



CARLTON COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
Carlton County Transportation Building, County Board Room
September 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 4:00
2. Approval of Agenda **Motion by Proulx, Second by Peterson. Approved**
3. Approve the August 2, 2022 meeting minutes. **Motion by Brenner, second by Proulx. Approved.**
4. COVID-19 Incident Command update (Public Health). Update provided by PH staff virtually. Updates provided regarding booster doses. The original COVID vaccine is no longer authorized as a booster dose. Booster doses can be received at local pharmacies and clinics after September 15. Millions of lives have been estimated as being saved due to the COVID vaccine. Recommendations given for isolation for those who feel they may have COVID. Social distancing is still recommended. Planning is in place for the response to possible future infectious disease outbreaks.
5. Opioid Settlement Funds (Joanne Erspamer, Ali Bachinski) Joanne and Allie provide an update.
6. Justice Center update. Paul Coughlin provides an update regarding site prep, visits, permitting, etc. The full permit for the project will be provided when the state approves the final building permit. The work on the Geothermal wells has started. Paul has been and will continue to send out pictures of the site. Drone photos have been taken and those recordings will be placed on the website.
7. Enbridge update. Christine Davis provides a wrap-up presentation of the Line 3 process. Line 3 has a significant impact on energy security. Christine reviews a power point presentation of the project, as well as some of the impacts, including non-pipeline impacts. Nearly on the first anniversary.
8. New Business
 - A. COORDINATOR
 1. Building Committee update (PM budget). Working through projects related to the priorities of safety, security, asset preservation and cost savings. Reviewed with the building committee monthly.
 2. Consider 40-hour work week for Zoning and Environmental Services Administrator position. Genereau notes the request. The basis for the request is that the position currently supervises a 40 plus hour per week operation (the transfer station) with at least some staff who work a 40 hour workweek. The past practices in these situations is to set the DH work week at 40 hours, as the department head is expected to respond to any operations related needs during the time of business or the time that the staff are working. There are currently three other departments that are structured this way: Sheriff's Office, County Attorney Office, and Highway department. HR is advocating for this change. **Motion by Genereau, second by Cunningham. Approved.**
 3. Present 2023 budget and levy for discussion and consideration for adoption. Genereau provides the recommendations for the FC, including the 2023 Preliminary Levy document and the 2023 Levy Comparison by Department - Prelim document. Discussion had regarding where the levy should be set. Frustration

expressed with the limited number of bills being passed. **Motion by Proulx, second by Peterson to move the levy at 6.9% to the September 26th Board meeting. Approved.**

B. TRANSPORTATION

1. DACA Funding. Looking for a resolution asking for the assistance of the Governor to release funds in the amount of \$800K that is owed to Carlton County. Only Nicollet County is owed more. Neumann is working with Nicollet County and AMC to support this ask of the Governor for release of funds.
2. Transportation update. Neumann provides an update regarding the projects in place at this time. Requests support for a grant for a bridge investment program. **Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, for a preliminary resolution to support the grant request. Approved.**
3. Bridge Improvement Grant

9. Other Business

- A. Department Updates. Discussion had regarding the request to establish a natural cemetery in Blackhoof Township. County Attorney Ketola reports the new staff attorney has started and is doing well.
- B. The next regular meeting date is scheduled for October 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. located at the Carlton County Transportation Building in the Board Room.

10. Adjournment. **Motion by Proulx, second by Peterson. Approved.**