

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
REGULAR SESSION - Rough Draft
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
8:30 a.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 14th day of March, 2023, in Regular Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

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

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

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

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2023, Adjourned Board meeting.

Emergency Medical Service Awards were presented by Steve Trenhaile as follows:

EMS Person of the Year Award	Erik Bergstedt, Carlton Fire Dept
EMS Unit of the Year	Esko Fire Department
Friend of EMS	Michael Orłowski
Lifetime Achievement Award	Anthony Compo, Esko Fire Dept

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling a Social Worker-Child Protection Case Manager position in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling a Social Worker-Child Protection Investigator/Assessment position in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling a Social Worker-Adult Services position in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to renew the Agreement by and between Carlton County and the Fond du Lac Tribal Social Services, whereby Carlton County Public Health and Human Services provides services on behalf of the FDL Tribal Social Services Offices.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the St Louis County host county agreement for Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Child

Emergency Shelter Services in the annual amount of \$163,250 plus \$224/day for placements exceeding the two-bed daily reserve. The contract is in effect from 01/01/2023- 12/31/2023 and on file at the Public Health and Human Services department.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve out of state travel for staff members in the Public Health and Human Services Department to attend the 2023 Montana Summer Institute on Preventing Harm by Promoting Health June 20-23, 2023 in Big Sky, MT. Travel, meal, and lodging expenses will be paid for by the Positive Community Norms Grant.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve a three-year term for Susan Wojciehowski, district five, to the Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC).

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the following Minor Subdivision with associated condition as on file in the Zoning Office: No. 823003, Darrell and Troy Swanson for the property described as Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 in Section 33, Township 47 North, Range 18 West in Barnum Township (PIN 39-020-1480 and 39-020-1490). The properties are located along Bent Trout Lake Road and Crystal Lake Road.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to accept the 2022 Zoning and Environmental Services Annual Report as presented by the Zoning and Environmental Services Administrator.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to accept staff recommendations and approve the following 2023 County Recycling Shed Grant Payments:

Location	Approved Staff Recommendation
Barnum	\$ 5,000
Carlton	\$ 5,000
Moose Lake	\$ 5,000
Perch Lake Township	\$ 5,000
Thomson Township	\$ 5,000
Total	\$25,000

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Zoning and Environmental Services Administrator to author and submit a letter of support for State Funding for the Leachate Treatment at the Virginia Landfill and the Initial Development of the Canyon Landfill. Letter is on file at the County Auditor's Office.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (23-022):

WHEREAS, The Conservation Fund (TCF) purchased the timberlands formerly owned by Potlatch Corporation in Minnesota and is willing to sell to local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Non-profit Organizations such as Pheasants Forever and Northern Waters Land Trust have the ability to work with both TCF and the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) to secure funds to purchase the lands; and

WHEREAS, Non-Profits donate free of charge those lands purchased from TCF to local units of government with covenants on the property limiting development and future potential sales of property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Land Commissioner to negotiate with a Non-Profit Organization for potential purchase of parcels in Beseman Township identified as the SW1/4 and the SWSE of Section 13 T49 R21 and in Wrenshall Township identified as the NENE of Section 22 and the N1/2 NW1/4 of Section 23 T47 R16,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Carlton County Board of Commissioners will accept these donated lands and record as County Fee Land.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (23-023):

WHEREAS, The Carlton County Board authorized the Land Commissioner to work with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) for the purchase by the MN DNR of Carlton County Fee land described as the SENE of Section 1, T48 R16 (PIN 78-010-0080); and

WHEREAS, MN DNR hired a third-party Land Appraiser to perform an appraisal of the property; and

WHEREAS, the value established by the independent appraiser is within 10% of the value as estimated by the Carlton County Assessor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the sale of the aforementioned parcel to the State of Minnesota for \$92,000.00.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (23-024):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners authorizes and instructs the County Auditor, County Sheriff, and the County Board Chairperson to sign the 2023 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Contract Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Carlton County. Grant amount is for \$2,700 and the grant period is from January 1, 2023 to August 1, 2023.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (23-025):

WHEREAS, Carlton County is responsible for maintaining Public Land Survey System (PLSS) corners in Carlton County; and

WHEREAS, Carlton County has approximately 1,500 PLSS corners that need to be re-monumented; and

WHEREAS, Carlton County does not have a full-time County Surveyor to do this work; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Association of County Surveyors (MACS) is looking for counties to apply for grants; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) has an Environment and Natural Resource Fund (ENRTF) to be used for such projects in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the application for grant funds for re-monumentation of PLSS corners throughout Carlton County and that the County Auditor's office will serve as fiscal agent if funds are awarded.

BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor and County Surveyor are authorized to execute the grant applications and agreements with any necessary amendments in the application process.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (23-026):

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and numerous Minnesota cities and counties are engaged in nationwide civil litigation against opioid supply chain participants related to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Attorney General has signed on to multistate settlement agreements with several opioid supply chain participants (current, but not limited to Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart), but those settlement agreements are still subject to sign-on by local governments and final agreement by the companies and approval by the courts; and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline of April 18, 2023, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the above-referenced multistate settlement agreements, and failure to timely sign on may diminish the amount of funds received by not only that city or county but by all Minnesota cities and counties from the settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Minnesota's local governments, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota have reached agreement on the intrastate allocation of these settlement funds between the State, and the counties and cities, as well as the permissible uses of these funds, which will be memorialized in the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, as amended (the "State-Subdivision Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the State-Subdivision Agreement creates an opportunity for local governments and the State to work collaboratively on a unified vision to deliver a robust abatement and remediation plan to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Carlton County Board of Commissioners supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Carlton County supports and opts in to all future multistate settlement agreements with opioid supply chain participants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Carlton County authorizes County Auditor/Treasurer, County Attorney, and other needed Carlton County staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure Carlton County's participation in the multistate settlement agreements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and in the State-Subdivision Agreement.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to adjourn to a closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to close the closed session and return to the regular meeting.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with both Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (LELS) #502 and #259 for new hires to potentially receive an accelerated vacation accrual for past experience.

Commissioner comments on meetings attended and discussion on current state legislative session.

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

Attest: _____
Kevin DeVriendt
County Auditor/Treasurer

Dick Brenner
County Board Chairperson