

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 2, 2016

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #4, Sheriff's Office Space Lease in Ely City Hall. [16-58]. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of January 26, 2016
- Authorization to Accept MN Board of Water & Soil Resources FY 2016 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant to Assist Low-Income Households [16-55]
- Authorization to Accept Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program Technical Assistance Grant on Behalf of the Sand Lake Association [16-56]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 823 (Kabetogama Township) [16-57]
- Write-off of Bad Debt From Septic Loan Fund [16-59]

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Stauber moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to execute a new ten-year lease with the City of Ely for the rental of Sheriff's Office space in the Ely City Hall, Ely, MN, for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2025, at the annual rate of \$10,678.50, with mutually agreed upon annual utility cost reconciliations. [16-58]. Commissioner Nelson asked that the Board consider authorizing a one-year lease in order to determine if there are benefits to utilizing a county owned building for the office. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 10:14 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. After further Commissioner discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-1, Rukavina)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Chair Raukar said the citizen survey would be sent out to random residents of St. Louis County.

Administrator Gray stated that the citizen survey would be sent out to 2,100 St. Louis County residents; 300 residents in each Commissioner district. The survey is administered by the National Research Center and the information will be used to help guide future policy and budget decisions.

Commissioner Stauber discussed Hockey Day Minnesota. The event will take place on February 6th at Bayfront Festival Park in Duluth, with the following high schools participating: Duluth Denfeld, Eveleth-Gilbert, Duluth East and Lakeville North.

Commissioner Nelson said that St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi spoke at the Township Association meeting in Cotton regarding the St. Louis County ATV ordinance. In addition, three ATV ordinance outreach meetings have been scheduled for February.

Commissioner Rukavina said the Laskiainen Finnish Sliding Festival would be held on February 6th and February 7th at the Loon Lake Community Center in Palo.

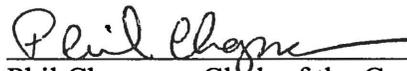
Commissioner Jewell reiterated that Hockey Day Minnesota would be held at Bayfront Festival Park, which is in the heart of his district.

At 11:17 a.m., Jewell/Dahlberg moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board

Vice Chair



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board