

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Grand Marais, Minnesota
August 16, 2016

The Board met in regular session this 16th day of August, 2016, at the Courthouse in Grand Marais, Minnesota.

County Board Chair Doo-Kirk led the Commissioners in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:30 am. Present: Commissioner Sivertson, Doo-Kirk, Gamble, Moe, and Storlie. Absent: Office Support Specialist Bev Wolke. Also present were Attorney Molly Hicken, Administrator Jeff Cadwell, and Auditor-Treasurer Powers.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Storlie to approve the agenda as amended.

No citizens were present for the public comment portion of the meeting.

The Board considered the consent agenda consisting of numerous items that the Board may approve as a whole. County Board Chair Doo-Kirk asked if any Commissioner wanted to remove any items from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda items: Action as a whole.

A. Claims

B. 2016 PC Replacements

Motion was made by Moe, seconded by Gamble, and carried by unanimous vote to accept the above items, including the adoption of the following resolution,

RESOLUTION # 2016-61

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following claims totaling \$ 477,256.02 having been audited and found to be true and correct claims against Cook County, are approved and the Auditor-Treasurer is hereby authorized to draw warrants in payment of said claims:

<u>Revenue Fund</u>	
A-1 Disposal	217.79
AmeriPride Services	42.44
Arrowhead Pharmacy	39.50
Blue Water Cafe LLC	1,099.74
Bucks Hardware Hank	73.58
C D W Government	446.35
Centurylink	51.75
Chateau Leveaux Owners Assoc	19,095.29
City Auto Glass	419.85
Cook County Home Center	544.06
Cook County News Herald Inc	2,130.64
D J Smith Trucking	2,425.00
D S C Communications	230.00
Dalco	461.42
Ekstrom/Leah C	343.20
Eliassen/Donn Erik	220.00
Gamble/Garry	678.19
Grand Marais Auto Parts	9.69
Graybar Inc	104.36
Holiday Inn St Cloud	589.70
Jamar Company/The	1,949.00
Lake County Sheriff	5,100.00
LeSueur County Sheriff	1,000.00

M A C O - Kirk Peysar, Treasurer	300.00
Mille Lacs County Jail	1,499.57
MN Counties Intergov't Trust	300.00
MN Sheriff's Assn	275.00
Nelson Machine Products LLC	1,008.00
Newegg Inc	139.98
North Shore Superior Pest Management	175.00
P S T C	399.00
Peterson/Howard	5,500.00
Sawtooth Mountain Clinic	207.00
Sivertson/Judy	155.85
Superamerica	5.49
Tire And Auto Lodge	20.00
Viking Plumbing & Heating	428.67
Watkins/Rowan	16.74
Weitz/Timothy	75.00
Wireless Broadband Services	3,487.50
<u>Road & Bridge</u>	
Centurylink	39.26
<u>Airport</u>	
Bucks Hardware Hank	26.70
G & G Septic LLC	290.00
R S & H, Inc	55,000.00
<u>YMCA</u>	
Duluth Area Family YMCA	6,993.10
<u>Golf Course Fund 39</u>	
Superior National at Lutsen	4,836.36
<u>Soil & Water</u>	
Cook County Home Center	44.30
<u>Road & Bridge Bills</u>	
11774 Al's Metal Work, Inc.	354.25
14118 Braun Intertec Corporation	8,638.50
80230 Bucks Hardware Hank	76.82
13806 C C P Industries Inc	391.62
11552 Charlie Sawyer	12.00
13865 Cook County Home Center	225.85
80014 Cook County News Herald Inc	177.00
13823 Diamond Mowers Inc	6,331.26
11734 Envirotech Services, Inc.	140,045.26
11555 Erickson Engineering Co LLC	4,444.50
11733 Fastenal Company	518.33
127179 Firstlab	95.90
14835 G & K Services	124.11
13314 Grainger Inc	168.92
81458 Grand Marais Auto Parts	30.22
11740 Higgins, Westley	12.00
13037 Isak Hansen True Value	49.89
14030 Jamar Company/The	6,865.88
14817 K G M Contractors Inc	164,825.00
L H B Engineers & Architects Inc	2,316.75
Lawson Products Inc	196.57
M R Sign Co Inc	3,557.85
Midwest Division-PetroChoice	5,376.94
Mike Rose Excavating	180.00

Northern Engine & Supply Inc	127.79
Nuss Truck & Equipment	473.41
Pernat/Joe	12.00
RT Vision Inc	3,500.00
Snap On Tools	324.40
Sonju Two Harbors LLC	120.90
Steve's Sports & Auto	129.99
Swearingen/Shawn	24.00
Titan Machinery and Rentals	7,710.00
Tools Unlimited	619.60
Towmaster	254.44
Wallner/Jim	450.00

IS & Communication Director Rena Rogers appeared before the board to solicit input on a proposed policy to manage radio tower requests. She presented a draft tower facilities request policy, tower facilities request form, and radio communications towers program vision, the result of meetings of the radio towers working group since June 2016. There was no action taken by the board.

Planning and Zoning Director Tim Nelson appeared before the board with a request to change the name of the current Planning and Zoning Department to Land Services, including the authorization of the administrative costs to implement the name change. The impetus for this request, Nelson explained, was the creation of a new Land Commissioner/Parks and Trails Director position. Motion was made by Doo-Kirk, seconded by Moe and carried to rename Planning and Zoning to Land Services.

Land Services Director Nelson then presented a request to authorize out-of-state travel for David Demmer to attend a conference devoted to issues related to the new trails and land commissioner functions being assigned to his department. Nelson explained that Blue Cross Blue Shield/Moving Matters would pay Demmer's travel and registration costs, with the county paying his wages. Commissioner Sivertson made a request to attend the same conference, without per diem, as alternate to Doo-Kirk on the Moving Matters Committee, with travel and registration expenses paid by BCBS/Moving Matters. Motion was made by Doo-Kirk, seconded by Moe and approved unanimously to authorize both Commissioner Sivertson and David Demmer to attend the 2016 Project for Public Spaces conference in Vancouver, B.C, scheduled for September 12 – 16, 2016.

County Administrator Jeff Cadwell, appeared before the board to recommend support of a letter from the Cook County Commissioners to the Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District recognizing the accomplishments of the One Watershed, One Plan program. Motion was made by Sivertson, seconded by Moe and approved carried to support the comments regarding the One Watershed, One Plan as outlined in the attached letter.

Cadwell then asked the board to consider a resolution submitted by Commissioners Moe and Gamble regarding the proposed listing of the Northwestern Moose under the Endangered Species Act. Commissioner Gamble read eight supporting comments for the action. Motion was made by Moe, seconded by Gamble and carried to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 2016-62

Resolution Opposing the Petition to List the U.S. Population of Northwestern Moose (*Alces Alces Andersoni*) under the Endangered Species Act

WHEREAS, we recognize the moose is an emblematic animal that has been woven into the longstanding social, economic, and cultural fabric of Cook County; and
WHEREAS, listing the moose as endangered or threatened may preclude the very activities, forest harvest management and controlled burning, that create the primary moose habitat; and
WHEREAS, on September 30, 1854, the Grand Portage Band entered into a treaty with the United States government establishing existing boundaries for the Grand Portage Band, along with jurisdiction of tribal hunting and fishing rights within reservation boundaries; and
WHEREAS, one of the terms of a February 1988 out-of-court settlement, in response to a civil action filed in U.S. District Court in 1985 by the Grand Portage Band claiming the State of Minnesota had no jurisdiction over Band members exercising their treaty reserved rights to hunt and

fish in lands ceded under the 1854 Treaty, marked the first time the Bands (Grands Portage, Bois Forte and Fond du Lac) had any real say in how management of moose outside of reservation boundaries was to be handled; and

WHEREAS, with the development of the 1854 Authority's Biological Services Division in 1994, a new era of cooperation began as both funding and Tribal staff contributed to the annual moose survey with the stipulation that there be actual involvement of the Bands in the process; increasing levels of trust on both sides. The involvement of all parties in monitoring and managing the moose resource has led to a good working relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Portage Band has been a leader in researching the moose population and has shown that minimal Tribal subsistence harvest of moose is not detrimental to the moose population; and

WHEREAS, listing the moose as endangered or threatened would affect the Grand Portage Band's treaty rights to harvest moose for subsistence purposes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is determining whether or not to list the moose as an endangered or threatened species based on its analysis of research findings related to: habitat, disease, predation, hunting pressure, fluctuations in weather and other factors; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is the duly elected governing body authorized to speak on behalf of Cook County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the United States Fish and Wildlife Service not list the moose on either the threatened or endangered species list; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners support the Grand Portage Band's right to research the moose population and to take moose for subsistence purposes.

Commissioner Doo-Kirk reminded the board of the groundbreaking for the new veterinarian clinic in the BDA on August 20th at 9 a.m. Commissioner Storlie will attend.

Commissioner Gamble recommended the Personnel Committee meet to work on a policy regarding staffing changes in light of the effects on staff in the Assessor's Department by the creation of the Land Services Department. Commissioner Moe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Doo-Kirk to add two members to the personnel Committee, one being a CCEA member as determined by the CCEA. There was no vote on the motion. Moe amended his motion, seconded by Doo-Kirk that the County Administrator work with the CCEA and other bargaining units to bring at least two names to the county board, for consideration as members on the Personnel Committee, one of which is a CCEA member. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, motion was made and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 12:06 pm.

HEIDI DOO-KIRK, Chair
Cook County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: BRAIDY POWERS
Auditor-Treasurer