

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2014**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 14th day of January 2014, at 9:32 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Angie Miller, Chris Dahlberg, Pete Stauber, Keith Nelson, Steve Raukar, and Chair Mike Forsman - 7. Absent: 0.

Chair Forsman asked for a moment of silence in honor of military personnel serving here and abroad, public safety people, and for all of the innocent victims of conflicts throughout the world.

Nathan Bentley, founder of "Bentleyville", thanked St. Louis County for their continued support and sponsorship of Bentleyville. Mr. Bentley presented the Board with a certificate of appreciation and a custom-made steel tree.

The Board presented Commissioner Miller a plaque in recognition of Commissioner Miller volunteering to serve on the Board. Commissioner Miller thanked the Board for the opportunity and encouraged the public residing in the second district to vote in today's Commissioner Special Election.

Chair Forsman then opened the meeting to persons who wanted to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda, and no one came forth.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Dahlberg, moved to approve the consent agenda without item #3, Support for Federal Legislation Addressing the Crime of Sex Trafficking of Children. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Stauber, supported by Commissioner Raukar, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to implement a pilot fraud prevention initiative for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The Board authorizes the increase of the department's authorized FTE by 2.0 to allow for the hiring of one (1) FTE Eligibility Investigator and one (1) Financial Worker for this fraud prevention initiative with the understanding these positions are only authorized for the time frame of the pilot; the cost of this pilot fraud prevention initiative is projected to be \$118,362. PHHS shall provide the Board with quarterly evaluations of this fraud prevention initiative. Commissioner Jewell exited the meeting at 9:53 a.m. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays (Jewell absent). Resolution No. 14-58.

Commissioner Jewell entered the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

A recess was taken from 9:55 a.m. to 10:08 a.m.

Commissioner Stauber, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board supports the federal legislative efforts of Senator Amy Klobuchar to expand the language of existing legislation that will help eliminate sex trafficking across the country by giving prosecutors the tools they need to combat the crimes and ensure support for the victims of those crimes. Eric Garcia Luna spoke to the board on behalf of Senator Amy Klobuchar's office. Mr. Luna thanked the Board for their support and briefly discussed the legislation. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 14-46.

The following Board and contract files were created as a result of documents received at this Board meeting:

Easements and rights-of-way granted during CY 2014.—59796

Abatement lists approved during CY 2014.—59797

Repurchases of state tax forfeited lands approved during CY 2014.—59798

County Administrator Kevin Gray, Director of Public Health & Human Services Ann Busche, and County Attorney Mark Rubin submitting Board Letter No. 14-14, Support for National Human Trafficking Awareness Month and Federal Legislation Addressing the Crime of Sex Trafficking of Children.—59799

County Administrator Kevin Gray and Director of Public Health & Human Services Ann Busche submitting Board Letter No. 14-15, Pilot Fraud Initiative.—59800

Agreement for professional services between the County of St. Louis and Todd E. Deal, Attorney at Law, Virginia, MN, to provide civil commitment representation for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.—14-33

Agreement for professional services, Damion No. 2013-8404, between the County of St. Louis and Keith G. Shaw, Attorney at Law, Duluth, MN, to provide counsel to represent parents in Children in Need of Protective Services (CHIPS), Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) or Long Term Foster Care (LTFC) placement matters for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.—14-34

Agreement for purchase of services, Damion No. 2013-8409, between the County of St. Louis and the St. Louis County Historical Society, Duluth, MN, for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 (Aid to Other Agencies Account).—14-35

Grant Agreement No. A-VCET-2014-STLOUISO-00010, between the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$96,043 for Violent Crime Enforcement Teams 2014 for the term January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.—14-36

St. Louis County On-line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis, Auditor's Office, and Sandra E. Butterworth, Duluth, MN.—14-37

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Watters & Sons Excavating, LLC, Duluth, MN, for catch basin, stormceptor and sidewalk repair on CSAH 32 approximately 2,800 feet east of CSAH 91/Haines Road in Duluth, MN, CP 0032-204820.—14-38

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Dallco, Inc., Finlayson, MN, for construction of Bridge No. 69A11 and approach grading located on County Road (CR) 834 over East Savanna River in Halden Township, SAP 69-598-046, CP 0834-158301.—14-39

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Northland Constructors of Duluth, LLC, Duluth, MN, for bridge construction on CR 281 in Lakewood Township, SAP 69-598-042, CP 177712 (Storm).—14-40

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., Gilbert, MN, for multi-use trail construction including clearing, grading, aggregate base, culverts, bituminous surface, signing, and striping (Mesabi Trail) in Breitung Township, SP 69-090-021, CP 0000-3636.—14-41

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, for centerline culverts, reclamation, aggregate base, aggregate base stabilization, plant-mixed bituminous surface & aggregate shouldering on CSAH 31/Twin Lakes Drive in Brookston, SAP 69-631-009, CP 0031-189212.—14-42

Agreement between the County of St. Louis, County Auditor Donald Dicklich, and the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board for fiscal agent services for CY 2014.—14-43

Upon motion by Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Dahlberg, resolutions numbered 14-44 and 14-45, and 14-47 through 14-57, as submitted on the Consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER JEWELL:

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has need for a Crisis Nursery Service; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) has contracted with Lutheran Social Service since March 1994 to provide child protection services on behalf of the county; and

WHEREAS, PHHS wishes to renew this agreement for an early intervention service committed to the prevention of child abuse and maltreatment by providing short-term emergency care for children and support services for families during times of crisis;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a purchase of service contract with Lutheran Social Service Bethany Crisis Nursery for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, and authorizes payment of \$37,182 payable from Fund 230 (Social Services), Agency 232008 (Children's Services), Expense Object 601200 (Out-of-Home Placement).

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-44

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) wishes to ensure

Children in Need of Protection or Services will have mental health needs addressed and recommendations presented for delinquency proceedings, permanency planning and termination of parental rights hearings; and

WHEREAS, Arrowhead Psychological Clinic and Dr. Jonathan Beyer are able and willing to provide these services on behalf of the county;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes Professional Service Agreements with Arrowhead Psychological Clinic and Dr. Jonathan Beyer for forensic psychological services for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 at a cost of \$675 per evaluation for up to 100 forensic evaluations which may be needed during CY 2014 (\$65,000 maximum for the two providers combined), payable from Fund 230 (Social Services), Agency 232008 (Children's Services), Expense Object 602000 (Other Children's Services).

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-45

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.341, Subd. 1, a contract for deed to repurchase state tax forfeited land previously canceled may be reinstated by the previous contract holder subject to payment of installments, taxes, assessments, penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, Less than 50 percent of the basic sale price was paid prior to cancellation; therefore, County Board approval is required for reinstatement; and

WHEREAS, Kim Thi Anderson has requested to reinstate Contract C22120066, having been canceled on August 6, 2013, under new Contract C22130155 for property described as:

CITY OF EVELETH
LOT: 0026 BLOCK: 064
HIGHLAND ADDITION TO EVELETH
Parcel Code: 040-0130-01030

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the reinstatement of Contract C22130155 by Kim Thi Anderson, of Eveleth, MN in the amount of \$3,164.14, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-47

WHEREAS, Crown Castle has requested a utility easement across state tax forfeited land and county fee owned land to install a fiber communication line; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not conflict with public use of land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, authorizes the County Auditor to grant easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 373.01, Subd. 1(4), authorizes the County Auditor and the chair of the County Board to sell, lease and convey real estate owned by the county;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant a transmission line easement to Crown Castle across state tax forfeited lands and county fee owned lands described in County Board File No. 59796;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$557.18 land use fee, \$200 administration fee, and \$46 recording fee for a total of \$803.18 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$358.19 land use fee; to be deposited into Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583100 (County Fee Land Sales Cost).

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-48

WHEREAS, Great River Energy has requested a utility easement across state tax forfeited land to construct a 115 kV transmission line; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not conflict with public use of land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, authorizes the County Auditor to grant easements for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant a transmission line easement to Great River Energy across state tax forfeited lands described in County Board File No. 59796;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$13,891 land use fee, \$100 administration fee and \$46 recording fee for a total of \$14,037 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-49

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department's 2013 equipment budget includes replacement of a skid loader; and

WHEREAS, A quote was received for State of Minnesota contract pricing from Titan Equipment of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$75,850.60;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of one (1) track skid loader from Titan Equipment of Duluth, MN, at the State of Minnesota contract price of \$75,850.60, payable from Fund 441, Agency 441001, Object 665900.

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-50

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department's equipment budget includes a field service truck package for a truck chassis purchased separately; and

WHEREAS, Towmaster, Inc., of Litchfield, MN, responded with the only acceptable quotation for one field service truck package for \$78,060;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase and installation of one (1) field service truck equipment package from Towmaster, Inc., of Litchfield, MN, for \$78,060, payable from Fund 441, Agency 441001, Object 665900.

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-51

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 89 within the city of Duluth, beginning at Cody Street and going north to Highland Street and then west and northwest ending approximately 600 feet beyond the Skyline Parkway crossing; and

WHEREAS, The acquisition of the additional highway right of way needed to complete this road reconstruction was authorized by County Board Resolution No. 12-643 on December 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The following described parcels of needed right of way have not been acquired by negotiation and direct purchase:

Parcel #11

Owners and Interests:

Joseph L. Bullyan
4945 Miller Trunk Hwy.
Duluth, MN 55811

Nancy M. Bullyan
4945 Miller Trunk Hwy.
Duluth, MN 55811

Property Legal Description:

All of Lot Six (6), and Lots Seven (7) to Ten (10), inclusive, except that part condemned for Getchell Road, Block Thirteen (13), KIMBERLY AND STRYKER'S ADDITION, SECOND DIVISION, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Parcel Identification Number 010-2670-01490
(abstract property)

Rights to be acquired:

A PERMANENT EASEMENT for highway purposes over, under, and across that part of the above described property as shown as Parcel 11 on the plat designated as St. Louis County Highway Right of Way Plat No. 33, on file and on record in the Recorder's Office of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, and on file and on record as Document Number 931838 in the Office of the Registrar of Titles in and for the County of St. Louis, Minnesota.

Said permanent easement contains approximately 0.00 acres of existing highway right of way and 0.01 acres of additional right of way.

Together with a TEMPORARY EASEMENT for highway purposes over, under, and across that part of the above described property shown as TEMPORARY EASEMENT adjacent to Parcel 11 on the plat designated as St. Louis County Highway Right of Way Plat No. 33, on file and on record in the Recorder's Office of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, and on file and recorded as Document Number 931838 in the Office of the Registrar of Titles in and for the County of St. Louis, Minnesota.

Said temporary easement contains approximately 0.00 square feet of existing highway right of way and 1400 square feet of additional right of way and shall expire on December 31, 2018.

Parcel #18

Owners and Interests:

Blaurock Family Partnership LLC, an IL LTD Liability Co.
402 N. Main Street
Wauconia, IL 60084

Property Legal Description:

Lot 5 Block 35 BAY VIEW ADDITION TO DULUTH NO 1
Lot 6 Block 35 BAY VIEW ADDITION TO DULUTH NO 1
Lot 7 Block 35 BAY VIEW ADDITION TO DULUTH NO 1
Lot 8 Block 35 BAY VIEW ADDITION TO DULUTH NO 1

Parcel Identification Number 010-0220-04960
(abstract property)

Rights to be acquired:

Lot 5 Block 35 BAY VIEW ADDITION TO DULUTH NO 1
Lot 6 Block 35 BAY VIEW ADDITION TO DULUTH NO 1
Lot 7 Block 35 BAY VIEW ADDITION TO DULUTH NO 1
Lot 8 Block 35 BAY VIEW ADDITION TO DULUTH NO 1

Parcel Identification Number 010-0220-04960
(abstract property)

Parcel #202

Owners and Interests:

One Roof Community Housing, Inc.
206 E. 4th Street
Duluth, MN 55805

Cynthia Strange
5716 Highland St.
Duluth, MN 55807

North Shore Bank of Commerce
131 West Superior St.
Duluth, MN 55802

Neighborhood Housing Services of Duluth, Inc.
224 East 4th St.
Duluth, MN 55805

Property Legal Description:

Lot Eleven (11) and Westerly four feet (W'ly 4') of Lot Twelve (12), Block Twenty-seven (27),
West Duluth Sixth Division, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Parcel Identification Number 010-4520-03890
(abstract property)

Rights to be acquired:

A TEMPORARY EASEMENT for highway construction purposes over, under, and across the above described property, said Temporary Easement is described as follows: the northerly 10.00 feet of Lot 11, Block 27 and the northerly 10.00 feet of the westerly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 27, West Duluth Sixth Division.

Said temporary easements contain approximately 288 square feet and shall expire on December 31, 2018.

And as shown on "Exhibit B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Parcel #207

Owners and Interests:

Paul B. Swanson
1214 N. 59th Ave. West
Duluth, MN 55807

Marie E. Swanson
1214 N. 59th Ave. West
Duluth, MN 55807

Property Legal Description:

Lot 1 Block 29 WEST DULUTH SIXTH DIVISION
Lot 2 Block 29 WEST DULUTH SIXTH DIVISION

Parcel Identification Number 010-4520-04060
(Torrens property)

Rights to be acquired:

A TEMPORARY EASEMENT for highway construction purposes over, under, and across the above described property, said Temporary Easement is described as follows: the northerly 10.00 feet of Lot 1, Block 29, West Duluth Sixth Division.

Together with A TEMPORARY EASEMENT for highway construction purposes over, under, and across the above described property, said Temporary Easement is described as follows: a 10.00 foot wide strip lying adjacent to and south of the first described temporary easement from the easterly line of Lot 1 to engineer's station 206+00 and as shown on the attached drawing.

Said temporary easements contain approximately 1718 square feet and shall expire on December 31, 2018.

And as shown on "Exhibit B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Parcel #211

Owners and Interests:

Lisa L. Gould
5723 Highland St.
Duluth, MN 55807

Franklin American Mortgage Company
501 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 400
Franklin, TN 37067

Property Legal Description:

E'ly 31 1/2 feet of the W'ly 62 1/2 feet of Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 EXCEPT the N'ly 3 feet of the E'ly 31 1/2 feet of the W'ly 62 1/2 feet of Lot 7, all in Block 11, WEST DULUTH SIXTH DIVISION

Parcel Identification Number 010-4520-01270
(Torrens property)

Rights to be acquired:

A TEMPORARY EASEMENT for highway construction purposes over, under, and across the above described property, said Temporary Easement is described as follows: the southerly 7.00 feet of the easterly 31 1/2 feet of the W'ly 62 1/2 feet of Lot 10, Block 11, West Duluth Sixth Division.

Said temporary easements contain approximately 219 square feet and shall expire on December 31, 2018.

And as shown on "Exhibit B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Parcel #212

Owners and Interests:

Lawrence H. Johnson
5725 Highland St.
Duluth, MN 55807

Property Legal Description:

The westerly 31 feet of Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 except the northerly 3 feet of the westerly 31 feet of Lot 7, all in Block 11, WEST DULUTH, SIXTH DIVISION

SUBJECT to life estate of Louana Ruth Johnson.

Parcel Identification Number 010-4520-01230
(Torrens property)

Rights to be acquired:

A TEMPORARY EASEMENT for highway construction purposes over, under, and across the above described property, said Temporary Easement is described as follows: the southerly 7.00 feet of the westerly 31 feet of Lot 10, Block 11, West Duluth Sixth Division.

Said temporary easements contain approximately 219 square feet and shall expire on December 31, 2018.

And as shown on "Exhibit B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Parcel #215

Owners and Interests:

Brent Mathew Stoen
1307 North 59th Ave. West
Duluth, MN 55807

Rachel Corinne Stoen
1307 North 59th Ave. West
Duluth, MN 55807

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
P.O. Box 31667
Billings, MT 59107
Document Management
Reference # 20052857300354

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
2517 E. 54th Street North
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Property Legal Description:

Lot 8 Block 6 WEST DULUTH SIXTH DIVISION
Lot 9 Block 6 WEST DULUTH SIXTH DIVISION
Lot 10 Block 6 WEST DULUTH SIXTH DIVISION

Parcel Identification Number 010-4520-00610
(Torrens property)

Rights to be acquired:

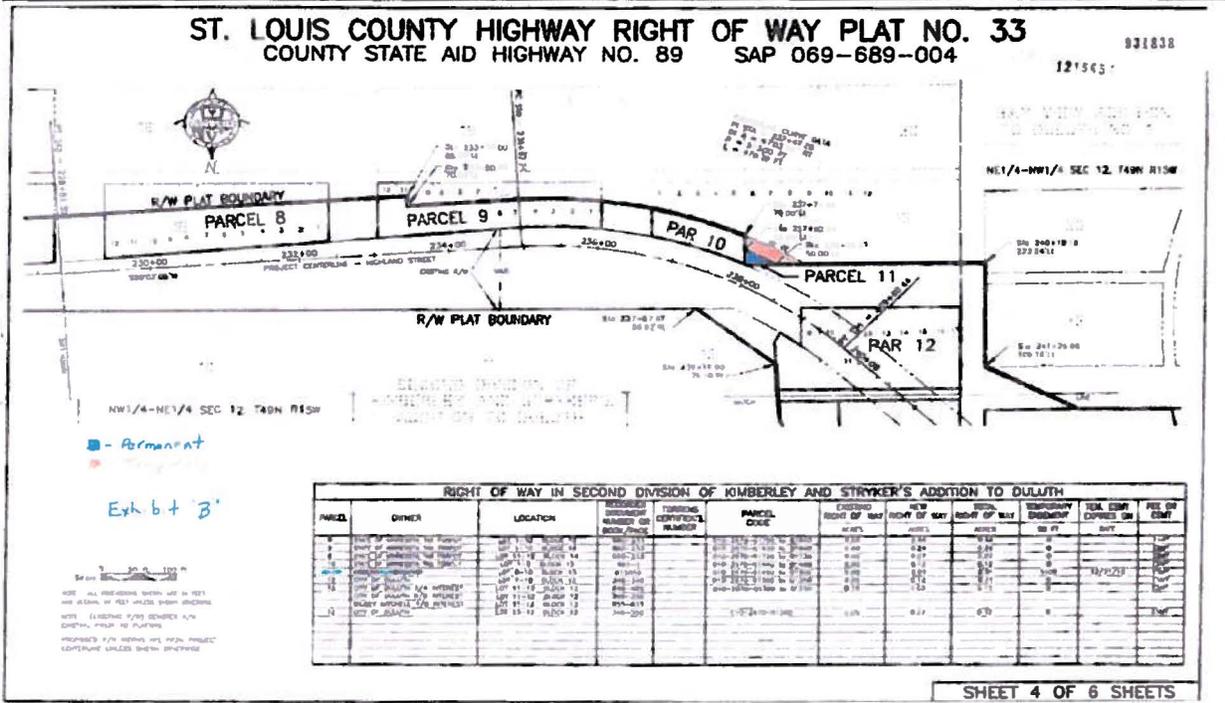
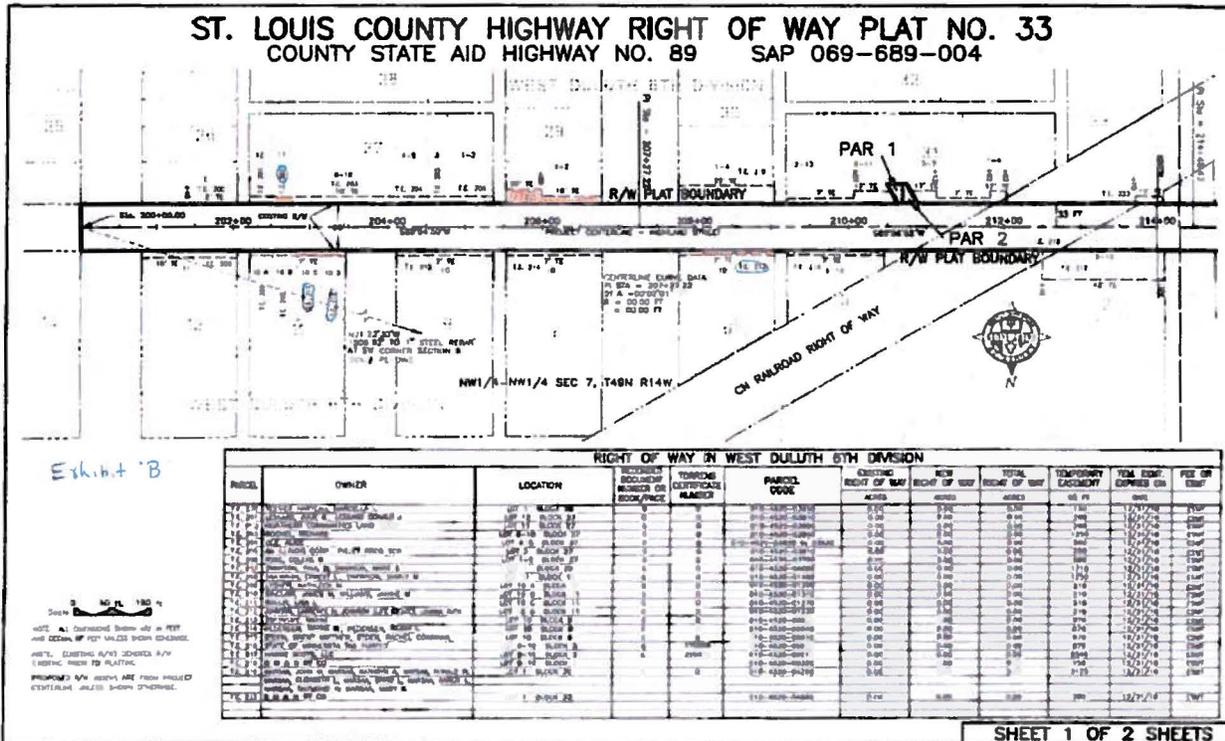
A TEMPORARY EASEMENT for highway construction purposes over, under, and across the above described property, said Temporary Easement is described as follows: the southerly 7.00 feet of Lot 10, Block 6, West Duluth Sixth Division.

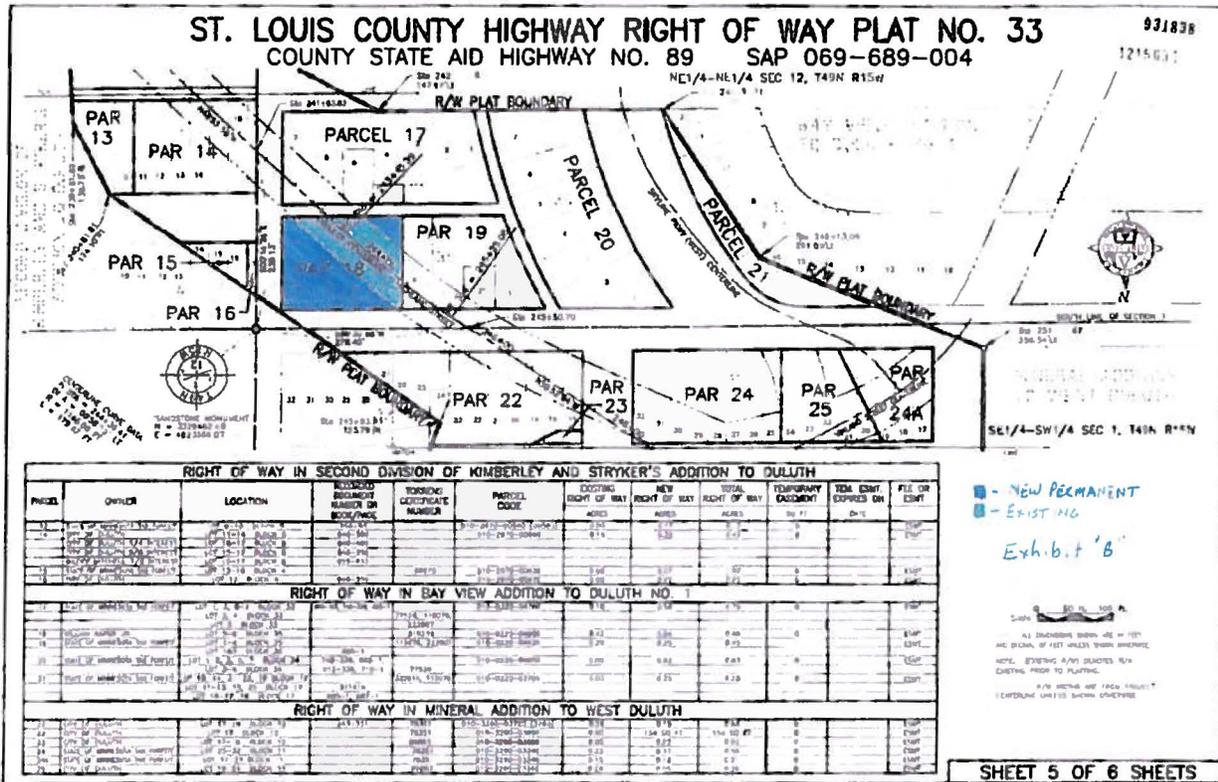
Said temporary easements contain approximately 876 square feet and shall expire on December 31, 2018.

And as shown on "Exhibit B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapter 163.02 et.al. authorizes the County Attorney to proceed under Minn. Stat. Chapter 117.02 et. al. to acquire the necessary highway right of way by condemnation proceedings, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001, Objects 636500, 636600, and 637500.

"Exhibit B"





Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-52

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatements, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 59797.

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-53

WHEREAS, The current St. Louis County courier contract expires on January 31, 2014; and WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Purchasing Division solicited, received and evaluated three proposals from vendors for this service; and

WHEREAS, Alliance Courier of Duluth, MN, received the highest evaluation score based upon cost, proposal submittal, qualifications and experience;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute a four year contract with two possible one-year extensions with Alliance Courier of Duluth, MN, at an annual cost of \$43,680 with 3% annual increases, payable from Fund 705, Agency 705001, Org. 620500.

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-54

WHEREAS, As of July 8, 2008, the State Public Defender's Office does not accept court appointments on Children In Need of Protection or Services, Long Term Foster Care, and Termination of Parental Rights cases; and

WHEREAS, After review of the number of cases and the options of various costs, St. Louis County contracted with five attorneys to accept court appointments for representation of parents in these cases; and

WHEREAS, These contracts were renewed in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and the current contracts expired on December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The need for these services still exists, and it is in the best interest of the citizens of St. Louis County to renew the current contracts at a rate of \$27,125 (Iron Range) and \$32,301 (Duluth), due to caseload trends, and to include reimbursement for approved Criminal Justice Institute training or other approved training, with the five current providers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to renew the legal services contracts for Children In Need of Protection or Services, Long Term Foster Care, and Termination of Parental Rights for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, at an annualized cost not to exceed \$175,000, payable from Fund 100, Agency 113002, Object 626100.

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-55

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has traditionally used outside professional legal services to provide civil commitment representation for individuals alleged to be mentally ill, mentally retarded, mentally ill and dangerous, chemically dependent, and sexually dangerous/sexual psychopathic personalities; and

WHEREAS, The need for these services still exists, and in 2010 St. Louis County developed a three-year Joint Powers Agreement with Carlton, Cook and Lake Counties for the purpose of entering into a professional services contract with Michael Lien, Attorney at Law; and

WHEREAS, An additional contract with an Attorney at Law on the Range is practical for providing civil commitment services in this area of the county;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to renew a Joint Powers Agreement with Carlton, Cook and Lake Counties for purposes of a joint civil commitment contract with Michael Lien;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to enter into one-year contracts with Michael Lien (to provide services to St. Louis, Carlton, Cook and Lake Counties) at the rate of \$32,350 and Todd Deal (for St. Louis County) at the rate of \$15,225;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That both contracts will specify the cost of representation of individuals alleged to be sexually dangerous and/or sexual psychopathic personalities at the rate of \$60/hour with a maximum of \$3,000 per case;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all funds under these contracts will be payable from Fund 100, Agency 110001, Object 626100.

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-56

WHEREAS, On November 27, 2012, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 12-632 authorizing an agreement with the City of Duluth to participate in the 2013 Toward Zero Death grant program in the amount of \$46,268; and

WHEREAS, The grant is intended for participation by several governmental units, including St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth has received the 2013 Toward Zero Deaths grant amendment; and

WHEREAS, The amendment to the agreement in the amount of \$47,683 will allow for an additional \$30,500 for St. Louis County's portion for overtime enforcement and \$17,183 for 9-1-1 Dispatch;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an amendment to the agreement with the City of Duluth for the 2013 Toward Zero Deaths grant program in the amount of \$47,683, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12922, Year 2013;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents.

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-57

BY COMMISSIONER STAUBER:

WHEREAS, As a part of the 2014 budget discussions, the St. Louis County Board expressed interest in providing additional prevention services, particularly in the area of fraud prevention; and

WHEREAS, Staff within the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) developed a proposal for a pilot fraud prevention initiative that would involve an Eligibility Investigator (EI) and Financial Worker (FW) team; and

WHEREAS, Evaluation of this pilot fraud prevention initiative shall be done through existing standards that are tracked and reported by the Minnesota Department of Human Services Program Integrity Section; the expectations of the pilot are to increase the following Performance Standards:

- Cost-Benefit Ratio (including savings, overpayments and ADHs)
- Timeliness Performance Standard
- Investigative Caseload
- Number of Fraud Referrals

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to implement a pilot fraud prevention initiative for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Board authorizes the increase of the department's authorized FTE by 2.0 to allow for the hiring of one (1) FTE Eligibility Investigator and one (1) Financial Worker for this fraud prevention initiative with the understanding these positions are only authorized for the time frame of the pilot;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the cost of this pilot fraud prevention initiative is projected to be \$118,362, with Expense Budget 230-231006-610000 to be increased by \$69,446 and 230-231014-610000 to be increased by \$48,916 with fund balance 230-999999-311405 to be used;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That PHHS shall provide the Board with quarterly evaluations of this fraud prevention initiative.

Yeas – Commissioners Miller, Dahlberg, Stauber, Nelson, Raukar and Chair Forsman
Nays – None

Absent – Commissioner Jewell

Adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-58

BY COMMISSIONER STAUBER:

WHEREAS, To bolster actions by law enforcement, society must assist in eliminating sex crimes by altering practices to make it more difficult for criminals to engage in sex trafficking in the state of Minnesota and all states of the country; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota County Attorneys, specifically in St. Louis and Ramsey counties, have previously committed to treating children who are trafficked, as victims and not as delinquents; and

WHEREAS, In 2011 the Minnesota Legislature and Governor Dayton enacted the “Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Youth Act” which identified prostituted children as victims of sexual exploitation and called upon the state to create a framework for implementation of the changes inherent in the new law by August 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties have demonstrated a willingness to play a leading role in the fight against the sex trafficking of children through the efforts of their child protection, public health, human services, housing, law enforcement, prosecution, and local corrections and probation services; and

WHEREAS, The “Minnesota Girls are Not for Sale” campaign, funded by the Minnesota Women’s Foundation, has garnered statewide support and national coverage for efforts to identify and stop the exploitation of girls in our communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County will continue to take a shared leadership role in developing a victim-centered response to eliminating sex trafficking of children;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County encourages community awareness through support of “National Human Trafficking Awareness Month,” January 2014;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County supports the federal legislative efforts of Senator Amy Klobuchar to expand the language of existing legislation that will help eliminate sex trafficking across the country by giving prosecutors the tools they need to combat the crimes and ensure support for the victims of those crimes.

Unanimously adopted January 14, 2014. No. 14-46

At 10:15 a.m., January 14, 2014, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Raukar, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.


Mike Forsman, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:


Donald Dicklich, County Auditor
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)