

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

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

Chairperson Proulx called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.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 Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes 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 February 22, 2021, Adjourned Board Meeting.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the revised Public Health and Human Services 2021 Fee Schedule as on file in the Public Health and Human Services office.

Zoning and Environmental Services Administrator Cunningham presented the 2020 Zoning and Environmental Services Annual Report. A motion was made by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to accept the 2020 Zoning and Environmental Services Annual Report.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve final 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 as on file in the Zoning and Environmental Services office.

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

WHEREAS, the agreement with Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc. for type of work along CSAH 16 (Washington Avenue): City of Cloquet and City of Scanlon sanitary sewer and water main utility improvements, Carlton County storm sewer improvements, curb and gutter, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, sidewalk and shared use path, bituminous surface removal, new bituminous pavement, landscape trees and sign

panels from TH 33 in the City of Cloquet MN to CSAH 45 in the City of Scanlon MN, SAP 009-616-004, 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 seventy-two thousand, one hundred forty dollars and sixty cents (\$272,140.60) to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve making permanent the Transportation Department reorganization plan of June 22, 2020, and further to approve posting of affected job positions and any positions that open due to staff shifts.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve an amendment to the State of Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Joint Powers Agreement for Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force (MNHITF) approved by the Board on December 8, 2020.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve a request by Ralph and Janet Sundberg for abatement of penalty, interest and cost on three parcels (PIN 81-060-4490, 4491, 4594) for taxes payable 2017 through 2020 for reasons of extreme hardship.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to set a closed session for labor negotiations following the close of regular business of this meeting.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve updates to the Carlton County Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy as on file in the County Coordinator's Office.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Carlton County Federal Award Procurement Policy as on file in the County Coordinator's Office.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Carlton County Alternative Work Site (AWS) Policy as on file in the County Coordinator's Office.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yeas to approve the 2022 Budget Planning Schedule as on file in the County Coordinator's Office.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yeas to accept the expenditure listing for January 2021 as follows:

Fund 1	Revenue	\$2,443,698.83
Fund 10	Road and Bridge	822,863.83
Fund 11	Public Health & Human Services	2,072,721.02
Fund 30	Cap Outlay Barnum Garage Project	5,533.00
Fund 32	2016 Refi 2010A/B CSC CIP	371,400.00
Fund 33	2020 GO Imp Barnum Garage	511,425.00
Fund 40	2012 Refi '03 Hwy Bld & '06 Road	564,950.00
Fund 71	Motor Vehicle	280,141.95
Fund 73	State Fund	141,524.57
Fund 74	Forfeited Tax	39,583.73
Fund 75	Economic Development (IRRRB)	44,121.50
Fund 76	Refunding Fund	139.52
Fund 78	Schools	204,407.84
Fund 79	Towns and Cities	<u>190,256.01</u>
Total		<u>\$7,692,766.80</u>

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yeas to accept the recommendation of the CARES Act Committee and approve payments for Carlton County COVID-19 Relief Grants (Round 2) for businesses and non-profits adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as on file in the Economic Development Office, such payments made from funds received under the State of Minnesota County Relief Funding Program.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yeas except Peterson who voted nay to approve a 2021 general wage increase of 1.75% for non-represented and confidential staff retroactive to the first day of the first full pay period of 2021.

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

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Corrections conducts regular inspections of the current Carlton County jail facility and those inspections have identified that while the County has been diligent in making many operational improvements based on past inspections, the 42 year old physical plant has major deficiencies that render it non-compliant with state standards and furthermore, a lack of parity exists as is required in M.S. 241 Subd.1; and

WHEREAS, locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, the female offender jail population is increasing exponentially; and

WHEREAS, the building of a new correctional facility with adequate space for male and female offenders along with regional beds and programming designated solely for female offenders will have a regional significance and economic benefit besides filling a large void in parity that now exists between male and female offenders; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Revenue and the Minnesota Legislature have established guidelines for County Government to follow in order to meet the requirements for requesting authorization to conduct a voter referendum for a county-wide sales tax; and

WHEREAS, this Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) referendum authorization requested by Carlton County would be used to finance a correctional facility, jail and regional female offender program; and

WHEREAS, Carlton County Board of Commissioners urge that the total burden of financing such facility not be placed directly on local property tax payers through a property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, regional governments and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa leadership have indicated strong support for this proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners on January 27, 2020, did previously request authorization to conduct a voter referendum for a one half of one percent (0.50%) LOST in effect for 20 years or less to raise an anticipated \$1.8 million annually used to pay for construction for a new correctional facility, jail and regional female offender program with a total project cost of \$40 million; and

WHEREAS, upon further research and study it has become necessary to request authorization to amend the previous request to a total project cost of up to \$60 million with the LOST in effect for 30 years or less.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners hereby requests authorization to conduct a voter referendum for a one half of one percent (0.50%) LOST to raise an anticipated \$1.8 million annually used to pay for construction for a new correctional facility, jail and regional female offender program with a total project cost of up to \$60 million.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proposed LOST will be in effect for 30 years or less as determined by debt satisfaction and is expected to raise approximately \$54 million to meet the costs of new facility.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to authorize the purchase of Navigate 360 Workplace Safety and Wellness Suite including Alert,

Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (ALICE) training and eLearning maintenance over a period of three years at a total cost of \$32,100.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes except Proulx who voted nay to approve extending a contract for services not to exceed an additional \$15,000.00 with Anthony Mancuso, an independent consultant, for advice on space use in county buildings and the hiring of jail construction management and architect and engineer services.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve increasing to 40 hours the normal work week of the Paralegal position in the County Attorney's Office effective February 16, 2021.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve setting a Jail Project Working Committee Meeting on the third Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Transportation Building at 1630 Highway 61, Carlton, until further notice.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve posting and filling the position of County Auditor/Treasurer and further to approve overlap with the current Auditor/Treasurer as needed.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to adjourn to a closed session.

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

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes except Peterson who voted nay to authorize ratification of 2021 labor contracts with Carlton County Teamsters and AFSCME Assistant County Attorney Units

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, 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