

Carlos Township Newsletter - July 2015

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Meeting Dates

The Carlos Town Board meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Carlos Elementary School, except for November and December, when the board meets only on the second Thursday of the month. Please contact the clerk by the Saturday before meeting if you would like to be placed on the agenda.

Change in Meeting Place:::

Due to construction at the Carlos Elementary School, all board meetings will be held at the Carlos Town Hall until further notice. Use the back door to enter the hall.

Long Prairie Tubing Traffic:

Milona Carlos Road is the road used to access the Long Prairie River. Residents have informed the board that tubers are attempting to access the river from either North or South Riverview, which increases the traffic on those roads.



Township Roads

Seal Coating

The township will be looking to seal coat a few roads this summer. At this time, that final list has not been completed. By adding this layer of protection, our roads will last much longer.

Milona Carlos Bridge

The County will be meeting with the township at its regular meeting on July 23rd to discuss funding for this project.

Road Projects

Prairie Road from County Road 42 to East Lake Carlos Drive is being improved. The steep in-slopes have been reconstructed and that section of road will be overlaid this summer.

The board is planning on reconstructing a section of Pike Road along with repairing areas on South Park Drive and Carlos Bluffs. Terrace Drive will receive an overlay this summer.

Gravel & Chloride application:

Many of the roads will receive additional gravel this year. After that time, the remaining application of chloride will be applied.

Road Maintenance/Brushing Concerns from residents

All work orders need to be directed from the board to the township's road maintainer. If any resident has a concern or question regarding road maintenance, please contact a board member and they will contact the road maintainer.

Trash dumped off in Township/County Right of Way:

It is discouraging to see unwanted items discarded along county and township roads. The township has a landfill located on Pike Road, which is located south of Carlos Corners on State Highway 29. It most likely comes down to people not wanting to pay to have these items disposed of properly. Upon conducting the annual road inspection in May – Televisions, mattresses and other objects were found in the township right of way. Please be respectful of our township and county, as we live in a beautiful area and the thought of having trash in our ditches is disheartening.

Bridge over Long Prairie River

Due to the deterioration and safety concerns by residents in the North and South Riverview additions, the bridge spanning the Long Prairie River was dismantled and taken down. A big thank you goes out to Steve Solum for taking on this project.

**Carlos Days
July 11, 2015**

**Kortni Botzet Memorial Event 5K Run/Walk -
Silent Auction
7:30 Registration
Call 320-766-5523 for more information**

**Parade beginning at 3PM with the Fireman's
Water fight to follow.**

**Beer Garden, Hamburgers and Brats
Dance to WHIPLASH at the Street Dance from
9PM-1AM**

Commissioner Comments – Bev Bales

The busy summer is upon us – lots of inspections at our boat landings checking for invasive species. Now a huge thrust in Southern Minnesota to keep out the flying carp. Sure hope they are successful. Don't need them here. By first of Sept. we are hoping we can return to our Commissioners' room – it has been used for Court for the past several months so we didn't need to rent space elsewhere for Courts & Court Services, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Repairs & construction are being done on our County roads. There is a Study in progress to best prepare the Lake Brophy County Park for use by the public. It is a beautiful tract of land, & we want to be sure it is accommodating to most of the people.

The Board agreed with several entities to establish an "All County Calendar" for everyone's use. April was designated as Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

The Board was asked to plant more pollination flowers in our County Parks to help prevent the decline of honey bees. June 16 Board meeting had presentations from those in the field of bee pollination from Univ. of Minnesota, Soil & Water & more. Board gave permission for use of our County roads for various summer festivals & fundraisers. Resolution entitled, "Stepping up" was approved. It is a concerted effort by numerous entities to address the mentally ill in jails and how we can prevent so many being incarcerated, when often these folks have no idea they committed a crime – education is needed in handling these folds from Social Services, Public Health & Law Enforcement to name a few. You can receive more information by visiting the County's website [@co.douglas.mn.us](http://co.douglas.mn.us).

Do contact me anytime with your concerns bevb@embarqmail.com 320-852-7335. Have a wonderful summer! Bev Bales, Commissioner

Commissioner Comments:

The County board reorganized for 2015: Chairman is Charlie Meyer, Vice Chairman is Jim Stratton.

Committees were assigned and dates for regular board meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 AM, on the 2nd floor of the courthouse. Due to the remodeling of court rooms, the Board will meet at Alexandria City Hall until that is completed.

The board selected members for the Planning Commission along with selecting Shutters for Vehicle Repair and the Echo Press as the official newspaper.

The Board saved thousands of dollars by signing off on re-issuing bonds. Two new boilers will replace 1967 models in Service Center. Prime West gave the Board an update on their business. A letter of engagement was signed with Ehlers, as the County's bond representative.

Dr. Mark Spanbauer was re-appointed County Coroner until July, when he will retire. The Board accepted \$3594 in donations for Hospice.

Public Works Director, Dave Robley will send out thank you letters to all groups that clean 75% of our 550 County roads. The board signed the Resolution of Adopt-a-highway program.

The Board approved raising the fees for the Central Fueling Facility at Public Works.

Pope-Douglas Solid Waste facility reported that in 2014, 82.252 tons of waste was processed along with 135 semi-loads of recyclables.

The \$354,000 that was collected last year from the Wheelage tax, was used on County Rd 1. So far since October 1st, the county has received \$635,000 to upgrade more designated county roads.

The Land & Resource Department was approved to hire a Feedlot officer. This position has been vacant for several months. This office was also approved to hire an additional Land Use Technician.

West Central Communities Action group presented the board with their Annual Report.

Board approved payment to Rainbow Rider along with the purchase of rental vehicles for Public Works from Enterprise. Enterprise is the same company leasing vehicles to Social Services and Horizon Public Health. The board also approved the contract for Horizon

Department heads encouraged to attend the Annual Douglas County Township Meeting March 18.

Contact me with any concerns/suggestions/ideas you may have about County Government. I am here to serve you and I truly enjoy doing so.

Thank You

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See you at the Annual Carlos Township Meeting at the Carlos Town Hall on March 10th at 8:00 PM

Remember to vote: Polls are open from 4-8PM