

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
REGULAR SESSION - Rough Draft
Tuesday, February 10, 2026
8:30 a.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 10th day of February 2026, in Regular Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Acting Chairperson (Vice Chair) Reed called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Bodie, Plante Buhs, Reed, and Zmyslony. Absent: Proulx.

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

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Plante Buhs, and carried by all yeas votes to approve the Consent Agenda and items as presented.

Approve the Minutes of January 26, 2026, Adjourned Board meeting.

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, 2026, through January 1, 2027. The contract is on file with the Sheriff's Office.

Approve out of state travel for a Sheriff's Deputy to attend a Court Safety and Security Conference in Appleton, WI on March 23-26, 2026.

Approve the 2025 Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification (ESAC) including approval of the Board Chair and County Sheriff to sign the agreement.

Approve the following claims over \$2,000 and the summary number of claims and amounts under \$2,000 in the month of January 2026:

AFSCME COUNCIL 65 7347.96, AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS 4807.47, ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS 193455.21, ASCENDANCE TRUCKS PARTS & SERVICE 3437.77, ASPHALT SURFACE TECHNOLOGIES CORP 35412.62, ASSOC OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES 24724, ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES 2715, AT&T MOBILITY 6288.31, BAYCOM INC 2843, BEACON SPECIALIZED LIVING 2235.54, BEAUDRY OIL & SERVICE INC 25103.51, BEST OIL CO 7472.28, BLAINE BROTHERS 6531.73, BOLTON & MENK INC. 2102.50, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION 4350, BURNS & MCDONELL ENGINEERING COMPANY INC 18928.91, CARLSON TIMBER PRODUCTS INC 78167.41, CARLTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT 4672.42, CARLTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 26780, CARLTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 8700, CARLTON COUNTY RIDERS ATV CLUB 7150, CARLTON COUNTY SWCD 59907.75, CENTRAL PENSION FUND 8120, CENTURYLINK 4136.98, CITY OF BARNUM 2474.56, CITY OF CARLTON 4059.88,

CITY OF CLOQUET CITY HALL 66419.31, CITY OF CROMWELL 4822.41, CITY OF KETTLE RIVER 2166.18, CITY OF MOOSE LAKE 5740.82, CITY OF SCANLON 3647.61, CIVICPLUS, LLC 8512.20, CLAY COUNTY 18300, CLOQUET AREA FIRE DISTRICT 15000, CLOQUET FLOORING LLC 8843.62, CLOQUET RIVERSIDE RECYCLING, INC 7797.50, CLOQUET SANITARY SERVICE INC 2382, COMO LUBE & SUPPLIES, INC 6070.90, COMPENSATION CONSULTANTS LTD 2736.50, CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL FOODSERVICE 17904.77, CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY GAS DIV LLC 3067.42, CORRIE'S HOUSE 5270, CROMWELL SELF SERVE 3592.60, CROMWELL SNO-GOPHERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB 21725.10, DHS-MSOP-462 4929, DOMESTIC ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS 6347.40, DONALD HOLM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. 32260, ENTERPRISE FM TRUST 9333.33, FAMILY PATHWAYS 4530, FASTENAL COMPANY 5391.57, FOND DU LAC OFF RES-ADMIN 2480, FOND DU LAC OFF-RESERVATION 4026.90, FOND DU LAC ON RES-ADMIN 9440, FOND DU LAC ON-RESERVATION 10239.41, GIANT VOICES INC 6000, GREAT LAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS INC 5753.41, H & L MESABI 49072, HOUSEAL LAVIGNE ASSOCIATES, LLC 32957.36, HUNT ELECTRIC CORPORATION 2314.51, IMPERIAL DADE 5320.75, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC 5483.23, ISD 100 WRENSHALL 13269.72, ISD 91 BARNUM 22469.53, ISD 93 CARLTON 17257.04, ISD 94 CLOQUET 67367.16, ISD 95 CROMWELL-WRIGHT 27227.83, ISD 97-MOOSE LAKE 10969.40, ISD 99 ESKO 24477.65, KANABEC COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH 7661.69, KETTLE RIVER SNOWMOBILE CLUB 11035.26, LAKE SUPERIOR TRANSPORT SERVICES 3025, LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERV INC 4142.20, LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES 2970, LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC 5981.34, LITTLE SAND GROUP HOME 5916.60, LSSMN 6191.91, LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF MN 18858.33, MATRIX TRUST COMPANY 3091.66, MATTHEW MILLER, ATTORNEY AT LAW PC 3067, MCCARTHY ARCHITECTS/KLEIN 8152.82, MCKINSTRY ESSENTION, LLC 483276.26, MEDICINE SHOPPE 3197.56, METLIFE 18909.68, MINN COUNTIES INFORMATION SYSTEM 35978, MINN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST 972283, MINN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY 6409.82, MINN TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE 3012, MINNEAPOLIS FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGICAL 3206.25, MINNESOTA DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES 35225.99, MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES 18962.31, MINNESOTA EQUIPMENT 24127, MINNESOTA POWER 47954.78, MINNESOTA STATE AUDITOR 4681, MINNESOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2489.88, MN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 7716.34, MN PERA 179299.52, MOOSE HORN ROD & GUN 22706.82, MORTON SALT INC 26768.19, NAPA AUTO PARTS 3842.06, NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS 7215, NORDIK BLADES 5311.68, NORTH COUNTRY STRATEGIES, LLC 6000, NORTH HOMES INC 9182.24, NORTHERN ECOLOGICAL SERVICES 19386, NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC 12571.61, NORTHWOOD CHILDRENS SERVICES 10339.94, OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY 11022.99, PAYCOM PAYROLL LLC 3769.80, PEARSON/ADRIENNE 6669, POLK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 26225.72, POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC 7142.64, POWERPLAN 2278.98, Redacted-CEHI 2148.37, Redacted-Foster Care 4155, Redacted-Foster Care 3680.19, Redacted-Foster Care 3475.72, Redacted-Foster Care 2735.75, Redacted-Foster Care 2728.62, Redacted-Foster Care 2386.32, Redacted-FSG 3113, Redacted-Property Tax refund 2654, Redacted-Property Tax refund 2430, Redacted-PSOP 2400, Redacted-

SILS 2244.36, REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY 5276.25, REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 67100, RETROFIT COMPANIES INC/THE 2422.95, RYAN, LLC 45000, SAFEASSURE CONSULTANTS INC 18284.29, SCOTT ANDERSON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 4896, SHI INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION 23881.90, ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR 3047.16, STACK BROS MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS INC 12759.03, STATE OF MN - MNDP MSRS HCSP 17245, STELLHER HUMAN SERVICES, INC 7919.74, STORY NORTH PRODUCTIONS 8750, STREICHERS 7383.02, SUN LIFE FINANCIAL 7365.54, TEAMSTERS LOCAL 346 4537, THOMPSON/BILL L 3067, THOMSON REUTERS - WEST 2156.21, THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY 18006.11, TOWN OF BARNUM 4010.04, TOWN OF BLACKHOOF 2122.08, TOWN OF EAGLE 4653.50, TOWN OF MOOSE LAKE 2204.13, TOWN OF THOMSON 14932.34, TOWN OF TWIN LAKES 22424.67, TWIG AREA TRAIL RIDERS ATV CLUB 9924.45, TWIN PORT MAILING 7633.08, U.S. BANK 16881.80, ULINE, INC. 22405.71, UNITED TRUCK BODY COMPANY INC 3301.31, UNITED WAY OF CARLTON COUNTY 11430, WLSSD 52230.12, WELLNESS IN THE WOODS 7096.28, WOOD CITY RIDERS 10435.32, WRENSHALL SNO-SHARKS 4353.81, YOUR PART-TIME CONTROLLER, LLC 4972.50, ZIEGLER INC 3279.64, Payments over \$2,000 -160 Vendors 3,739,636.13, Payments less than \$2,000 -475 Vendors 207,362.92, GRAND TOTAL JANUARY 2026 3,946,999.05.

Accept 2025 Policy Committee Annual Report.

Accept 2025 Management Team Annual Report.

Approve updated Management Team Operating Policy and Procedure.

Accept 2025 Building Committee Annual Report.

Approve updated Data Practices Policy.

Regular Agenda

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

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Reed, and carried by all yea votes to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the following rezoning request:

No. REZ-2026-001, Peter and Kimberly Laveau to rezone property described as SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 in Section 34, Township 48 North, Range 16 West in Silver Brook Township (PIN 69-020-2780) from the A-1 Agriculture/Forest Management Zoning District to the A-2 Agriculture/Rural Residential Zoning District. The property address is 2496 Maere Road, Wrenshall.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the following rezoning request:

No. REZ-2026-002, Robert Warder to rezone property described as part of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, and the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, in Section 26, Township 46 North, Range 17 West, the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, in Section 27, Township 46 North, Range 17 West, the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, in Section 35, Township 46 North, Range 17 West, part of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, and the E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, in Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 17 West, all in Clear Creek Township (PINs 86-030-5080, 86-030-5090, 86-030-5100, 86-030-5340, 86-034-6540, 86-034-6310, 86-034-6321, 86-034-6340, 86-034-6450, and 86-034-6440) from the A-1 Agriculture/Forest Management Zoning District to the A-2 Agriculture/Rural Residential Zoning District.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Reed, and carried by all yea votes to accept the recommendation of the Carlton County Planning Commission and approve the following Conditional Use Permit (CUP)/Interim Use Permit (IUP) with conditions and findings of fact as on file in the Zoning Office:

No. CUP-2026-001, John and Caroline Minkkinen to operate an agriculture-related business, a veterinary clinic, in the A-2 Agriculture/Rural Residential Zoning District. The property is described as part of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 in Section 28, Township 47 North, Range 20 West in Kalevala Township. The property address is 5581 Minkkinen Road, Kettle River, (PIN 51-056-4750).

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to accept step one of the Transfer Station Communication Plan for up to \$20,000.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Plante Buhs, and carried by all yea votes to approve out of state travel for a Corrections Officer to attend the Gracie Survival Tactics Law Enforcement Instructor Certification Course in Morton, IL on March 9-13, 2026.

Motion by Plante Buhs, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve a contract for services with Adrienne Pearson from February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027, in the amount of \$130.00 per hour for matters related to guardianship, commitments, conservatorship, and child support contempt proceedings and to further authorize the Board Chairperson, County Auditor/Treasurer, and County Attorney to execute this contract.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Plante Buhs, and carried by all yea votes, except Proulx who was absent, to adopt the following resolution (26-016):

WHEREAS, Carlton County owns real property located at xxx 3rd Street, Carlton, Minnesota 55718, referred to herein as the "Property", and legally described as follows:

The West 236.00 feet of the North 100.00 feet of Outlot 3 of the recorded plat of "BRADLEY'S ADDITION TO N.P. JUNCTION" on file and of record in the office of the Carlton County Recorder, Carlton County, Minnesota.

AND ALSO

That part of Outlot 3 of the recorded plat of "BRADLEY'S ADDITION TO N.P. JUNCTION" on file and of record in the office of the Carlton County Recorder, Carlton County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the north line of said Outlot 3 and the east line of the West 236.00 feet of said Outlot 3; thence easterly, along last described north line, a distance of 50.00 feet; thence southerly, parallel with the west line of said Outlot 3, a distance of 20.00 feet; thence westerly, parallel with said north line of said Outlot 3, a distance of 10.00 feet; thence southwesterly to a point on said east line of the West 236.00 feet of said Outlot 3 distant 60.00 feet south of said point of beginning; thence northerly, along last described east line, a distance of 60.00 feet to said point of beginning.

Parcel ID No.: 15-050-0743

WHEREAS, the Property is lowland swamp which the City of Carlton desires to use for development as a drainage pond for a public drainage project; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to assist the City of Carlton in the development of the City's drainage project; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 465.035 and 471.64, allows a county to convey its lands for a nominal consideration or without consideration to any other governmental subdivision for public use when authorized by its governing body, and without regard for statutory provisions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and in consideration of all of the above, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners approves the transfer of the Property "AS IS" in its present physical condition to the City of Carlton, for a nominal consideration of \$1.00, for use in the development of the city's public drainage project, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 465.035 and 471.64, and authorizes the County Auditor and the Board Chair to execute all documents necessary to complete the said transfer.

Motion by Reed, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve agreement with Ehlers for professional services at \$265/hour up to \$25,000.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve a Countywide Strategic Planning Team appointing Commissioners Plante Buhs and Reed to the committee.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Reed, and carried by all yea votes to approve adding the Strategic Planning Team to the Commissioner Committee per diem listing.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to affirm that various county committees serve at the pleasure of the Board and have no express or implied delegation of power of the County Board and are not capable of exercising decision making powers on behalf of the Board, and that at no time is there to be a quorum of the Board present at any of these committees. These committees include, but are not limited to: Finance, Building, Safety, Personnel, Tech/IT, Wellness, Management Team, and Strategic Planning. It is requested that the Board direct the committee chairs of each of these committees to add this affirmation to their bylaws.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Plante Buhs, and carried by all yea votes to Approve out of state travel for fourteen people, both employees and community members, to attend the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference in New Orleans, LA on July 7-10, 2026. All associated travel and conference costs will be paid by Office of Justice Program (OJP) grant.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Reed, and carried by all yea votes, except Proulx who was absent, to approve the following resolution (26-017):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners approve the amended agreement for the Northern Counties Coalition (NCC), formerly Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUCB), Joint Powers organization. Carlton County commissioners have reviewed the NCC Membership Agreement and concur with the membership provisions therein. 2026 Membership fees are \$2,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Zmyslony will be the delegate and Commissioner Proulx will be the Alternate for 2026.

Motion by Reed, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve Commissioners Bodie and Zmyslony to attend the Northern Counties Coalition (NCC) and Arrowhead Counties Association (ACA) State Legislative representative dinner as county representatives.

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

Attest: _____
Kevin DeVriendt
County Auditor/Treasurer

Thomas R. Proulx
County Board Chairperson