

**Carlton County  
Board of Commissioners  
ADJOURNED SESSION - Rough Draft  
Monday, February 22, 2021  
4:00 p.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 22nd day of February, 2021, in Adjourned Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Proulx called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Bodie, Brenner (by video), Peterson, Proulx and Thell. Absent: None.

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

The County Attorney 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 Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2021, regular board meeting.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling a Disabilities Services Social Worker position.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve a service contract with Legal Aid Services of Northeastern Minnesota for 2021.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve an amendment to an existing Community Health Board grant to increase funding by \$52,785 for the period February 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021, for the purpose of supporting coronavirus vaccine efforts.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve out of state travel to Orlando, Florida, for two Public Health and Human Services staff members to attend the 2021 American Association of Suicidology Conference to be held April 21-24, 2021, with all costs covered by the Northern Minnesota Crisis Text Line/Suicide Prevention Grant.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to adopt the following resolution (21-022):

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Carlton County Public Health and Human Services Contractor Civil Rights Assurance Agreement Addendum with Cook County, Minnesota,

and to further authorize the Board Chairman, County Auditor, Public Health and Human Services Director, and County Attorney to execute this addendum.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to accept the Carlton County Wetlands Technical Evaluation Panel's recommendation to approve Wetlands Replacement Plan No. 621003 for Gregg Perich in Thomson Township.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-023):

WHEREAS, the Townships of Moose Lake and Barnum intend to apply for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funding to improve Aspen Road from Carlton County CSAH 61 to Carlton County Road 6; and

WHEREAS, the Townships of Moose Lake and Barnum have 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 Townships under rules of the LRIP program at a joint Township meeting on February 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Townships of Moose Lake and Barnum will be responsible for securing local funds, if applicable; and

WHEREAS, Townships of Moose Lake and Barnum shall be responsible for all future maintenance on Aspen Road; 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 the Townships of Moose Lake and Barnum are 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 Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-024):

WHEREAS, Eagle Township intends to apply for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funding to improve Kingsley Road from Minnesota TH 73 to Carlton County Road 121; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Township has 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 Townships under rules of the LRIP program at a Township meeting on February 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Township will be responsible for securing local funds, if applicable; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Township shall be responsible for all future maintenance on Aspen Road; 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 Eagle Township 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 Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-025):

WHEREAS, Thomson Township intends to apply for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funding to improve Ratika Road from CASH 27 to the St. Louis County Line; and

WHEREAS, Thomson Township has 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 Townships under rules of the LRIP program at a Township meeting on February 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Thomson Township will be responsible for securing local funds, if applicable; and

WHEREAS, Thomson Township shall be responsible for all future maintenance on Ratika Road; 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 Thomson Township 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 Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-026):

WHEREAS, the agreement with St. Louis County for SAP 009-606-033, SAP 009-661-027, and Twin Lakes Township Roads (Chip Sealing) has in all things been completed and the County Board has been fully advised in the premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Carlton; and
2. That the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the County Engineer to accept a refund for overpayment in the amount of ninety-two thousand, six hundred forty-eight dollars and forty-four cents (\$92,648.44) from St. Louis County.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (21-027):

WHEREAS, the agreement with Ulland Brothers for SAP 009-601-055 (LOW), SAP 009-627-001, SAP 009-651-003, CP 009-151-004, and Silver Brook TWP 2020-01, has in all things been completed and the County Board has been fully advised in the premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Carlton; and
2. That the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the County Engineer to make final payment in the amount of two hundred forty-two thousand, eight hundred twelve dollars and twenty cents (\$242,812.20) to Ulland Brothers.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to set a closed session at the end of the adjourned meeting to discuss labor negotiations.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the 2020 Carlton County Building Committee Year-end Report.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to accept the recommendations of the CARES Act Committee and approve the use of pandemic relief funds to hire an intern for 67 days for the purpose of transitioning to electronic files at a cost of \$7,750 and further to approve a \$20,000 match to a two-year AmeriCorps grant ending July, 2023, serving students negatively impacted by the pandemic.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to authorize the publication of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services related to the proposed jail facility.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to adjourn to the closed session.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to return to the adjourned meeting.

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

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

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Thomas Proulx  
County Board Chairperson