

**Carlton County  
Board of Commissioners  
ADJOURNED SESSION - Rough Draft  
Monday, April 25, 2022  
4:00 p.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 25th day of April, 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, Brenner, Peterson, Proulx, and Thell. Absent: None.

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

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

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the April 12th, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (22-037):

BE IT RESOLVED that Carlton County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1048199 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 5 and No. 26, County Road No. 123, County Road No. 120, County State Aid Highway No. 4 used for a truck detour, County State Aid Highway No. 22 and County State Aid Highway No. 6 as a detour route during bridge reconstruction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 210 on Bridge No. 6290, 6292, 6293, and 6294 under State Project No. 8821-336 (T.H. 210=002).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer and the County Auditor are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (22-038):

BE IT RESOLVED that Carlton County (Local Agency) enter into an agreement with BNSF Railway company (Company) and the Commissioner of Transportation (State) for the installation and maintenance of railroad crossing signals at the intersection of CSAH 7 (Big Lake Road) and the tracks of the Company near Sawyer, Carlton County, MN and appointing the Commissioner of Transportation (State) agent for the Local Agency to supervise said project and administer available Federal Funds in accordance with

Minnesota State Statute, Section 161.36. The Local Agency's share of the cost shall be 10% of the total signal cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer and the County Auditor are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement on behalf of the Local Agency.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (22-039):

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

1. That the state of Minnesota Contract Number 1047545, "Airport Maintenance and Operation Grant Contract," at the Cloquet-Carlton County Airport is accepted.
2. That the Chairperson and the County Auditor are authorized to execute this Contract and any amendments on behalf of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners.

County Sheriff provided information on the 2021 Carlton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to be considered at the May 10<sup>th</sup> County Board Meeting.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve a service contract with Paramount Planning Group, LLC to serve as Arrowhead Region Emergency Managers Association (AREMA) Region 2 project manager in the amount of \$114,000 from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The agreement is paid for with federal funds.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve out of state travel for a Sheriff's Office Investigator for follow-up case investigation May 4-6 in Washington State. Additional days may be necessary.

County Sheriff provided information on the department passing the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (MN POST) compliance review.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (22-040):

WHEREAS, that pursuant to Minnesota Statute 204B.14, Subdivision 3c, requiring the establishment or re-establishment of precinct boundaries within Sixty (60) days of the time when the legislature has been redistricted; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners to establish or re-establish the boundaries and polling locations of the unorganized territories within Carlton County as follows:

Clear Creek Unorganized Township  
Progress Unorganized Township  
Sawyer Unorganized Township

Corona Unorganized Township  
Red Clover Unorganized Township

NOW, THEREFORE BE, IT RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish or re-establish the boundaries and polling locations of the unorganized territories within Carlton County as follows:

Clear Creek Unorganized Township shall consist of Sections One through Thirty-six (1-36) of Township Forty-six (46) North and Range Seventeen (17) West, and shall have a polling location at the Carlton County Auditor's Office – Vote by Mail Ballot.

Corona Unorganized Township shall consist of Sections One through Thirty-six (1-36) of Township Forty-eight (48) North and Range Nineteen (19) West, and shall have a polling location at the Carlton County Auditor's Office – Vote by Mail Ballot.

Progress Unorganized Township shall consist of sections One through Thirty-six (1-36) of Township Forty-nine (49) North and Range Nineteen (19) West, and shall have a polling location at the Carlton County Auditor's Office – Vote by Mail Ballot.

Red Clover Unorganized Township shall consist of Sections One through Thirty-six (1-36) of Township Forty-nine (49) North and Range Twenty (20) West, and shall have a polling location at the Carlton County Auditor's Office – Vote by Mail Ballot.

Sawyer Unorganized Township shall consist of Sections One through Eighteen (1-18) of Township Forty-eight (48) North and Range Eighteen (18) West, and shall have a polling location at the Carlton County Auditor's Office – Vote by Mail Ballot.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve a Northeastern Minnesota Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Child Care Provider Outreach and Support Initiative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from April 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. The grant amount is for \$15,000.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (22-041):

WHEREAS, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program passed into Minnesota law in 1979 with the statutory purpose "to address the disproportionate impact of state land ownership on local units of government with a large proportion of state land;" and

WHEREAS, 95% of all PILT acreage is located in the northern-half of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, nearly all PILT payment increases have gone to southern Minnesota and metro area counties; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 when PILT payments began, the biggest disparity between the highest PILT compensated county to the lowest compensated county was 8:1 or, *8 times higher*, yet today that disparity has grown to a whopping 170:1 or, *170 times higher*; and

WHEREAS, the principal cause PILT payments are so inequitable across MN, is because in 1995, the Acquired Acres category of PILT Payments switched from a flat rate to instead, a land value basis, yet all other major PILT Payment categories remained at a flat rate; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLU) recently completed a Comprehensive Study re: State PILT and Payments to Counties which verifies all of the above-mentioned inequities; and

WHEREAS, SF 2793 (Bakk) & HF 3073 (Ecklund) have been introduced to help rectify these huge inequities in PILT Payments by substantially increasing PILT payments to Northern MN counties, including a 55.4% increase in Carlton County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Carlton County hereby urges the 2022 Legislature to pass the respective Bakk-Ecklund PILT Bills through the necessary committees and include them in their final Omnibus Tax Bill.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes, except Thell who voted nay, to adopt the following resolution (22-042):

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners, has determined to reestablish the existing County Commissioner Districts of Carlton County; and

WHEREAS, this matter was considered at a meeting at the Carlton County Transportation Building, pursuant to three weeks published notice in the County Legal Newspapers, as required by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner Districts of Carlton County shall be as follows:

**FIRST DISTRICT**

City of Cloquet, Ward 1, Precinct 3, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the City limits of the City of Cloquet; thence Northerly along the Easterly boundary line of the City of Cloquet to the Southerly boundary line of the City of Scanlon; thence Westerly along the Southerly boundary line of the City of Scanlon to the Southwest corner of the City of Scanlon; thence Northerly along the Westerly boundary line of the City of Scanlon to the intersection

of 22nd Street and Washington Avenue; thence Westerly along the centerline of Washington Avenue to the intersection of Washington Avenue and 14th Street; thence Northerly along the centerline of 14th Street to the intersection of 14th Street and Doddridge Avenue; thence Westerly along the centerline of Doddridge to the intersection of Doddridge Avenue and County State Aid Highway No. 7 and Highway 33; thence Westerly along the centerline of County State Aid Highway No. 7 to the intersection of County State Aid Highway No. 7 and Pinewood Drive; thence Southerly along the centerline of Pinewood Drive extended Southerly to the intersection of White Pine Trail and the extension of Pinewood Drive; thence easterly along the centerline of White Pine Trail to the intersection of White Pine Trail and Spring Lake Road; thence Southerly along the centerline of Spring Lake Road extended in a straight line to the centerline of Otter Creek; thence Southerly along the centerline of Otter Creek to the Southerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet; thence Easterly along the Southerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet to the point of beginning, the Southeast corner of the City limits of the City of Cloquet.

City of Cloquet, Ward 4, Precinct 6, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of County State Aid Highway No. 7 and Highway 33; thence Northerly along the centerline of Highway 33 to the intersection of Highway 33 and Cloquet Avenue; thence Westerly along the centerline of Cloquet Avenue to the intersection of Cloquet Avenue and Broadway Street; thence Northerly along the centerline of Broadway Street extended Northerly to the intersection of the centerline of Broadway Street extended Northerly and the Northerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Northwesterly along the Northerly boundary line of the St. Louis River to the intersection of the Northerly boundary line of the St. Louis River and the intersection of the centerline of the Jarvi Road extended in a straight line Easterly to the Northerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Westerly along the extended centerline of the Jarvi Road to the intersection of the Jarvi Road and the Brevator Road; thence Southerly along the centerline of the Brevator Road to the intersection of the Brevator Road and County State Aid Highway No. 7; thence Southerly along the centerline of University Road to its intersection with Airport Road; thence Southerly along the centerline of Cartwright Road to the intersection of Cartwright Road and the Moorhead Road; thence Easterly along the centerline of the Moorhead Road to the centerline of Otter Creek; thence Northerly along the centerline of Otter Creek to the intersection of the centerline of Spring Lake Road extended in a straight line to the centerline of Otter Creek; thence Northerly along the centerline of Spring Lake Road to the intersection of the centerline of White Pine Trail and the centerline of Spring Lake Road; thence Westerly along the centerline of White Pine Trail to the intersection of White Pine Trail and the centerline of Pinewood Drive extended Southerly to the centerline of White Pine Trail; thence in a straight line Northerly along the extended centerline of Pinewood Drive to the intersection of Pinewood Drive and County State Aid Highway No. 7; thence Easterly along the centerline of County State Aid Highway No. 7 to the point of beginning, the intersection of County State Aid Highway No. 7 and Highway 33.

City of Cloquet, Ward 5, Precinct 2, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the City limits of the City of Cloquet; thence Northerly along the Westerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet to the Northerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet; thence Easterly along the Northerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet to the intersection of the Westerly boundary line of the St. Louis River and the Northerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet; thence Southeasterly/Easterly along the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River to the intersection of Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River and the intersection of the centerline of the Jarvi Road extended in a straight line Easterly to the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Westerly along the extended centerline of the Jarvi Road to the intersection of the Jarvi Road and the Brevator Road; thence Southerly along the centerline of the Brevator Road to the intersection of the Brevator Road and County State Aid Highway No. 7; thence Southerly along the centerline of University Road to its intersection with Airport Road; thence Southerly along the centerline of Cartwright Road to the intersection of Cartwright Road and the Moorhead Road (which is also the Southerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet); thence Westerly along the Southerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet to the point of beginning, the Southwest corner of the City limits of the City of Cloquet.

Town of Perch Lake  
Unorganized Town of Progress

Unorganized Town of Corona  
Unorganized Town of Sawyer

## **SECOND DISTRICT**

City of Scanlon  
Town of Thomson

City of Carlton, Precinct 1, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Government Lot 3, Section Six, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence West along the North line of said Government Lot 3, to the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence South to the Southeast corner of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section Six, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence West to the Northwest corner of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section One, Township Forty-eight, Range Seventeen; thence South to the Southwest corner of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section One, Township Forty-eight, Range Seventeen; thence West to the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section One, Township Forty-eight, Range Seventeen; thence South to the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Twelve, Township Forty-eight, Range Seventeen; thence East to the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Twelve, Township Forty-eight, Range Seventeen; thence South to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the

Southeast Quarter, Section Twelve, Township Forty-eight, Range Seventeen; thence East to the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section Eighteen, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence South to the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section Eighteen, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence East to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section Eighteen, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence South to the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Eighteen, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence East to the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Eighteen, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence North to the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter, Section Eighteen, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence West to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section Seven, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence North to the Southerly Right of Way of the former Burlington Northern Railroad; thence Northwesterly along the Southerly Right of way of the former Burlington Northern Railroad to a point which lies Southerly at angle of South Two degrees, Forty-eight minutes, Forty-two seconds East, from a point 313.36 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Seven, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence West 313.36 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Seven, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence North to the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Seven, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence East to the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Seven, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence North to the centerline of Trunk Highway 210; thence Easterly along the centerline of Trunk Highway 210, to the Easterly boundary line of Section Six, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence Northerly along said section line to the Southerly Right of Way of the St. Louis River; thence Westerly and Northerly along the Westerly shoreline of the St. Louis River to the point of beginning. AND ALSO Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section Four, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence West to the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section Five, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence South to the Northerly boundary line of Government Lot 5, lying North of the Northerly boundary line of Trunk Highway 210, Section Five, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen, said point also being on the Southerly shoreline of the St. Louis River; thence Southerly and Easterly along said Right of Way of the St. Louis River to the Westerly line of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter, Section Eight, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence North to the Southwest corner of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section Eight, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence East to the Northeast corner of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter, Section Eight, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence South to the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1, Section Nine, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence East to the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section Nine, Township Forty-eight, Range Sixteen; thence North to the point of beginning.

## **THIRD DISTRICT**

City of Cloquet, Ward 2, Precinct 4, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Washington Avenue and 22nd Street; thence Westerly along the centerline of Washington Avenue to the intersection of Washington Avenue and 14th Street; thence Northerly along the centerline of 14th Street to the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue B; thence Westerly along the centerline of Avenue B to the intersection of Avenue B and Broadway Street; thence Northerly along the centerline of Broadway Street extended Northerly to the intersection of the centerline of Broadway Street extended Northerly and the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Easterly along the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River to the intersection of the centerline of Prospect Avenue extended in a straight line Easterly to the St. Louis River; thence Westerly along the extended centerline of Prospect Avenue to the intersection of the extended centerline of Prospect Avenue and 22nd Street; thence Southerly along the centerline of 22nd Street to the point of beginning, the intersection of Washington Avenue and 22nd Street.

City of Cloquet, Ward 3, Precinct 5, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of 14th Street and Doddridge Avenue; thence Northerly along the centerline of 14th Street to the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue B; thence Westerly along the centerline of Avenue B to the intersection of Avenue B and Broadway Street; thence Southerly along the centerline of Broadway Street to the intersection of Broadway Street and Cloquet Avenue; thence Easterly along Cloquet Avenue to the intersection of Cloquet Avenue and Highway 33; thence Southerly along the centerline of Highway 33 to the intersection of Highway 33 and Doddridge Avenue; thence Easterly along the centerline of Doddridge Avenue to the point of beginning, the intersection of 14th Street and Doddridge Avenue.

City of Cloquet, Ward 5, Precinct 1, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the City limits of the City of Cloquet; thence Southerly along the Easterly boundary line of the City of Cloquet to the intersection of the Easterly boundary line of the City of Cloquet and the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Westerly along the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River to the intersection of the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River and the centerline of Broadway Street extended Northerly to the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Northerly along the centerline of Broadway Street extended Northerly to the intersection of the centerline of Broadway Street extended Northerly and the Northerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Northwesterly along the Northerly boundary line of the St. Louis River to the intersection of the Northerly boundary line of the St. Louis River and the intersection of the centerline of the Jarvi Road extended in a straight line Easterly to the Northerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Westerly along the extended centerline



of the Jarvi Road to the intersection of the extended centerline of Jarvi Road and the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Westerly/Northwesterly along the Southerly boundary line of the St. Louis River to the intersection of the Northerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet and the Westerly boundary line of the St. Louis River; thence Easterly along the Northerly boundary line of the City of Cloquet to the point of beginning, the Northeast corner of the City limits of the City of Cloquet.

#### **FOURTH DISTRICT**

City of Barnum

Town of Atkinson

Town of Blackhoof

Town of Mahtowa

Town of Twin Lakes

Unorganized Town of Clear Creek

City of Carlton, Precinct 2, more particularly described as follows:

City of Wrenshall

Town of Barnum

Town of Holyoke

Town of Silver Brook

Town of Wrenshall

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 10, Township 48, Range 17, Carlton County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the recorded plat of "SECOND ADDITION TO OLSONVILLE" on file and of record in the office of the Carlton County Recorder, Carlton County, Minnesota. AND ALSO That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 10, Township 48, Range 17, Carlton County, Minnesota, lying easterly of the easterly right-of-way line of County State Aid Highway 61, lying northerly of the Minnesota D.N.R. Willard Munger Trail northerly right of way and lying northerly and easterly of the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the easterly right-of-way line of said County State Aid Highway 61 and the south line of the North 400.00 feet of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence easterly, along last said south line and its easterly extension, a distance of 1200.00 feet; thence southerly, parallel to the east line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 435.30 feet to the northerly right of way of said Minnesota D.N.R. Willard Munger Trail and there said line terminating.

#### **FIFTH DISTRICT**

City of Cromwell

City of Moose Lake

Town of Automba

Town of Eagle

Town of Lakeview

Town of Silver

Town of Split Rock

City of Kettle River

City of Wright

Town of Beseman

Town of Kalevala

Town of Moose Lake

Town of Skelton

Unorganized Town of Red Clover

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this redistricting plan shall be filed in the Carlton County Auditor's Office and shall become effective on the date of adoption by the Carlton

County Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve an unpaid leave of absence up to one year in the Recorder's office and to hire a temporary employee.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (22-043):

WHEREAS, Carlton County recognizes that bees and other pollinators are integral to pollination of plants in order to grow a wide diversity of essential foods including fruit, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, pollinator populations are threatened due to habitat loss, neonicotinoid use, pathogens, and parasites; and

WHEREAS, recent research suggests that bee pollinators make use of no mow spaces as key floral resources during early spring in the upper Midwest United States; and

WHEREAS, pollinators and floral resources have a positive relationship, where the increase in pollinators can increase the amount of flora and vice versa; and

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners finds it is in the public interest to demonstrate its commitment to a safe and healthy community environment through the implementation of initiatives that help increase the pollinator population; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Carlton County Board of Commissioners, to continue its efforts to become a pollinator friendly County by ensuring best management practices for management of vegetation, and to continue to identify actively maintained areas that could be converted back to vegetation favorable to bees and other pollinators, or left natural to promote nesting areas for bees, and to proclaim May 1st - 31st, 2022 as "No Mow May", and encourage all residents who wish to participate in this initiative to refrain from mowing their lawns in the month of May to provide vital early spring flowers for bees that emerge from hibernation.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin DeVriendt  
County Auditor/Treasurer

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Gary Peterson  
County Board Chairperson