

Public & Legal Notices

ENGINEERING OPERATIONS MANAGER  
CLEARWATER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Clearwater County Highway Department is seeking a highly motivated individual to join our team. Under the direction of the County Engineer, the Engineering Operations Manager is responsible for engaging in and managing the daily operations of the engineering team to survey, design, permit, right-of-way acquisition, and monitor the construction of civil engineering projects for roads, ditches, and bridges to assure compliance with standard specifications and conformance with state, federal and other agency requirements, regulations, and standards.

The minimum qualifications are for completion of a two-year college or vocational civil engineering curriculum, and over four years’ experience related to civil engineering in surveying, design, and inspection of civil engineering projects. Class D driver’s license is required and the ability to obtain MnDOT inspection certifications if you do not already have them.

Salary Range: \$40.93 to \$52.52/hour depending on qualifications. Clearwater County offers benefits including health, dental, vision, and life insurances, as well as paid holidays, vacation, and sick leave. Further information regarding benefits is available by calling Niki Broten at 218-694-1171.

Applications are available at the Clearwater County Highway Department Office, 113 7th St. NE, Bagley, MN 56621 (218) 694-6132, or from our County website at [www.co.clearwater.mn.us](http://www.co.clearwater.mn.us). Applications will be received until May 7, 2025 or until filled.

Clearwater County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**CLEARWATER COUNTY  
LAND COMMISSIONER’S  
NOTICE OF INTERMEDIATE ORAL BID**

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of Chapter 355, Laws of 1941, as amended, tracts of timber will be offered for sale without the sale of land at **9:00 AM on Wednesday, May 14, 2025**, in the second-floor commissioner’s meeting room of the Courthouse, 213 Main Avenue N. Bagley, Minnesota. **All bidders must have completed a Contractor Application prior to 4:30P.M. on Friday, May 9, 2025.** Information regarding the sale is available at the Land Commissioner’s office, Clearwater County Courthouse, 213 Main Ave. N. Bagley, MN or at [www.co.clearwater.mn.us](http://www.co.clearwater.mn.us)

Independent School Dist. 162  
Bagley, Minnesota

**BAGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2025  
SUMMARY**

The regular meeting of the School Board, Independent School District #162 was held on April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in BHS Room 101. Members present: Amanda Koop, Dany Ekre, John Gerbracht, Darin Klostermeier, Michael Mathison, and Superintendent Dr. Heise. Members absent: Andrew Bennett and Wendy Fultz.

Treasurer Koop called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. M/S Gerbracht, Ekre to approve the agenda. MP 5-0.

2. M/S Mathison, Ekre to approve the following consent agenda items:  
A. Minutes – March 17<sup>th</sup>  
B. MP 5-0.

3. M/S Gerbracht, Ekre to approve the History Day Overnight Trip Request to the State competition on April 26-27. Rooms and transportation expenses are paid by Minnesota Historical Society. MP 5-0.

4. M/S Gerbracht, Ekre to accept Darin Halvorson’s BHS roof replacement project quotes in the amount of \$99,692 for section “A” and \$31,566 for section “B”. The project will be paid for by LTFM funds. MP 5-0.

5. M/S Gerbracht, Mathison to adopt the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Briana Floyd, a Probationary Teacher. MP 6-0.

6. M/S Ekre, Mathison to adopt the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Anne Courtemanche, a Probationary Teacher. MP 6-0.

7. M/S Klostermeier, Gerbracht to adopt the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Allyson Jurek, a Probationary Teacher. MP 6-0.

8. M/S Ekre, Mathison to adopt the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Carolyn Combs, a Probationary Teacher. MP 6-0.

9. Klostermeier moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Andrew Bennett, Chairman  
Wendy Fultz, Clerk

*All reports, budget information, bids, etc. may be viewed and/or questions answered at ISD #162’s District Office, 202 Bagley Ave NW, Bagley, MN. 218-694-6184*

Public Notices are always free to view on our website at [farmersindependent.com](http://farmersindependent.com)

**CLEARWATER COUNTY  
PROPERTY TAX NOTICE  
FIRST HALF TAXES  
DUE MAY 15, 2025**

**Real Estate Taxes on the 1<sup>st</sup> half are due on or before May 15, 2025. On May 16, 2025 penalty of 2% will apply to homestead property and a penalty of 4% will apply to non-homestead property. On June 1, 2025, the penalty will increase to 4% on homestead property and 8% on non-homestead property. These penalties will increase at the rate of 1% per month until October 1<sup>st</sup> when the penalty on homestead property becomes 8% and non-homestead property becomes 12% on the unpaid first half.**

**Personal Property Tax is due in full on May 15, 2025. Penalty of 8% applies on May 16, 2025, on any unpaid balance of the tax due. Please check your tax statement to see if your personal property taxes are due in full, or if only half of the taxes are due May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Respectfully,  
Allen L Paulson  
Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer

Bagley City Council Minutes

BAGLEY CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
March 12, 2025

The Bagley City Council met in regular session on March 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Duane Lewis, Council members John Sutherland, Aaron Kaiser, Dennis Merschman via Zoom, and Chad Bonik, City Clerk Lyle Mathison, and Deputy Clerk Priscilla Johnson.

Also present: Adam Gunderson, Bill Masterson, Allie Dalrymple, Chris Arnold, Isabelle Harmon and Janet Brademan.

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Bonik to accept the agenda, seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Isabelle Harmon and Janet Brademan with the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative addressed the council. The Collaborative started in 2015. They offer different classes at the Community Room in the library on various days of the month. The purpose is to bring the arts to the community. Some of the various classes are woodcarving, painting, and jewelry. They work with Cornerstone in Bagley providing art classes and music once a month. The plan is to grow and start including the DAC with their programs in the future. Brademan plans to do a pollinator garden at the library. They asked and were granted permission to set up a garden at the library to work with the garden club to get it installed.

Bonik made a motion to approve the minutes of City Council meetings on February 12 and 26<sup>th</sup> and the Township Fire Contract meeting on February 26, 2025. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Motion was made by Bonik to approve the consent agenda which included approval of checks written in February for the City and Liquor Store, approval to pay outstanding invoices for the City and Liquor Store, removal of retired Clerk Treasurer Faye Jacobs from the First National Bank of Bagley and National Bank of Commerce accounts for the City. Second by Sutherland, motion carried.

City receipts and expenditures for January were reviewed. City receipts for the month totaled \$46,919.97. City expenditures for the month of January totaled \$186,417.30. The profit and loss and monthly budget report for the Municipal Liquor Store was also reviewed.

Liquor Store manager Chris Arnold presented his profit and loss statements

covering the last 5 years. Arnold requested to hire Tucker Quam as a call-in part-time employee. Motion made by Bonik to hire Quam, seconded by Sutherland.

Fire Department Ball is April 5<sup>th</sup>. Firework training is scheduled for May.

City wide cleanup will be scheduled, hoping for April, weather permitting.

Phase 5 bidding documents submitted to USDA on March 11. Planning for April 17 bid opening. Work will not start until June 2 on Phase 5.

Informational meeting coming up Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 to go over Phase 5 with the Right of Way changes.

February Police Dept Reports were presented by Chief Gunderson. EVOC training is coming up for Officers Olson and Schipper this Spring.

Motion was made by Sutherland to move \$26,227.21 from the Fire Department Capital Outlay committed funds to the general fund for purchases related to insurance costs in February. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Motion was made by Sutherland to move \$49,688.72 from the GO Bond 2024A – CIP Fire Hall committed funds to the general fund for invoices paid in 2025. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Merschman made a motion to set the step increase date retroactive to January 1 for city employees. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried

Being there was no further business to come before the board, motion to adjourn was made by Merschman, seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

ATTEST:  
Duane Lewis, Mayor  
Lyle L. Mathison, City Clerk  
Priscilla Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

BAGLEY CITY COUNCIL  
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March 26, 2025

The Bagley City Council met in regular session on March 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Duane Lewis, Council members Dennis Merschman via Zoom, John Sutherland, Aaron Kaiser and Chad Bonik, City Clerk Lyle Mathison, and Deputy Clerk Priscilla Johnson.

Also Present: Mike Karvacko, Bill Masterson, Vicky Fletcher, Naomi Carlson, Brooke Jenkins, Cal Larson, Darin Steindl, and Ally Dalrymple.

Mayor Lewis called the

meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Sutherland to amend the agenda by adding Darin Steindl as citizen addressing the board, seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Mike Karvacko with Karvacko Engineering gave an update on the closeout of Phase 1 of the project. Phase 2 and 3 should resume the last few days in May. Phase 5 just had a public meeting, pre bid meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup>, bid opening April 17<sup>th</sup>, recommendation to award bid April 23<sup>rd</sup>, start date June 2<sup>nd</sup> work completed target date of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Water Tower project pre con April 9<sup>th</sup>, allowed to start April 21<sup>st</sup> work completed August 31<sup>st</sup>. State Aeronautics is coming to look at the runway.

Naomi Carlson with the HRDC came to council to talk about the Small Cities program and what the HRDC does in general. Larson talked about Public Energy audits available which is a block grant up to \$20,000 to give building assessments to public buildings through 2026.

Jenkins went over the DEED Small Cities Project. It is funds available for owner owned property if it’s a primary residence and has insurance. There are 12 homes that can benefit and currently there are 3 under contract and 2 applications. Funds can be used to Rehab a home, sidings, windows, doors, etc. It is \$25,000 available for a household and debt is forgiven if live in over 10 years.

Steindl donated \$2,500 from the Bagley Rotary Club to the City of Bagley for the Water Tower Project.

Motion was made by Sutherland to approve the Consent agenda which included permission for a raffle at the Hockey Rink. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Masterson ordered parts to fix the fire sirens from Rogers Two Way in Bemidji. Resident called in to switch their parcel from City to County, there is no water and sewer installed to the property. The process to go through is detachment with the Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit.

The Zingsheim’s are purchasing Lot 1 in the Kastner subdivision for \$12,000.00. Mathison is going to work on a purchase agreement.

Being there was no further business to come before the board; motion to adjourn was made by Merschman, seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

ATTEST:  
Duane Lewis, Mayor  
Lyle L. Mathison, City Clerk  
Priscilla Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

Bagley Senior Center Menu  
May 5 -May 9

**Monday:** Sloppy Joe with bun, baked beans, potato salad and rice krispy bar  
**Tuesday:** Chicken pasta salad, fresh fruit, bread stick, fruit juice and poke cake  
**Wednesday:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, pudding with topping  
**Thursday:** Corn chowder soup, ham salad sandwich, fruit salad, fudge crinkle cookie  
**Friday:** Country fried steak, mashed potato, gravy, glazed carrots and rosy applesauce

- Milk and Bread included with meals.
  - Meals are subject to change.
  - Reservations by 10 am
  - Meals Served at 11:30 am
- Call Kay 9:30-1:00  
Mon-Fri 218-694-6873
- Suggested Donation for Seniors is \$6.00.  
Under 60 is \$10.00

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.**

Bagley Schools Menu  
May 5 -May 9

**Monday:** BHS- BBQ wings, Doritos and coleslaw  
**BES-** Pizza, fresh veggies and tropical fruit  
**Tuesday:** California burger with veggie fixings, fries and apple crisp  
**Wednesday:** Waffles, sausage, fruit and veggie bar  
**Thursday:** Taco in a bag, veggie fixings, refried beans and applesauce  
**Friday:** Shrimp poppers, mac & cheese, fresh veggies and pears  
**BES-** No school  
**Breakfast -**  
**Monday:** Pancakes and fruit  
**Tuesday:** Cereal & WG item and fruit  
**Wednesday:** Muffin & yogurt and fruit  
**Thursday:** Cereal & WG item, and fruit  
**Friday:** French toast sticks and juice

**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.

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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 Saddoris at 218-209-1863 for questions.

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**NOTICE**

Due to rising printing and postage costs, along with a decline in advertising, the Farmers Publishing Company board of directors has made the decision to discontinue the publication of the Clearwater Shopper at the end of April. The Clearwater Shopper is the advertising publication sent to Clearwater County residents free of charge each week on Saturdays.

*This decision does not affect the Farmers Independent newspaper and we thank our subscribers for their continued support of our local newspaper.*

**St. Peter Lutheran Association**

Will host their annual meeting Saturday, May 10 at 1pm at the church in Columbia Township. Clean up and maintenance will follow the meeting. Pot luck lunch.

**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.



HELP CONTROL WEEDS BY USING  
CERTIFIED GRAVEL PITS

Clearwater County has a voluntary program to certify that gravel pit owners/managers are controlling noxious weeds in the material they are selling. Listed below are gravel pit owners/managers who are concerned about controlling the spread of noxious weeds on roadsides and on property belonging to other residents of the County.

Pit Owner (Property Owner)		Property Description	
County Highway Dept.	Landfill Pit	SE¼NW¼	Sec 17, Copley
County Highway Dept.	Spike Dam Pit	(stockpile only in N ½SE¼ Sec. 8, Sinclair)	
Dennis Engebretson	Pit	W½SW¼	Sec 15, Leon
Steve Thompson	Pit	E½SE¼	Sec 13, Leon
	Pit	NW¼NE¼	Sec. 8, Sinclair
	Pit	Polk Co	Sec. 1, Queen
Garald Halverson	Stockpile only	NW¼NE¼	Sec 12, Moose Creek
Stanley Johnson	Pit	SW¼NW¼	Sec. 21, Moose Creek
Lakes Concrete Inc.	Pit	part NE¼	Sec. 32, Shevlin
Knife River Materials	Pit	N½NW¼	Sec. 35, Moose Creek
Knife River Materials	Stockpiles only	SE¼	Sec. 24, Copley
Knife River Materials	Pit	part NW ¼ only description on file	Sec. 9, Copley
Jeff Jorgenson	Sandbank Only	part N1/2 NE1/4	Sec. 19, Leon

To help control noxious weeds Clearwater County and many of our Townships will purchase material only from these pits. We encourage you to help prevent the spread of noxious weeds by supporting these pit owners/managers when purchasing materials.

CLEARWATER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES | Phone: (218) 694-6183



Bagley Area Chamber

City-Wide Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 17

These locations have already signed up to participate:

- 16731 US 2 (9 am - 2 pm)
- 171 Stoner Street NE (9 am - 3 pm)
- 18246 340th St (8 am - 2 pm)
- 302 3rd St NW (10 am - 4 pm)
- 319 Getchell Ave NE (8:30 am - 5 pm)
- 34 Pine Ave NW (10 am - 4 pm)
- 34453 Short Road (8 am - 5 pm)
- 35823 211th Ave (8 am - 4 pm)
- 36135 159th Ave (8 am - 4 pm)
- 39083 State 92 (8 am - 7 pm)
- 39194 Lone Lake Rd (7 am - 5 pm)
- 906 Patricia Lane NW (8 am - 5:30 pm)

To sign up for the sale, visit [bagleyareachamber.com](http://bagleyareachamber.com).  
Deadline is May 6, 2025.

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785-2142 (Floral)  
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Sunday 10 AM - 6 PM

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CITY OF BAGLEY

CLEAN-UP DAYS ~ MAY 5 & 7, 2025

- During the City of Bagley Clean-Up Days, please take advantage of the opportunity to get rid of your “mess.”
- Pickup up this year will be by the City Maintenance Department.
- Pickup will be on the NORTH side of Hwy 2 on May 5 and on the SOUTH side of Hwy 2 on May 7. *This is a different order than past years.*
- Items must be put out the night before for early pickup. *ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP* if they are not put out for the *CORRECT DAY* or if they are *NOT SEPARATED*.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE PUT  
OUT AT THE CURB.  
ITEMS NOT SEPARATED WILL  
NOT BE PICKED UP  
SEPARATE INTO PILES OF  
1. APPLIANCES 2. METALS  
3. TIRES: “NO TRACTOR TIRES”,  
“NO COMMERCIAL TRUCK TIRES”  
4. TRENCH MATERIAL SUCH AS  
CONCRETE, BRICK, ROCK  
5. BYPASS MATERIAL, FURNITURE,  
GLASS, PLASTIC AND MATTRESSES.  
NO NEW CONSTRUCTION OR  
REMODELING MATERIALS.



IF YOU USE GARBAGE  
BAGS THEY MUST BE CLEAR!  
OTHERS WON'T  
BE PICKED UP.

IT'S YOUR TOWN AND EVERYONE'S  
JOB TO MAKE IT NEAT & CLEAN!

This is your chance to  
clean up your property &  
have your debris hauled  
away for FREE  
City will be enforcing  
the Zoning Ordinance  
on yard upkeep and  
appearance.  
Rental Homeowners:  
It is your responsibility  
to ensure the yards/  
properties are kept clean  
of debris



Clear bags will be available for purchase at Merschman's Ace Hardware  
and Galens Hardware Hank.