

Public & Legal Notices

Board of Commissioners’
December 1st, 2025

The December 1st, 2025, meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Dukek presiding and Commissioners Larson, Titera, Emmel and Ramsrud present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Ramsrud and carried, to approve the agenda.

Auditor-Treasurer Al Paulson discussed with the board eliminating the third meeting of each month, raising the Commissioner’s per diem to \$100.00 or giving them a pay increase which has not been given in the past 15 years. Al noted that Rural

vacant lands had price increases for 2026.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Closed Session – The Board closed the meeting to conduct Department Head Evaluations per Statute 13D.05 Subd 3.

- Evaluations:
- 1. Dan Hecht
 - 2. Patty Flaa
 - 3. Bruce Cox
 - 4. Dan Suave
 - 5. Lisa Syverson

Dated: December 16, 2025.

Lori Lewis, Board Coordinator
Stuart Dukek, Chairman

Board of Commissioners’
December 2nd, 2025

The December 2, 2025, meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 5:00 p.m. with Chairman Dukek presiding and Commissioners Larson, Titera, Emmel and Ramsrud present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the agenda.

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve November 18, 2025, Board Minutes.

Recorder- Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to extend the part time position of Travis Peterson to full time starting Dec. 2, 2025 as Abstracting Clerk (Step 1 Range10) as he has reached the 1040 part time hour max.

Auditor – Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$132,798.90 from the County Revenue Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the wording of Section 21 Job Classification to the attached. (On file).

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Ramsrud and carried, to approve adding the attached Personal Appearance policy to the County Personnel Policy as Sect 26 and moving Forms to Section 27.

Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Ramsrud 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 1/1/2026.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ramsrud and carried, to approve the following fiscal year 2026 Public Health Fund Budget. (on file).

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the following fiscal year 2026 Solid Waste Management Fund Budget. (on file).

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve transferring money out of the Riparian Department into the following: \$20,000 to Sentence to Serve; \$200,000 to Landfill Development; \$100,000 to Equipment Account; \$50,000 to Water Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the following Departmental Budgets under the County Revenue Fund for Fiscal Year 2026. (on file).

By General consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following 4 motions:

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to purchase a 2012 Polaris PRO RMK snowmobile from Bemidji Sports Center for \$3,250.00

(Motion presented by Al Paulson for Bruce Cox).

Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve application of Christian & Heather Davis for the 2026 Seasonal ON SALE Beer License for Hoot Owl Resort.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried, to approve application of Marnie Knutson for the 2026 ON SALE LIQUOR, OFF SALE LIQUOR AND SUNDAY SALE LICENSES for Sportsman’s Lodge.

Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve application of Linda Knutson for the 2026 OFF SALE Beer License for Knutson’s Store.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the Non-Union pay scale increase of 8% plus \$0.50 per hour effective January 1, 2026, for non-union employees.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to authorize the repurchase of parcel #23.306.0270, Lot Ten (10), Block Six (6), Bagley by Minnesota Mortgage Law on behalf of Monica R (Lokken) O’Brien in the amount of \$1,975.16.

By general consent, the Board has tabled the following Resolutions for further discussion:

Resolution regarding the Clearwater County Auditor/Treasurer’s 2026 Salary.

Resolution regarding the Clearwater County Attorney’s 2026 Salary.

Resolution regarding the Clearwater County Sheriff’s 2026 salary.

Resolution regarding the Clearwater County Recorder’s 2026 salary.

By general consent, the Board has tabled the following Motion for further discussion:

Motion to approve the 2026 salary for the Commissioners.

Recess – The Board meeting recessed at 5:28 p.m. for the Truth in Taxation meeting. Auditor/Treasurer Al Paulson, County Assessor Patty Flaa, Deputy Assessor Riley Borgen, Deputy Assessor Taylor Engelstad and Assessor Clerk Erin Fox were available to answer questions or concerns.

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the levy for county purposes and instruct the County Auditor-Treasurer to spread this levy on the taxable valuation of Clearwater County for taxes payable in the year 2026.

<insert levy table>

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Dated: December 16, 2025.

Lori Lewis, Board Coordinator
Stuart Dukek, Chairman

Notice to Bagley Residence

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Bagley will be conducting its annual meeting at 1:30 pm on March 17, 2026, in the community room of Parkview Apartments located at 516 Main Ave North Bagley, MN 56621. This meeting is open to the public. Items on the agenda will include the regular meeting of commissioners, as well as election of officers and adoption of the proposed 2026 budget.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF
CLOVER TOWNSHIP

Notice of Annual meeting and Election of Town Officer’s of Clover Township, Clearwater County, State of Minnesota on Tuesday March 10, 2026. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be postponed and held on March 24th, 2026. Election poll hours will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at which time the voter will elect:

1 Supervisor for a 3-year term & 1 Treasure for a 2-year term
The Annual meeting will be held at 4:00PM. Fill for Town Officers from January 2nd, 2026, to January 16, 2026, Affidavits of Candidacy may be filed with the Clerk of Clover Township for a Fee of \$2.00.

Joel Wraa, Clerk of Clover Township

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF
PINE LAKE TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that a town election will be held in the Township of Pine Lake, Clearwater County, on Tuesday the Tenth day of March, 2026.

The first day of filing affidavits of candidacy will be Tuesday, December 30, 2025. The last day will be Tuesday January 13, 2026 at 5:00 pm. The following terms will be expiring:

Supervisor for a term of three years. Filing fee is \$2:00
December 18, 2025 Pamela Goebel clerk

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF
MINERVA TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS: hereby given to the qualified CANDIDATES OF Minerva Township, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota that filing for Town Offices will begin December 30, 2025, and close on January 13, 2026, at 5:00 PM. The positions that will be open are as follows:

1 Supervisor, 3-yr term and 1 Clerk, 2-yr term.

All filing will be done at the clerk’s home at 25671 State 92, Bagley, MN., 218-657-2211. The filing fee is \$2.00.
December 16, 2025 Susan Sunderland Clerk of Minerva Township

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF
LEON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS: hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Leon Township Hall.

Filing for township offices opens on December 30, 2025, and continues to January 13, 2026, 5 p.m. Offices to be elected are:

1 Supervisor for a 3 year term
1 Clerk for a 2 year term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee. Lori Larson, Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
November 12, 2025

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

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

Also present: Justin Netland, Adam Gunderson, Kenneth Olson, Chris Arnold, Mike Karvacko, Darin Steindl, Dany Ekre, Dean Newland, Carol Andersen, Jyll Gudvangen, Kelly Cease Bowman, Wesley Edelman, TJ Rhodes, Melissa Gunderson, Alder Logan, Billie Logan, Mike Kerr, Haddie Kerr, and Malissa Kerr.

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Merschman made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Mike Karvacko addressed the Council with recommendations for phases of the Water Sewer project. Phase 1 paying out the bituminous incentive with Knife River. Phase 2/3 was 3 days past the milestone time period, recommendation for liquidated damages of \$4,500. Phase 5 is \$20,000 under budget, total liquidated damages for the project were \$85,200 with work completed past the contract time allowed. Also included was an amendment to the engineering contract for Phase 5, with additional working days totaling \$21,100. Recommendations from the Public Utilities Commission to assess the liquidated damages and pay the incentive on Phase 1. Motion was made by Bonik, seconded by Sutherland to approve the recommendations from the

Public Utilities to assess the liquidated damages on Phase 2/3 and 5 and pay the incentive pay on Phase 1 of the Water Sewer Project and agree to the amendment in engineering contract, motion carried.

Motion was made by Merschman to approve the minutes from City Council meetings on October 8, October 22, Township Fire Meeting October 22 and the Public Hearing on October 29, 2025. Seconded by Kaiser, motion carried.

Motion was made by Merschman to approve the consent agenda which included, approval of checks written in October for the City and Liquor Store, approval to pay outstanding invoices for the City and Liquor Store, and approval to move \$4,500 from City Park Upgrades Committed Funds to General Fund for invoice paid in October. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

City receipts and budget reports were reviewed. City receipts for the month were \$99,013.56. City Expenditures for the month were \$226,465.33. The Municipal Liquor Store profit and loss and budget report for October was also gone over. Kaiser made a motion to approve the financials, seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Liquor Store Manager Chris Arnold presented the Council with the profit and loss reports for past 5 years comparison.

Fire Chief Netland presented an updated budget for 2026 reducing the proposed budget by \$10,919.60.

Police Chief Gunderson presented the monthly stat reports for the police department to the council, there was a total of 71 calls for service in October. Council approved a hiring committee of Gunderson, Mayor Lewis, Clerk-Treasurer Mathison, and

LONG LOST LAKE
TOWNSHIP
2025
MEETING DATES

January 6, 2026 7:00 PM
Reorganizational Meeting, Goldstein Residence

February 10, 2026 7:00 PM,
Board of Audit followed by Regular Town Meeting, Larson Residence

March 10, 2026
Hoot Owl Resort, **4:30 PM** Regular Meeting followed at **5:00 PM by Annual Meeting and Dinner, citizens encouraged to attend!**

April 2026
No meeting scheduled.

May 9, 2026 (Saturday) 10:00 AM,
Road Tour, Meet at County 39 and Seaberg Road

May 12, 2026 7:00 PM,
Regular Meeting, Jennings Residence.

June 9, 2026 7:00 PM,
Anderson Residence

July 7, 2026 7:00 PM
Regular Meeting, Scherzer Residence.

August, 2025
No Regular Meeting, Board attends District 12 Meeting.

September 8, 2026 7:00 PM,
Regular Meeting, Anderson Residence

October 13, 2026 7:00 PM,
Regular Meeting, Larson Residence

November, 2026
No Meeting Scheduled

December 8, 2026 7:00 PM,
Regular Meeting, Clerk’s Residence

Officer Olson for upcoming interviews. Gunderson presented multiple vehicles fully equipped with police equipment on the online auction he is looking at. The insurance from the previous vehicle is \$15,000 and there are funds in the Police Vehicle Fund to cover. Bonik made a motion to spend up to \$28,000 on the 2021 Durango with transportation. Seconded by Sutherland, Kaiser in favor and Merschman opposed, motion carried.

Bonik made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Troy Jesness and John Gerbracht to for a seasonal bar. Seconded by Merschman, motion carried.

For the Street department, the Sweeper broke down part was \$5,100. The transmission burnt up in the Loader, looking at \$7-10,000 to rebuild the transmission.

The airport courtesy car broke down. The city has put about \$380 into it and changed the EGR valve and it is still not running right. Bonik thinks we should look for another vehicle.

Under unfinished business, Firemen are working on sending two guys down to pass their fireworks tests with the books instead of sending them out of state to a class.

Bonik made a motion to spend the same as last year \$4000.00 for the early buy on fireworks. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Public Hearing discussion was made, it seemed like most of the people at the public hearing on 10/29 were not in favor of subcontracting but wanted to hear the numbers. Kaiser made a motion to explore the numbers with subcontracting with the County. Seconded by Merschman, motion carried.

Being there was no further business to come before the board, motion to adjourn was made by Merschman, seconded by Kaiser, meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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

Bagley Senior
Center Menu

Dec 29 - Jan 2

Monday: Fish patty with bun, tater tots, peas, carrots and pudding

Tuesday: Stew, biscuit, cake and fruit cup

Wednesday: Waffles, strawberries, sausage, fruit juice and sugar cookie

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Low fat milk, margarine 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

Senior
Transportation
Service

Clearwater County residents who are 60 & over. Rides are scheduled Monday-Friday. 48-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.

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. tf-psa

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.

Call **855-277-9787** for your free ride: Clearwater CVSO has our schedules with names and numbers.

PSA



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.

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Merry Christmas!

We hope you have a great Holiday season this year!

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