registered Land Survey Number 17 in Holyoke Township.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to write off the balance due of the 2013 Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) flood loan issued to C&C Northland Properties, LLC. in the amount of \$184,240.80. The loan program is through the Minnesota Department of Economic Development (DEED), so no county funds were involved.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes except for Thell who voted nay to approve continuing the county masking requirement as on file in the County Coordinator's Office.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, to approve the following resolution (22-010):

WHEREAS, State Highway 73 is a main corridor for business commerce between the Twin Cities Metro Area and the Iron Range and points west; and

WHEREAS, the condition of State Highway 73, particularly the portion eight miles South of Cromwell, has been and continues to be in a deplorable condition; and

WHEREAS, the needed funding for said reconstruction project has not been forthcoming, or diverted to other projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare their support of the State Legislature and/or Federal Legislature in seeking State or Federal Funds for the completion of the Highway 73 Reconstruction Project (particularly from Cromwell continuing eight miles south).

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the 2022 contract for fire protection with the Cromwell-Wright Area Fire District on behalf of the county's unorganized townships in the service area.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes that this meeting be adjourned.

Attest: _____
Kevin DeVriendt
County Auditor/Treasurer

Gary Peterson
County Board Chairperson