

WORK MEETING MINUTES

Beltrami County Board of Commissioners

January 3, 2023

4:00 pm

Meeting to be held in the County Board Room
County Administration Building, 701 Minnesota Avenue NW
Bemidji, MN

A link to the livestream will be available on the Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes page of the County Website.

Present: Commissioner Craig Gaasvig, Commissioner Jim Lucachick, Commissioner Tim Sumner, Commissioner Richard Anderson, Commissioner Reed Olson.

1. Call to Order

Tim Sumner called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

2. Introduction of New Employees

Anne Lindseth, new Health & Human Services Director, formerly Economic Assistance Division Director, introduced herself.

3. Identify Future Work Meeting Topics

None.

4. Local Homeless Prevention Aid Grant

Social Services Director, Jeff Lind presented information and a tentative plan regarding Local Homeless Prevention Aide State Aid Grant. Beltrami County's 2023 allocation is over \$700,000 with similar allocations for the next four years. The purpose of the grant is to help local governments ensure no child is homeless by keeping families from losing housing and helping the homeless find housing.

With Beltrami County's lack of available housing, using the monies for rental assistance and case management will not utilize the entire grant, nor provide the best service to citizens. With the broad latitude in how the Grant can be utilized, the County can investigate and pursue other ways to support the purpose.

The Board is supportive of this initiative, and encourages the utilization of organizations such as the HRA and HRDA who have experience and knowledge developing housing options.

5. Future Projects on CSAH 15 & CSAH 32

Highway Engineer, Bruce Hasbargen reviewed two future projects:

1. CSAH 15 is currently in 5 year TIP for 2026. It has \$1.25 million in Federal funding for bituminous overlay
2. CSAH 32 will be added to 5 year TIP for 2027. It has \$2.5 million in Federal funding for resurfacing

6. Administrator's Report

- Working on LOST Application to the State Legislature
- Developing a bonding request for the legislature and also working to include an appropriation into the State budget
- LOST study preliminary results meeting to be held on January 9
- Planning to attend statewide legislative session priorities meeting tomorrow w/the Chamber of Commerce, in St. Paul
- Reminders for new commissioners
- Reminders and important dates for all

7. Other Business Items

a) Review Bills

b)

8. Review Agenda for the January 3, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

No additions or corrections were made to the Agendas.

9. Adjourn

The Work Session was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.