

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
REGULAR SESSION - Rough Draft
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 12th day of April, 2022, in Regular Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Bodie, Peterson, Proulx, and Thell. Absent: Brenner.

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

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2022, Adjourned Board meeting.

Employee Service Awards were presented by Steve Trenhaile as follows:

10 Years	Jodi Houck	Sheriff's Department
10 Years	Kristy Scott	PHHS Department
20 Years	Pamela Dearborn	PHHS Department
20 Years	Pamela Lonne	PHHS Department
20 Years	Mark Timmer	Transportation Department
30 Years	Lisa Anderson-Reed	PHHS Department

Emergency Medical Service Awards were presented as follows:

EMS Person of the Year Award	Jim Fundine, Mahtowa Fire Dept
Lifetime Achievement Award	Jon Fundine, Mahtowa Fire Dept
Friend of EMS	Dylan Bridges, Carlton County

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve out of state travel for the County Assessor to attend The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) on August 28-31 in Boston, MA. Grant/Scholarship funds offset a majority of the expenses.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve refilling an Office Support position in the Public Health & Human Services department.

Recognition of the Accounting Department in Public Health and Human Services from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Commissioner for the timely and properly filed fiscal and statistical reports for 2021.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the Zoning & Environmental Services Office to serve as repository for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) appeal data from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) .

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the 2022 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Budget and Plan in the amount of \$101,030.05. Legislative Aid dollars from the State fund the program.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to adopt the following resolution (22-032):

WHEREAS, Carlton County is the Local Unit of Government (LUG) Sponsor for various snowmobile and ATV clubs based in Carlton County for Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) Grant in Aid (GIA) Trail programs; and

WHEREAS, Wood City Riders (the Club) is a snowmobile club sponsored by Carlton County; and

WHEREAS, Wood City Riders maintains as a Grant in Aid snowmobile trail running easterly from the intersection of US Highway 2 and MN Hwy 33 towards Saginaw MN post office, and

WHEREAS, the Trail crosses US Highway 2 approximately one-half mile west of the US Highway 2/MN 194 split at an unrecorded crossing and trail segment within the Right of Way of US 2, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN DOT) has requested Carlton County as Sponsor of Wood City Riders to enter into a Limited Use Permit for this crossing and trail segment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners acting as Sponsor for Wood City Riders snowmobile club hereby approve entering into a Limited Use Permit with MN DOT for the crossing and trail segment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the responsibility for the Limited Use Permit to be issued by the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Transportation.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to adopt the following resolution (22-033):

WHEREAS, Carlton County is the Local Unit of Government (LUG) Sponsor for various snowmobile and ATV clubs based in Carlton County for Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) Grant in Aid (GIA) Trail programs; and

WHEREAS, Wood City Riders (the Club) is a snowmobile club sponsored by Carlton County; and

WHEREAS, Wood City Riders desires to build a connector trail from the eastern terminus of their Grant in Aid Trail near the intersection of US Highway 2 and MN Hwy 194 in Saginaw, MN, thence easterly along the Right of Way of US Highway 2 to its intersection with St Louis County Road 98, aka Canosia Road in Solway Township, and there terminating, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN DOT) and St. Louis County Transportation require LUG support of the project as trail sponsor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners acting as Sponsor for Wood City Riders snowmobile club hereby approve of the Club's intent to build and maintain a connector trail from the its eastern terminus at US 2 and MN 194 easterly along US 2 to St Louis County road 98 (Canosia Road).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the responsibility for the Limited Use Permit to be issued by the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Transportation.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve the County Auditor to sign the permit on behalf of sponsorship by Carlton County for the Trail Grant in Aid program with Members Cooperative Credit Union for the Wood City Riders Trail.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to set a County Timber Auction for 10:00 a.m., May 12, 2022, 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 in the Land Department Offices.

At 9:00 a.m. a motion was made by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to recess the regular meeting for a Public Hearing regarding Potential Redistricting for County Commissioners. County Auditor/Treasurer Provided information about redistricting in Carlton County. Nathan Barta, Esko Resident, presented a plan for redistricting involving movement of all commissioner districts. No additional written plans were received or presented.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to adjourn the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to adopt the following resolution (22-034):

BE IT RESOLVED by the Carlton County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the State of Minnesota Agreement No. 1047572, "Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition," for State Project No. A0902-66 at the Cloquet – Carlton County Airport is accepted.
2. That the County Board Chair, and the County Auditor/Treasurer, are authorized to execute this agreement and any amendments on behalf of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Peterson who voted nay, and Brenner who was absent, to approve a \$5 agate picking permit to start May 1.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to adopt the following resolution (22-035):

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

WHEREAS, it has become desirous for Carlton County to lease certain premises within the Cloquet Carlton County Airport to Venture North Aviation, LLC for the purpose of Fixed Base Operations (FBO).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and approve entering into a Fixed Base Operator Lease Agreement with Venture North Aviation, LLC.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to adopt the following resolution (22-036):

WHEREAS emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Carlton County 9-1-1 emergency communications center; and

WHEREAS Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Carlton County Sheriff's Office have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners declares the week of April 10 through 16, 2022, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Carlton County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve a grant contract extension for the 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Contract Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Carlton County to December 31, 2022. The Federal Grant amount is for \$114,000.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve out of state travel for the County Emergency Management Director to attend an Instructor Training Course at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) on April 24-29 in Anniston, AL. Expenses are paid by the CDP.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve refilling a provisional Attorney position in the County Attorney's department for 24 months. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will be used for the position.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except for Brenner who was absent, to approve Registered Land Survey No. 20 in City of Wrenshall, contingent upon all required documentation and fees being properly submitted to the County Registrar of Titles.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to approve updates to the county lactation policy as on file in the Coordinator's office.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, to accept the expenditure listing for February 2022 as follows:

Fund 1	Revenue	1,789,348.39
Fund 10	Road and Bridge	621,721.04
Fund 11	Public Health & Human Services	1,429,067.74
Fund 27	Cap Projects - Justice Center	13,626.12
Fund 71	Motor Vehicle	324,609.23
Fund 73	State Fund	96,514.71
Fund 74	Forfeited Tax	22,611.59
Fund 75	Economic Development (IRRRB)	20,144.40
Total		\$4,317,643.22

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes, except Brenner who was absent, that this meeting be adjourned.

Attest:

Kevin DeVriendt
County Auditor/Treasurer

Gary Peterson
County Board Chairperson