The Beltrami County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 15, 2019, at the County Board Room, County Administration Building, Bemidji, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jim Lucachick called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Commissioners Richard Anderson, Craig Gaasvig, Tim Sumner and Reed Olson were present.

GENERAL COMMENTS – BOARD CHAIR

None.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Ervin Blom, Eckles Township, expressed concerns about the design on the southern portion of County 9. His concern centers around school buses dropping children off. When the bus stop arm is out, people from both traffic directions know that they have to stop. This provides safety for children crossing the road. With the painted meridian, he believes some people in the on-coming lane will treat it the same as a regular divided highway meridian and will not stop. This would put children at risk. Some Board acknowledged his concern and stated that the county will look into this concern. Mr. Blom also suggested that lighting be added to the intersection of #15 and #22, as it is hard to see the turn onto #22 at night. Mr. Blom also stated that there should be a four-way stop at the intersection of #9 and #22.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Drug Treatment Court Resolution of Support

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approved Agenda and Amendments
A motion to approve the Agenda and Amendments was made by Commissioner Gaasvig, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and unanimously carried.

Approved Consent Agenda
A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Sumner, seconded by Commissioner Olson, and unanimously carried.
CONSENT ITEMS

Approved Minutes
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Work Meeting held October 1, 2019, and the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held October 1, 2019, as submitted. Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting held on October 8, 2019, as submitted.

Approved Auditor/Treasurer Warrant Payment Listing
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, received and approved the warrant payment listing submitted by the Auditor/Treasurer’s Office.

Approved Payment of Auditor/Treasurer Bills
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved payment of Auditor/Treasurer bills, as submitted.

Approved Resolution for Repurchase Forfeited property in Sugar Bush Lake Township
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution for repurchase and administrative combination of forfeited lands made by Gary Carlson for parcel 43.00239.00 in Sugar Bush Lake Township:

Whereas, Minnesota Statute 281.174 requires real estate property delinquent three years to be forfeited to the State of Minnesota;

Whereas, The property owner was delinquent three years on property tax payments;

Whereas, The Beltrami County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office followed Minnesota Statute regarding required notifications and worked with the property owner to resolve the delinquency;

Whereas Efforts were unsuccessful and the properties forfeited to the State of Minnesota on June 25, 2013;

Whereas Minnesota Statute 282.241 allows for repurchase of forfeited properties after the adoption of a resolution by the board of county commissioners determining that by repurchase undue hardship... resulting from the forfeiture will be corrected;

Whereas, the property owner has made an application for repurchase, and has agreed to pay in full the aggregate sum of delinquent taxes and assessments together with penalties, costs and fees, with interest at the rate fixed by law for the respective years computed to the date of repurchase from the time such taxes and assessment...
became delinquent, and also the sum of all taxes and assessments with penalties, fees and costs, with interest at the rate fixed by law for the respective years to the date of repurchase from the time such taxes and assessments would have been delinquent that would have been levied and assessed against such parcel between the date of forfeiture and the date of repurchase, all due and to be computed as set out in said Minnesota Statute Section 282.251.

Whereas, The Beltrami County Board of Commissioners reviewed the property owner’s application for repurchase and administrative combination and determined that allowing the repurchase will correct an undue hardship.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners does hereby determine that the repurchase will correct and undue hardship, and approves the Application for Repurchase and Administrative Combination of Forfeited Lands.

Approved Federal Award Procurement Policy
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved updates to the Federal Award Procurement Policy retroactive to January 1, 2019, as submitted.

Approved Resolution for Bad Debt Policy
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution to affirm the practice for all bad debt requirements:

WHEREAS, Beltrami County operates almost exclusively on a cash basis.

WHEREAS, Beltrami County under certain circumstances of operations will allow money to be owed to Beltrami County.

WHEREAS, Beltrami County shall send out billings for all amounts owed to the County.

WHEREAS, Beltrami County will exhaust all legal avenues on any unpaid billings.

WHEREAS, Beltrami County will deem any unpaid billings that all legal avenues of collection have been exhausted uncollectable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the policy of Beltrami County that any debts owed to the county and are deemed uncollectable will require board approval to be written off.
Approved Election Funds Transfer Policy
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, accepts the County’s Electronic Funds Transfer Policy annually and the delegation of EFT authority to the Auditor-Treasurer.

Approved Support for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Project
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved support for PACE project on parcel 26.00107.01 for $35,000 amortized at 5% for 10 years and per Resolution #160103, as submitted.

Approved Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan Update
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved adoption of the 2019-2021 Prevention and Management Plan for Aquatic Invasive Species, as submitted.

Approved Updates to the Agricultural Lease Policy
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the revised and updated 2019 Beltrami County Agricultural Lease Policy, as submitted.

Approved Lease with MN DNR for Judicial Ditch 35 Plugs
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved Miscellaneous Lease #LMIS010377m with MN DNR to cross DNR administered property to construct the ditch plugs on JD 35 and authorize County Engineer to sign documents.

Approved Final Pay Voucher for CP 004-019-001
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the final pay voucher for Knife River Materials, Project CP 004-019-001 in the amount of $20,135.77, as submitted.

Approved Final Pay Voucher for SAP 004-030-009
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the final pay voucher for Morris Sealcoat & Trucking Inc., Project SAP 004-030-009 in the amount of $49,062.14, as submitted.

Approved Certification of Un-Paid Solid Waste Accounts
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the list of unpaid accounts as delinquent, and forwarded them to the County Auditor for action, as submitted.

Approved Solid Waste Service Providers for 2020
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the list of service providers that will be required when the County takes over the Solid Waste Operations in 2020, as submitted.
Approved Health & Human Services Family Child Care Licenses
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the family child care licenses, as submitted.

Approved Health & Human Services Family Foster Care Licenses
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the family foster care licenses, as submitted.

Approved Health & Human Services Warrant Payment List
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, received and approved the warrant payment listing submitted by Health & Human Services Department.

Approved Resolution Supporting Implementation of Drug Treatment Court in Beltrami County
The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution in support of implementation of a Drug Treatment Court in Beltrami County:

WHEREAS, the illicit use of controlled substances has increased significantly in Beltrami County over the past ten years, resulting in a rapidly increasing growth in users being criminally charged and in children being removed from their families and placed in foster care due to parental addiction;

WHEREAS, the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners recognizes the complex issues surrounding illicit drug use, addiction and treatment;

WHEREAS, the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners publicly offered support to the concept of a drug treatment court in Beltrami County and supplied a letter of support to the 2019 application submitted by the Ninth Judicial District-Beltrami County;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance recently announced its award of a four-year $499,979.00 grant to the Ninth Judicial District-Beltrami County to implement and operate a drug treatment court that will effectively integrate evidence-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance-abusing offenders;

WHEREAS, the Grant requires matching funds and/or in kind funding of 25% of the total project cost calculated as follows: Award Amount ($499,979.00) / % of Federal Share (0.75) = Total Project
WHEREAS, the historical precedent of drug treatment courts in Minnesota is that they are implemented with federal grant funding, but continued funding for existing drug courts after the expiration of a federal grant is provided by the Minnesota legislature and/or local financial support; and

WHEREAS, the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the Beltrami County Courts are not guaranteed further funding for a drug treatment court after the expiration of the federal grant on September 30, 2023.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**JRs Corner Access On-Off Sale Liquor License**

Adam Studniski and Ryan Klein are purchasing JRs Corner Access, LLC. The establishment was licensed for selling 3.2, the new owners are wanting to change the liquor license to On and Off sale Intoxicating Liquor.

It was noted that the Township Board voted unanimously to support the license. Commissioner Sumner read a letter from constituents and reported that the Red Lake Tribal Council oppose the license. He stated that he would be in opposition to the license.

The Board noted that the owner did not show-up to the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sumner to deny the On-Off Sale Liquor License for JRs Corner Access, LLC. There was no second to the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Gaasvig to table to discussion until November 4 Board Meeting. Unanimously carried.

Commissioner Anderson requested an opinion from the County Sheriff.

**COMMISSIONERS’ BUSINESS**

**Legislative/Lobbying Issues**
Commissioners’ Reports

Review Upcoming Meeting Schedule
Next regular meeting of the County Board will be November 5, 2019, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:50 p.m. was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Gaasvig, and unanimously carried.

Jim Lucachick, Chair

Kay Mack, County Administrator