

**Carlton County  
Board of Commissioners  
REGULAR SESSION - Rough Draft  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
8:30 a.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 9th day of February, 2021, in Regular Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Proulx called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Brenner (by video), Bodie, Proulx, Thell, and Peterson. Absent: None

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

The County Auditor/Treasurer stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related peace-time emergency declaration an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent and declared that necessary conditions were met for remote participation.

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

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2021, Adjourned Board Meeting.

Steve Trenhaile presented the following Emergency Medical Services (EMS) awards:

Unit of the Year	Esko Fire Department
Person of the Year	Ali Mueller
Friends of EMS	Carlton County Public Health
Lifetime Achievement	Bob Hattenberger, Kettle River Fire Department

Members of the AFSME union presented viewpoints on negotiations.

Motion by Peterson, second by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-012):

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners did previously take action to award bids for the Operation of the Carlton County Transfer Station and the Hauling of Waste from the Carlton County Transfer Station to Mahkahta Transport (for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024) (County Board Resolution No. 19-028, March 12, 2021); and

WHEREAS, Section twenty-five of said Agreement with Mahkahta Transport provides that either party may terminate the Agreement prior to the expiration date by providing

written notice to the other party at least ninety (90) days in advance of the termination;  
and

WHEREAS, it has become in the best interest of Carlton County to terminate said Agreement with Mahkahta Transport in order to implement a reorganization plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and approve of the termination of the Agreement with Mahkahta Trucking for the Operation of the Carlton County Transfer Station and the Hauling of Waste from the Carlton County Transfer Station, effective May 9, 2021.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve a reorganization plan for the Carlton County Transfer Station, including hiring two county staff as operators; contracts with SKB Environmental for hauling mixed waste and MSW to the City of Superior landfill and for hauling and disposal of demolition materials to SKB Environmental; and the purchase of a skid steer with attachments not exceeding \$65,000.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (21-013):

WHEREAS, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are non-native species that cause or may cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health or threatens or may threaten natural resources or the use of natural resources in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been authorized and charged with responsibility by the state legislature to establish a statewide program to prevent and manage the spread of AIS in coordination with other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 84D.105, Subdivision 2(a), Governmental Unit is a local government entity that agrees to assume all legal, financial, and administrative responsibilities for an aquatic invasive species inspection program on some or all public waters within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Carlton County to implement an AIS inspection program, approved by DNR, on some or all public waters within their jurisdiction utilizing existing authorities and the authority granted to inspectors under Minnesota Statutes sections 84D.105, subd. 2(b) and 84D.10, subd. 3(a), clauses 1, 3, and 4 (the Program); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Carlton County that the program will comply with all requirements in Minnesota Statutes section 84D.105 and in DNR Watercraft Inspection Program procedures and manuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the Carlton County Aquatic Invasive Species Program 2021.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board does authorize the submission of this document to the DNR pursuant to applicable Minnesota laws and rules.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (21-014):

WHEREAS, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are non-native species that cause or may cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health or threatens or may threaten natural resources or the use of natural resources in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), has been authorized and charged with responsibility by the State Legislature to establish a statewide program to prevent and manage the spread of AIS in coordination with other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the DNR has in its employ conservation officers trained and authorized to enforce the state invasive species laws and the DNR has developed AIS inspection protocols; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 84D.105, Subdivision 2(a), Carlton County is a local government that agrees to assume legal, financial, and administrative responsibilities for inspection programs on some or all public waters within Carlton County; and

WHEREAS, the DNR and Carlton County are committed to the following three core principles:

Coordination of their authority and resources to develop a reasonable and effective water-related equipment inspection requirement to stop the spread of AIS in the state and to prevent the introduction of new AIS;

A collaborative, cooperative approach to AIS management and prevention; and

Ensuring continued access to public waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize entering into a Delegation Agreement by and between Carlton County and the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Natural Resources, whereby the DNR will work with Carlton County to train inspectors for water-related equipment at Carlton County boat landings. The inspectors will be

hired as County staff as part of the Carlton County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Plan.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-015):

WHEREAS, the City of Cloquet is desirous of purchasing tax forfeited property located at 315 Avenue B, Cloquet, Minnesota described as the West Half of South Half of Lot 4 Block 14, City of Cloquet Original Plat (PIN 06-045-2540); and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 282.01 Subd. 7a allows such purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Land Commissioner recommends the sale of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the County Auditor to sell the tax forfeited parcel identified as 06-045-2540 to the City of Cloquet pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-016):

WHEREAS, the City of Moose Lake is seeking to apply for a Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant through the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for planning, design, and construction of 2nd Street from Arrowhead Lane to Birch Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moose Lake is requesting that Carlton County act and serve as the fiscal agent and contract administrator for the State of Minnesota in administering these LRIP Grant funds on behalf of the City of Moose Lake; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moose Lake is responsible for all local funding for the 2nd Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moose Lake will be responsible for all future maintenance of 2nd Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners declare the above described project is supported and the submittal of the of the LRIP application is supported. Carlton County agrees to act as the sponsoring agency and fiscal agent on behalf of the City of Moose Lake for the above described project and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-017):

WHEREAS, the City of Wrenshall intends to apply for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funding to improve Pioneer Drive from Carlton County CSAH 1 (Broadway Avenue) to Carlton County Road 18; and

WHEREAS, City Council of Wrenshall passed a resolution in support of submitting an LRIP funding application and to seek Carlton County Board support and sponsorship as fiscal agent for the City under rules of the LRIP program at its Council meeting on February 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, City of Wrenshall will be responsible for securing matching funds, if applicable; and

WHEREAS, City of Wrenshall shall be responsible for all future maintenance on Pioneer Drive; and

WHEREAS, Cities under 5,000 population require county sponsorship to act as fiscal agent for the LRIP program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Carlton agrees to act as fiscal agent overseeing program requirements if City of Wrenshall is awarded LRIP support for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Engineer is authorized to act as agent for this grant and execute any agreements and addendums.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-018):

IT IS RESOLVED that Carlton County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1045836 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide payment by the State to the County for the use and maintenance of County State Aid Highway No. 12 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 27 from North Junction Trunk Highway No. 73 to North Kenwood Avenue in Moose Lake under State Project No. 0903-29 (T.H. 27=071).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor and the County Engineer are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-019):

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Carlton County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Carlton County Board Chair and the Carlton County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of Carlton County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation MnDOT Contract Number 1046064," a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Brenner and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-020):

WHEREAS, Carlton County owns and operates an airport which includes all aeronautical navigation facilities, said airport being known as the Moose Lake Carlton County Airport; and

WHEREAS, it has become desirous for Carlton County to lease certain premises within the Moose Lake Carlton County Airport to Andrew Johnson for the purpose of Storage of Aircraft.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and approve entering into an Airport Property Lease Agreement with Andrew Johnson.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the 2020 Policy Committee Year-End Report.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the 2020 Management Team Year-End Report.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve Budget Amendment Request Form updates.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve a Letter of Engagement setting forth the details of an agreement for annual audit services with the Office of the State Auditors.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the payment of up to \$300 to Hebert-Kennedy VFW Post 3979 of Cloquet and American

Legion Post 415 of Barnum for partial reimbursement of 2020 Memorial Day services costs.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-021):

BE IT RESOLVED by the Carlton County Board of Commissioners that the County enter into a Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program for FY 2021. This grant will be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This grant will not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chairperson, County Auditor, and County Veterans Service Officer are hereby authorized to execute this Grant Contract and any amendments thereto.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to accept the Northeastern Minnesota Community Implementation Hub Collaborative grant from the Northland Foundation in the amount of \$50,000 for the period February 15, 2021, through December 31, 2022, and to approve a 0.6 FTE position for the same time period for the purpose of connecting families with children birth to age eight to community and state resources with a focus on those who experience racial, geographic, or economic inequalities.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve application for a Northland Foundation/Minnesota Department of Education Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund Grant with amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 running April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022, which would include hiring an intern for up to 67 days to provide educational services to children ages 0-8 years in under-served populations impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to accept the expenditure listing for December 2020 as follows:

Fund 1	Revenue	\$4,060,693.02
Fund 10	Road and Bridge	940,575.98
Fund 11	Public Health & Human Services	2,416,252.49
Fund 30	Cap Outlay Barnum Garage Project	20,141.21
Fund 33	2020 GO Imp Barnum Garage	850.00

Fund 40	2012 Refi '03 Hwy Bldg & '06 Road	500.00
Fund 71	Motor Vehicle	282,172.64
Fund 73	State Fund	124,247.83
Fund 74	Forfeited Tax	42,921.74
Fund 75	Economic Development (IRRRB)	591,416.19
Fund 76	Refunding Fund	9,363.16
Fund 77	HS Agency Fund LCTS	134,359.90
Fund 78	Schools	527,402.81
Fund 79	Towns and Cities	<u>5,922,782.33</u>
Total		<u>\$15,073,679.30</u>

The Economic Development Director presented an update on CARES Act grant activity.

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

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to return to regular session.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn Kortuem  
County Auditor/Treasurer

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Thomas Proulx  
Board Chairperson