

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
ADJOURNED SESSION - Rough Draft
Monday, September 23, 2019
4:00 p.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of September, 2019, in Adjourned Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Brenner 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 Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2019, regular meeting as amended.

Kyleen Pedersen was present to discuss an on-going investigation of animal neglect.

A public meeting was held at 4:40 p.m. to present information on continuing the \$20 vehicle excise tax begun in April, 2015. Background and useage were presented by County Engineer JinYeene Neumann. The list of proposed projects to be funded, Carlton County Transportation Projects and Improvements, was presented and is on file in the County Engineer's Office. Dan Reed requested that improvements to gravel roads be included. No other written or public comments were offered.

Representative Mike Sundeen was present for an update on the motorized tour of the Highway 210 Water Line Project Route.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve Landsale 134 values as on file in the Land Commissioner's Office.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve hiring an emergency temporary Corrections Officer in the Sheriff's Office for up to 120 days.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve start date of November, 2019, for two Corrections Officer positions included in the 2020 proposed budget.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve out-of-state travel retroactively for the Sheriff's Office Chaplain for attendance at training held July 22 – 26, 2019, in Wichita, Kansas.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea to close the Adjourned Session for a Public Meeting for the continuation of the Vehicle Excise Tax for County Transportation Projects and Improvements.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to close the Public Hearing and return to the Adjourned Session.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (19-101):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the proposed budgets for taxes payable in 2020 as follows:

	Budgeted Expenditures	Budgeted Revenues	Levy Allocation	Use of Fund Balance	Actual Levy
Board Commissioners	575,224	1,846,780	-1,271,556	265,000	-1,536,556
Restorative Justice	332,990	73,743	259,247	1,900	257,347
Court Administrator	201,000	0	201,000	0	201,000
Law Library	35,000	45,000	-10,000	-10,000	0
County Auditor	1,025,225	971,900	53,325	100,000	-46,675
Motor Vehicle	344,763	326,000	18,763	59,481	-40,718
County Assessor	606,782	0	606,782	0	606,782
General Operations	3,889,348	201,247	3,688,101	50,465	3,637,636
County Coordinator/HR	481,056	4,200	476,856	0	476,856
Information Technology	1,158,317	5,000	1,153,317	0	1,153,317
GIS	244,137	124,599	119,538	0	119,538
County Attorney	1,093,881	8,000	1,085,881	1,200	1,084,681
Co. Attny Victim Services	78,738	71,200	7,538	0	7,538
County Recorder	465,369	255,000	210,369	2,488	207,881
County Surveyor	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000
Building Maintenance	1,149,761	38,080	1,111,681	175,000	936,681
Veterans Service	250,177	10,000	240,177	4,500	235,677
Child & Family Initiatives	236,717	82,089	154,628	16,000	138,628
Zoning and Env Services	367,699	162,363	205,336	0	205,336
County Sheriff	3,256,989	538,007	2,718,982	-6,906	2,725,888
Court Security	121,569	0	121,569	0	121,569
Communications	1,026,357	114,900	911,457	12,020	899,437
County Coroner	98,000	0	98,000	0	98,000
Boat And Water Safety	11,599	8,599	3,000	0	3,000
Snowmobile Safety	4,836	4,836	0	0	0
County Jail	2,108,397	81,900	2,026,497	0	2,026,497

Emergency Management	132,306	22,822	109,484	0	109,484
Emergency Medical Service	86,873	0	86,873	0	86,873
Animal Control	25,000	0	25,000	0	25,000
Transfer Station	1,546,729	1,607,500	-60,771	0	-60,771
Waste Recycling	258,304	229,254	29,050	0	29,050
Community Corrections	2,059,427	0	2,059,427	0	2,059,427
Arrowhead Library	152,490	0	152,490	0	152,490
County Historical Society	35,000	0	35,000	0	35,000
Parks & Recreation	67,697	20,000	47,697	0	47,697
Grant In Aid Trails	234,000	234,000	0	0	0
County Fair Association	37,750	0	37,750	0	37,750
Soil & Water	152,715	0	152,715	0	152,715
County Extension Office	438,493	210,200	228,293	0	228,293
Weed Inspector	8,398	400	7,998	0	7,998
Unrefunded Gas Tax	8,000	8,000	0	0	0
Timber Development	27,000	27,000	0	0	0
Resource Development	56,520	56,520	0	0	0
Water Plan	237,780	191,323	46,457	20,575	25,882
Airport Commission	3,037,688	2,958,688	79,000	0	79,000
Rail Authority	2,300	300	2,000	0	2,000
		10,539,45	17,243,95		16,552,22
	27,783,401	0	1	691,723	8
		13,148,74			
Road And Bridge	16,280,519	2	3,131,777	275,000	2,856,777
		13,528,25			
Human Services	22,279,059	0	8,750,809	725,000	8,025,809
Debt Redemption	1,065,435	0	1,065,435	0	1,065,435
Forfeited Tax	446,148	446,148	0	0	0
Economic Development	572,551	682,243	-109,692	-109,692	0
		38,344,83	30,082,28		28,500,24
	68,427,113	3	0	1,582,031	9

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea to approve the following resolution (19-102):

BE IT RESOLVED that there be and is hereby proposed to be levied on the taxable property of Carlton County the sum of \$28,500,249 (net of program aids) for the year 2020 as follows:

- a. On all real and personal property in Carlton County:

2020 LEVY

County Revenue Fund (excluding Arrowhead Library System)	\$16,399,738
Road and Bridge Fund	2,856,777
Human Services Fund	8,025,809
Bond Redemption Funds	1,065,435

- b. On all real and personal property in Carlton County except the cities of Carlton, Cloquet, and Moose Lake:

County Revenue Fund for Arrowhead Library System	\$152,490
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Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (19-103):

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners did adopt a proposed levy for property taxes to be collected upon all real estate in Carlton County for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Carlton County Board of Commissioners to announce the time and location of a subsequent meeting at which public testimony will be allowed and the final levy and budget will be discussed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby set a meeting on December 3, 2019, at the Carlton County Transportation Building at 6:00 p.m. where public testimony will be allowed and the final levy and budget will be discussed.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to accept recommendation from the University of Minnesota Extension Advisory Committee to hire a consultant for analysis of the Soil Improvement Program, formerly known as the By-Products Program.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (19-104):

WHEREAS, the 2008 Minnesota State Legislature authorized a \$20 per motor vehicle excise tax for vehicles purchased or acquired from any person engaged in the business of selling motor vehicles at retail (Chapter 152), and the 2013 Minnesota State Legislature authorized counties to adopt the \$20 per motor vehicle excise tax by resolution after holding a public hearing (Chapter 117, Article 3, Section 25, now incorporated into Minn. Stat. § 297A.993, Subd. 1); and

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners did previously authorize an excise tax of \$20 by resolution on December 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 117, Article 3, Section 26, Subd. 2 of the 2013 Session Laws (now incorporated into Minn. Stat. § 297A.993, Subd. 2) further requires that the proceeds of the tax be dedicated exclusively to payment of the capital cost of a specific transportation project or improvement designated by the County Board, and that the tax must terminate when revenues raised are sufficient to finance the projects or improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Department identified specific projects at the July 9 and July 23, 2019, Public Hearings which are attached as part of this resolution dated September 23, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Transportation Projects and Improvements list specifies projects with a total cost of \$52,033,614.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners authorizes the continuation of an excise tax of \$20 per motor vehicle as provided for in Minnesota Statutes to fund transportation improvements as identified in the attached list of Carlton County Transportation Projects and Improvements to be continued until December 31, 2039, or until revenues to finance the identified transportation improvements are raised, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 297A.99, Subdivisions 4, and 6 through 12, shall govern the imposition, administration, collection and enforcement of the tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Auditor to certify the continuation of the tax to the Minnesota Department of Revenue for collection of the sales and excise tax.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (19-105):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following proposed budgets for Unorganized Townships for the year 2020:

<u>Unorganized Township</u>	<u>Budgeted Expenditures</u>
Clear Creek	\$44,500
Corona	34,200
Progress	15,300
Red Clover	42,500
Sawyer	55,900

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (19-106):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners, does hereby levy for the year 2020 amounts for the following purposes on taxable property in the unorganized townships:

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a. Road & Bridge		
Clear Creek		\$30,000
Corona		24,000
Progress		10,000
Red Clover		25,000
Sawyer		25,000
b. Fire Protection		
Clear Creek		\$14,500
Corona	10,200	
Progress	5,300	
Red Clover		17,500
Sawyer	21,600	
c. Ambulance		
Sawyer	\$6,300	
d. Cemetery		
Sawyer		\$1,500
e. Recreation		
Sawyer		\$1,500

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to set a closed meeting to discuss union negotiations following the close of regular business of this meeting.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to close the closed session and return to the adjourned session.

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

Attest: _____
 Kathryn Kortuem
 Acting County Auditor/Treasurer

 Richard Brenner
 County Board Chairperson