

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
ADJOURNED SESSION - Rough Draft
Monday, January 26, 2026
4:00 p.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 26th day of January 2026, in Adjourned Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Proulx called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Bodie (4:09 p.m.), Plante Buhs, Proulx, Reed, Zmyslony (4:09 p.m.). Absent: Bodie and Zmyslony until 4:09 p.m.

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

Motion by Reed, seconded by Plante Buhs, and carried by all yeas votes, to approve the amended Consent Agenda and items as follows:

Approve the Minutes of January 6, 2026, Annual Board meeting.

Approve purchase of service contracts for both Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) and Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training (JET) to a maximum of \$159,261.50 each for MFIP Employment and Training and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Approve the Brightwater Health contract addendum for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) in the amount not to exceed \$386,656 (increase from \$328,593). The contract is in effect from 01/01/2026- 12/31/2026 and on file at the Public Health and Human Services department.

Regular Agenda

Public Health and Human Services director provided an update on identifying additional Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) members.

Motion by Reed, seconded by Plante Buhs, and carried by all yeas votes to approve a letter of support for St. Louis County's Canyon Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus.

Motion by Reed, seconded by Plante Buhs, and carried by all yeas votes to approve SSTS low-income grant from the Kettle River/Upper St Croix one watershed, one plan for \$50,000 from Pine County fiscal agent.

Motion by Reed, seconded by Plante Buhs, and carried by all yea votes to approve an agreement for the first of up to three additional renewal periods with Cloquet Riverside Recycling for Food Waste Collection and Transportation to WLSSD from March 1, 2026, to February 28, 2027. The agreement is on file at the Zoning and Environmental Services Office.

Commissioners Bodie and Zmyslony enter meeting 4:09 p.m.

Motion by Plante Buhs, seconded by Reed, and carried by all yea votes to approve the request made for easement across parcel 96-010-5640 as follows: An easement for utility, ingress and egress purposes over, under and across that part of the East 33.00 feet of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 35, Township 49, Range 20, Carlton County, Minnesota, lying northerly of the centerline of State Trunk Highway No. 210.

Motion by Plante Buhs, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (26-015):

WHEREAS, the contract with Asphalt Surface Technologies, Corp for SAP 009-661-033, for micro-mill and micro-surfacing overlay on CSAH 61 beginning at the South County Line to Douglas Road, has in all things been completed and the County Board has been fully advised in the premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Carlton; and
2. That the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the County Engineer to make final payment in the amount of thirty-five thousand, four hundred twelve dollars and sixty-two cents (\$35,412.62) to Asphalt Surface Technologies, Corp of St. Cloud.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Reed, and carried by all yea votes to approve a contract for services with Adrienne Pearson from March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027, in the amount of \$42,996.00 for matters related to Child in need of Protection or Services (CHIPS); Termination of Parental Rights (TPR); Long-Term Foster Care placement (LTFC); and Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody (TL&PC) and to further authorize the Board Chairperson, County Auditor/Treasurer, and County Attorney to execute this contract.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Reed, and carried by all yea votes to approve an Economic Development Loan to LFD Holdings, LLC, dba Edward Jones for \$250,000 at four percent interest with a ten-year payback.

Motion by Plante Buhs, seconded by Reed, and carried by all yea votes to approve a professional services agreement with North Country Strategies, LLC (Dave Lislegard) for consulting/lobbying services at \$5,000 per month. The contract is in effect from 02/01/2026-01/31/2027 and is on file at the County Economic Development office.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve an Economic Development Loan to the City of Wrenshall for \$200,000 at zero percent interest with a ten-year payback.

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

Attest:

Kevin DeVriendt
County Auditor/Treasurer

Thomas R. Proulx
County Board Chairperson