

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

Grand Marais, Minnesota
June 21, 2016

The Board met in regular session this 21st day of June, 2016, at the Courthouse in Grand Marais, Minnesota.

County Board Chair Doo-Kirk led the Commissioners in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:45 a.m. Present: Commissioner Sivertson, Koo-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 Moe to remove the Action from item 6.A., stating this was the first time this item was on the agenda. There was no second and the motion failed. Motion was made by Commissioner Sivertson and seconded by Commissioner Storlie to approve the agenda as amended with four ayes and Moe voting nay.

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. Cook County Board Minutes for May 3 & 17, 2016
- C. Ad for Winter Stockpile, CP 10-04
- D. Firewise Contract for Camp Menogyn Area
- E. Joint Powers Election Agreements

Motion was made by Sivertson, seconded by Storlie, and carried by unanimous vote to accept the above items, including the adopting of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 2016-47

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following claims totaling \$166,955.16 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>
BCA - CJTE	420.00
Bucks Hardware Hank	355.63
Cavallin Funeral Home Inc	800.00
Central States Wire Prod Inc	4,040.00
Cook County Home Center	271.58
Cook County News Herald Inc	1,086.14
D J Smith Trucking	5,364.71
Government Forms and Supplies	1,789.68
Graybar Inc	158.80
Handt Fride PA	5,021.30
Johnson/Kathy	31.71
Lexisnexis	598.59
Luick/Aimee D	333.39
M R Sign Co Inc	66.16
Monson/Jeanne	160.00
Nelms/Dusty	416.88
Nordic Electric Of Gm Inc	268.62
Norpine Trail Assn	15,000.00

Northern Wilds Media Inc	88.75
Strand/Pat	30.24
Streicher's	79.94
Superior Boulder Inc.	997.97
Taser International	1,715.67
Western Lake Superior Sanitary	1,443.92
Wiinanen/James	142.11
<u>Airport</u>	
Boreal Access	14.95
R S & H, Inc	88,911.05
<u>Soil & Water</u>	
Bucks Hardware Hank	39.88
Cook County News Herald Inc	120.00
<u>Autopsy Bills</u>	
Bugliosi/Marcy	160.00
Delich/Debra	146.33
Fairview University Medical Center	668.00
Lakeland Pathology P A	810.81
<u>Road & Bridge Bills</u>	
Cook County News Herald Inc	83.13
Acme Tools	954.00
Battery Stuff.Com	431.49
Betts/David	132.96
Bucks Hardware Hank	104.94
C C P Industries Inc	195.20
Cook County Home Center	334.56
D S C Communications	2,053.23
E R Perry Signs LLC	320.00
Erickson Engineering Co LLC	2,665.00
Fastenal Company	294.36
Finn/Kathryn Krotz	315.00
Forestry Suppliers Inc	52.83
Frontier Precision Inc	45.87
G & K Services	99.96
Grand Marais Auto Parts	211.39
Greg's Welding Repair & Mechanical Serv	585.00
Hibbing Community College	2,182.00
Highway Products, Inc.	3,969.00
Lawson Products Inc	329.97
Locators & Supplies	110.10
Midwest Division-PetroChoice	999.21
MN Dept Of Transportation	253.30
MN Pollution Control Agency	841.24
Northern Engine & Supply Inc	162.20
Nuss Truck & Equipment	347.05
Quill Corp	142.15
T H Auto Collision Repair Center	2,655.57
Titan Machinery and Rentals	11,195.00
Towmaster	644.82
V & H Inc	671.44
Wallner/Jim	1,500.00
Ziegler Inc	520.38

State Representative Rob Ecklund appeared before the Board. Representative Ecklund gave an update on results of the 2016 Legislative Session and the outlook for a Special Session later in the summer and invited comments and questions from the commissioners. Representative Ecklund advised commissioners that the best way for a County Board to ensure action on local issues is to create a priority list from the full Board.

County Attorney Molly Hicken appeared before the Board with a proposed amendment to the YMCA/Cook County management agreement. The proposed agreement was negotiated between members of the YMCA Agreements Committee and the Duluth YMCA. Hicken explained that the amendment formalizes an arrangement whereby Cook County will hire a full-time janitor to perform custodial services and light maintenance and repairs at the CCYMCA, for which it will bill the YMCA \$40,000 per year. Motion was made by Commissioner Sivertson, seconded by Commissioner Moe, and carried to approve Amendment I to the CCYMCA Management Agreement as written. Commissioner Moe then made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Storlie, and carried, to approve advertising to fill the custodial position called for in the amendment.

Planning and Zoning Director Tim Nelson appeared before the Board with a request to adopt a resolution opting out of the requirements of recent legislation regarding the regulation of a specific type of dwelling unit specifically designed for the home health care of extended family members, known as “granny pods.” Nelson explained that he has been working with the statewide planning director association to create the opt-out resolution and stated that this is the first time this item appeared on the County Board agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner Moe, seconded by Commissioner Sivertson and carried to table the request until June 28th.

Soil and Water Director Kerrie Berg appeared before the Board with a request to approve an easement as part of the process to alleviate an erosion control problem in the Rosebush Creek area. Commissioner Moe made a motion to table the request to June 28, 2016 to have additional time for consideration of the request, seconded by Commissioner Sivertson and carried. Berg then presented a request to restructure the SWCD staff given her resignation. Commissioner Moe made a motion to table the decision on staffing to June 28, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Gamble and carried.

County Administrator Cadwell suggested that the County Bylaws Committee discuss the policy issue of how new items are brought to the Board meeting agenda, with the goal of resolving the issue by the week of July 4th. The Board agreed with this suggestion by consensus.

Motion by Commissioner Gamble to close the regular session for discussion with the County Attorney on the K. Johnson law suit, seconded by Commissioner Sivertson and carried. Motion by Gamble to open the closed session, seconded by Commissioner Doo-Kirk and carried. Motion by Commissioner Gamble to close the closed session and open the regular session, seconded by Commissioner Doo-Kirk and carried.

County Attorney Molly Hicken stated that the discussion in the closed session regarded a proposal by K. Johnson and she asked the board to make a motion to approve or decline the proposal. Motion by Commissioner Moe to decline the proposal by K. Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Gamble and carried.

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

HEIDI DOO-KIRK, Chair
Cook County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: **BRAIDY POWERS**
Auditor-Treasurer