

**Carlton County  
Board of Commissioners  
ADJOURNED SESSION - Rough Draft  
Monday, June 26, 2023  
4:00 p.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 26th day of June, 2023, in Adjourned Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Brenner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.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 Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the June 13th, 2023, County Board of Review and Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Visitor Kathleen Zweber from Minnesota Federated Humane Societies and other citizens expressed concern about animal welfare on a farm in Silverbrook Township.

Land Commissioner provided an update on the United States Supreme Court Ruling on Tyler v. Hennepin and the potential effect on Minnesota counties forfeiture process and future land sales. Current Carlton County land sales to the general public have been suspended.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve a road construction, interest free loan with Holyoke Township to finance \$50,000 of North Holyoke Drive. Loan will be repaid starting January of 2024 with \$1,000 monthly payments until the loan is paid in full.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve Comp time carry over of four MNPEA union members in the Transportation Department until December 31, 2023 contingent upon union approval.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve an amended 2023-2024 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for medical consultation and services with Dr. Kenneth Ripp for Public Health and Human Services (\$2,000 per year), and Jail Services and 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch program (\$175 per hour plus \$140 per month for incidentals). Contract is on file in the Sheriff's

Department and the previous agreement was approved at the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 board meeting.

County Attorney and Jail Administrator provided an update and information on the Probation committee and recommendations by consultants. No action taken.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Community and Family Initiatives Department to accept a 2023-2024 United Way Community Investment Grant in the amount of \$12,299 for the Jump Start for Kindergarten program operations.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve IT department moving the county to CarltonCountyMN.gov domain for website and email purposes.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes, except Proulx who voted nay, to approve moving County Department Heads to a 40 hour work week. Amendment to the motion to start January 1, 2024 instead of July 1, 2023 carried with Peterson, Proulx, and Zmyslony voting yea, and Brenner and Bodie voting nay.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (23-054):

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual county budget is prepared in a manner that supports the continuation of a high level of services to all county residents, is fiscally responsible, and takes in to account the challenges created by the volatility of the local, regional, and national economies.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (23-055):

BE IT RESOLVED that Carlton County enters into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Counties of Aitkin, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St Louis along with Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training for the purpose of creating, under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, a separate public entity governed by the seven county units of government that are parties to this agreement. The agreement is on file at the Coordinator's office.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve hiring a .8 FTE Homeless Liaison. Current state funding allocation is July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2028. No county levy funds will be used for this position.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Community and Family Initiatives Department to accept a Northland Foundation

Grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the coordination of early childhood community initiatives. Grant is from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

County Coordinator provided preliminary agenda for the Fond du Lac Tribal meeting on July 6, 2023.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin DeVriendt  
County Auditor/Treasurer

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Dick Brenner  
County Board Chairperson