

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
ADJOURNED SESSION - Rough Draft
Monday, June 22, 2020
4:00 p.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 22nd day of June, 2020, in Adjourned Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Bodie called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Brenner (by video), Bodie, Proulx, Thell, Peterson. 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 Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2020, adjourned meeting.

Charles Young presented information on the effects of the renaming of County Road 140 to County Road 13. The Transportation and GIS offices explained the process by which the United States Postal Service and mapping providers were regularly provided updated address information and will reach out to the mapping providers again.

Melanie Bomier, Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), presented information on the Nemadji One Watershed, One Plan draft summary overview. The presentation is available on the SWCD website.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to suspend the adjourned meeting at 4:30 p.m. to consider public input on proposed changes to Soo Line Trail Ordinance #14 and the adoption of the proposed Soo Pits Ordinance. Written and in-person comments were submitted.

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

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (20-63):

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. 471.59, subd.10, the State is empowered to engage such assistance as deemed necessary, and under Minn. Stat. 84.027 and 97A.045 the State is empowered to engage in natural resource management, and the State is in need of assistance and desires to implement a cooperative wildlife habitat program, coordinate wildlife projects, and maintain and improve public access and recreation on lands owned or administered by the County for the purpose of natural resource management; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Statute 477A.14 the County is authorized to implement wildlife habitat management programs on county tax-forfeited lands they administer, and the County desires to implement wildlife habitat programs on County managed tax forfeited lands in cooperation with the State for the purposes of natural resource management, and the County is responsible for the protection, administration and management of County managed tax forfeited lands within the boundaries of the County; and

WHEREAS, the State and the County desire to promote cooperation between agencies, prevent misunderstandings and minimize administrative time and expense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota acting through its Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to cooperate and coordinate projects for wildlife habitat, public access, and public recreation on county managed tax forfeited lands according to the agreement on file in the County Land Commissioner's Office, effective through July 1, 2025.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to authorize the County Auditor to sell tax-forfeited property described as New Mahtowa Block 1, Lots 5 and 6, to the Township of Mahtowa under blight conditions as outlined in Minn. Statutes 282.01, subd. 7a.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to set a Public Hearing on July 27, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. at the Carlton County Transportation Building for input and comment on the Carlton County Transportation Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (20-64):

WHEREAS, the contract with Northland Constructors for bituminous surfacing, aggregate shouldering, and pavement markings for SAP 009-608-019 (Low) 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 one-hundred twenty-five thousand, twenty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents (\$125,028.64) to Northland Constructors.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve a one-year temporary reorganization plan for the Transportation Department effective June 22, 2020, as on file in the Human Resources Office.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the appointment of Brianna Speldrich as a member of the Governor's Council of Minnesota's Coastal Program.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes except Proulx who voted nay to approve entering into a contract for services not to exceed \$10,000.00 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 Proulx, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the development by the County Coordinator's office of a county-wide diversity plan with the inclusion of a diversity component in the County mission statement.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (20-65):

WHEREAS, The Federal Government through the CARES Act established a \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, The CARES Act funds are intended to cover the following expenses: 1) any expenses that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), 2) expenses that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for the local government, and 3) expenses that were incurred during the period that begins March 1, 2020, and end on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has the responsibility for distributing approximately \$853 million in CARES Act funds to counties, cities, and other municipalities who did not receive their allotted CARES Act monies directly from the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that the State will be distributing these CARES Act funds in the very near future and local governments will be required to pass a resolution certifying their acceptance of those funds; and

WHEREAS, the resolution must indicate for the Commissioner of Revenue that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners certifies that it will accept and spend the aid

distributions from the Coronavirus Relief Federal Fund consistent with the requirements of the federal CARES Act (Public Law 116-136), and that the County Coordinator, along with guidance from the Board of Commissioners, is directed to develop or expand programs, consistent with federal and state guidance and regulations as they become available, to address county and community needs that may be funded from the CARES Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners certifies by resolution its acceptance of aid distributions from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund consistent with the requirement of the federal CARES Act, and its intent to spend those aid distributions on programs to address county and community needs associated with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in a manner consistent with federal and state guidance and regulations as they become available.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the appointment of Leah Pykkonen to the Carlton County Human Services Advisory Committee.

The County Coordinator gave an update on the reopening of court offices and expected renovations within the County Courthouse.

Commissioners requested reports on the activity of various county committees.

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

Attest: _____
Kathryn Kortuem
Acting County Auditor/Treasurer

Marv Bodie
County Board Chairperson