

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
REGULAR SESSION - Rough Draft
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 8th day of November, 2022, in Regular Session at the Carlton County Government Services Building.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Bodie, Brenner, Peterson, Proulx, and Thell. Absent: None.

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

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

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve with amendment the Minutes of the October 24, 2022, Adjourned Board meeting.

Employee Service Awards were presented as follows:

10 Years	Jeffrey Boucher	Attorney's Office
10 Years	Karola Dalen	Zoning & Environmental Services

Visitor Eric Braun addressed the board with information regarding Loving Earth Memorial Gardens.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (22-098):

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following Carlton County Public Health and Human Services Service Provider Contracts and Addendums and to further authorize the Board Chair, County Auditor, Public Health and Human Services Director, and County Attorney to execute these contracts/addendums:

Duluth Regional Care Center, Inc.	January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024
Pinewood Cloquet, Inc.	January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the amended foster care transportation agreement with Cloquet school district from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling a Long Term Care Nursing position in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Saint Louis County host contract for regional health care access transportation for medical assistance enrollees with Medical Transportation Management, Inc (MTM) from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to have the planning commission choose an option for a possible amendment to the Carlton County Interim Ordinance No. 37, Carlton County Cervid Farm Moratorium and present the recommendation to the County Board.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to accept the recommendation of the Carlton County Wetlands Technical Evaluation Panel and approve the following Wetlands Replacement Plan:

No. 622007, Seth Aho. Project Location: West 33 feet of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S14 T47N R21 (PIN 36-010-2100) and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S11 T47N R21W (PIN 36-010-1760). The applicant has requested a replacement plan for wetland impacts associated with construction of an access trail through an existing easement. The purpose of the trail is to access the 40 acre parcel identified as 36-010-1760, owned by the applicant. The length of the wetland impact was verified on-site in August 2021 and September 2021. This project is associated with the resolved restoration order permit #621013 and received a certificate of satisfactory restoration on September 27, 2021. The trail crosses approximately 535 feet of Type 8 (Coniferous bog). The trail will be a maximum of 10 feet wide at the base with an 8-foot top. The total wetland impacts are 535 feet x 10 feet, or 5,350 square feet. The project is located in West Branch Kettle River watershed (35001), Bank Service Area (BSA) 6. The applicant will buy wetland replacement credits within BSA 6 at a 1:1 ratio from Wetland Bank Account #1543. The WCA TEP requested an ecological review of the project area from the MN DNR Ecological and Water Resources and no major concerns were revealed. The full plan is on file at the Zoning and Environmental Services office.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve a letter of support for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to pursue purchase of The Conservation Fund lands surrounding Blackhoof Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Clear Creek and Holyoke Townships.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to set a County Timber Auction for 10:00 a.m., December 15, 2022, at the Carlton County Transportation Building, 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 Office.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (22-099):

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Transportation Maintenance Agreements with Automba, Eagle, and Split Rock Townships as on file at the Transportation Department.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (22-100):

WHEREAS, Carlton County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 09535; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$528,178.50 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Carlton County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to authorize renewal of the Law Enforcement Contract by and between County Carlton and the Township of Thomson, whereby Carlton County will provide policing protection within the Township of Thomson effective January 1, 2023, through January 1, 2026. The contract is on file with the Sheriff's department.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (22-101):

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.241 allow for the repurchase of tax forfeited parcels prior to land sale upon acceptance of application by the petitioner; and

WHEREAS, Brad Johnson has made application to repurchase on behalf of his mother Annabelle Johnson pursuant to MS 282.241; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners may accept or decline an application to repurchase tax forfeited parcels prior to land sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners accepts the application to repurchase tax forfeited land from Mr. Brad Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in furtherance of the best interests of the county, repurchase terms will be set by the County Auditor/Treasurer.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling 911 Dispatcher position in the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling a Senior Attorney position in the Attorney's Office.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling two Corrections Officer positions in the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the reappointment of Kristine Basilici as the Carlton County Recorder and Registrar of Titles for a four-year term to commence January 1, 2023.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the updated Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve application for a second round of funding from First Children's Finance in Greater Minnesota with the Rural Child Care Innovation Program (RCCIP) local project.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the 2022-2023 Liquor License for Tall Pines Liquor conditional upon the approval by the County Attorney and County Sheriff.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to appoint Yvette Maijala to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Committee to fill the vacated six-year term ending December 31, 2025.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve combining two .6 FTE custodial positions to a 1.0 FTE.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to accept the expenditure listing for September 2022 as follows:

Fund 1	Revenue	2,195,318.24
Fund 10	Road and Bridge	2,016,545.87
Fund 11	Public Health & Human Services	1,534,415.87
Fund 27	Cap Projects - Justice Center	1,295,211.32
Fund 32	2016 Refi 2010A/B CSC CIP	500.00
Fund 33	2020 GO Imp Barnum Garage	500.00
Fund 70	Current Taxes	612.00
Fund 71	Motor Vehicle	376,786.52
Fund 73	State Fund	146,906.39
Fund 74	Forfeited Tax	36,842.51

Fund 75	Economic Development (IRRRB)	19,888.05
Fund 76	Refunding Fund	497.10
Fund 78	Schools	185,298.20
Fund 79	Towns and Cities	115,529.65
Total		\$7,924,851.72

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve a \$20,000.00 contract with the University of Minnesota to evaluate the Restorative Justice program.

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