



CARLTON COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
Carlton County Transportation Building, County Board Room
April 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda. **Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner. Approved.**
3. Approve the February 7, 2023 meeting minutes. **Motion by Peterson, seconded by Proulx. Approved.**
4. CFI Department & Collaborative Annual Report 2022 (Donna Lekander). Information only. Video viewed and discussion had regarding the program.
5. Resolution Authorizing Administration of MN Housing Finance Agency's Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (Lakes and Pines – Jenny Erdmann). Information presented. Request made to support the work that is currently being done. Resolution is requested for support of the program. **Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner. Approved.**
6. Request to consider purchase of additional lands along the request ROW behind Justice Center (Bruno Zagar – FDL). Mr. Zagar presents request from FDL to purchase some of the property owned by the county near the Justice Center Site. Issues include the 100 year lease and the \$1 million bond for cleanup of the site. As far as a land swap is concerned, the Band has not been interested in exchanging any land that is not on the reservation. Some questions asked regarding other options. Acreage is zoned residential right now and is valued at \$99K. Should the use change, the value may change to \$30K - \$40K per acre for commercial. Genereau will be gathering additional information as this goes forward and working with county staff and FDL representatives to put together a proposal for Board and RBC consideration.
7. SWCD Annual Report (Brad Matlock). Information only.
8. SWCD mid-year budget adjustment (Brad Matlock). Request made of the COW for support of an additional \$22K per year for the following three years. Questions asked regarding overall costs. Commissioner Peterson suggests a minimum fee. **Motion by Brenner, seconded Peterson. Approved.**
9. Request IM Unit Presentation – End of continuous coverage for MA and MNcare enrollees – implications for MA/MNcare enrollees and financial workers (Patti Hart & Angela Korpela - Financial Assistance Supervisors). Ms. Hart and Ms. Korpela present information on the impact to the workload that staff is facing. Maintenance of effort requirement discussed. SNAP admin will become more complex. Info only.
10. MNChoices (Patti Martin, Ruth Rowenhorst, Peggy Hart). Ms. Rowenhorst presents information on MNChoices, which is used to determine eligibility for many programs. All assessments completed on paper prior to 2014, when MNChoices was developed to replace the paper platform. Currently, there is an effort by the state to launch an updated platform. The electronic assessment is going to take several hours more than the paper assessment process. This is in part due to the way the electronic system is set up for a conversational interview, as well as the fact that some of the interview subjects struggle to answer the questions. Screens are done in person, as much of the process is based in assessment.

11. Justice Center update (Paul Coughlin). Information only. 159 days of construction with no lost time injuries. Approximately 10.5 days lost due to weather. Currently working on the second floor steel. CMU walls are going up on the second floor. 134 wells done. 57 remain. Several trades on site at this time, so a great deal of traffic on site. Looking to work on underground plumbing and electrical. Documents for the transition team are getting close to being done. Will be training staff in the use of the new facility. Waiting on St. Paul to decide which way to go.
12. New Business
 - A. ASSESSORS
 1. Fleet car report. Holmes gives an update on the fleet. Generally it is very good news from the standpoint of fleet efficiency. St. Louis County has now gone forward with the fleet solution. Enterprise will be making a donation to the United Way of Carlton County due to the lead from Mr. Holmes.
 2. Clerical reorganization. Holmes updates committee on changes that have been made. **Motion by Holmes, seconded by Proulx for the reorg. Approved.**
 - B. COORDINATOR/HR/PM
 1. Property Management Update. Information only.
 2. Courthouse roof contract. **Motion by Genereau, seconded by Bodie to approve the contract. Approved.**
 3. Employee Service Awards / Carlton County Storefront. Info only
 - C. LAND
 1. Tyler vs. Hennepin County update. Bernu provides a summary of the case and answers questions from the Committee.
 - D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 1. Carlton County Family Friendly Jail Initiative Information. Info only.
 2. 2022 Annual Report Midwest Medical Examiner's Office. Info only.
 - E. TRANSPORTATION
 1. Mechanic II / Highway Tech III. Norgard requests permission to move a Mechanic I to a Mechanic II position. **Motion by Norrgard, seconded by Brenner approved.**
 2. Set public hearing to extend the Local Option Sales Tax and motor vehicle excise tax. Will be done the second meeting in May. **Motion by Norrgard, seconded by Brenner. Approved.**
 3. Set public hearing date for the designation of a cart way on CR 107 and old CSAH 8. Request to have a public meeting to address the cart way designation. **Motion by Norrgard, seconded by Bodie. Approved.**
 4. Transportation update. Information only.
13. Other Business
 - A. Discuss lobbying priorities.
 - B. Department Updates.
 - C. The next regular meeting date is scheduled for May 2, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. located at the Carlton County Transportation Building in the Board Room.
14. Adjournment. **Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner. Approved.**