

WORK MEETING MINUTES

Beltrami County Board of Commissioners
February 15, 2022
3:00 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 (via Zoom), Commissioner Reed Olson.

1. Call to Order

Tim Sumner called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Gaasvig to begin the closed session at 3:00 pm. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Lucachick to return to the Regular Work Agenda at 3:25 pm. Unanimously carried.

2. Introduction of New Employees

None.

3. Identify Future Work Meeting Topics

- AWCL Purchase of a facility

4. Organization Restructure of Health & Human Services Economic Assistance Division

Economic Assistance has evolved since the current organizational structure was implemented. With the retirement of the Family Lead Eligibility Specialist, the Economic Assistance leadership team re-assessed the needs of the division.

Economic Assistance Division Director, Anne Lindseth presented the proposed changes to the structure of the Division developed by the Health & Human Services Management staff. The restructure would eliminate the Family Lead Eligibility Worker Position, add an Adult Programs Eligibility Worker in its place and create two new positions to be filled in-house; Consolidated In-take Lead and Workforce Impact Lead.

The proposed restructure would provide more efficiencies, allow for a smoother process and meet growing demands for both the client and staff, all without a budgetary impact.

5. Sanford Health Projects & initiatives

Sanford Health President and CEO, Susan Jarvis provided an overview of projects and initiatives, which included an overview of Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota statistics, achievements and service area.

Key initiatives for 2022 and beyond:

- Behavioral Health Crisis Center. Scheduled to open in the fall of 2022
- PrimeWest Residential Support Center – opened in August of 2019
 - Planning stages for withdrawal Mgmt/Detox support services
- Community Health Needs Assessment 2022-2024 identified 9 health needs
- Community Wellness Center design/development

Internal Growth at Sanford includes:

- ICU expansion
- Acute Rehab Unit
- Telemetry
- Conversion to all private rooms
- OR Expansion
- Cancer Center Expansion
- Service Line growth

6. Northern Township Infrastructure Update

Jess Frenzel, Northern Township Vice-Chair discussed issues and concerns with the potential infrastructure project on the North end of Lake Bemidji.

- Northern Township is not in favor of annexation to the City of Bemidji
- The Township is working on funding sources and ways to make the project feasible. Currently estimated at \$8-10 million; and done in conjunction with the County Road project. Would add water and sewer services all the way around to the State Park.
- City of Bemidji has indicated they can handle the capacity.
- The township is seeking County Board support in their efforts in applying for state and federal grant funding.
 - The strongest message would be in the form of a Resolution. The Board is in favor of adding a Consent Agenda item to the March 1 meeting with a Resolution of support.

7. CSAH 9 Fatal Crashes

Sheriff Ernie Beitel, discussed the two fatal crashes that occurred in 2021 on CSAH 9. The County Towards Zero Deaths coalition conducts a review of all fatal crashes. All aspects of the crash are reviewed including road design, with the intent of trying to prevent future crashes.

8. Administrator's Report

- Jail Project – Justice Planners will be on-site to conduct interviews and gather information on February 22-23
- Joint Leech Lake/Beltrami County meeting will be March 1 at 1 pm at the Ten Lake Town Hall, followed by County Board Work & Regular Meetings
 - Board members are in support of the Agenda

- AMC Legislative Conference is March 1-3
- County Offices are closed for Presidents Day on February 21

9. Other Business Items

a) Review Bills

b)

10. Review Agenda for the February 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

No additions or corrections were made to the Agendas.

11. Adjourn

The Work Session was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.