

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA



Tuesday, July 9, 2013, 9:30 A.M.

**Rice Lake Town Hall
4107 West Beyer Road
Duluth, MN**

Directions: The Rice Lake Town Hall is located at the corner of Howard Gnesen Road and West Beyer Road, two miles north of the intersection of Martin Road and Howard Gnesen Road.

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Seventh District**

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Donald Dicklich

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Mark Rubin

Interim Clerk of the Board
Phil Chapman

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. The Board encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, you will be allowed to address the Board when a motion is on the floor. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by the Standing Rules of the County Board, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda.

When addressing the Board, please sign in at the podium and state your name and address for the record. Please address the Board as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. The St. Louis County Board promotes adherence to civility in conducting the business of the County. Civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issue before the Board. Tools of civility include: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism and take responsibility [County Board Resolution No. 560, adopted on September 9, 2003]. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes.

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All supporting documentation is available for public review in the County Auditor's Office, 100 North 5th Avenue West - Room No. 214, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Agenda is also available on our website at <http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/GOVERNMENT/BoardofCommissioners.aspx>

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9:30 A.M. Moment of Silence
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll Call

*“St. Louis County History: People & Places” – Commissioner Stauber,
Fifth District*

AT THIS TIME CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. [Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.]

FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE BOARD AGENDA OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA, CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THE TIME A MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of business submitted on the consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

1. Development of a trails approval policy for any proposed trail over tax forfeited lands in St. Louis County. {13-280} [Without recommendation.]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

2. Authorize a five year agreement with Hunt Electric Corp., of Duluth and Virginia, MN, for miscellaneous electrical services at county facilities. {13-281} [Without recommendation.]

NOTE: Because there will not be a County Board meeting until July 30, 2013, the Board will recess and reconvene to consider items passed at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNED:

County Policy for Approval of Trail Projects on Tax Forfeited Lands

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, A statutory goal of managing state tax forfeited lands is to return these lands to the property tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, When trail projects are planned for these lands, there may be reductions of land values that can impact future tax capacity; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board believes that a comprehensive trails approval policy should be developed to ensure that all potential user groups are engaged in any trail development involving tax forfeited lands in St. Louis County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board directs County Administration and the Land & Minerals Department to develop a comprehensive trails approval policy for any proposed trail over tax forfeited lands and engages all potential user groups;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this policy proposal to be ready for County Board review and consideration by October 15, 2013.

Agreement for Miscellaneous Electrical Services

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has the need for the services of qualified electrical professionals for maintenance, repair, small remodeling, and energy savings projects county-wide, valued at less than \$50,000 each; and

WHEREAS, To increase efficiency, enhance emergency response times, and reduce costs, the county Purchasing Division and Property Management Department have drafted specifications for the electrical services and received four (4) proposals; and

WHEREAS, After review of the proposals, it has been determined Hunt Electric Corporation provided the best services package for the best overall price; and

WHEREAS, This contract for these services would be available for use by all county departments and county wide use has historically averaged \$243,000 annually, with a potential five year total aggregate of \$1,200,000;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement for five (5) years with Hunt Electric Corporation, of Duluth and Virginia, MN, for miscellaneous electrical services including maintenance, repair, small remodeling and energy savings projects under \$50,000 per service, with a potential total aggregate of \$1,200,000 over the term of the agreement for the period July 9, 2013 through July 9, 2014;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That County Board Resolution No. 13-298, dated May 14, 2013, is hereby rescinded.