

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BELTRAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 17, 2024**

The Beltrami County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 17, 2024, at the County Board Room, County Administration Building, Bemidji, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair John Carlson, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Commissioners Joe Gould, Tim Sumner, and Richard Anderson were present. Commissioner Craig Gaasvig joined via Zoom from the Crowne Plaza, 3131 Campus Dr. Plymouth, MN.

GENERAL COMMENTS - BOARD CHAIR

All votes will be made via roll call, as Commissioner Gaasvig is present via Zoom.

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 Gaasvig seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Carried via roll call vote 5:0.

Approved Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Gould. Carried via roll call vote 5:0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approved Minutes

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Work Meeting held September 3, 2024, and the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held September 3, 2024, and correction to the minutes of the August 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, 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 Unorganized Township Levies

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Unorganized Township Levies for 2025 at a 5% increase, as presented.

Approved 9th Judicial District HCH Lease Agreement

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the State of MN 9th Judicial District Historic Courthouse Lease Agreement of 652 square feet for an additional three year term, ending 9/30/2027

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.

Approved MOA with Center for Internet Security

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Center for Internet Security for CrowdStrike antivirus protection free of charge, as submitted.

Approved Resolution and Grant Agreement for Participation in DWI Enforcement Officer Program

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Resolution and grant agreement renewal with the MN Dept of Public Safety to participate in the DWI Enforcement Officer Program:

WHEREAS, Beltrami County Sheriff's Office is responsible for patrolling and enforcing Minnesota state statutes and Beltrami County ordinances on roadways contained in Beltrami County; and

WHEREAS, grant dollars are available to the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office, from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to dedicate a patrol deputy for the specific purpose of enforcing Minnesota's DWI laws; and

WHEREAS, this grant money is available from the Minnesota Department Public Safety through the grant application process.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the DWI Officer grant during the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Beltrami County Sheriff Jason Riggs or his successors is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that County Board Chair John Carlson 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).

REGULAR AGENDA

FY 2025 Preliminary Budget and Levy

A motion was made by Commissioner Gaasvig and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the FY 2025 Preliminary Budget and Levy, established at \$118,139,910 and 7.88% Property Tax Levy increase. Carried via roll call vote 3:2. Commissioners Sumner and Gould voted No.

It was noted by Commissioner Gould that the Board may want to consider, in the future, of raising the preliminary budget amount to allow for any contingencies that may occur before adoption of the final budget and levy in December. Commissioner Gould also encouraged raising the KRLS funding contribution.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Legislative/Lobbying Issues & Commissioners' Reports

- Commission Carlson gave several committee updates

Review Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Next regular meeting of the County Board will be October 1, 2024, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:19 p.m. was made by Commissioner Gaasvig, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Carried via roll call vote 5:0.

John Carlson, Chair

Thomas H. Barry, County Administrator