

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Two Harbors will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 23, 2020 and Monday November 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, via Zoom electronic video conference, to consider the ordering the sidewalk improvements on South Avenue and 5th Street in Two Harbors, Minnesota pursuant to Minn. Stat. 429.011 to 429.111. You may be heard as provided below at either of both of these hearings.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$92,925.00. Information on the estimated improvement cost and a reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the Hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this Public Hearing by joining the electronic video conference at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87660100148?pwd=MTcrSUZpY0RHRm40dzhsSUh4L0QvZz09

(Please also see connection instructions found on the City website: www.twoharborsmn.gov) or by submitting comments via email at: info@twoharborsmn.gov; or in writing to: Two Harbors City Council, 522 1st Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616.

Written or email comments must be received at City Hall on or before 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020 for the November 23, 2020 hearing or before 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 27, 2020 for the November 30 2020 hearing.

BY THE ORDER OF THE CITY OF TWO HARBORS

Patricia D. Nordean City Clerk

Dated: November 16, 2020

Northshore Journal: November 20 & 27, 2020

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Lake County Board of Commissioners' meeting was held as a virtual meeting. At virtual meetings of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, board actions are by roll call vote if any board members are participating from a remote location. Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas.

Lake County Board members present in the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota: District 1 Commissioner Peter "Pete" R. Walsh, District 2 Commissioner Derrick "Rick" L. Goutermont, District 4 Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd, and District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. County Board member present by remote video communications: District 3 Commissioner Richard "Rick" C. Hogenson. Board member absent: None. Others absent: Lake County Administrator Matthew Huddleston. Also present in the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, Two Harbors, Minnesota: Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine M. McCarthy. Also present by remote video communications: Lake County Health and Human Services (LCHHS) Director Lisa B. Hanson and Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, welcomed attendees, and asked attendees to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was made available to the public to join remotely by telephone by dialing 1-888-742-5095 and entering Participant Code: 7635925916. In-person attendance is not allowed at this time. Lake County buildings are closed to the public due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Public comments will not be heard during the board meeting during this time of closure. Written comments are welcome and may be submitted in writing by email to clerk.board@co.lake.mn.us or by United States Postal Service (USPS) mail addressed to Lake County Service Center, Attn: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND HURD: 01 - Approval of the agenda. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None

Board Chairperson Sve requested a COVID-19 update from LCHHS Department Director Lisa Hanson. Ms. Hanson discussed drastic increases in COVID-19 case counts. The pandemic is having a significant impact globally, regionally, and locally. Decisions on how students attend school in our district are based on our 14-day case rate and other local case data. Ms. Hanson reminded attendees that it takes all of us to keep our community safe, and to stay home if you are sick, if you are waiting for COVID-19 test results, if you have tested positive for COVID-19, and/or if you have had close contact or live with somebody who has tested positive for COVID-19 (even if you don't feel sick). Lake County Public Health provides an e-newsletter regularly to keep community members updated on the COVID-19 situation.

Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine M. McCarthy updated the Board of Commissioners on ordinance review, public hearing to be scheduled, and proposed amendments that may be brought forward for board action before the end of the year.

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 02 - Approve Consent Agenda as presented.

- 1. Approve Special Meeting minutes of October 6, 2020, for the final plat approval for P-19-001, Lac Superieur Acres.
2. Approve Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes of October 13, 2020.
3. Approve Health and Human Services claims payments in the following amounts:
a. Administrative payments \$ 21,608.51
b. Region III Adult Behavioral Health Initiative payments \$ 136,949.19

- 4. Approve application for Minnesota Exempt Lawful Gambling Permit by Voyageur Snowmobile Club of Two Harbors to conduct a raffle. Drawing to be held February 20, 2021 at 2502 Hwy 2 Two Harbors, MN 55616.

- 5. Approve payment in the amount of \$5,587.19 (invoice #34155) to SeaChange Print Innovations for 2020 General Election ballots.

- 6. Approve and authorize the County Recorder to sign the Acceptance and Authorization Agreement with US Imaging, Inc. for scanning and integrating the Deed Record Books at an estimated cost of \$45,063.02 to be paid for out of the Recorder's Technology Fund reserves.

- 7. Approve purchase of winter road salt from Morton Salt through the State CPV Contract S-763(5) in the amount of \$62.11 per ton (delivered to Two Harbors) and \$69.46 per ton (delivered to Finland), payable upon delivery through May 31, 2021.

- 8. Authorize the Board Chair and relevant Department Heads to sign a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Two Harbors for the reconstruction of 4th Avenue (CSAH 35), 7th Street (CSAH 20), 8th Street (CSAH 30) and adjoining city streets. The proposed project will utilize local funding by the City of Two Harbors and State Aid Highway funding under project numbers SAP 038-620-010, SAP 038-630-001, and SAP 038-635-001.

- 9. Authorize the Highway Engineer to sign a letter of support, on behalf of Lake County, for the City of Silver Bay's application for 2021 State Park Road Account funding for road improvements on East Lakeview Road for Black Beach Park access.

- 10. Authorize the Board Chair and Highway Engineer to sign an agreement with MnDOT to provide

winter roadway maintenance services on CR 221 (Split Rock State Park Access) and Old Highway 61 in Beaver Bay Township through June 2021, for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

- 11. Authorize payment for the repair of Loader #5113 for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

- 12. Request approval for cancellation of Certificate of Forfeiture regarding parcel # 28-6311-20880 as recorded in Forfeiture Certificate A000125890, Book 114 of Deeds page 299 and described in said Forfeiture Document as, "that part of Lot 8 as described in Book 58 of Deeds, page 504". This parcel was erroneously forfeited in 1993 due to non-transfer to the new party by deed in 1971.

- 13. Approve abatement of 2020 taxes payable for parcel 22-7470-10360. North Shore Area Partners, a qualifying exempt organization purchased the property March of 2020 making taxes in 2021 exempt and requests an abatement of the current year 2020 taxes.

- 14. Accept quote from Larson Services, which is the low bid for snow removal, for the snow plowing contract for 2020/2021 season for the Lake County Courthouse, Law Enforcement Center, Service Center, and Recycle Center Facilities in Two Harbors.

- 15. Adopt the findings of the Planning Commission for Interim Use Application I-20-015 for Eric and Diane Lindberg.

- 16. Approve the appointment of Lake County Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy as Lake County's eighth voting delegate for the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), filling Lake County's voting delegate vacancy after the resignation of the former Lake County Highway Engineer Krysten Foster. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 03 - Approve the reappointment of Gregg Swartwout, County Assessor, effective January 1, 2021 through December 1, 2024. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 04 - Approve the probationary appointment of Enoch Fischer to Dispatcher/Jailer at the Step 2 rate of \$20.61 per hour effective October 28, 2020. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND HURD: 05 - Approve the probationary appointment of Marcy Bentler to Administrative Assistant at the Step 2 rate of \$17.71 per hour effective November 2, 2020. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION WALSH, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 06 - Approve the change in employment status of Alex McGrath, Deputy Sheriff, due to the completion of probation effective October 22, 2020. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 07 - Authorize the following name to be removed from the 2020 General Election Absentee Ballot Board: County Auditor Linda Libal. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION HOGENSON, SECOND WALSH: 08 - Award Grants to Support COVID-19 Planning and Response in Lake County Congregate Care Facilities (Round 2) as recommended by the Grant Committee, and authorize Lake County Health and Human Services to release grant funds to these entities. The Grant Committee recommends awarding grants as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Facility, Amount. Includes Maple View Adult Foster Home (AFH) \$5,000.00, The Waterview Shores Assisted Living (AL) \$6,636.29, Barross Cottages I \$7,500.00, Barross Cottages II \$7,500.00, Barross Manor \$7,500.00, Minnesota Veterans Home \$4,425.00, Carefree Living \$10,000.00. Total: \$48,561.29. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND HURD: 09 - Award the Small Business Relief Grants (Round 2) as recommended by the Lake County CARES Grant Committee for the second Business grant cycle, and authorize the County Auditor to release grant funds to these entities. The Grant Committee recommends awarding grants as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Business Name, Amount. Includes Moose Shore \$10,000.00, North Shore Landing \$10,000.00, Kick Start Preschool and Child Care Center Na-cho Bizness \$10,000.00, Food Truck \$5,000.00, Bri Esa's Convenience Store \$5,000.00, Evolve - a Salon \$5,000.00, Wildly Organic \$10,000.00, Vanilla Bean Restaurant \$10,000.00, Lou's Fish House \$5,000.00, Burlington Station \$5,000.00, PureDriven \$10,000.00, Hull's Sawmill \$5,000.00, Ruth's Gourmet \$10,000.00, Lemon Wolf Cafe \$5,000.00, SalonHaven \$5,000.00, Endless Summer Farms LLC \$5,000.00, First Impressions \$5,000.00, Styling Salon \$5,000.00, The New Hairitage \$5,000.00, Hair Salon \$5,000.00. Total: \$125,000.00. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

MOTION HURD, SECOND WALSH: 10 - Adjourn Board of Commissioners meeting at 3:04 PM. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners will convene for the following meetings to be held at the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

- Agenda meeting at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
• Regular meeting at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.
• Budget meeting at 9:00 AM on Friday, November 13, 2020.

ATTEST: Laurel D. Buchanan Clerk of the Board Rich Sve, Board Chairperson Lake County Board of Commissioners

Northshore Journal: November 20, 2020

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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Also present by remote video communications: Lake County Health and Human Services (LCHHS) Director Lisa Hanson, County Administrator Matthew Huddleston, Highway Engineer Jason DiPiazza, County Auditor Linda Libal, Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan, Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Director Tara Solem and SWCD board member Doug Haus.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve called to order at 2:00 PM, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The meeting was made available to the public to join remotely by telephone by dialing 1-888-742-5095 and entering Participant Code: 7635925916. Board Chairperson Rich Sve announced that the phone line is in listen-only mode. No public comments will be taken over the phone. Written comments are welcome and may be submitted in writing by email to clerk.board@co.lake.mn.us or by United States Postal Service (USPS) mail addressed to Lake County Service Center, Attn: County Administrator Matthew Huddleston, 616 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616.

Lake County buildings are closed to the public due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic. In-person attendance is not allowed at this time. The public may be allowed into our facilities by appointment only. Constituent Tim Jezierski requested to attend in-person; this was allowed with the requirements of attendees wearing face coverings and maintaining physical distance of a minimum of six feet apart between attendees.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve announced that he is calling an emergency meeting that will take place today after the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole (COW). The purpose of the emergency meeting is for the Lake County Board of Commissioners to make necessary changes to the appointments to the 2020 General Election Absentee Ballot Board. The meeting is being called because of circumstances that, in the judgment of the Chairman require immediate consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve announced that this meeting has been posted as a special meeting. The purpose of the special meeting is to consider and take action on renewal of Lake County's annual subscription of Microsoft Office 365 and associated licenses, and authorizing payment of annual invoice to SHI. Board Chairperson Rich Sve recessed the regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee of the Whole (COW) in order to convene the special meeting at 2:09 PM.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston advised that this action is necessary to correct some invoice issues that we have had with an Information Technology (I.T.) subscription. Payment of the invoice is time-sensitive to avoid disruption of service.

MOTION HURD, SECOND GOUTERMONT: 01 - Authorize payment to SHI in the amount of \$44,158.00 to renew Lake County's annual subscription of Microsoft Office 365 and associated licenses. Reseller has not changed to CompuDyne as previously planned and will remain with SHI. Next renewal will be due 11/1/2021. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None

The special meeting was adjourned at 2:13 PM, and the Board Chairperson Rich Sve resumed the meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

LCHHS Department Director Lisa Hanson provided a weekly COVID-19 situation update. Ms. Hanson reviewed COVID-19 statistics in the State of Minnesota, locally and in the Midwest region of the United States. Lake County Public Health works with local case investigators. County Attorney Russ Conrow joined by remote video communications at 2:18 PM. Ms. Hanson advised that case counts have surged. Lake County Public Health is in communication and coordination with schools, hospitals and other local partners.

Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Director Tara Solem and SWCD board member Douglas Haus introduced themselves. Ms. Tara Solem provided a brief summary of her background and advised that she is

replacing the previous District Manager Karen Tucker. SWCD continues to work with Environmental Services Director Christine McCarthy on the Lake County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program. Ms. Tara Solem advised that Ms. Liz Anderson is our AIS Specialist. Ms. Sonja Smerud has moved on to pursue other interests and is no longer working for Lake County SWCD. Ms. Solem reviewed other projects and priorities that the Lake County SWCD has been working on, in collaboration with Environmental Services on One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) and in coordination with the Highway Department regarding culverts. Ms. Solem discussed the forestry program and Terrestrial Invasive Species (TIS). Mr. Douglas Haus advised that property owners may call and request a site visit. Lake County SWCD provides consultations to people wanting to learn more about the plants on their property, and how to manage plants such as buckthorn and spruce bud worm. Board Chairperson Rich Sve thanked Ms. Solem and Mr. Haus for updating the Board of Commissioners on the work of the SWCD.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston updated the Board of Commissioners on several items of county business. Administrator Huddleston discussed a vacancy in Lake County's list of delegates for the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), discussed potential options for filling the vacancy, and will bring forward a recommendation for board action on October 27. Commissioner Walsh left the meeting at 2:44 PM and returned at 2:47 PM.

County Administrator Matthew Huddleston continued with his update including recruitment. LCHHS Director Lisa Hanson answered questions with respect to her department. Highway Engineer Jason DiPiazza reviewed additional requests for board action. One is a request to sign a letter of support, on behalf of Lake County, for the City of Silver Bay's application for 2021 State Park Road Account funding for road improvements on East Lakeview Road for Black Beach Park access.

Highway Engineer Jason DiPiazza also discussed a request for entering into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to provide winter roadway maintenance services on CR 221 (Split Rock State Park Access) and Old Highway 61 in Beaver Bay Township through June 2021. Commissioners inquired about the 8th Street project open house. Mr. DiPiazza advised that this is planned to take place outdoors at the Minnehaha Elementary School. Commissioners inquired about the Highway 3 culvert replacement and how that project turned out. Mr. DiPiazza advised that the road reopened as scheduled. The Emergency Alert System was used to communicate information regarding the road closure.

County Auditor Linda Libal and County Attorney Russ Conrow advised that they are present for the next meeting.

Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 3:17 PM.

ATTEST: Laurel D. Buchanan Clerk of the Board Rich Sve, Board Chairperson Lake County Board of Commissioners

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Board Chairperson Rich Sve called the Emergency Meeting to order at 3:28 PM, with all board members present. The purpose of the emergency meeting is for the Lake County Board of Commissioners to make changes to the appointments to the 2020 General Election Absentee Ballot Board. The meeting is being called because of circumstances that, in the judgment of the Chairman require immediate consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve reviewed that Lake County Auditor Linda Libal has requested to add names to the 2020 General Election Absentee Ballot Board. Lake County has also received inquiries requesting that people from the two major political parties to serve on that board. County Auditor Linda Libal advised that the process of opening absentee ballots is set to begin on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 10:00 AM. County Auditor Linda Libal received names from the caucus chairs of both major political parties. Ms. Libal provided a primer on the process that is followed when an absentee ballot is received. County Attorney Russ Conrow advised that this process has been in place for many years.

This year we have seen a significant increase in the volume of absentee ballots, in part due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the increase in volume and receiving feedback from concerned citizens, Lake County is in favor of adding election judges to this process and board. Lake County constituent Mr. Tim Jezierski reviewed his concerns about the process. County Attorney Russ Conrow advised that Mr. Jezierski along with others have served Lake County with a Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto and we are in litigation.

MOTION GOUTERMONT, SECOND WALSH: 02 - Authorize the following names to be added to the 2020 General Election Absentee Ballot Board: Maryls Wisch, Jennifer Havlick, Julia Jaeger, John Bathke, Cynthia Ortman, William Ortman, and John Bonk. In the roll call vote, county commissioners voted as follows. Yea: Walsh, Goutermont, Hogenson, Hurd, Sve. Nay: None. Absent: None.

The Emergency Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

ATTEST: Laurel D. Buchanan Clerk of the Board Rich Sve, Board Chairperson Lake County Board of Commissioners

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