

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BELTRAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 3, 2023**

The Beltrami County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 3, 2023, at the County Board Room, County Administration Building, Bemidji, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Tim Sumner, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Commissioners Richard Anderson, Jim Lucachick, Reed Olson and Craig Gaasvig were present.

OUTGOING RECOGNITION AND SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Administrator Tom Barry, introduced, thanked and presented awards to each of the outgoing elected officials:

- Commissioner Reed Olson
- Commissioner Jim Lucachick
- Sheriff Ernie Beitel

Judge John Melbye conducted the swearing in ceremony for all elected officials:

- Attorney David Hanson
- Auditor/Treasurer JoDee Treat
- Sheriff Jason Riggs
- Commissioner Craig Gaasvig
- Commissioner Joe Gould
- Commissioner Richard Anderson
- Commissioner Tim Sumner
- Commissioner John Carlson

Followed by a Community Reception and recess at 5:39 p.m.

GENERAL COMMENTS - OUTGOING BOARD CHAIR

Chairman Tim Sumner called the meeting back to order 5:57 p.m. Mr. Sumner welcomed members of the Board and expressed his hopes of working together as a team in efforts to make Beltrami County a better place for everyone.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gaasvig, and seconded by Commissioner Gould, to appoint Richard Anderson as Board Chair and Commissioner John Carlson as Board Vice Chair, for 2023. Unanimously carried.

GENERAL COMMENTS - INCOMING BOARD CHAIR

Commissioner Richard Anderson welcomed and congratulated everyone on their election. Mr. Anderson requested that the County Attorney join the Board in the designated seat at the dais going forward. Mr. Anderson also stated that he would be voting on all issues during his term as Board Chair.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE BOARD

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No additions or corrections were made to the Agendas.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approved Agenda and Amendments

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

Approved Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Sumner, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, 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 December 20, 2022, and the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held December 20, 2022, 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 Appointment to Watershed District Board

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the re-appointment of Brian Dwight to the Red Lake Watershed Board for a three year term beginning 1-1-2023.

Approved Resolution and Delegated Contract Process Agreement with MnDOT

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution and Delegated Contract Process Agreement for local public agencies to allow for MnDOT to act as County's agent in accepting federal aid funds:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Beltrami County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman and Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of Beltrami County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 1052057", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Approved Resolution to Offer for Sale a Non-Conforming Tax-Forfeited Parcel to Adjacent Land Owners

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution to offer for sale, a non-conforming tax-forfeited parcel to the adjacent land owners:

WHEREAS, Chapter 282.01 to 282.12, Minnesota Statutes 1941, as amended, provides for the classification and sale of such lands forfeited to the State for delinquent taxes, and whereas such classification has been made by the County Board and the classification and sale have or by the governing body of the municipality in which they lie in so far as the lands located within said town or municipality are concerned; and,

WHEREAS, The County Board has made appraisal of such lands as provided by law, and a list of such lands has been filed with the County Auditor for the purpose of offering such lands for sale at not less than their appraised value; and,

WHEREAS, Said 0.08-acre non-conforming parcel, located in the City of Turtle River in Section 32-T148N-R32W, TURTLE RIVER Lot-005 Block-002, was approved for sale by the Beltrami County Land Review Committee and the City of Turtle River; and,

WHEREAS, The County Board is by law designated with authority to provide for the sale of such lands on terms and whereas the County Board has considered the advisability of selling on terms and has

considered the accessibility of such lands, their proximity to existing public improvements and the effect of their sale and occupancy on the public burdens; and,

WHEREAS, This parcel is non-conforming, being too small to build upon, and would be best to be attached to the parcel of the highest bidding adjoining land owner;

WHEREAS, The sale of this parcel would resolve a garage encroachment situation on tax-forfeited land;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That such parcel shall be sold on the following terms, to-wit: That all sales shall be paid in full in cash within three business days from date of sealed bid auction. Special assessments and the appraised price of any standing timber or timber products must be paid for in cash at the time of the sale; and in the case any parcel of land bearing standing timber or timber products is sold at public auction for more than the appraised value, the amount bid in excess of the appraised value shall be allocated between the land and the timber in proportion to the respective original appraised values thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all purchasers of land shall pay a 3 percent surcharge of the total sale price to be paid into the state assurance account as provided by Chapter 383, Laws of 1969, a state deed fee of \$25.00, a deed filing fee of \$46.00, and a state deed tax equal to the greater of \$1.65 or 0.33% of the basic sale price.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That where any lands herein offered for sale do not adjoin or are not located on a suitable legally established and maintained public highway or road, the township wherein said lands may be located, nor any other municipality shall not for a period of five years be obligated to the establishment, construction or additional maintenance of any public roads or the expenditure of any public funds for the benefit of the owner or occupant of any lands herein purchased by reason of the ownership or occupancy of any of this land; provided further, that nothing herein shall be construed to create any obligation, directly or indirectly, on the part of any municipality for the expenditure of any money for the benefit of said parcel after the expiration of said five-year period. Responsibility for determining boundary lines of parcels purchased rests with the purchaser.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the right is reserved in the interest of the public to withdraw from sale, any parcel, at any time prior to its sale.

BE I T FURTHER RESOLVED, That all lands sold hereunder are sold subject to any ordinances adopted by the County Board, and all lands are sold subject to railroad and highway easements, power and pipeline easements and subject to all flowage rights, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of sale of such land will be given to the three adjoining landowners, as provided by law, that the County Auditor of Beltrami County offer such parcel of land for sale and that such sale be to the highest bid, but not for less than appraised value and that such bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. on February 10, 2023.

**Tax Forfeited Parcel Proposed to be offered for Sale to Adjacent Land Owners for
Beltrami County
Pursuant to Chapter 282, Minnesota Statutes 1969
Sections 282.01 to 282.12, as Amended**

Parcel #	City	Legal Description	Land Value	Timber Value	Total Value
86.00049.00	Turtle River	Section 32 Township 148N Range 32W TURTLE RIVER Lot-005 Block-002 Acreage = 0.08	\$3,400.00	None	\$3,400.00

Approved Resolution for DNR Review of Proposed Tax-Forfeited Land Sale Parcels

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution for DNR review of proposed tax-forfeited land sale parcels:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Beltrami County, Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and,

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been reviewed by the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners and classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01;

WHEREAS, said parcels on the proposed list have been examined and wetland/marginal land determinations have been made with regards to same by all appropriate parties in accordance with the requirements of 1991 Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 354, Article 10, Section 9d;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that all parcels of land on the

attached list have been reviewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012; 92.461; 282.01, Subd. 8; and 282.018; and other statutes that require withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners hereby request a review from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of said lands and, after review, request Special Legislation from the Minnesota State Legislature for parcels that may be offered via private sale.

Parcel	Legal Description	Township, Comments	Commissioner
19.00093.01 House	SOUTH 418 FEET OF WEST 418 FEET OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER Sec Twp Rng 08 150 30	Hornet Township Forfeited: 11/29/22 Map acres: 4.01	Sumner
34.00506.00	PEARL'S SUBDIVISION PART OF OUTLOT D WHICH LIES E OF THE W LINE OF LOT 11 PROJECTED TO N'RLY BDRY LINE OF PLAT & WHICH LIES W OF E LINE OF W1/2 OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 PROJECTED S'RLY ACROSS OUTLOT D TO S LINE THEREOF & WHICH LIES S'RLY OF S R/W OF CSAH 22 AS RELOCATED IN 1975 Sec Twp Rng 30 148 32	Port Hope Township Forfeited: 11/29/22 Map acres: 0.41	Gaasvig
49.00109.00 House	NORTH 20 RODS OF THE SOUTH 32 RODS OF THE WEST 40 RODS OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER LESS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: THE NORTH 4 RODS OF THE SOUTH 16 RODS OF THE WEST 40 RODS OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER Sec Twp Rng 16 154 30	Waskish Township Forfeited: 11/29/22 Map acres: 4.0	Sumner
49.00535.00 House	ALVERAYNE SUBDIVISION LOT-001 BLOCK-004 LESS THAT PART LYING E OF CENTERLINE OF 1ST ST IN 1ST ADDITION TO LOU-RAYNE BEACH SUBDIVISION EXTENDED N'RLY Sec Twp Rng 17 154 30	Waskish Township Forfeited: 11/29/22 Map acres: 0.12	Sumner
80.01987.00	CARSON'S ADD. TO BEMIDJI LOT-007 BLOCK-005 THAT PART OF LOT 7 E OF A LINE EXT DUE N FROM W LINE OF ALLEY RUNNING N & S IN BLK 5 LESS RY Sec Twp Rng 17 146 33	City of Bemidji Forfeited: 11/29/22 Map acres: 0.01	Gould
80.06763.00	AUDITOR'S PLAT NO 15 LOT-010 A TRACT IN LOT 10 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE MOST W'RLY POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 9 RUNNING THENCE NE'RLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 9 AND SAID LINE EXTENDED 100 FEET TO AN IRON MARKER IN LOT 10, WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NE'RLY TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 10 WHICH IS 264.4 FEET W'RLY FROM THE NE CORNER THEREOF, THENCE W'RLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 10 TO THE NW CORNER THEREOF, THENCE S'RLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 10 TO THE SW CORNER THEREOF, THENCE W'RLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 10 TO	City of Bemidji Forfeited: 11/29/22 Map acres: 0.11	Carlson

	<p>THE NW'RLY CORNER OF LOT 9, THENCE NE'RLY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LESS THAT PART OF LOTS 7 AND 10, AUDITOR'S PLAT NO. 15 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE E'RLY BOUNDRY LINE OF SAID LOT 7 WHICH POINT IS 10 FEET SW'RLY OF THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE COMMON BOUNDRY LINE OF LOTS 8 AND 9 WITH SAID LOT 7; THENCE RUNNING NE'RLY FOR A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET ALONG THE E'RLY BOUNDRY LINE OF SAID LOT 7 AND SAID E'RLY BOUNDRY LINE EXTENDED; THENCE RUNNING N'RLY ALONG A LINE RUN TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDRY LINE OF SAID LOT 10 WHICH POINT IS 264.4 FEET WEST OF THE NE CORNER OF SAID LOT 10, RUNNING IN SAID N'RLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 142.8 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT WHICH IS 24 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH BOUNDRY LINE OF SAID LOT 10; RUNNING THENCE WEST ALONG A LINE PARALELL TO AND DISTANT 24 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 10 TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST BOUNDRY LINE OF SAID LOT 10 AND THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SE CORNER OF LOT 6, AUDITOR'S PLAT NO. 15; THENCE CONTINUE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDRY LINE OF LOT 6, AUDITOR'S PLAT NO. 15 (WHICH IS ALSO THE NORTH BOUNDRY OF SAID LOT 7) FOR A DISTANCE OF 25 FEET; THENCE DEFLECT TO THE LEFT AT AN ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 43 MINUTES AND RUN S'RLY FOR A DISTANCE OF 176 FEET; THENCE RUNNING SE'RLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING</p> <p>Sec Twp Rng 33 147 33</p>		
81.00011.01	<p>THAT PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4 LYING E OF PLAT OF BLACKDUCK & S OF MARGARET AVE NE, LESS THE TRACT OF LAND HERETOFORE CONVEYED TO THE VILLAGE OF BLACKDUCK FOR STREET PURPOSES AND LESS SOUTH 200 FEET</p> <p>Sec Twp Rng 7 149 30</p>	<p>City of Blackduck Forfeited: 11/29/22 Map acres: 0.06</p>	Gaasvig
85.00122.00 House	<p>NORTH 300 FEET OF EAST 145 FEET OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4</p> <p>Sec Twp Rng 12 148 32</p>	<p>City of Tenstrike Forfeited: 11/29/22 Map acres: 1.0</p>	Gaasvig
87.00128.00 House/Garage	<p>WILTON LOT-001 BLOCK-010 & LOTS 2 - 6, BLOCK 10 LESS CO HWY R/W</p> <p>Sec Twp Rng 33 147 34</p>	<p>City of Wilton Forfeited: 11/29/22 Map acres: 2.43</p>	Anderson

Approved Parenting Solution Contract for Services

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Contract with Parenting Solutions, for participation in the parent support services to MFIP/DWP recipients, 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

Retirement Recognition for Becky Secore

Administrator Tom Barry, introduced Becky Secore, retiring Health & Human Services Director, and presented her with a service award. Commissioner Sumner also thanked and congratulated Ms. Secore.

Commissioner Committee Assignments

Commissioners reviewed the committee assignments, and several changes and corrections were made:

District 1: Commissioner Craig Gaasvig

Committees:	Meeting Date & Time	Contact Information
Alternate on any Committee, Board or Commission	As Needed	
Association of Minnesota Counties (including the Public Safety Policy Committee)	As Needed	Julie Ring, 651-789-4325
Blackduck EMS Joint Powers Board	3 rd Thursday @noon	
Cass Lake Fire Association	Quarterly	
County Emergency Operations Committee	As Needed	Chris Muller, 218-333-4163
County Public Defender Committee	As Needed	County Attorney 218-333-4219
Criminal Justice Committee	As Needed	
DWI/Specialty Courts Steering Committee		
E-911 Committee	As Needed	Chris Muller 218-333-4163
Fair Board	3 rd Monday of Month @ 7:00 p.m.	Paul Hokuf, 218-444-8169
Headwaters Regional Dev Board (HRDC)	3 rd Thursday of Month @ 7:00 p.m.	Tim Flathers, 218-333-6538
Jail Sub-Committee - Finance	As Needed	Administrator, 218-333-4019
Joint Law Enforcement Center Board	As Needed	Ernie Beitel, 218-333-4135
Kitchigami Regional Library Board (alternate)	3 rd Thursday of Month @ 7:00pm (9 times/year)	Kitchigami Regional Library Board
Mississippi Headwaters Board	3 rd Friday of Month @9:00 a.m.	
Northwest Regional Radio Board	Quarterly	Chris Muller 218-333-4163
One Watershed/One Plan 1W1P Policy Committee	(Headwaters)	Zach Gutknecht 218-333-4157
Paul Bunyan Transit Joint Powers Board	Quarterly	Lezlie Grubich 218-444-9520
Planning Commission	4 th Monday of Month	Brent Rud 218-333-4159
Polk County Incinerator Advisory Board	Quarterly, in Fosston MN 9:30 - 1	
State and Federal Legislative Activities	As Needed	
Solid Waste Committee	3 rd Tuesday, monthly @ 9:00 am	Brian Olson 218-333-8187

District 2: Commissioner Joe Gould

Committees:	Meeting Date & Time	Contact Information
Alternate on any Committee, Board or Commission	As Needed	
Association of Minnesota Counties (including the Environment & Natural Resource Policy Committee)	As Needed	Julie Ring, 651-789-4325
Bemidji Leads	4 th Thursday of Month @ 7:30 a.m.	Dave Hengel, 333-6533
Beltrami HRA	2 nd Tuesday of Month @ 4:00 p.m. alternating months	Tim Flathers, 218-333-6532
Bemidji Regional Airport Authority Board	3 rd Wednesday of Month @ 5:00 p.m.	Karen, Weller, 218-444-2438
BiCAP – Board of directors	2 nd Thursday of the Month @ 4:00 p.m.	Barb Moran 218-333-9827
BiCAP – Housing		
State Community Health Services (SCHAC) Advisory Council (alternate)	As Needed	
Ditch Committee(s) (Alternate)	As Needed	
Greater Bemidji (Alternate)	3 rd Friday monthly 7:30 am	Dave Hengel, 218-444-5757
Hope House Board	3 rd Wednesday of Month @ 12:00 p.m.	Hope House Board
Jail Sub-Committee – Programming	As Needed	Administrator 218-333-4109
Joint Law Enforcement Center Board (Alternate)	As Needed	Sheriff, 218-333-4135
Joint Powers Natural Resource Board	3 rd Monday of Month	
Kitchigami Regional Library Board	3 rd Thursday of Month @ 6:00pm (9 times/year)	Kitchigami Regional Library Board
Land Review Committee	As Needed	Richard Moore, 218-333-4163
Law Library Board		
Northern Lights Library Board	Saturday Quarterly	
Northwest Regional Radio Board (Alternate)	As Needed	Chris Muller 218-333-4163
State & Federal Legislative Activities	As Needed	
State Human Services Performance Council		AMC

District 3: Commissioner Richard Anderson

Committees:	Meeting Date & Time	Contact Information
Alternate on any Committee, Board or Commission	As Needed	
Association of Minnesota Counties (Including the Health & Human Services Policy Committee)	Annually & As Needed	Julie Ring, 651-789-4325
ATV Committee (alternate)	As Needed	
Behavioral Health Community Collaborative		
Beltrami Health & Human Services Advisory Committee		Anne Lindseth, 218-333-8119
Beltrami Area Service Collaborative (BASC)	Even Months Wednesday 8:00 am	
Bi-County CAP (Alternate)	1 st Thursday, every other month	Barb Moran 218-333-9827
County Extension Committee	Quarterly – 4 th Monday	Mardi Harder, 218-327-5958
DWI/Specialty Courts Steering Committee		
E-911 Committee	As needed	Chris Muller 218-333-8386
Fair Board (Alternate)	3 rd Monday of Month @ 7:00 p.m.	Paul Hokuf, 218-444-8169
Household Hazardous Waste	Quarterly – Bagley 9:00	
Jail Steering Committee		
Land Review Committee	Twice per year	
Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging Board & Local Committees (Alternate)	3 rd Monday Quarterly	Shannon Hendrickson, 218-745-6733
LMC on Insurance		
Newsletter Committee	Quarterly	Diane Moe, 218-333-8478
Negotiations/Mediation	As Needed	
Northwest Juvenile Center Board	3 rd Thurs odd Months 10:00. Even months – 3 rd Mon 7:30	Mindy O’Brien 218-751-3196
PrimeHealth Board (Alternate)	4 th Thursday in Alexandria	
Personnel Committee	As Needed	Linda Tran 218-333-4155
PrimeWest Health System	1 st Thursday in Alexandria	Jim Przybilla, 320-335-5250
Solid Waste Committee	3 rd Tuesday, monthly @ 9:00 am	Brian Olson 218-333-8187
Veterans Home Task Force		

District 4: Commissioner Tim Sumner

Committees:	Meeting Date & Time	Contact Information
Alternate on any Committee, Board or Commission	As Needed	
Association of Minnesota Counties (including the General Government Policy Committee)	Annually & As Needed	Julie Ring, 651-789-4325
ATV Committee	As Needed	
Blackduck Ambulance	3 rd Thursday	
ConCon Fund Committee	As Needed	
Ditch Committees	2 nd Monday of Month	
Jail Steering Committee		
Joint Powers Natural Resource Board (Alternate)	4 th Monday of Month	
Kelliher Resource Center	As Needed	
NW MN Juvenile Center Board	3 rd Thursday odd Months @ 10:00 a.m.	Mindy O'Brien 218-751-3196
One Watershed/One Plan 1W1P Policy Committee	(Red Lake Falls)	Zach Gutknecht 218-333-4157
State & Federal Legislative Activities	As Needed	
Veterans Home Task Force (Alternate)	As Needed	
State Community Health Services (SCHAC) Advisory Committee	3 rd Friday plus 3 conferences in Oct Qtrly in Mpls Feb-June-Oct-Dec	Anne Lindseth 218-333-8119

District 5: Commissioner John Carlson

Committees:	Meeting Date & Time	Contact Information
Alternate on any Committee, Board or Commission	As Needed	
ATV Committee	As Needed	
Bemidji Regional Airport Authority Board	3 rd Wednesday of Month @ 5:00 p.m.	Karen Weller 218-444-2438
County Extension Committee	Bi-Monthly or as needed	Mardi Harder, 218-327-5958
County Public Defender Committee	As Needed	
Ditch Committees (Alternate)	As Needed	
DWI/Specialty Courts Steering Committee	As Needed	Pam Norenburg, 218-759-4368
Greater Bemidji	3 rd Friday of Month @ 7:30 a.m.	Dave Hengel, 218-444-5757
Jail Sub-Committee – Design & Operations	As Needed	Administrator 218-333-4109
Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging Board & Local Committees	3 rd Monday Quarterly	Shannon Hendrickson, 218-745-6733
Mental Health Advisory Committee	1 st Tuesday	Quarterly
Newsletter Committee	As Needed	Diane Moe, 218-333-8478
Noxious Weed Committee		
Polk County Incinerator Advisory Board (Alternate)	As Needed	
State & Federal Legislative Activities	As Needed	
PrimeHealth Board	Usually Quarterly 11 am	
PrimeWest Health Systems (Alternate)	4 th Thursday in Alexandria	Jim Przybilla, 320-335-5250
Veterans Home Task Force	As Needed	

Paul Bunyan Transit Joint Powers Board	2nd Wednesday of Month Quarterly @ 4:00 p.m.	Lezlie Grubich 218-444-9520
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A motion was made by Commissioner Gaasvig, and seconded by Commissioner Sumner, to approve the 2023 Commissioner Committee Assignments as read. Unanimously carried.

Sheriff's Salary

Administrator Tom Barry and Human Resources Director Linda Tran, negotiated with Sheriff elect, Jason Riggs on his wage as Sheriff beginning January 3, 2023. Keeping in line with Beltrami County policy and current pay equity, it was agreed that Mr. Riggs should enter in step 7.5 at a rate of \$61.82 hourly and also receive longevity pay, as consistent with other elected officials.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, and seconded by Commissioner Sumner, to approve Jason Riggs starting wage as Sheriff, effective January 3, 2023 at a rate of \$61.82/hour and to receive longevity pay. Unanimously carried

Legislative Lobbyist Discussion

The Minnesota Legislative Session starts January 3, 2023. The County has identified more than a dozen legislative priorities in its 2023 Legislative Platform. Several of these legislative priorities are critical to the County and will likely require additional spearheading at the State Capitol.

Administrator Barry discussed the cost of hiring a lobbyist (probably between \$15,000-\$40,000) depending on the scope of work. Timing is very critical, as the legislative session has already started.

Commissioners Carlson and Gould were asked for their professional opinions. Commissioner Carlson, as a former State Senator, stated that lobbyists were very important and useful in educating them on issues and providing accurate and relevant information on both sides of an issue/request. With a project as complex as our jail, he feels that a lobbyist would be very beneficial.

Commissioner Gould, with his experience as a legislative assistant and former lobbyist, agreed with Commissioner Carlson. Staff should reach out to AMC and other contacts as soon as possible to develop a list of potential lobbyists.

Administrator Barry suggested a small committee develop an RFP and get it out as soon as possible to potential lobbyists.

Funding would be available through the Strategic Aligned Management Fund, which is the same fund currently being used for work on the jail project to date.

Members of the Board requested Administrator Barry to attempt to have a contract for consulting services to present at the January 17 board meeting if at all possible. Top priority issues for lobbyist services would be 1) Jail bonding bill, 2) LOST approval, and 3) A funding appropriation for the Jail.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Legislative/Lobbying Issues & Commissioner's Reports

- Commissioner Sumner reported on complaints he has been receiving regarding the waste and garbage at Red Lake due to ice fishing season opening.

Review Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next regular meeting of the County Board will be January 17, 2023, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:09 p.m. was made by Commissioner Sumner, seconded by Commissioner Gaasvig, and unanimously carried.

Richard D. Anderson, Chair

Thomas H. Barry, County Administrator