

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 10, 2016

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Dahlberg

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #6, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, The Conservation Fund and Ruffed Grouse Society Habitat Protection Project. [16-209]. Chair Raukar noted that there was a replacement resolution for Item #3, Cancellation of Contracts for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Byrd, Jones [16-206R]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

- Minutes of May 10, 2016
- CY 2016 Supervised Visitation Services Agreements and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-768 [16-204]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Ward, Tesser, Kruse-Koivisto and DeLancey (Homestead) [16-205]
- Cancellation of Contracts for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Byrd, Jones [16-206]
- Access Easements across State Tax Forfeited Land to Potlatch Minnesota Timberland, LLC [16-207]
- Easements across State Tax Forfeited Land to MnDOT and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 16-205, at the Request of MnDOT [16-208]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 755 (Unorganized Township 55-15) [16-210]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [16-211]

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## Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to endorse the habitat project proposal developed by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, The Conservation Fund, and the Ruffed Grouse Society and supports full funding of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association and the Ruffed Grouse Society's joint application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for this purpose. [16-209]. Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Executive Director Craig Engwall gave an overview of the project proposal. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

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## Public Works & Transportation Committee

Rukavina/Nelson moved to award a bid to Hawkinson Construction Co, Inc., of Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$1,326,099.93 for combined project: A.) CP 0138-274460/SAP 69-738-008(Low), located on CSAH 138 between CSAH 21 and TH 135, length 1.39 mile; B.) CP 0362-274459 TST (Tied), located on CR 362 (Lehto Road) between CR 656 and TH 135, length 1.35 mile; C.) CP 0615-274457 TST (Tied), located on CR 615 (Salo Road) between CSAH 138 and CSAH 21, length 0.59 mile; and D.) CP 0656-274458 TST (Tied), located on CR 656 (Lehto Road) between CR 362 and CSAH 21, length 0.36 mile, Embarrass Township [16-212]. Commissioner Rukavina stepped out of the meeting at 3:25 p.m. The motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Rukavina absent)

Commissioner Rukavina returned to the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Stauber/Rukavina moved to award a bid to Utility Systems of America, Inc., of Eveleth, MN, in the amount of \$257,977.50 for combined project: A.) CP 0122-254632 (Low), located on CSAH 122 1.05 miles north of TH 53, length 0.01 mile; and B.) CP 0123-254633/SAP 69-723-006 (Tied), located on CSAH 123 between South Junction CSAH 122 and North Junction CSAH 122, length 3.22 miles; Kabetogama Township [16-212]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

Stauber/Nelson moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$1,787,689.64 for combined project: A.) CP 0223-244397 (Low) TST, located on CR 223 (Munger Shaw Road) between CR 696 (St. Louis River Road) and CSAH 6 (Maple Grove Road), length 2.95 miles; B.) CP 0297-284942 TST, CR 297 (Lavaque Road) between south end of CR 297 and CSAH 48 (Lavaque Bypass Road), length 1.09 mile; C.) CP 0897-276912 TST, located on CR 897 (Ratika & Grandview Road) between CR 889 (Solway Road) and 0.3 miles east of CSAH 13 (Midway Road), length 1.33 mile; and D.) CP 0284-295016 TST, located on CR 284 (Ugstad Road) between CSAH 48 (Lavaque Bypass Road) and CSAH 9 (Martin Road), in Solway, Canosia, and Midway Townships, and Hermantown. [16-212]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

Stauber/Boyle moved to award a bid to ASTECH Corp., of St. Cloud, MN, in the amount of \$580,594.08 for combined project: A.) CP 0000-277015 (Low), Crack Sealing and Crack Repair Special, various locations within St. Louis County; and B.) CP 0061-292087/SAP 69-661-020 (Tied), Crack Sealing, located on CSAH 61 (North Shore Drive) between 1200' SW of CSAH 33 (McQuade Road) and Lake County line, length 7.90 miles, Duluth Township [16-212]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

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## Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to execute a contract agreement with the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, 14341 Rhinestone Street NW, Ramsey, MN, for Medical Examiner services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, with monthly payments of \$41,461.25, for a total annual amount of \$497,535. The agreement will automatically renew for four (4) additional years from January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2021, unless it is terminated under the contract provisions; and further, that the St. Louis County Board hereby reappoints Quinn Strobl, M.D., a forensic pathologist certified by the American Board of Pathology, as Chief Medical Examiner for St. Louis County during the term of the contract with the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office. [16-213]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

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**Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee**

Jewell/Raukar moved to authorize the reallocation of an Information Specialist II position (Pay Grade 12) to a Child Support Officer I position (Pay Grade 18) in the Public Health and Human Services Department. The reallocation will result in an annual cost increase of approximately \$3,096. [16-214]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

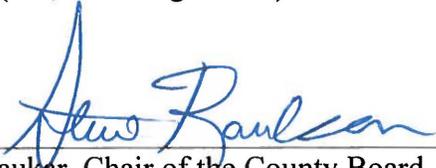
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**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Chair Raukar said a Board workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

Commissioner Stauber indicated that he was unsure if he would be able to attend the workshop.

At 3:48 p.m., Jewell/Nelson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)



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Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board