

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BELTRAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 15, 2022**

The Beltrami County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 15, 2022, 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 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Richard Anderson (via Zoom), Jim Lucachick, Reed Olson and Craig Gaasvig were present.

GENERAL COMMENTS - BOARD CHAIR

None.

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 Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Olson, and unanimously carried.

Approved Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Lucachick, seconded by Commissioner Gaasvig, 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 February 1, 2022, and the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held February 1, 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 Resolution, MOA, Budget and Workplan for Mississippi River Headwaters One Watershed One Plan

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution to support the implementation of Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed One Watershed, One Plan Project and the Memorandum of Agreement, Budget and Workplan:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination, development, and implementation of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, the Counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts within the Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed have developed and adopted an approved Watershed Plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, and 103C.331, subdivision 11; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee, made up of representatives from the Counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts within the Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed, have developed and recommend approval at each partner's individual Board level a Memorandum of Agreement to implement the Watershed Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee, made up of representatives from the Counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts within the Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed, have developed a working budget inclusive of the anticipated Clean Water Legacy Grant Funds to implement the Watershed Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Beltrami County recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan and welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Counties within the Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed for watershed-scale implementation efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Beltrami County supports the Memorandum of Agreement - Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed Comprehensive Plan recommended for approval by the Policy Committee of the Mississippi River Headwaters One Watershed One Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Beltrami County supports the implementation of the Mississippi River Headwaters One Watershed One Plan and approves the Watershed Based Implementation Funding Budget and Workplan as recommended by the Policy Committee of the Mississippi River Headwaters One Watershed One Plan including Clean Water Legacy Grant Funds.

Approved Easement for Highway Department for Road Improvements

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Natural Resource Management Department, easement for road improvements to the Highway Department for a reconstruction project on CSAH 57, in Turtle River Township, as submitted.

Approved Fidler Indexing Software Renewal

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the three-year Life Cycle (AVID) extension and include Laredo Subscription Addendum.

Approved Resolution to Enroll Deputy Hulsebus in PERA Police and Fire Plan

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution to enroll part-time Field Operations Deputy Hulsebus in the PERA Police and Fire Plan:

BE IT RESOLVED the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

BE IT RESOLVED Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police or sheriff departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office, of Beltrami County hereby declares that the position, Part-time Field Operations Deputy, currently held by Aaron Hulsebus, meets all of the following Police and Fire Plan membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;

4. Said position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the named Employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire Plan salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that County Board Chair, Tim Sumner, and County Administrator Tom Barry, or their successors, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the project(s).

Approved Resolution to Enroll Deputy Hanson in PERA Police and Fire Plan

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution to enroll part-time Field Operations Deputy Hanson in the PERA Police and Fire Plan:

BE IT RESOLVED the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

BE IT RESOLVED Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police or sheriff departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office, of Beltrami County hereby declares that the position, Part-time Field Operations Deputy, currently held by Adam Hanson, meets all of the following Police and Fire Plan membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. Said position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the named Employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire Plan salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that County Board Chair, Tim Sumner, and County Administrator Tom Barry, or their successors, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the project(s).

Approved Resolution to Enroll Deputy Powell in PERA Police and Fire Plan

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution to enroll part-time Field Operations Deputy Powell in the PERA Police and Fire Plan:

BE IT RESOLVED the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

BE IT RESOLVED Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police or sheriff departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office, of Beltrami County hereby declares that the position, Full-time Field Operations Deputy, currently held by Benjamin Powell, meets all of the following Police and Fire Plan membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. Said position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the named

Employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire Plan salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that County Board Chair, Tim Sumner, and County Administrator Tom Barry, or their successors, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the project(s).

Approved Health & Human Services State Contracts

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved staff signing of multiple MN Depot of Human Services contracts for incoming monies already approved through the acceptance of the County Health & Human Services budget, 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

Swearing in of New County Sheriff Deputies

Sheriff Ernie Beitel, introduced, and swore in new deputies Aaron Hulsebus, and Adam Hanson.

ARPA Standard Allowance

Administrator Barry explained the ARPA funding that would be made available by this allowance and that the Oversight Committee would continue to track the funds and report to the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Gaasvig to approve the one-time Election to Claim a Standard Allowance for revenue loss category of ARPA dollars, up to \$10 million. Unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Legislative/Lobbying Issues and Commissioners' Reports

- Commissioner Lucachick reported on the AIS committee. Stating the importance of Education as the primary goal.
- Commissioner Olson will be attending the AMC Legislative Conference.
- Commissioner Anderson; looking forward to jail committee meetings with Justice Planners
- Commissioner Gaasvig commented on the redistricting. Is complete at legislative level and now will move to the City. Has been elected Chair of the LL Rural Fire Association
- Commissioner Sumner reported on attending the AMC tribal relations seminar.

Review Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next regular meeting of the County Board will be March 1, 2022, at the Ten Lake Town Hall following the LL Joint Meeting and the Board Work Session.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. was made by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Lucachick, and unanimously carried.

Tim Sumner, Chair

Thomas H. Barry, County Administrator