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**County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**Board of Commissioners'**  
April 21, 2026

The April 21, 2026, meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 10:30 a.m. with Chairman Titera presiding and Commissioners Larson, Dukek, Emmel and Ramsrud present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Minutes-** Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve April 14, 2026, Board Minutes.

**Engineer-** Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to award the bid for SAP 015-612-003 to Johnson Construction of Bemidji Minnesota in the amount of \$283,968.97.

Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried, to accept the Resolution for the Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to accept the engineer's certificate of performance for the 2025 bituminous surfacing projects: contract number 2025-1 for SAP 015-601-011 etj and to authorize final payment to RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc. of East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the attached Cooperative Engineering and Construction Agreement with White Earth Reservation to replace Bridge 15501 on CSAH 35.

**Environmental Services-** Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Ramsrud and carried, to authorize purchase from Estimate #MDC1501-9 dated 4-16-2026 from Minn-Dak Containers, Lankin, ND, one 20' new standard gray container including delivery for a total cost of \$3,158.00, to be paid from recycling account #399-6615.

**Auditor-** Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$28,482.36 from the county Revenue Fund and \$12,288.74 from the Public Health Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to pass the Resolution regarding the Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club application with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Trail and Waterways for the snowmobile grant-in-aid program for 2026-2027.

**Adjourn-** Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**Dated:** May 12, 2026  
Lori Lewis, Board Coordinator  
Mark Titera, Chairman

**Bagley City Council Minutes**

**BAGLEY CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
April 8, 2026

The Bagley City Council met in a regular session on April 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Also present: Justin Netland, Chris Arnold, Adam Gunderson, Amanda Brustad, Shelley Sorensen, Chad Ramsrud, Wendy Ramsrud, Bridget Moore, and Allie Dalrymple.

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

Kaiser made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Sutherland made a motion to approve the City Council minutes from March 11, 2026. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

Sutherland made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included: Approval of checks written in March for the City and Liquor Store, the approval to pay outstanding invoices for City and Liquor Store, Raffle Permit - Bagley Rotary, MN DEED grant draw #6 \$13,526.88 through HRDC. Seconded by Bonik, motion carried.

The monthly receipts and balances for February were gone over. The Monthly Receipts totaled \$38,146.31, monthly expenses totaled \$93,821.18. The liquor store Profit and Loss and Budget Report was presented through March. Sutherland made a motion to approve the financials, seconded by Kaiser, motion carried.

Arnold presented the profit and loss reports through March for the liquor store. Gross sales and profit were both up slightly. Arnold requested for Asst Manager Netland to attend the annual MMBA conference with him at Cragun's this year. Sutherland made a motion to approve for Netland to attend, seconded Bonik, motion carried.

Fire Chief Netland reported that the HazMat suits were delivered. The Fire Dept received a matching \$2,500 DNR grant. He received a quote for Wildland pullover pants for grassfires to provide less wear and tear on the bunker gear. The quote was at \$13,475.00. The relief association would take care of the rest of the cost after the \$2,500 matching grant. Three firefighters got certified to launch fireworks. Netland presented quotes for a replacement for Unit #4. He had a quote for a used truck for \$33,000, and a quote for a brand new truck for \$54,661.60 delivered. Also got quotes for graphics and switching over the fire equipment from the old truck to new truck. Bonik made a motion to purchase the pickup contingent on checking with state fleet service price, with the approval of the mayor and the chief to compare to fleet service price and make a purchase. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Police Chief Gunderson presented the monthly reports to the council, there were 80 calls for service in March. Dept

received a complaint, Gunderson is looking for guidance from the council on a cell phone policy for the city. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Kaiser made a motion to close the regular City Council meeting at 5:59 p.m. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
APRIL 8, 2026 6:00 PM

The Bagley City Council met in a special session on April 8, 2026 for a Public Hearing involving the Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation program.

Additional Present: Brooke Jenkins, Levi Harr, and Taylor VanBuskirk with the Headwaters Regional Development Commission.

Mayor Lewis called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Brooke Jenkins gave an overview on the Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation program. Awarded in 2024, the goal is to rehab 12 homes. There are six homes that are completed or under construction and six applications still open. The deadline is September without an extension to complete the project. Guidelines of the program are 80% of HUD median income so a family of four the income limit is \$67,000. State funds available to spend in the City are still \$227,000.00. The max on a project per house is \$25,000. The program is a \$25,000 loan that is forgiven after ten years continued occupancy. Owner occupied windows, doors, roofs etc.

Kaiser made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Seconded by Sutherland, public hearing was closed.

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS CONTINUED**  
April 8, 2026

Mayor Lewis re-opened the regular City Council meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Next on the agenda was Parks and Rec, Brustad with the Park Board brought up the Park Attendant building that is being discussed at the park. Lewis presented a total of quotes he had gathered with budget numbers on the project, total cost came to \$142,000.00. The council would like to discuss the plan more and get quotes to replace just the bathrooms.

Mathison brought up the possible ordinance updating the bylaws for the park board membership that was requested by the park board. Council is not in favor of updating the bylaws, feeling the majority of the park board has to live in the city limits.

Bonik made a motion for Mathison to attend the Clerks Institute training in Brooklyn Center, seconded by Kaiser, motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

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

**INVITATION TO BID**  
Notice is hereby given that  
**CLEARWATER-POLK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**BAGLEY, MINNESOTA**  
will accept **SINGLE PRIME BID** Proposals to include  
**ALL Construction Work for**  
**CORPORATE OFFICE AND SHOP**  
**BAGLEY, MN**

according to Drawings and Specifications prepared by Michael J. Burns Architects, Ltd., 824 Center Avenue, Moorhead, Minnesota.

**Sealed proposals will be received and opened at the Coop's Conference Room in Bagley, MN until 4:00 PM, Tuesday, May 26, 2026.**

Bids must be delivered before the time and date indicated above. The face of the envelopes containing the bids or the subject line in the e-mail proposals shall show the Contractor's name, address and be endorsed:

"Corporate Office and Shop, Bagley, MN"  
Documents may be examined at:  
FM Builders Exchange, 1010 Page Drive, Fargo, ND  
Grand Forks Builders Exchange  
Builders Exchanges in Minneapolis, St. Paul and St. Cloud, MN  
Construction Bulletin, 9443 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN 55428  
Reed Construction Data, Norcross, GA  
F.W. Dodge Plan Room, 7600 Parklawn Avenue, Suite 352, Edina, MN  
iSqFt and AGC of Minnesota Plan Room  
McGraw Hill, Minneapolis, MN  
Offices of the Owner in Bagley, MN  
Offices of the Architect at 824 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN.

The following is the list of INVITED Bidders:

General Contractors:  
Community Contractors, Inc., Grand Forks  
Construction Engineers, Inc., Grand Forks, ND  
Gordon Construction, Mahnomon, MN  
Gustafson and Goudge, Clearbrook, MN  
ICS, Inc., Grand Forks, ND  
Kraus Anderson, Bemidji, MN  
Ledgestone Construction, Detroit Lakes, MN  
Nor-Son Construction, Baxter, MN

Invited Contractors are encouraged to reach out to local Clearwater County and surrounding area contractors to assist with portions of the work.

Bidders may secure hard copies of the bid documents at their own expense through Applied Engineering, Fargo, ND. 701.281.1884. Electronic copies of the proposed Bid Documents may be obtained by e-mail: [luke@mjbaldt.com](mailto:luke@mjbaldt.com). Bidder's Bond in the amount of 5% of the Base Bid. Acknowledgement of the Addendums received shall also be identified on the envelope containing the bid. The Bidder shall provide proof that they are currently legally registered with the MN Secretary of State and the Department of Labor and Industry.

Bid bonds shall be made payable to Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative.

Bid security of the two lowest Bidders will be retained until Contract has been awarded and executed, but no longer than 60 days.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive informalities therein. The Owner further reserves the right to hold all legitimate proposals and the bid security of the two lowest Bidders for a period of Sixty (60) days after the date fixed for the opening thereof until Contracts have been awarded and executed.

Published for Clearwater-Polk Electric Coop by their authority.  
Dated this 20th day of April 2026.  
By: Ms. Deanna LeFebvre, General Manager

**Open Hours**  
**Bagley Public Library**  
Tuesday: 1-7  
Wednesday: 9-5  
Thursday: 1-7  
Friday: 9-5  
Saturday: 9-1  
Closed Sunday-Monday  
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**Bagley Senior Center Menu**  
May 25 - 29

**Monday:** Memorial Day Closed

**Tuesday:** Hamburger with bun, baked beans, fruit salad and cookie

**Wednesday:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots and fruit crisp

**Thursday:** BBQ riblet, baked sweet potato, creamy coleslaw and Jell-o

**Friday:** Cook's choice

- 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 for Seniors is \$6.00. Under 60 is \$10.00

**Clearbrook Senior Center Menu**  
May 25 - 29

**Monday:** Memorial Day Closed

**Tuesday:** Tator tot hotdish, fruit and dessert

**Wednesday:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots and fruit crisp

**Thursday:** BBQ pork, baked sweet potato, creamy coleslaw, Jell-o with topping

**Friday:** Cook's choice

- Reservations by 9 am the day of 218-776-3154
- Low fat milk, margarine and Bread included with meals.
- Meals are subject to change.

April 2026 CLAIMS OVER \$2000		
April 2026 CLAIMS OVER \$2000	\$ 2,140.27	Human Services
Amazon Capital Services	\$ 2,234.90	Human Services, Public Health, Road & Bridge
Anchor Marketing	\$ 2,360.00	NCCH
Baycom	\$ 35,280.00	County Revenue
Beltrami County Public Health Nrs Srvc	\$ 2,365.00	NCCH
Capital One	\$ 8,341.40	County Revenue, Public Health, Road & Bridge
City of Bagley	\$ 4,507.31	HHW, Road & Bridge
City of Clearbrook	\$ 64,449.35	Road & Bridge
City of Gorvick	\$ 3,520.00	Road & Bridge
Clearwater Co Public Health	\$ 11,414.65	NCCHA
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	\$ 3,602.28	County Revenue, Solid Waste, Tax Forfeited, Road & Bridge, HHW
Clearwater County Sheriff Department	\$ 2,208.37	Human Services
Clearwater Day Activity Ctr	\$ 11,169.90	Human Services
Clearwater SWCD	\$ 17,340.00	County Revenue
Code 4 Services Inc	\$ 24,522.34	County Revenue
Commissioner of Revenue	\$ 2,266.00	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Compass Minerals America	\$ 9,475.24	Road & Bridge
Dell Marketing LP	\$ 23,950.36	County Revenue, Human Services
Department of Corrections	\$ 11,253.45	County Revenue
Department of Employment and Economic De	\$ 7,942.98	County Revenue
Equipment Blades Inc	\$ 3,922.00	Road & Bridge
Esri	\$ 13,969.00	County Revenue
Evergreen Shelter	\$ 7,425.00	Human Services
Farmers Publishing Co	\$ 2,531.28	County Revenue, Solid Waste, Road & Bridge, Human Services
Garden Valley Technologies	\$ 2,349.81	Human Services, Road & Bridge, Public Health, HHW, County Revenue, Solid Waste
Glenn's Carpet Service	\$ 8,501.27	County Revenue, Human Services, Road & Bridge
H & L Mesabi	\$ 14,800.00	Road & Bridge
Headwaters Regional Development Commiss	\$ 12,269.68	NCCH
Hetland/Marissa	\$ 11,052.20	NCCHA
Horn/Jason&Christine	\$ 2,758.52	Human Services
I.U.O.E Local 49 Fringe Benefit Fund	\$ 25,125.00	County Revenue
Karpel Solutions	\$ 9,131.00	County Revenue
Lake Agassiz Regional Library	\$ 31,977.50	County Revenue
Lakewood Public Health	\$ 6,284.26	NCCHA
Larson/Sharon	\$ 2,198.16	NCCH
Listrom's Disposal, Inc	\$ 37,033.89	County Revenue, HHW, Solid Waste, Human Services
Marco Technologies LLC	\$ 5,818.10	County Revenue, Public Health, Human Services
Martin-McAllister Consulting Psych Inc	\$ 3,000.00	County Revenue
Mayer/Anna	\$ 3,240.70	Human Services
MCIT	\$ 2,657.00	Road & Bridge, County Revenue
Merschman's Ace Hardware	\$ 2,008.35	County Revenue, Road & Bridge, Human Services
MN Department of Finance	\$ 2,877.50	State Fund
MN Secure Transport LLC	\$ 2,984.00	Human Services
MNCCC	\$ 2,012.66	County Revenue
Moose Lake RTC	\$ 2,542.00	Human Services
Morris Electronics Inc	\$ 52,003.67	County Revenue
MSOP - MN Sex Offender Program 462	\$ 7,393.50	Human Services
NewEra4k	\$ 3,637.00	NCCH
Nexus-Kindred Family Healing	\$ 8,460.00	Human Services
Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing	\$ 11,632.44	Human Services
Northwest MN Juvenile Ctr	\$ 31,549.00	County Revenue, Human Services
Polk County Solid Waste	\$ 33,747.44	Solid Waste
Power Plan OIB	\$ 2,000.97	Road & Bridge
Primadata, LLC	\$ 2,706.19	County Revenue
Prime Health	\$ 87,233.78	County Revenue
Pro West & Assoc	\$ 4,515.50	County Revenue
Public Utilities Commission	\$ 8,768.42	Tax Forfeited, County Revenue, Human Services, Road & Bridge, Public Health, HHW
Regents of the University of MN	\$ 26,350.00	County Revenue, Road & Bridge
RJ Zavoral & Sons Inc	\$ 74,870.15	Road & Bridge
RTVision Inc	\$ 2,875.00	County Revenue
Rural Minnesota Cep Inc	\$ 7,579.39	Human Services
Sanford Health	\$ 10,089.24	County Revenue, Human Services
Saxon Fleet Services	\$ 51,740.40	Road & Bridge
SHI International Corp	\$ 18,825.36	County Revenue
Sorensen Dep 069 Inc	\$ 3,635.38	Road & Bridge, Public Health
St Joseph's Community Health	\$ 38,411.05	NCCHA
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	\$ 7,339.50	Solid Waste
Summit Food Service LLC	\$ 12,822.22	County Revenue
Thomason Swanson & Zahn PLLC	\$ 2,115.40	County Revenue
Thomson Reuters - West Publishing Corp	\$ 2,146.34	County Revenue
Thrifty White Pharmacy	\$ 2,414.09	County Revenue
Torgerson/Bryce	\$ 2,850.00	Human Services
University of North Dakota	\$ 5,526.21	County Revenue
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	\$ 15,975.00	County Revenue
Verizon Wireless	\$ 2,311.80	County Revenue, Human Services, Road & Bridge, Tax Forfeited, Public Health, NCCHA
Visa	\$ 2,731.74	County Revenue
Wellpath LLC	\$ 32,988.33	County Revenue
West Central Reg. Juvenile Detention Ctr	\$ 15,316.00	Human Services
WEX Bank	\$ 17,317.78	County Revenue, Road & Bridge, Human Services
<b>There were 166 Vendors paid under 2000 totaling</b>	\$ 70,985.96	

**RIDER ALERT**  
Clearwater County Service on T.H.E. Bus

**\* Countywide:**  
7:30 am - 4:30 pm - Mon - Fri  
10 am - 4 pm - 2nd, 4th - Sat

**\* Bemidji:**  
2nd, 4th - Friday  
Ride reservations to Bemidji must be scheduled by 3 pm the day prior to the trip.

800-201-3432

**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 N1/2 SE1/4)
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
Doug Anderson (c/o Dale Vogt)	Pit NW1/4NW1/4SW 1/4 Sec. 4, Copley
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 Sec. 9, Copley
Jeff Jorgenson	Sandbank only part N1/2 NE1/4 Sec. 19, Leon
RT Zavoral & Sons	Pit NW ¼ Sec. 26 Chester (Polk Co)

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

**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.

**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.

**Need tickets for your group's fundraiser raffle?**

**Call the Ticket Experts!**  
**FARMERS INDEPENDENT!!**  
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