

**Carlton County
Board of Commissioners
REGULAR SESSION - Rough Draft
Tuesday August 13, 2019
8:30 a.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 13th day of August in Regular Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

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

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

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

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2019, Adjourned Board Meeting.

Employee Service Awards were presented as follows:

Carrie Umpierre	Public Health and Human Services	20 Years
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Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to accept a one-year, \$35,000 grant from Health Resources and Services Administration to address opioid prevention activities and continue Carlton County Drug Prevention Coalition activities.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling 0.7 FTE Licensed Practical Nurse position and 0.5 FTE Public Health Educator position as 0.9 FTE Public Health Educator.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (19-083):

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners did previously enter into a one year agreement with Retrofit Companies (TRC) for the collection of electronics recyclable materials from the Carlton County Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, the agreement allows for up to three one-year extensions of the contract; and

WHEREAS, two one-year extensions are remaining.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and approve the second one-year extension of the agreement with Retrofit Companies (TRC) for the collection of Electronics recyclable materials from the Carlton County Transfer Station.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve an increase in the Zoning Office Consulting Fees budget of \$2,500 for additional updates to Carlton County Zoning Ordinance #27.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to accept the recommendation of the Carlton County Planning Commission and approve the following Interim Use Permit in accordance with Findings of Fact and associated amended conditions as on file in the Zoning Office:

No. 419004, Jeanne Smith (and Derrick Wehr) to operate a vehicle repair business which includes only electrical work for police vehicles on property described as part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 48 North, Range 17 West in Twin Lakes Township (PIN 81-030-2632).

Motion by Thell, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the following Re-zoning Request:

No. 519002, Julie Oswald, to re-zone property described as Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23 Township 46 North, Range 19 West in Moose Lake Township (PIN 63-022-2545) from A-1 Agriculture/Forest Management District to A-2 Agriculture/Rural Residential District.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (19-084):

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is the Agency administering the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant; and

WHEREAS, the application period for grant applications opened on August 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Land Commissioner desires to apply for grant funding to purchase parcels of land identified as:

1. The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Town 46N Range 17W (PID 86-030-3880)
2. The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20 Town 49N Range 21W (PID 42-010-3080, 3170); and

WHEREAS, Authorization from the County Board by Resolution is a requirement of application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Land Commissioner is authorized to seek funding through the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant program administered by the MN Department of Natural Resources to pursue the purchase of Tracts of Land identified by Parcel Identification Numbers as 86-030-3880, 42-010-3130 and 42-010-3160.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (19-085):

WHEREAS, the abandoned Genola to Superior Soo Line Railroad Right of Way is County Fee Land and was purchased by Carlton County on February 21, 1992, Carlton County Recorder's Office Document #281274; and

WHEREAS, Carlton County Ordinance #14 dated May 23rd 1988, and amended April 14, 1992, governing the use of this right of way allows for special permits to be issued allowing certain specific uses on this right of way provided in the ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners approves reissuance of all current crossings over the Soo Line Trail for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2024.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (19-086):

WHEREAS, the contract with Hardrives Inc. for grading and bituminous surfacing on County State Aid Highway 10 from 750 feet South of T.H. 73 to Konieska Road, S.A.P. 009-610-011, 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 Twenty Eight Thousand, Twelve Dollars and Thirty Nine Cents (\$28,012.39) to Hardrives Inc.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve hosting a 1.0 FTE Americorps VISTA member from September 2019 through August 2020, funded by Americorps grant with matching funds in existing budget.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve retaining services of an outside counsel to review Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) investigation of officer involved shooting.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the payment of up to \$300 per year for 2018 and 2019 to Hebert-Kennedy VFW Post 3979 of Cloquet, American Legion Post 415 of Barnum, and American Legion Pedersen Maunula Post 379 of Moose Lake for partial reimbursement of Memorial Day services costs.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to table consideration of approval for attendance of County Veterans Service Officers at CVSO–NACVSO Annual National Conference in 2020.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve an unpaid four- to eight-week medical leave of absence beginning August 9, 2019, for a Public Health and Human Services staff person.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Animals in County Building Policy.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to approve the expenditure listing for June 2019 as follows:

Revenue	\$1,392,603.22
Road and Bridge	782,035.86
Public Health & Human Services	1,987,840.87
Motor Vehicle	454,459.51
State Fund	1,607,200.69
Forfeited Tax	46,200.76
Economic Development Fund	252,504.08
Refunding	1,676.00
HS Agency Fund LCTS	18,034.73
Schools	3,861,564.86
Total	\$10,404,120.58

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

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the placement of Water Fill Stations in County buildings.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Bodie, and carried by all yea votes to authorize and instruct the County Board Chairperson to submit a Letter of Support on behalf of Encore! Performing Arts and the Fond du Lac Tribe in their efforts to secure a grant from the National Endowment of Arts.

Motion by Proulx, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to suspend the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. to open a Public Hearing to consider input on a proposed resolution to change the County Auditor/Treasurer position from elected to appointed. In-person and written communications were accepted.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (19-087):

WHEREAS the offices of the Carlton County Auditor and Treasurer have been previously consolidated into the office of the Carlton County Auditor/Treasurer; and

WHEREAS the office of the Carlton County Auditor/Treasurer is currently an elective office; and

WHEREAS the Carlton County Auditor/Treasurer resigned effective May 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS the office of County Auditor/Treasurer is currently vacant within the meaning of Minn. Stat. § 351.02(2); and

WHEREAS the Carlton County Board of Commissioners wants to ensure that the individual holding this position possesses the skills and/or experience necessary to properly carry out the responsibilities of this position; and

WHEREAS the office of Carlton County Auditor/Treasurer may be rendered an appointive office by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.1205, subd. 6; and

WHEREAS the August 13, 2019, meeting of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners did provide an opportunity for public comment on the Board's decision.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.1205, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners shall render the office of Carlton County Auditor/Treasurer appointive, effective September 13, 2019.

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

Attest: _____
Kathryn Kortuem
Acting County Auditor/Treasurer

Richard Brenner
County Board Chairperson

