

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
REGULAR SESSION - Rough Draft
Tuesday, April 14, 2020
8:30 a.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 14th day of April in Regular Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

County Attorney Ketola stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related peace time emergency declaration an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent and declared that necessary conditions were met for remote participation.

Chairperson Bodie called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Bodie, Brenner (by telephone), Proulx, Thell, Peterson (by telephone). Absent: None.

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

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

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2020, Adjourned Board Meeting.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve increasing a Public Health Educator position from .9 to 1.0 FTE.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the acceptance of a COVID-19 Public Health grant through the Carlton, Cook, Lake, St. Louis Counties Community Health Board in the amount of \$38,387 beginning March 3, 2020.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to set a County Timber Auction by sealed bids with bid openings set for 2:00 p.m., May 14, 2020, at the Carlton County Auditor's Office, and to further approve the list of timber tracts to be sold at said Timber Auction. A listing of the tracts is on file in the Land Department Offices.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (20-038):

BE IT RESOLVED that Carlton County will act as the legal sponsor for applications for funding to the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources, for maintenance of trails managed by the Cromwell Sno-Gophers, the Kettle River Snowmobile Club, the Moose Horn Rod & Gun Club, the Wood City Riders and the Wrenshall SnoSharks until further notice from the Carlton County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the State, Carlton County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chairman and County Auditor are hereby authorized to execute such an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources until further notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above referenced project until further notice.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, notwithstanding the financial assistance provided for in State or Federal grants agreements, Carlton County shall not be liable for such costs as are incurred by the club because funds are depleted.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve the establishment of contracts between Carlton County and sponsored snowmobile and ATV clubs, subject to approval by the County Attorney.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolutions (20-039):

WHEREAS, the real property described as the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, all in Section Thirty-five (35), Township Forty-seven North (47N), Range Twenty-one West (21W), Automba Township, did become duly forfeited to the State of Minnesota for the nonpayment of taxes or otherwise, to be held in trust in favor of the taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners did duly classify the lands as Conservation pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.01 in January of 2020; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made to repurchase the above said parcels for back taxes, penalties and interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.017, the County Auditor is authorized on behalf of the State to convey to the State of Minnesota, permanent or temporary easements for highways, roads and trails, and necessary appurtenances thereto, upon and across tax-forfeited lands under the administration of the County, on such price, terms, and conditions as approved by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners reclassify the above said parcels as Non-conservation pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.01, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for valuable consideration and pursuant to said laws, the Carlton County Auditor, acting on behalf of the State of Minnesota, in trust for the taxing districts, does hereby grant to the State of Minnesota, a perpetual non-exclusive easement for public road, trail, and access purposes, including ingress, egress, and utility purposes, together with the unrestricted right to improve the same upon, over, and across certain lands owned by the State described as follows:

The West Sixty-six feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, the South Sixty-six feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, the South Sixty-six feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, the East Sixty-six feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the East Sixty-six feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, all in Section Thirty-five (35), Township Forty-seven North (47N), Range Twenty-one West (21W), Automba Township.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (20-040):

BE IT RESOLVED by the Carlton County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the Professional Services Agreement for the Multi-Use Hangar Construction (Design & Bidding Services Only) at the Cloquet – Carlton County Airport is accepted contingent on EDA funding approval.
2. That the County Engineer, or the County Auditor/Treasurer, or the County Board Chairman or their designees, are authorized to execute this agreement and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (20-041):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the acceptance of the \$56,000 2018 Operation Stonegarden Grant (Grant No. A-OPSG-2018-CARLTNCO-002) from the State of Minnesota and further authorizes and approves the County Sheriff and the County Board Chairman to sign the documents necessary to facilitate this grant.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (20-042):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners authorizes and instructs the County Auditor, County Sheriff, and the County Board Chairperson to sign the \$4,500 2020 Federal Supplemental Boating Safety Patrol Grant Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Carlton County.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve out of state travel for Sheriff's Office staff to attend the United States Police Canine Region 18 Patrol Dog 1 Field Trials in Ashland Wisconsin June 6 through 9, 2020; further, such travel is approved in the event the trials are rescheduled and held at a later date in 2020.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling the Lead Records Clerk position due to a retirement in the Sheriff's Office, with the intent that any internal vacancies created in the hiring process may also be filled.

The County Coordinator presented information on closure of county buildings, departmental operations, possible limited hiring freeze, and county limitations as related to state and federally regulated issues.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to accept the expenditure listing for January 2020 as follows:

Fund 1	Revenue	\$1,559,267.68
Fund 10	Road and Bridge	2,305,989.98
Fund 11	Public Health & Human Services	2,465,650.74
Fund 30	Cap Outlay Barnum Garage Project	112,823.98
Fund 32	2016 Refi 2010A/B CSC CIP	374,350.00
Fund 40	2012 Refi '03 Hwy Bldg & '06 Road	553,992.50
Fund 71	Motor Vehicle	435,965.72
Fund 73	State Fund	113,125.63
Fund 74	Forfeited Tax	39,586.57
Fund 75	Economic Development (IRRRB)	102,072.39
Fund 77	HS Agency Fund LCTS	355.25
Fund 78	Schools	189,716.83
Fund 79	Towns and Cities	165,152.41
Total		<u><u>\$8,418,049.68</u></u>

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve changes to the Account Clerk – Zoning position including a grade change from 130 to 140 and title change to Senior Account Clerk – Zoning.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the sale of farm equipment in the Soil Improvement Program.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve hiring a temporary part time Public Information Office for ten hours per week for approximately eight weeks.

Commissioner Thell reported on the Nemadji One Watershed One Plan April board meeting.

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

Attest: _____
Kathryn Kortuem
Acting County Auditor/Treasurer

Marv Bodie
Board Chairperson