

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

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 14th day of November, 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 Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2023, Adjourned Board Meeting and a correction to the September 25, 2023, Adjourned Board Meeting.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve adding Cook County to the joint powers agreement (JPA) for the Saint Louis County host contract for regional health care access transportation for medical assistance enrollees with Medical Transportation Management, Inc (MTM).

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to accept a grant for \$17,175 from Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to support Children's Mental Health Screening.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Proulx who voted nay, to approve contracting with agencies for disability and long-term care services. Contracts would be costs neutral and require no levy funding.

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

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (23-094):

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners did previously enter into an Agreement for the removal, transportation, and disposal or recycling of hazardous materials and scrap metal from waste appliances with Afterlife Electronics; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for one-year renewals at the same rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve a one-year renewal of the Agreement for the removal, transportation, and disposal or recycling of hazardous materials and scrap metal from waste appliances with Afterlife Electronics effective from December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024.

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

No. 423002, Iverson Inn Inc. to expand the existing campground by placing four bunkhouses at existing campsites in Tier 4. The proposed bunkhouses will meet the required setback to the ordinary high water level (OHWL) of Big Lake and are less than 400 square feet in area. The property is described as Part of Government Lot 2 in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 49 North, Range 18 West on Big Lake in Perch Lake Township. The property address is 979 Cary Road (PIN 92-034-5280 and 5285).

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

No. 423007, Brian Grover to expand aggregate extraction activities (gravel pit) on his property described as the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 6, Township 47 North, Range 17 West in Blackhoof Township. The property address is 2449 Kelly Paulson Road (PIN 45-028-0935).

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to authorize the Land Commissioner to explore options for the establishment of a Fond du Lac Band elk holding pen on tax forfeit property in Progress Township.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to set a County Timber Auction for 10:00 a.m., December 12, 2023, at the Carlton County Transportation Building, and to further approve the list of timber tracts to be sold at said Timber Auction. A listing of the tracts is on file at the Land Department Office.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the sale of tax forfeit parcel (PID 06-005-1380) to the City of Cloquet. Board authorizes the Land Commissioner and Auditor/Treasurer to sign the associated documents to complete the transfer.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (23-095):

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve renewal of the annual Lease Agreement by and between Carlton County and the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), whereby AEOA will lease space at the Carlton County Transportation Department Facilities. The terms and conditions of this lease are on file at the Transportation Department.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve a temporary Office Systems Administrator in the Sheriff's Department. No additional levy funds needed due to increased Public Safety Funds received.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to accept a Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) federal grant in the amount of \$134,916. Grant period is from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve a contract with Northern Ecological Services of Esko for \$32,735.00 for Landscaping at the Justice Center. This amount is projected to be part of the contingency fund and will not increase the overall project amount.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve an interdisciplinary team to work on an RFP for the Justice Involved Females program to include Probation, Sheriff's, Public Health & Human Services, Attorney, and Initiatives departments.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Economic Development Director to prepare documents to start a Housing Trust Fund.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve purchases from SHI for \$125,209.00 for computer and technology services and equipment.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve purchases from SHI for \$90,951.00 for network switches. Applicable portion will come from IT budget and Justice Center Soft Costs or Contingency funds.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried by all yea votes to approve vacation carry over up to an extra forty hours above approved level for Chief Deputy County Attorney.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve a letter of support to Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center for Outdoor School for All Minnesotans.

County Attorney provided information on the McKinsey opioid settlement and additional information on the fentanyl epidemic in our region and county.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to close the regular meeting for discussion of both non-public employee review and union negotiations.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to close the first closed session related to non-public employee.

Motion by Zmyslony, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to move to the second closed session for union negotiations.

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

No action was taken from the closed sessions.

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

Attest:

Kevin DeVriendt
County Auditor/Treasurer

Dick Brenner
County Board Chairperson