

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 12, 2016

Location: Rice Lake City Hall, Rice Lake, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Rukavina

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #4, List of Forfeited Lands - Parcel 040-0205-00309 (Eveleth) [16-161]. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

- Minutes of April 5, 2016
- Acceptance of Grant for Respite Services for Children with Autism [16-158]
- Public Sale of Shoreland Lease Lots [16-159]
- Public Sale of State Tax Forfeited Properties on June 9, 2016 [16-160]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Lepak (Homestead) [16-162]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Bertucci, Northern Minnesota Rentals Inc. (Non-Homestead) [16-163]
- Cooperative Agreement with City of Duluth, Amendment No. 1 – Intersection Improvements on CSAH 34/Kenwood Avenue and West Arrowhead Road [16-164]
- Cooperative Agreement with City of Proctor – Blinker Stop Signs at CSAH 14/Fifth Street and Third Avenue [16-165]
- Purchase of Base One Material for Aggregate Base Stabilization [16-166]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Intersection Improvements on CSAH 13/Midway Road and CSAH 6/Maple Grove Road (Hermantown) [16-167]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Intersection Improvements on CSAH 4/Rice Lake Road and CSAH Martin Road (Rice Lake) [16-168]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [16-169]
- Personal Property Tax Collection [16-170]
- Position Reallocation of Contract Services Representative to Information Specialist III in PHHS [16-171]
- Title III Funds for Firewise Community Activities [16-172]

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

Nelson/Raukar moved to establish a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on May 10, 2016, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of considering an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to BVL Properties, LLC d/b/a Bayview Lodge, Greenwood Township. [16-173]. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to add parcel 040-0205-00309 to a list of tax forfeited lands to be filed with the County Auditor to be withheld from repurchase for one year because the County Board is of the opinion that the property may be acquired by the City of Eveleth for public purposes. [16-161]. City of Eveleth Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek stated that the City of Eveleth is interested in acquiring the property for future development. Melissa Carlson, of Eveleth, appearing on behalf of her husband Steve Carlson, discussed the circumstances that led to the property being in a tax forfeited status. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

St. Louis County Deputy Administer Gary Eckenberg stated that Item #3B (pulled from the Board Meeting consent agenda), Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited property, Prosperity House, LLC, Duluth, MN, will be sent back to the Land and Minerals Department for further review as there are questions regarding legal ownership of the property.

Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Stauber moved to appoint the following citizens to serve three-year terms on the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee: J. Reyna Crow, Commissioner District #3, term expiring December 31, 2018 and Sarah Priest, At Large, term expiring December 31, 2016. [16-174]. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

Boyle/Raukar moved to authorize increases to the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) staffing complement by up to 7 full time equivalent (FTE) employees: 5 social workers, 1 public health nurse, and 1 supervisor in order to handle the increased reassessment responsibilities under MnCHOICES; that the County Board authorizes PHHS to convert an existing vacant 1.0 Information Specialist I position to a Social Services Specialist (Position Code 0411-055), which is more than 3 pay grades; and that the PHHS 2016 expenditure budget be increased by \$266,772.25 and revenue budget be increased by \$266,772.25. PHHS will work with County Administration to include the staffing and associated costs and revenues in future PHHS annual operating budgets. [16-175]. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Stauber/Nelson, moved to award a bid to Hammerlund Construction, Inc., of Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$182,725.00 CP 0000-249397, Aggregate Crushing, Southern St. Louis County 2016, various locations. [16-176]. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

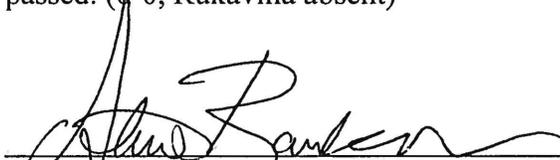
Jewell/Boyle moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department to decrease its 2016 budget by \$20,865 eliminating its staffing complement by 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant II and increase its staffing complement by 1.0 FTE PHHS Program Analyst position (Minnesota Merit System job class Information Technology Specialist, Sr.). [16-177]. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Deputy Administrator Eckenberg distributed a packet to the Committee containing information for next week's Strategic Planning meeting and encouraged Commissioners to review the information before the meeting.

Chair Raukar said he was excited for the Strategic Planning meeting and looked forward to the discussion.

At 12:34 p.m., Jewell/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)



Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board