

AGENDA

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



Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 9:30 A.M.

**County Board Room, Second Floor
St. Louis County Courthouse
100 N. 5th Avenue West
Duluth, Minnesota**

**MIKE FORSMAN, Chair
Fourth District**

**FRANK JEWELL
First District**

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Sixth District**

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Seventh District**

County Auditor
Donald Dicklich

County Administrator
Kevin Gray

County Attorney
Mark Rubin

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

Presentation: Haines Road Award

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

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

1. 2014 funding for North and South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
 {14-48}

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

2. Second District Commissioner appointments for 2014. {14-30} [Has not been to committee; requires consent of the Board to be considered. Tabled from January 28, 2014.]

ADJOURNED:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the amount of \$49,000 for the North St. Louis SWCD and \$49,000 for the South St. Louis County SWCD to be accounted for in Planning and Community Development Department budget and payable as follows:

\$40,000 Fund 100, Agency 109010, Object 690800

\$40,000 Fund 100, Agency 109011, Object 690700

\$18,000 Fund 100, Agency 109999, Object 629900, Grant 109002, Year 2014

North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Wetland Assistance \$4,500

Water Plan Implementation \$14,500

Lake and Stream Protection Projects \$10,000

Technical Assistance to Landowners \$10,000

Outreach and Education \$10,000

\$49,000

South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Wetland Assistance \$4,500

Water Plan Implementation \$14,500

Lake and Stream Protection Projects \$10,000

Technical Assistance to Landowners \$10,000

Outreach and Education \$10,000

\$49,000

Administrative Services provided by the North and South SWCDs

Soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) are local units of government.

Wetland Assistance

- Provide copies of applications affecting 10,000 square feet or more of wetlands requesting invitation to submit comments to members of the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and individual members of the public who request a copy.
- Provide notice of decision on all banking plans, replacement plans, certificate of exemption/no-loss and boundary or type applications to the Planning and Community Development Department.
- Submit wetland banking withdrawal and other forms to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).
- Provide all related documentation for each project to the Planning and Community Development Department for maintaining master case files.
- Complete required reporting for the BWSR.
- Coordinate TEP field reviews.

Water Plan Implementation

- Provide technical assistance for water management activities.
- Complete required BWSR reports.
- Fund projects that address high priority water quality concerns including shoreline plantings, innovative storm water control practices, and erosion control projects.
- Implementation of the St. Louis County Comprehensive Water Management Plan addressing priority concerns regarding development, ground and surface waters and impaired waters.

Lake and Stream Protection Projects

- Assist in trout stream restoration
- Design streambank erosion control projects
- Administer watershed restoration projects
- Assist lake associations and other agencies in water quality monitoring
- Provide technical assistance in shoreline vegetation restoration
- Assist in low impact development demonstrations

Outreach and Education

- Promote best management practices to landowners
- Increase public awareness of SWCD programs
- Present to schools and community groups
- Support and participate in St. Louis County Fairs
- Support regional education events such as Envirothon, Northeast Minnesota Regional Science Fair, DNR's Forestry Field Days, school environmental programs

Technical Assistance to Landowners and other Agencies

- Review construction erosion control and stormwater plans as requested
- Provide plans for landowners who are required to revegetate the shore impact zone
- Provide assistance to those impacted by recent floods

**2014 Funding Allocation for North and South
St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners has designated up to \$80,000 from the Environmental Trust Fund for 2014 to be allocated between North and South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs); and

WHEREAS, An additional \$18,000 of Natural Resources Block Grant money is available to North and South St. Louis SWCDs for wetland, shoreland and water plan purposes; and

WHEREAS, The North and South St. Louis SWCDs provide professional services to landowners for wetland, shoreland and water management;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes appropriate County officials to execute agreements between St. Louis County and the following entities:

North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District
Office Administration, Outreach and Education \$20,000
\$20,000

South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District
Wetland Assistance \$ 4,500
Water Plan Implementation \$14,500
Lake and Stream Protection Projects \$10,000
Technical Assistance to Landowners \$10,000
Outreach and Education \$10,000
\$49,000

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds be payable as follows:

\$40,000 Fund 100, Agency 109010, Object 690800 - South
\$20,000 Fund 100, Agency 109011, Object 690700 - North
\$ 9,000 Fund 100, Agency 109999, Object 629900, Grant 109002, Year 2014

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 – 30

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 4, 2014

~~JANUARY 28, 2014~~ BOARD AGENDA NO. 2

DATE: January 28, 2014

RE: Second District Commissioner
Appointments for 2014

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide efficient and effective government.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to appoint newly elected Second District Commissioner Patrick Boyle to various committees, commissions, boards and agencies consistent with the appointments made at the January 7, 2014 organizational meeting of the County Board.

BACKGROUND:

At the St. Louis County Board's 2014 organizational meeting several appointments were made for the office of Second District Commissioner, including Chair of the Public Safety & Corrections Standing Committee. Additionally, previous unexpired appointments were in effect at that time. Patrick Boyle won the special election held on January 14, 2014 to fill the unexpired term of Second District County Commissioner Steve O'Neil. The Board is now being asked to appoint newly elected Commissioner Boyle to these committees, commissions, boards and agencies, and to chair the Public Safety & Corrections Standing Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve various appointments for Commissioner Patrick Boyle as described in the attached resolution.

Second District Commissioner Appointments for 2014

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, At the St. Louis County Board's 2014 organizational meeting held on January 7, 2014, several appointments were made for the office of Second District Commissioner. Additionally, other unexpired appointments were in effect at that time; and

WHEREAS, The office of Second District Commissioner was won by Patrick Boyle in a special election held on January 14, 2014 to fill the unexpired term of County Commissioner Steve O'Neil; and

WHEREAS, The County Board feels it appropriate to appoint newly elected Second District Commissioner Patrick Boyle to positions on various committees, commissions, boards and agencies that had been assigned to the office of the Second District Commissioner at the organizational meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the appointment of Second District Commissioner Patrick Boyle to the following committees, commissions, boards and agencies, consistent with the appointments made at the January 7, 2014 organizational meeting of the County Board:

Arrowhead Health Alliance (*alternate*)
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC):
 ARDC Metropolitan Interstate Council (*alternate*)
 ARDC North Shore Management Board (*alternate*)
Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
 AMC District 1 Policy Committee, Health & Human Services
Community Health Services Board
Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission (*alternate*)
Heading Home St. Louis County Leadership Council
9-1-1 Emergency System User Board (*alternate*)
Public Health & Human Services Advisory Committee
St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority (*alternate*)
Voyageurs National Park Governmental Affairs Committee

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Commissioner Patrick Boyle is appointed by 2014 County Board Chair Mike Forsman to chair the Public Safety & Corrections Standing Committee.