

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BELTRAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 17, 2023**

The Beltrami County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 17, 2023, at the County Board Room, County Administration Building, Bemidji, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Richard Anderson, called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Commissioners Craig Gaasvig, Joe Gould, Tim Sumner, and John Carlson were present.

GENERAL COMMENTS - BOARD CHAIR

None

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE BOARD

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the Regular Agenda:

- Approval of Jail Committee Assignments

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approved Agenda and Amendments

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

Approved Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Gaasvig, 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 January 3, 2023, and the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held January 3, 2023, 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 Pay Equity Implementation Report

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Pay Equity Implementation Report and authorized submission to the Minnesota Management & Budget Pay Equity Office, as submitted.

Approved NICHA Fitness Incentive Program

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved membership with the National Independent Health Club Association (NIHCA), and the Fitness Incentive Program for Prime Health, as submitted.

Approved Resolution Seeking Special Legislation to offer Tax-Forfeited Parcel for Private Sale

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution to Seek Special Legislation to offer a tax-forfeited parcel for private sale:

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

WHEREAS, said parcel of land was reviewed by the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners on February 1, 2022 and classified as non-conservation as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01;

WHEREAS, said parcel on the proposed list has 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;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Sale Review No. 04-22-02 approved for sale part of parcel #01.00227.00 and has no objection to the sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that the parcel of land on the attached list has been reviewed and complies 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 Special Legislation from the Minnesota State Legislature for the following parcel be offered via private sale to the adjoining land owner.

Part of 01.00227.00	That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 20, Township 150 North, Range 35 West, Beltrami County, Minnesota: Commencing at the southwest corner of the said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said corner is documented by a Certificate of Location of Government Corner filed in the Office of the Beltrami County Recorder on February 14, 2013 by Document No. A000529106; thence South 89°31'48" East, bearing based on the Beltrami County Coordinate System, South Zone, along the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, a distance of 1318.01 feet; thence North 00°00'57" West, along the east line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, a distance of 929.92 feet to the point of beginning of land to be described and said point is designated by an iron pipe, 1/2 inch in diameter, stamped LS 15483; thence continue North 00°00'57" West, along said east line, a distance of 151.79 feet to a point designated by an iron pipe, 1/2 inch in diameter, stamped LS 15483; thence North 81°33'00" West a distance of 62.18 feet to a point designated by an iron pipe, 1/2 inch in diameter, stamped LS 15483; thence South 08°27'00" West a distance of 150.14 feet to the intersection with a line bearing North 81°33'00" West from the point of beginning and said intersection is designated by an iron pipe, 1/2 inch in diameter, stamped LS 15483; thence South 81°33'00" East a distance of 84.53 feet to the point of beginning (0.25-acres).	West Alaska Township Calculated acres: 0.25	Sumner
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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.

Parcel	Legal Description	Township, Comments	Commissioner
05.00043.00	SOUTHEAST ¼ Sec Twp Rng 08 158N 38W	Big Grass Township Forfeited: 10/14/1991 Map acres: 158.88	Sumner
17.00217.00	SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SOUTHWEST ¼ EXCEPT EAST 20' & LOTS 3 & 4 Sec Twp Rng 30 155N 37W	Hamre Township Forfeited: 9/1/1986 Map acres: 104.81	Sumner
54.00009.00	NORTHEAST ¼ Sec Twp Rng 9 155N 34W	Unorganized Township Forfeited: 12/22/1987 Map acres: 159.86	Sumner

Approval of Bid Award for SAP 004-599-051

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the bid award to the lowest responsible bidder on project SAP 004-599-051 Culvert Installation, Shorley Township; to Midwest Contracting. LLC in the amount of \$502,436.00.

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

Government Relations Specialist Budget & Contract

Administrator Barry with the assistance Commissioners Gould and Carlson, sent RFQ's to seven firms, seeking a Government Relations Specialist for 2023.

Six of the firms responded. Their proposals were reviewed and vetted by Barry, Gould and Carlson. Recommendation to the Board is to hire Flaherty & Hood PA, in the amount of \$30,000 plus incidental expenses, to serve as the Government Relations Specialist for Beltrami County in 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sumner and seconded by Commissioner Carlson to hire Flaherty & Hood, P.A. for Government Relation Specialist services to Beltrami County in 2023. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gould and seconded by Commissioner Sumner to pay Flaherty & Hood, P.A. \$30,000 plus incidental expenses, to serve as the Government Relations Specialist for Beltrami County in 2023. Unanimously carried.

Jail Committee Assignments

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson and seconded by Commissioner Gould to appoint Sheriff Jason Riggs to Chairman of the Jail Steering Committee, Commissioner Joe Gould to the Programming Advisory Committee, Commissioner John Carlson, Justin Roberts (DOC Inspection/Building Lead) and Jim Boell (Consulting Engineer), to the Design & Advisory Committee. Unanimously carried.

Commissioners discussed and re-affirmed, that all committee appointments and/or proxy assignments must be approved by the County Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gaasvig and seconded by Commissioner Gould to appoint Chief Deputy Jarrett Walton as the alternate for Sheriff Jason Riggs on the Jail Steering Committee. Unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Legislative/Lobbying Issues

None.

Commissioners' Reports

- Commissioner Gould - would like to get registered for AMC Legislative Conference
- Commissioner Sumner - would also like to be registered for conference
- Commissioner Carlson - will reach out to Mr. Boell regarding his appointment to the Jail Design & Operations Committee
- Commissioner Gaasvig gave several committee updates
- Commissioner Anderson provide a solid waste committee update

Review Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next regular meeting of the County Board will be February 7, 2023, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:41 p.m. was made by Commissioner Sumner, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, and unanimously carried.

Richard Anderson, Chair

Thomas H. Barry, County Administrator