

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

Grand Marais, Minnesota
May 3, 2016

The Board met in regular session this 3rd day of May, 2016, at the Courthouse in Grand Marais, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Doo-Kirk, Gamble, Storlie, Sivertson, and Moe. Absent: None. Also present were, County Administrator Jeff Cadwell, Auditor-Treasurer Braidy Powers, County Attorney Molly Hicken, and Office Support Specialist Bev Wolke.

County Board Chair Doo-Kirk led the Commissioners in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Moe, seconded by Sivertson, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agenda for the meeting as amended.

No citizens appeared 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.

A. Claims

Motion was made by Sivertson, seconded by Storlie and approved to accept the remaining consent agenda items as presented, including the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 2016-40

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following claims totaling \$300,519.23 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>
Action Fire Protection	771.75
AmeriPride Services	42.44
Dalco	198.99
Grand Marais/City Of	30.00
Heavy Duty Sewing	50.00
IDENTISYS	105.48
Lane/William	107.04
MN Sheriff's Assn	39.00
MN State Board Of Assessors	225.00
My Brothers Place Auto Repair LLC	188.63
North Shore Superior Pest Management	990.00
Oberg/Kirk	41.04
Park Nicollet Health Services	328.10
Sivertson/Jan	278.76
Sivertson/Judy	697.81
Smith/Mike	107.99
State of MN - Treas Div MN Mgmt & Budget	129.59
Storlie/Virginia	208.44
Watkins/Rowan	411.48
Wood/Russell	305.40
<u>EARLY PAYABLES</u>	
Arrowhead Electric Cooperative	2,933.20
Arrowhead Regional Corrections	24,007.67

Centurylink	163.80
Como Oil Co	1,798.30
Doo-Kirk/Heidi	30.00
Metro Sales Inc	434.85
Nelson/Tim	208.44
Northern Wilds Media Inc	312.00
Petty Cash/Aluminum Redemption	355.00
Pitney Bowes	280.50
Public Utilities Commission	9,682.58
Quill Corp	88.36
Sugarloaf-North Shore Stewardship Assn	2,730.94
Tessco Incorporated	473.46
Tri-State Business Systems Inc	29.97
True North Broadband	149.97
Visit Cook County	500.00
Verizon Wireless	250.37
Amazon.com	242.81
Cook County Events & Visitors Bureau	45,528.01
Ely Area Joint Powers Lodging Tax Brd	7,995.39
Grand Marais/City Of	9,700.00
Schroeder/Town Of	982.26
Silver Bay Area Tourism Assn	2,697.33
Tofte/Town Of	14,726.59
MN Comm Of Mmb - Treas Div	4,817.00
MN State Treasurer	297.50
A T & T Mobility	729.07
Bear Track Outfitting Co	4,000.00
Bernier/Cortnee	314.44
Centurylink-Seattle	66.00
Gamble/Garry	1,324.54
Holiday	51.73
MN D N R	55.00
MN Sea Grant	1,080.75
Moe/Frank	509.76
Northern Wilds Media Inc	607.95
Office of MN.IT Services	300.00
Quill Corp	366.99
Rabold/Frank	91.82
Reserve Account	4,000.00
Seaton/David	850.32
Sugarbush Trail Assn	7,575.00
Toshiba Business Solutions USA	1,339.42
Verizon Wireless	31.31
Coates Plaza - Virginia	87.20
Intercontinental - St Paul	2,183.50
Embassy Suites - St Paul	974.49
Calendar Wiz	11.00
Godaddy.com	36.34
Breezy Point	1,421.16
ACT MCMA Conference	515.00
MN Safety Council	80.00
Supreme CT Lawyer	252.00
Holiday - Grand Marais	95.00
Country Inn - Grand Rapids	97.79

Credit Fine Art America	-112.17
La Quinta - Duluth	66.64
Chase on the Lake	69.47
USPS	25.43
UPS	5.90
TLO Transunion	25.00
Containers Store	150.81
Radisson - Bloomington	159.99
Medina Inn	257.15
Streicher's	366.56
MN Sheriff's Assn	270.00
Sheriff's Org	720.00
Safety Restraint Chair	25.00
EB 2016 MN Elders Conf	35.00
DHGate.com	212.94
Galls	334.72
Siegel's Uniforms	107.12
Arrowwood Resort - Alexandria	963.14
Marathon Petro - Hinckley	17.64
Holiday - North Branch	20.41
Holiday - Two Harbors	22.96
Holiday - Grand Rapids	21.12
Amazon.com	609.49
Rugged Computing	2,177.98
Odyssey Group	125.00
USNG Store	1,419.50
The Lodge at Brainerd	495.60
Varidesk	395.00
Smartsign	47.00
Country Inn - Chanhassen	95.12
Days Inn - St Paul	227.97
Americinn - Mounds View	104.15
Cragun's Lodge - Brainerd	527.58
HP Home Store	209.97
Holiday Inn - Duluth	449.81
Days Inn - Mounds View	184.71
Staples Direct	62.52
Petro Plus	48.92
Inn on Lake Superior - Duluth	124.12
Pro Print	612.42
YSI Inc	2,602.13
VWR International	148.43
Wimactel Inc	60.00
Quill Corp	25.98
Arrowhead Electric Cooperative	2,335.35
Cook County News Herald Inc	615.00
Lake County Soil & Water Conservation	3,359.20
Northern Wilds Media Inc	398.00
Pro Print, Inc	292.53
Technical Service Area III	14,500.00
Armbruster/Todd	2,090.00
Auto Owners Insurance	265.00
Centurylink-Seattle	566.50
Holiday	179.27

Lake County Sex Trafficking Task Force	100.00
Mark Maher, Attorney at Law	847.17
Nelson/Tim	143.64
Nesgoda Services LLP	2,044.00
Office Depot	158.98
Toshiba Business Solutions USA	3,893.15
Weberg/Amanda	4,172.03
Centurylink-Seattle	32.80
Edwards Oil	10,938.05
MN D N R, NE Region, Land & Minerals Div	1,550.00
North Shore Oil Co	18,561.79
4-IMPRINT	1,122.84
Como Oil Co	522.07
Cook County Snowmobile Club Inc	21,167.65
Duluth Superior Trophy & Awards Inc	65.00
Heiskari/John	89.64
Jackson's Motor Vehicle Licensing Inc	227.00
Lutsen Trailbreakers	7,905.25
Meyer/Dan	850.00
MN U C Fund	3,165.11
Morris/Christopher	762.04
Nesgoda Services LLP	2,730.00
Office of MN.IT Services	76.95
Petty Cash/Aluminum Redemption	371.00
Quill Corp	541.62
Richard Olson DBA Enviro Design	500.00
Superior Timber Wolves Sportsmen's	5,157.60
Toshiba Business Solutions USA	252.81
Wilson/Donald	94.62
MN U C Fund	841.32
Roy Aero Service	5,000.00
Johnsons Foods	1.94
Larson/Phillip	192.66
Northern Wilds Media Inc	598.19
W T I P Radio	120.00
<u>Property Tax Refunds</u>	
Flieder/Alvin	18.00
Herrmann Trustees/Chas & Emily	94.00
Herron Trustees/Wendell & Linda	54.00
Larson Trust/Terrence & Margaret	44.00
Lynskey/Barbara	42.00
North Shore Title LLC	58.00
Odermatt/Thomas & Nicole	89.00
Scheef Trustee/John	198.00
Wright/Christopher & Kendra	5.41
<u>Sales & Use Tax</u>	
MN Comm of Revenue	280.00

Jeff Cadwell, County Administrator, and David Betts, County Highway Engineer, appeared before the Board to request approval for a proposed purchase agreement with Steve Carlson who lives on the School House Road. The agreement will purchase the triangle between the old Schoolhouse Road and the current School House Road. The Highway Department will then be able to return the old Schoolhouse Road to the right of way and work with property owners to create driveway access to the current road. Motion was made by Moe, seconded by Sivertson, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the proposed purchase agreement with Steve Carlson in the amount of \$4,800.00 for a

triangle of land on Schoolhouse road and to approve the legal costs.

Cadwell requested entering into an agreement with A.T. Group to provide benefits administration, explaining that an important advantage to contracting with a third party administrator for benefits administration and noticing is that compliance liability is transferred through such an arrangement from Cook County to the administrator. The AT Group is proposing to provide this service and coverage in return for being named agent on our Life Insurance, LTD and other secondary benefits. The AT Group would also ask 1.5% of our health insurance premium as a normal fee. Motion was made by Moe, seconded by Gamble, and carried by unanimous vote to approve tabling the agreement with A.T. Group to provide administration until the May 24, 2016 Board meeting in order to see a side by side comparison of costs and benefits.

Cadwell informed the Board that Heidi Akin's, Social Worker I Intake Children's Services, had submitted her resignation effective May 6, 2016. The consensus of the Board was to begin exit interviews to help understand why there have been so many resignations. Motion was made by Commissioner Moe, seconded by Commissioner Gamble, and carried by unanimous vote to approve accepting Heidi Akin's resignation with regret and to authorize Cadwell to declare a vacancy for the position of Worker I Intake Children's Services.

Cadwell then suggested renegotiating the terms of the YMCA Management Agreement and the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Grand Marais to propose changes regarding the general maintenance and upkeep of the building by hiring a Maintenance Technician. Cadwell will draft a proposed contract for Commissioners to review at the May 24, 2016 Board meeting.

Rod Roy, Cook County Airport Manager, appeared before the Board. Roy requested approving a resolution to accept \$30,000.00 Federal Aviation Entitlement Funds from the Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority to use for rehabilitation for the arrival departure building. Commissioner Doo-Kirk moved the adoption of the following resolution and upon seconding by Commissioner Storlie was adopted by unanimous yea vote of all members present:

RESOLUTION # 2016-41

Resolution Accepting Federal Aviation Entitlement Funds

WHEREAS THE Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority is a recipient of Federal Aviation Entitlement Funds, \$30,000 of which are expiring; and

WHEREAS THE Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority wishes to waive receipt of \$30,000 of expiring Federal Aviation Entitlement Funds and transfer those funds to Cook County Airport;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners agrees to accept \$30,000 of expiring Federal Aviation Entitlement Funds from the Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority and authorize the County Board Chair and the County Auditor to execute an agreement with the Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority to accept such funds.

Commissioner Storlie reported that she would attend the WTIP interview on May 4, 2016.

There being no further business, motion was made and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

HEIDI DOO-KIRK, Chair
Cook County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: **BRAIDY POWERS**
Auditor-Treasurer