

Public & Legal Notices

Clearwater County Department of Human Services

Clearwater County Department of Human Service is looking to fill a full time (40 hours per week) position with a skilled, caring, and empathetic team player whose talents will contribute to and promote the mission, vision, and values of the agency. Clearwater County DHS offers a comprehensive benefit package.

Agency Social Worker: TThis position will work with the aging and physically and cognitively impaired populations to assess needs and arrange services so individuals can remain safely in their home and community.

Go to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem> **to review the qualification requirements, position description, and to apply. The application must be submitted by 4:30 P.M. 12/31/2024.**

We are an equal opportunity employer

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given: Bear Creek Township will be taking filings for:

1- Supervisor, (2-year term) and 1- Treasurer,(2-year term)

Filing for these positions will begin on January 2, 2025, and end on January 16,2025, at 5:00 pm. All filing will be done at the Clerk’s home located at 27557 County 2, Shevlin, MN 56676. The fee for filing will be \$2.00.

Leah Sletten, Clerk
218-657-2432

Board of Commissioners’ December 10, 2024

The December 10, 2024 meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 5:00 p.m. with Chairman Larson presiding and Commissioners Newland, Dukek and Titera present. Commissioner John Nelson was absent. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the agenda.

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the November 19, 2024 Board Minutes.

Engineer– Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the Clearwater Highway Department bills as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to authorize the purchase of 44,850 lbs. of Crack Sealer Material from White Cap of St. Cloud, MN off the state contract of \$29,376.75 and Kettle Rental for \$6275.00 for a grand total amount of \$35,376.75.

Motion by Commissioner Larson,

seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to accept the Engineer’s Certificate of Performance for SAP 015-599-025; Leon Township Bridge Replacement, to accept said completed project for and in behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to Triple D Construction & Leasing.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase two (2) John Deere 6R 140 Tractors from True North Equipment in the amount of \$247,598.28, this includes trading in Unit 23 and Unit 23 and Unit 24 both 2016 John Deere 613 OR Tractors.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve of the attached Highway Department 2025 Budget.

MIS- Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the purchase of Elastic SIEM solution for \$26,435.29 from Cyber Force /Q, 47911 Halyard Dr, Suite #110, Plymouth, MI to be paid for out of IT Department Hardware Account.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the purchase of Dell PowerEdge R550 for \$11,064.51 from Dell, to be paid out of IT Department Hardware Account.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the appointment of Joseph Allen to the position of Information Technology Specialist, effective December 16th, 2024. Starting salary at Range 14, Step 10.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to promote Jason Duncan from IT Specialist to the position of Network Administrator Range 18, Step 6.

Emergency Management – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the Quate from Lorton Safety Training regarding a replacement AED for the County and 1 Year Safety Consultation Plan at the amount of \$2,800.00.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the purchase of a General Irrigation and Dewatering 12inch flood / fire pump for the purpose of Emergency Management. Cost of purchase not exceed \$21,000.00. Expected cost is \$20,640.71. \$14,000.00 in donations, \$6640.71 remaining. Half of the \$6,640.71 paid for by State of Minnesota EMPG Grant, other half local levy 3320.36 only from local levy.

Sherriff– Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the hiring of Kyle Wind as a full-time Communications Corrections Officer (CCO) effective December 11, 2024.

Auditor – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the Auditor to approve the transfer of \$100,00.00 from General Revenue to the Building & Grounds Account.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the transfer of \$250,000.00 from General Revenue to the Equipment Account.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the cancellation of the following warrants:

Warrant Date:	Warrant #	Warrant \$
1/15/2021	#151022	\$10.27
3/15/2021	#151763	\$3.00

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$147,957.05 for the County Revenue Fund and \$32,833.18 for the Public Health Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried to, appoint Patty Flaa as Clearwater County Assessor effective December 10, 2024 at Range 22 Step 8.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to accept the resignation of Abbie Anderson effective 12/9/2024. And to authorize staff to advertise

for the Assessor Clerk position.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to accept the resignation of County Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach effective 1/9/2025. And to wish her well with her new appointment as District Court Judge. And to authorize staff to advertise for the County Attorney position.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the 2023 Financial Statement for publication.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the 2025 On and Off Sale Liquor and Sunday Sale Licenses for Lobos’s Bar and Grill Inc. with Continuance of Insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to approve application of Stuart Dukek for the 2025 Off Sale Liquor License for Rock Creek General Store with Continuance of insurance. Commissioner Dukek abstained on this Motion.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the 2025 Seasonal Beer and Wine license application for Douglas Lodge, Itasca State Park.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve application of Marnie Knutson for the 2025 On Sale Liquor, Off Sale Liquor and Sunday Sale Licenses for Sportman’s Lodge, with continuance of Insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve application of Christian & Heather Davis for the 2025 Seasonal on Sale Beer License for Hoot Owl Resort.

Motion by Newland, seconded by Dukek and carried, to approve application of Linda Knutson for the 2025 Off Sale Beer License for Knutson’s Store.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the 2024 Year-end balances: Landfill Development \$600,000.00 Rural Signing \$400,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the following fiscal year 2025 Public Health Fund Budget. (On file).

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the following Department Budgets under the County Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2025. (On file).

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the levy for County purposes and instruct the County Auditor-Treasurer to spread this levy on taxable valuation of Clearwater County for taxes payable in the year 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the County Sheriff, Jail Administrator and the Chief Deputy Sheriff to get the same contribution toward the Teamsters Health Fund Insurance as the Teamsters Local 346 Union, effective 1/1/2025.

Recess – The Board meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m. for the Truth in Taxation meeting. Auditor/ Treasurer Al Paulson and Assessor Patty Flaa were present to answer questions. Several citizens attended the meeting to voice questions or concerns regarding their proposed tax statements. Each citizen was given the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns.

Open - The Board resumed at 6:00 p.m. for the Truth in Taxation Meeting.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Dated December 17, 2024

Mark Larson, Chairman
Lori Lewis, Board Coordinator

Bagley Senior Center Menu

December 23 - 27

Monday

Meatloaf, Brown Gravy,
Rosemary Red Potatoes,
Whole Kernel Corn

Tuesday

Herb Baked Chicken,
Mashed Butternut Squash,
Broccoli Florets, Chocolate
Chip Cookie

Wednesday

Closed for the Holiday

Thursday

Closed for the Holiday

Friday

Closed for the Holiday

Milk and bread included with meals.

- Meals are subject to change.
- Reservations by 10 am
- Meals Served at 11:30 am

Suggested Donation for Seniors is \$6.00. Under 60 is \$9.50.

Call Kay 9:30 - 1:00 Mon-Fri, 694-6873

For Seniors

Senior Transportation Service

Clearwater County residents who are 60 & over. Rides are scheduled Monday-Friday. 24-hour notice required. Call 218-888-2320 to schedule.

****This project is made possible in part under the Federal Older Americans Act through an award from the Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.**

Photocopies

Black/White
and Color Copies
available at

Farmers Independent

Veterans

Are welcome to join their peers at the D&R Café in Bagley on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. for coffee and a chat.

Community Calendar

Use the link on the home page of farmersindependent.com to submit your event information for the Community Calendar.

RIDER ALERT

Clearwater County Service on T.H.E. Bus

*** Countywide:**
7:30 am - 4:30 pm - Mon - Fri
*** Bagley:**
10 am - 4:30 pm - 1st, 3rd - Sat
*** Bemidji:**
2nd, 4th - Friday
Ride reservations to Bemidji must be scheduled by 3 pm the day prior to the trip.



800-201-3432

Clearwater County Service on T.H.E. Bus

Bemidji DAV Van

The Bemidji DAV Van runs through Shevlin, Bagley, Fosston, Clearbrook, and Leonard at no cost to Veterans 5 days a week except on holidays.

Dates Not Running: May 29th, June 19th, July 4th, September 4th, October 9th, November 10 & 23, and December 25th.

Call **855-277-9787** for your free ride: Clearwater CVSO has our schedules with names and numbers. Please call Sadoris at 218-209-1863 for questions.

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BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2024 SUMMARY

The regular meeting of the School Board, Independent School District #162 was held on December 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in BHS Room 101. Members present: Andrew Bennett, Adam Broden, Wendy Fultz, Amy Fontaine, John Gerbracht, Amanda Koop, Mark Olson, and Superintendent Dr. Heise. Members absent: None.

Chairperson Bennett called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. M/S Koop, Fultz to approve the agenda. MP 7-0.
2. M/S Broden, Olson to adopt the Final Levy Limitation 2024 Payable 2025 Levy in the amount of \$1,811,949.22 and the category totals as shown on the Final Levy Limitation and Certification Report dated December 2, 2024,

from the Department of Education. MP 7-0.

3. M/S Fontaine, Gerbracht to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Minutes – November 18th
- B. BHS Water Heater Burner Replacement
- C. Bus Garage Door Replacement
- D. FMLA Leave Request – Employee
- E. FMLA Leave Request – Employee B
- F. Policy 606 – Textbooks and Instructional Materials
- G. Policy 613 – Graduation Requirements MP 7-0.
4. M/S Fontaine, Gerbracht to approve the Dance Booster annual dance show fundraiser. MP 7-0.
5. Fultz moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Andrew Bennett, Chairman
Adam Broden, Clerk

Public notices are also available at <https://farmersindependent.com/public-notices/>

Winter load increases begin Dec. 20 in the North-Central frost zone

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will begin winter load increases on unrestricted highways in the North-Central frost zone at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

Winter load increases have already begun in the North frost zone.

Frost zones and restricted routes can be found on the MnDOT load limits map. Start and end dates and other load limit information are shown at mndot.gov/loadlimits.

Vehicles will be allowed to operate up to 10 percent over the standard legal maximum loads on unrestricted highways during the winter load increase period. However, trucks must comply with current

registration weight laws and not exceed registered gross weight tolerances.

Please check with local agencies (cities, counties and townships) prior to increasing any weights on their routes. The sign erected on the roadway governs the load limit in effect. A winter weight increase permit is required to take advantage of the 10 percent weight increase on interstate highways only; a permit is not required for state trunk highways.

MnDOT will report start and end dates on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.



NOEL

Grim was the world and grey last night:
The moon and stars were fled,
The hall was dark without song or light,
The fires were fallen dead.
The wind in the trees was like to the sea,
And over the mountains’ teeth
It whistled bitter-cold and free,
As a sword leapt from its sheath.
The lord of snows upreared his head;
His mantle long and pale
Upon the bitter blast was spread
And hung o’er hill and dale.
The world was blind,
The boughs were bent,
All ways and paths were wild:
Then the veil of cloud apart was rent,
And here was born a Child.
The ancient dome of heaven sheer
Was pricked with distant light;
A star came shining white and clear
Alone above the night.
In the dale of dark in that hour of birth

One voice on a sudden sang:
Then all the bells in Heaven and Earth
Together at midnight rang.
Mary sang in this world below:
They heard her song arise
O’er mist and over mountain snow
To the walls of Paradise,
And the tongue of many bells was stirred
in Heaven’s towers to ring
When the voice of mortal maid was heard,
That was mother of Heaven’s King.
Glad is the world and fair this night
With stars about its head,
And the hall is filled with laughter and light,
And fires are burning red.
The bells of Paradise now ring
With bells of Christendom,
And Gloria, Gloria we will sing
That God on earth is come.

Did you know... We have a Lifestyle page on our website. Articles about food, family and home updated every week!

Clearwater County Food Shelf Hours

Clearwater County Food Shelf is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the basement of the Bagley American Legion (go to the back door).

Monetary contributions can be mailed to Clearwater County Food Shelf, PO Box 578, Bagley, MN 56621.

Food donations can be dropped off at the Food Shelf on Wednesdays.

Open Hours Bagley Public Library

Tuesday: 1-7
Wednesday: 9-5
Thursday: 1-7
Friday: 9-5
Saturday: 9-1
Closed Sunday-Monday

