

**Carlton County  
Board of Commissioners  
REGULAR SESSION - Rough Draft  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020  
8:30 a.m.**

The Carlton County Board of Commissioners met this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October in Regular Session at the Carlton County Transportation Building.

Chairperson Bodie called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Brenner (by video), Bodie, Proulx (by video), Thell, and 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 Thell, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes carried by all yea votes to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2020, Adjourned Board Meeting.

Justin Kroeger of Gallagher presented information on health insurance trends and future options.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve refilling a Social Worker position in the Public Health and Human Services Disabilities Services Unit.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the first of three possible one-year extensions of the Agreement for Transportation of Recyclable Mattresses with Waste Management, effective November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the reappointment, effective as of January 1, 2021, of Byron Kuster and Sam Huhta to the Carlton County Planning Commission.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes except Proulx who abstained, to table action on Conditional/Interim Use Permit #420004, Alex R. Omar, for a temporary contractor construction yard supporting Enbridge Energy Line 3 until the October 26, 2020, board meeting.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all ye a votes to approve the following resolution (20-095):

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on September 28, 2020, to take public comment on a proposed lease for peat between Carlton County, the State of Minnesota and Premier Horticulture, and

WHEREAS, no public comments were received at the meeting nor before or after the meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners approve the Lease between Carlton County, the State of Minnesota and Premier Horticulture pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement between Carlton County and the State of Minnesota, to mine peat resources located in Beseman Township further identified as:

East Half of Southwest Quarter (E1/2-SW1/4) in Section Twenty-one (21); West Half of Southeast Quarter (W1/2-SE1/4) in Section Twenty-one (21); Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SW1/4-SE1/4) in Section Twenty-one (21); Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW1/4-NE1/4) in Section Twenty-eight (28), except the South Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (S1/2-S1/2-NW1/4-NE1/4); Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE1/4-NW1/4) Section Twenty-eight (28), except the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4-SE1/4-NW1/4); all in Township Forty-nine (49) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, containing 250 acres, more or less, together, referred to as the "tax-forfeited lands"; and

The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4-SE1/4), Section Twenty (20), Township Forty-nine (49) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, except the West Half of the West Half of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2-W1/2-SE1/4-SE1/4), containing 30 acres, more or less, referred to as the "school trust lands".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for valuable consideration and pursuant to said laws, the Carlton County Auditor, acting on behalf of the State of Minnesota, in trust for the taxing districts, does hereby grant to the State of Minnesota, a perpetual non-exclusive easement for public road, trail, and access purposes, including ingress, egress, and utility purposes, together with the unrestricted right to improve the same upon, over, and across certain lands owned by the State described as follows:

The West Sixty-six feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; the South Sixty-six feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; the South Sixty-six feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; the East Sixty-six feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; and the East Sixty-six feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; all in Section Thirty-five (35), Township Forty-seven North (47N), Range Twenty-one West (21W), Automba Township.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (20-096):

BE IT RESOLVED, that Carlton County, a Minnesota county, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Grantor", does hereby grant unto the City of Barnum, a Minnesota municipal corporation, the Grantee, hereinafter referred to as the "City", its successors and assigns, forever, a permanent easement for public drainage and utility purposes over, on, across, under and through the land situated in the County of Carlton, State of Minnesota, legally described as part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 2, Township 46, Range 19, commencing at the intersection of the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the southeasterly right-of-way line of County Highway No. 61; thence northeasterly, along last described right-of-way line, a distance of 255.63 feet to the actual point of beginning of the easement herein described; thence continuing northeasterly, along last described right-of-way line, a distance of 40.00 feet; thence southeasterly, at right angles, a distance of 35.00 feet; thence southwesterly, at right angles, a distance of 40.00 feet; thence northwesterly at right angles, a distance of 35.00 feet to said point of beginning (PID 39-026-0311);

INCLUDING the rights of the City, its contractors, agents, servants, and assigns, to enter upon the Easement Property at all reasonable times to construct, reconstruct, inspect, repair, and maintain said public drainage and utility systems over, across, on, under, and through the easement premises, together with the right to grade, level, fill, drain, pave, and excavate the Easement Property, and the further right to remove trees, bushes, undergrowth, and other obstructions interfering with the location, construction, and maintenance of said public drainage and utility systems.

FURTHER, the above-named Grantor, for themselves, their successors, and assigns, do covenant with the City, its successors and assigns, that they are well seized in fee title of the Easement Property; that they have the sole right to grant and convey the easement to the City; that there are no unrecorded interests in the Easement Property; and they will indemnify and hold the City harmless for any breach of the foregoing covenants.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (20-097):

WHEREAS, the contract with Redstone Construction, LLC for SAP 009-611-004, for the construction of the Approach Grading and Bridge No. 09534 on CSAH 11 over the Nemadji Creek, approximately 0.8 miles north of the junction with CSAH 8; and

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 Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$78,711.82) to Redstone Construction, LLC.

Motion by Thell, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve setting the fee for providing and installing 9-1-1 signs at \$85.00, effective January 1, 2021.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to approve the following resolution (20-098):

IT IS RESOLVED that Carlton County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1044908 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use and maintenance of County Road No. 120 and County Road No. 122 as a detour route and for the County's and State's contributions to bringing the condition of County Road No. 123 between Trunk Highway No. 73 and County Road No. 120 up to an acceptable standard before the State detours Trunk Highway No. 73 traffic during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 210 from 1,025 feet west of the intersection of Trunk Highway No. 73 to 274 feet east of the centerline of Elm Street and on Trunk Highway No. 73 from the north radius of the intersection of Trunk Highway No. 210 to 264 feet south of South Alley under State Project No. 0915-32 (T.H. 210=002).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer and the County Auditor are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Peterson, and carried by all yea votes to approve the adoption of the Carlton County Technology, Network, Internet Use and Email Policy, as on file in the County Coordinator's Office.

Motion by Bodie, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to accept the Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx, and carried by all yea votes to approve the expenditure listing for August 2020 as follows:

Fund 1	Revenue	\$1,851,421.55
Fund 10	Road and Bridge	1,174,489.38
Fund 11	Public Health & Human Services	1,528,486.33
Fund 30	Cap Outlay Barnum Garage Project	1,010,766.79
Fund 32	2016 Refi 2010A/B CSC CIP	450.00
Fund 71	Motor Vehicle	324,316.74
Fund 73	State Fund	167,416.63
Fund 74	Forfeited Tax	21,283.42
Fund 75	Economic Development (IRRRB)	20,887.36
Fund 76	Refunding Fund	101.00

Fund 77	HS Agency Fund LCTS	43,007.39
Total		<u>\$6,142,626.59</u>

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Thell, and carried by all yea votes to authorize entering into an Agreement for Consulting Services with USI Consulting Group, Inc. (USICG, formerly known as Hildi Inc.) to provide actuarial services related to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75 for Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB).

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

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

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 Marv Bodie  
 Board Chairperson