

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 24, 2016

Location: Hibbing City Council Chambers, Hibbing, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Dahlberg, Rukavina, Stauber, Nelson, and Chair Raukar

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #2, CY 2016 Detox and Hold Services Contracts and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 16-48. *[16-217]*. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of May 10, 2016
- CY 2016 Employment Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 16-43 *[16-216]*
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Willard Enterprises Inc. (Non-Homestead) *[16-218]*
- Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Salveson *[16-219]*
- Cooperative Agreement with Hibbing Taconite for Relocation of CSAH 5 and CSAH 136 (Balkan Township and City of Chisholm) *[16-220]*
- Professional Services Agreement with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. to Design a Roundabout on CSAH 5 (Chisholm) *[16-221]*
- Request for Relocation and Additional Access along CSAH 4/Rice Lake Road (Rice Lake) *[16-222]*
- Acquisition of Right of Way – CSAH 7 (Meadowlands and Alborn Township) *[16-223]*
- Parking Ramp Repairs – St. Louis County Courthouse-Duluth/Third Street Ramp *[16-224]*
- Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Agriculture and Environment Education *[16-225]*
- Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Horticulture/Educational Activities *[16-226]*
- Abatement List for Board Approval *[16-227]*
- Increase an Information Specialist II 0.5 FTE to an Information Specialist II 1.0 FTE Position - Auditor's Service Center *[16-228]*

Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/Boyle moved that a public hearing will be held at 9:40 a.m., on June 28, 2016, in the Pike Town Hall, Embarrass, MN, for the purpose of considering an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Hugo's, Inc. d/b/a Hugo's, Ault Township. *[16-229]*. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Rukavina moved that a public hearing will be held at 9:45 a.m., on June 28, 2016, in the Pike Town Hall, Embarrass, MN, for the purpose of considering an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Random ACT, Inc., d/b/a Kountry Krossroads, Pike Township. [16-230]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Rukavina/Raukar moved to establish a joint public hearing of the St. Louis County Board and the County HRA on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 9:40 a.m. at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to take testimony on the issuance of bonds by the City of Ely HRA which would be secured by the general obligation of St. Louis County. [16-231]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Rukavina/Stauber moved to award a bid to Hoover Construction Co, Inc., of Virginia, MN, in the amount of \$187,478.85 for project CP 0005-257589, SAP 69-605-048, located on CSAH 5 between Side Lake and 0.125 mile north of McCue Road, length 4.70 miles, Morcom and French Townships. [16-232]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/Rukavina moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$466,805.94 for project CP 0108-288984 TST, located on CSAH 108 between CSAH 16 and UT 9234 (Little Lake Road), length 2.46 miles, Unorganized Township 56-16. [16-232]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Commissioner Jewell returned to the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Rukavina/Nelson moved to award a bid to Redstone Construction, LLC, of Mora, MN, in the amount of \$1,372,741.72 for project CP 0116-243925 TST Bridge 69A39, located on CSAH 116 (Echo Trail) 2.6 miles east of Junction CSAH 24, length 0.07 mile, Portage Township [16-233]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Stauber moved to appoint the following individuals to serve as the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for Assessment Year 2016:

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| • John Heino, Duluth | Commissioner District #1 |
| • John Doberstein, Duluth | Commissioner District #2 |
| • Lee Conradi, Duluth | Commissioner District #3 |
| • Leonard Cersine, Ely | Commissioner District #4 |
| • Tim Peterson, Hermantown | Commissioner District #5 |
| • Dawn Cole, Town of Fayal | Commissioner District #6 |
| • Frank Bigelow, City of Hibbing | Commissioner District #7 |

The Special Board of Appeal and Equalization is: delegated all powers and duties of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization; to report the results of their deliberations back to the St. Louis County Board in the form of minutes kept by the Clerk of the County Board; directed to hold at least one meeting day in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, and one day at the Northland Office Center, in Virginia, Minnesota; to be compensated at the rate of \$200 per meeting day (payable from Assessor's Department Fund 100, Agency 118001, Object #635300 – Nonemployee fees) and be reimbursed for mileage and expenses at the current county rate (from Assessor's Department Object #635500 - Non-

employee travel); and directed to convene at 10:00 a.m., June 15, 2016, in the Commissioner's Conference Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN. [16-234]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Boyle/Raukar moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into agreements with the following providers for detoxification and hold services for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016:

| <u>Provider</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment | \$1,444,700.00 |
| Range Mental Health Center | \$424,730.00 |

County Board Resolution No. 16-48, dated January 12, 2016, is rescinded. [16-217]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Rukavina said that representatives of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) will be attending the Board meeting in Pike Township to discuss cooperation between local and county government. Commissioner Rukavina discussed issues regarding the closure of Highway 21 and touched on the impacts to local business and the school district.

Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said he will discuss the project with the contractor to see what options may be available regarding the closure of Highway 21.

Commissioner Nelson discussed how the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), July 1st restriction has negatively affected previous projects and bids. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern regarding the controlled burn near Ely. Commissioner Nelson believes St. Louis County should seek damages from the Federal Government; the burn has affected over 1,000 acres including tax-forfeited land.

Commissioners Rukavina and Dahlberg agreed with Commissioner Nelson and encouraged Administration to determine the overall impact and cost to St. Louis County.

Commissioner Jewell discussed impacts of cuts made by the federal government to Forest and Transportation budgets.

Chair Raukar said an event honoring Bob Dylan will be held today at the Hibbing Public Library from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Chair Raukar closed the meeting by quoting Bob Dylan: "The times they are changing. Yesterday is just a memory. Tomorrow is never what it's supposed to be."

At 12:50 p.m., Dahlberg/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board

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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board