



CARLTON COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
Carlton County Transportation Building, County Board Room
October 3, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda. **Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner. Approved.**
3. Approve the September 5, 2023, meeting minutes. **Motion by Brenner, Seconded by Peterson. Approved.**
4. AmeriCorps Report (Jonah McCauley, Alexandria Adolfs, Donna Lekander). Information only. Initial \$20K investment resulted in over 18,000 services hours from 2021, over 550 students served, and over \$67K in educational rewards. Over 30 hours of credits were recovered, which was a significant benefit following issues created by COVID.
5. Tam Acres Road (Jack Martin, Citizens of Tam Acres Road). Jack Martin presents on behalf of the group. Mr. Martin indicates he investigated the status of the road. He found that there were no changes to the road from the time that it was platted. He was directed by the Township to talk to the County. Wants to address the legal status of the Tam Acres Road. JinYeene responds that the road is a private road easement per the legal opinion of Bill Helwig. Because the County never accepted the road, it is a private road. The road is in Lakeview Township, and the County does all of the township roads. Board would like to have this further discussed to try to find a resolution. A team will meet to discuss this, and it will be placed on the agenda for Monday, October 24.
6. Fraud Presentation (Investigator Rick Giese, Patti Hart). Information only. Patti presents Rick Giese to address what action is being taken to address public welfare fraud in Carlton County. Patti reviews the consequences for each offense, and how the County would recoup benefits. Rick works out of the Pine County Sheriff's Office, and works for Pine, Carlton and Aitkin Counties. Most of Rick's work is done in Carlton County, due in large part to the proactive nature of Carlton County staff. Carlton County sets a high standard, both at PHHS as well as the Carlton County Jail.
7. Justice Center update (Paul Coughlin). Information only. Paul presents a Power Point that includes a construction update. Paul reviews the construction flow-chart. Contingency log still shows over \$1 million in that fund. Paul has put together a staffing plan, which the DOC needs to review and approve as a final report. Will need to maintain the current and the new jail simultaneously for approximately 8 weeks. Discussion is had regarding bringing on new staff as well as work assignments for current staff.
8. New Business
 - A. COORDINATOR/HR/PM
 1. Property Management Update. Information only.
 2. Carlton County Workforce Housing Needs Assessment. Information only. IFC will be done for the regular meeting on October 10, 2023.
 3. Request to fill legal secretary position. **Motion by Peterson, seconded by Proulx. Approved.**
 - B. PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
 1. Waiver Contracted Case Management (Peggy Hart, Patti Martin). Patti Martin and Peggy Hart present request. Disability and long-term care units have increased caseloads. Total implementation of the new tool

and processing of current applications will require additional assistance. An audit of waived cases was completed and a recommendation for contracted case management was made. There is no cost to Carlton County to hand off some of these cases. **Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie. Approved.**

C. TRANSPORTATION

1. Transportation update. Information only. Projects are going well. Many projects are starting now, but will be done before the weather closes them down. On schedule for the J-turn in mid-July, as well as the 22nd Street in Cloquet.

9. Other Business

A. Discuss lobbying priorities.

B. Department Updates. Commissioner Zmyslony will be attending a rural counties meeting and bring back information regarding the work that they do. Will bring back information regarding this group.

C. The next regular meeting date is scheduled for November 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. located at the Carlton County Government Services Building in the Large Conference Room.

10. Adjournment. **Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx. Approved.**