

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Location: Virginia Courthouse, Virginia, Minnesota
Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Dahlberg, Stauber, Nelson, Raukar, and Chair Forsman
Absent: None
Convened: Chair Forsman called the meeting to order at 11:52 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of July 8, 2014
- Application for the 2014 Minnesota Family Investment Program Innovation Fund Grant [14-279]
- Amend Agreements for Day Training & Habilitation and Semi-Independent Living Services Contracts [14-280]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Pohto [14-281]
- Special Sale to the City of Aurora [14-282]
- Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land – Freeman [14-283]
- Removal and Cleanup of Abandoned Personal Property [14-284]
- Reallocation of Three Information Specialist Positions in the Land and Minerals Department [14-285]
- Award of Bids – Grader Blades, Cutting Edges, Pick Blades, Bits and Carbide Blades [14-286]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [14-287]
- Hibbing Courthouse HVAC Control System Replacement – Phase I [14-288]
- Joint Maintenance Facility Rebate Agreement with City of Ely [14-289]
- 2014 Second Quarter Budget Changes [14-290]
- Transfer of Vehicle from Sheriff's Office to Arrowhead Regional Corrections [14-291]

REGULAR AGENDA

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

Dahlberg/Jewell moved to adopt the 2014 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and authorize the Planning and Community Development Director to submit the 2014 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and all documents related thereto to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as set forth in the plan on file with the Clerk of the Board, and to act in connection with its submission and subsequent activity, and to provide such additional information as may be required. The Planning and Community Development Director and representative of the County Attorney are

authorized to execute any agreements and related documents necessary to receive the funding distribution from the DNR. The Planning and Community Development Director will initiate a Request for Proposals process and bring funding recommendations to the County Board for final consideration. The county will retain ten percent of the 2014 allocation to cover administrative costs. Planning and Community Development Director Barb Hayden answered Commissioner questions regarding the proposal. Commissioner Jewell exited the meeting at 12:21 p.m. and returned at 12:23 p.m. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn; the item was referred to Administration for further discussion at the August 12, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

A recess was taken from 12:57 p.m. – 2:11 p.m.

Dahlberg/Boyle moved to recognize the value of land consolidation and supports the concept of a proposed exchange of state tax forfeited (Class B) lands for lands of equal value to be obtained by Positive Energy Outdoors. Land Commissioner Mark Weber and Deputy Land and Minerals Director Jason Meyer discussed the proposed land exchange. The meeting was opened to persons who wished to discuss the proposed land exchange. Stephanie Love, Director of Positive Energy Outdoors, discussed potential benefits of the proposed land exchange. Debra Pawlowicz, of Duluth, MN, provided the Board an informational packet regarding the proposed land swap. Ms. Pawlowicz expressed interest in purchasing the land and said it should be offered for public auction. Commissioner Stauber exited the meeting at 2:42 p.m. Steven Goldschmidt and Matt Goldschmidt also expressed interest in purchasing the land. Commissioner Stauber entered the meeting at 2:46 p.m. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Nelson/Stauber moved that the parcel be offered at public auction no sooner than the third quarter of next year (2015). The motion passed without recommendation. (4-3, Boyle, Jewell, Raukar)

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee

Jewell/Forsman moved to ratify the 2012-2014 Assistant County Attorney contract and county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Stauber discussed a conversation he had with last year's Rice Lake Township Chair Tom Wagner on the procedure for getting a resolution in support of the incorporation of Rice Lake Township from the St. Louis County Board.

At 3:21 p.m., Raukar/Dahlberg moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Mike Forsman, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board