

Public & Legal Notices

Board of Commissioners' June 10th, 2025

The June 10th, 2025, meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Dukek presiding and Commissioners Larson, Titera, and Emmel present. Commissioner Ramsrud was absent. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the agenda.

Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the May 20, 2025 Board Minutes.

Attorney: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried, to allow Paul Toriseva to work up to 16 hours per week at the County Attorney's Office, so long as he does not exceed 20 hours per week total at all county jobs.

Engineer: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Auditor-Treasurer: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$101,218.12 for the County Revenue Fund and \$17,809.18 for the Public Health Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried, to allow Clearwater County Public Health to hire Jennifer Haman, Registered Nurse, at Step 7 for Public Health Coordinator. She will be a part-time employee and work more than 1040 hours per year.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried to allow North Country Community Health Services to purchase 3 radios for each LPH agency (Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods counties) - 9 radios total, at \$6,730 each = \$60,570.00 - from Roger's Two Way Radio. Cost is fully covered by the North Country CHS - Emergency Response and Sustainability Grant from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to approve the step increase for Patricia Flaa to Range 22 step 9 effective June 24, 2025.

MIS: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to authorize the IT Director to purchase NinjaOne software at an annual cost of \$6,990.00 from the IT Departments Computer Maintenance & Support.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried to authorize the Information Technology Director to advertise the Information Technology Specialist position.

By general consent, the Board waived the three-day notice requirement for the following motion:

Land & Forestry: Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to hire the following individual to work at Long Lake Park for the Summer: Alibi Risland.

Adjourn: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Dated: June 17th, 2025

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Clearwater County 2025

Board of Equalization

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Members present were Chairman Dukek, and Commissioners Titera, Larson, Ramsrud and

Emmel. County Attorney Karin Hughes, County Emergency Manager Logan LeClair, Highway General Foreman Josh Coyle, Board Coordinator Lori Lewis and Darin Steindl from the press attended. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Emergency Management: Opened the meeting discussing the Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency for the Southern half of Clearwater County South of US HWY 2 and what other townships have been affected.

Discussion on Fema /State reimbursement for townships affected along with the time frame of how long the disaster clean up expected time frame will be.

Highway General Foreman: Discussed how to bill hours for time cards as work for storm debris cleaning and if the County will hire Part-time help.

Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to authorize the State of Emergency Declaration.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

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Oath of Office: Riley Borgen gave the Oath of Office.

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Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to increase the value on parcel # 07.016.0100 from to \$449,800.00, based on the review of the upgrades.

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