



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
Board of Commissioners, St. Louis County, Minnesota

May 10, 2016
Immediately following the Board Meeting, which begins at 9:30 A.M.
Commissioners' Conference Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests, or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.

Minutes of May 3, 2016

Health & Human Services Committee, Commissioner Boyle, Chair

1. CY 2016 Supervised Visitation Services Agreements and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-768 **[16-204]**

Environment & Natural Resources Committee, Commissioner Rukavina, Chair

2. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Ward, Tesser, Kruse-Koivisto and DeLancey (Homestead) **[16-205]**
3. Cancellation of Contracts for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Byrd, Jones, Jackson **[16-206]**
4. Access Easements across State Tax Forfeited Land to Potlatch Minnesota Timberland, LLC **[16-207]**
5. Easements across State Tax Forfeited Land to MnDOT and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 16-205, at the Request of MnDOT **[16-208]**
6. Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, The Conservation Fund and Ruffed Grouse Society Habitat Protection Project **[16-209]**

Public Works & Transportation Committee, Commissioner Stauber, Chair

7. Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 755 (Unorganized Township 55-15) **[16-210]**

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

8. Abatement List for Board Approval **[16-211]**

REGULAR AGENDA:

For items on the Regular Agenda, citizens will be allowed to address the Board at the time a motion is on the floor.

Public Works & Transportation Committee, Commissioner Stauber, Chair

1. **Award of Bids: May 5, 2016 Bid Opening [16-212]**
Bids were opened on Thursday, May 5. Bid results and recommendations for consideration will be provided at the May 10 Committee of the Whole meeting.
 - 1) **Culvert Replacement/Overlay (Embarrass Township)**
 - 2) **Bridge Culvert Replacement/Bituminous Patches (Kabetogama Township)**
 - 3) **Culvert/Reclaim/Seal Coat (Solway, Canosia, Midway Townships and Hermantown)**
 - 4) **Crack Sealing on Various County Roads and CSAH 61 (Duluth Township)**

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

1. Contract Renewal with Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for Chief Medical Examiner Services [16-213]

Resolution renewing a contract with the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for medical examiner services.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee, Commissioner Jewell, Chair

1. Position Reallocation of Information Specialist II to Child Support Officer I [16-214]

Resolution reallocating an Information Specialist II position to a Child Support Officer I position in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

Commissioners may introduce items for future discussion, or report on past and upcoming activities.

ADJOURNED:

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES:

May 24, 2016 **City Hall, 401 East 21st Street, Hibbing, MN**

June 7, 2016 **St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN**

June 14, 2016 **St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN**

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 3, 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 10:55 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #4, Rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-384 – Supplemental Agreement for Chip Sealing of Newly Constructed CSAH 102 (Mt. Iron) [16-195] and without Item #5, Acquisition of Right of Way – Sidewalk Project on CSAH 90/Arlington Avenue (Duluth) [16-196]. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of April 26, 2016
- CY 2016 Specialized CHIPS Psychological Evaluations and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-592 [16-192]
- Adjoining Owner Sales [16-193]
- Easement across State Tax-Forfeited Land to Minnesota Department of Transportation (Eagles Nest Township) [16-194]
- 2016 First Quarter Budget Changes [16-197]
- Position Reallocation of Workers' Compensation Administrator to Loss Control Manager [16-198]
- Correction of Tiburon, Inc. for Upgraded CAD System [16-199]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Stauber/Boyle moved to award a bid to Century Fence, of Forest Lake, MN, in the amount of \$384,721.69 for project CP 0000-187079/SAP 69-030-030(Low) and SAP 38-030-003, Lake County Project, Centerline and Edgeline Pavement Markings, Various County State Aid Highways in St. Louis County and Lake County. [16-200]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Boyle/Rukavina moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors, of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$1,687,568.86 for combined project: A.) CP 0024-229056 TST (Low), Approach Grading and Bridge 69A37 (County Bridge 361) located on CSAH 24 between CR 422 (South Intersection) and CR 422 (North Intersection), length 0.07 mile; B.) CP 8121-247641/SAP 69-599-040 TST (Tied), Approach Grading and Bridge 69A43 (County Bridge 344) located on UT 8121 between CR 422 and CSAH 24, length 0.21 mile; both projects are in Unorganized Township 64-17 [16-200]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Rukavina moved to rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-384, dated June 23, 2015. [16-195]. Administrator Gray stated that the newly constructed road was not completed and in an acceptable condition for a chip seal project in time to be completed with the CP 0021-243053 project.

Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:17 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Nelson moved to authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for a sidewalk project on CSAH 90/Arlington Avenue (Duluth) and authorize the County Auditor to grant highway easements across tax forfeited lands for the necessary permanent highway easements and temporary construction easements for the project. [16-196]. Chair Raukar stepped out of the meeting from 11:38 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Raukar moved to reappoint Jim Takala, of Iron, MN and Richard Pierce, of Embarrass, MN to the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee for second 3-year terms expiring December 31, 2018. [16-201]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Rukavina discussed a meeting he had with Senator Tom Bakk regarding a joint public works facility for the Linden Grove and Cook areas.

Commissioner Stauber said that public safety communications relating to the construction season will be sent out soon.

Commissioner Jewell indicated that Pat Huston, of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, suggested that the Board tour the Highway 53 relocation construction area.

Commissioner Nelson discussed tree removal on the Mesabi Trail, necessary due to the size of the I-beams used in the Highway 53 relocation project and said that they are in the process of assembling the world's third largest crane on the construction site.

Administrator Gray said the span of the Highway 53 relocation project bridge is almost as long as the Highland Street bridge.

Commissioner Nelson said Congressman Jim Oberstar was responsible for legislation being passed requiring the use of domestic steel.

Chair Raukar said that Nancy Stonebrunner retired after 29 years of service last Thursday and they were in the process of hiring someone to fill her position. Commissioner Raukar said he was wearing a purple tie in honor of his mother whose favorite color was purple. Today, Commissioner Raukar's Granddaughter gave birth to a baby girl with the same namesake as his mother.

At 12:07 p.m., Nelson/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)

Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 204

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016

RE: CY 2016 Supervised Visitation
Services Agreements and
Rescind County Board
Resolution No. 15-768

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

David Lee, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Children will be born healthy, live a life free from abuse and neglect, and will have a permanent living arrangement.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize contracts for the purchase of Supervised Visitation services from Lutheran Social Service (LSS), Duluth Family Visitation Center (DFVC) and Children's Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) Adult & Family Counseling for Calendar Year (CY) 2016, and rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-768 dated December 15, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

On December 15, 2015 the County Board adopted Resolution No. 15-768 establishing 2016 rates for Supervised Visitation services and authorizing Professional Services Agreements with LSS Family Resource Center, LSS Bethany Crisis Shelter, and Duluth Family Visitation Center.

Since Resolution No. 15-768 was adopted, the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) has identified an increased need for this mandated child protective service in Northern St. Louis County. Adding one additional provider, CBHS Adult & Family Counseling of Grand Rapids, MN, will allow PHHS to make the necessary referrals to accommodate the increased need for this service, for a maximum of \$400,000 for all four providers combined.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize contracts for the purchase of Supervised Visitation services from Lutheran Social Service (LSS), Duluth Family Visitation Center and CBHS Adult & Family Counseling for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a fixed cost basis for a variety of services that may be

needed during CY 2016, payable from Fund 230 (Social Services), Agency 232008 (Children's Services), Expense Object 602000 (Other Children's Services), as follows:

LSS	Family Resource Center-Range Youth Shelter, Virginia	
	Basic Supervised Visitation	\$34.00 per hour
	Transportation	\$18.00 per hour
LSS	Bethany Crisis Shelter, Duluth	
	Basic Supervised Visitation	\$35.00 per hour
	Structured Supervised Visitation	\$40.00 per hour
DFVC	Duluth	
	Supervised Community Visits	\$30.00 per hour
	Individualized Visits	\$35.00 per hour
CBHS	Adult & Family Counseling, Grand Rapids	
	Supervised Visitation	\$34.00 per hour

It is further recommended that County Board Resolution No. 15-768, dated December 15, 2015, be rescinded.

**CY 2016 Supervised Visitation Services Agreements and
Rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-768**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has Child Protection and Intervention and Prevention Programs; and

WHEREAS, On December 15, 2015 the County Board adopted Resolution No. 15-768 establishing 2016 rates for Supervised Visitation services and authorizing Professional Services Agreements with Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Family Resource Center, LSS Bethany Crisis Shelter, and Duluth Family Visitation Center; and

WHEREAS, PHHS has identified an increased need for this mandated child protective service in Northern St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, Adding one additional provider in Northern St. Louis County, Children's Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) Adult & Family Counseling of Grand Rapids, MN, will allow PHHS to make the necessary referrals to accommodate the increased need for this mandated service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes agreements for Supervised Visitation Services and related staff transportation to approved off-site locations for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (\$400,000 maximum for all four providers combined), payable from Fund 230 (Social Services), Agency 232008 (Children's Services), Expense Object 602000 (Other Children's Services), as follows:

LSS	Family Resource Center-Range Youth Shelter, Virginia	
	Basic Supervised Visitation	\$34.00 per hour
	Transportation	\$18.00 per hour
LSS	Bethany Crisis Shelter, Duluth	
	Basic Supervised Visitation	\$35.00 per hour
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It is further recommended that County Board Resolution No. 15-768, dated December 15, 2015 be rescinded.



Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Louis County, Minnesota

Adopted on: December 15, 2015 Resolution No. 15-768

Offered by Commissioner: Boyle

CY 2016 Supervised Visitation Services Agreements

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has Child Protection and Intervention and Prevention Programs; and
WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) contracts with Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Bethany Crisis Shelter, LSS Family Resource Center and Duluth Family Visitation Center (DFVC) to provide Supervised Visitation Services on behalf of the county; and

WHEREAS, PHHS wishes to renew the LSS and DFVC agreements to promote a safe environment for youth to visit parents and other family members;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes agreements for Supervised Visitation Services and related staff transportation to approved off-site locations for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, (\$400,000 maximum for all three providers combined) payable from Fund 230 (Social Services), Agency 232008 (Children's Services), Expense Object 602000 (Other Children's Services), as follows:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Rate</u>
LSS Family Resource Center-Range Youth Shelter, Virginia	
Basic Supervised Visitation	\$34.00 per hour
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Basic Supervised Visitation	\$35.00 per hour
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DFVC Duluth	
Supervised Community Visits	\$30.00 per hour
Individualized Visits	\$35.00 per hour

Commissioner Boyle moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas – Commissioners Boyle, Rukavina, Nelson, Raukar and Chair Stauber – 5

Nays – None

Absent – Commissioners Jewell and Dahlberg – 2

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of County Auditor, ss.
County of St. Louis

I, DONALD DICKLICH, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 15th day of December, A.D. 2015, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 15th day of December, A.D., 2015.

DONALD DICKLICH, COUNTY AUDITOR

By

Clerk of the County Board/Deputy Auditor

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 205

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016

RE: Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Ward, Tesser,
Kruse-Koivisto & DeLancey
(Homestead)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve applications to repurchase state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest. The properties to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 19, 2015. Thomas R. Ward and Patti L. Ward of Duluth, MN, Dennis and Diane Tesser of Hermantown, MN, and Kelly Kruse-Koivisto and Bruce Allen DeLancey of Duluth, MN, have made application to repurchase these homestead properties and are eligible to repurchase.

The repurchase of these tax forfeited properties will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase request of Thomas R. Ward and Patti L. Ward of Duluth, MN, Dennis and Diane Tesser of Hermantown, MN, and Kelly Kruse-Koivisto and Bruce Allen DeLancey of Duluth, MN. The repurchase fees listed below are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Thomas R. Ward and Patti L. Ward, Duluth, MN

Parcel Code	010-1800-11260
Taxes and Assessments	\$10,998.64
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$36.30
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$11,219.94

Dennis and Diane Tesser, Hermantown, MN

Parcel Code	395-0010-08750
Taxes and Assessments	\$21,966.35
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$72.49
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$22,223.84

Kelly Kruse-Koivisto and Bruce Allen DeLancey, Duluth, MN

Parcel Code	010-1800-11780
Taxes and Assessments	\$10,028.14
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$33.09
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$66.00
Total Consideration	\$10,266.23

Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Ward

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Thomas R. Ward and Patti L. Ward of Duluth, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH
LOTS 12 AND 13, BLOCK 44
GARY FIRST DIVISION DULUTH
010-1800-11260

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Thomas R. Ward and Patti L. Ward of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$10,998.64, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$36.30, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$11,219.94, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, Thomas Ward, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

CITY OF DULUTH, LOTS 12 AND 13, BLOCK 44, GARY FIRST DIVISION DULUTH

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- the owner
- heir(s) of the owner
- the representative of the owner
- the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, to wit:
- designating under what claim of right, whether mortgage or otherwise the right is exercised

That such taxes became delinquent in 2005 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2014, 2015

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of repurchase \$11,114.83 which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that:

applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid. I lost my job due to a high risk pregnancy and was selling it to a friend contrac for deed. she wasn't paying the rent and i got behind and couldn't catch up when i moved back in.

Please check the appropriate box below:

- There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
- No change since last well certificate
- Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
- There are no wells on this property

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s):

Are you currently in active military service? No

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date _____ and documentation.

Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: 4/15 20 16

By: Patrick L. Ward
(Signature)

Address: 1126, 104 Alle. W.
City: Duluth State: MN Zip: 55808
Phone: 218-409-0298



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Repurchase of Property

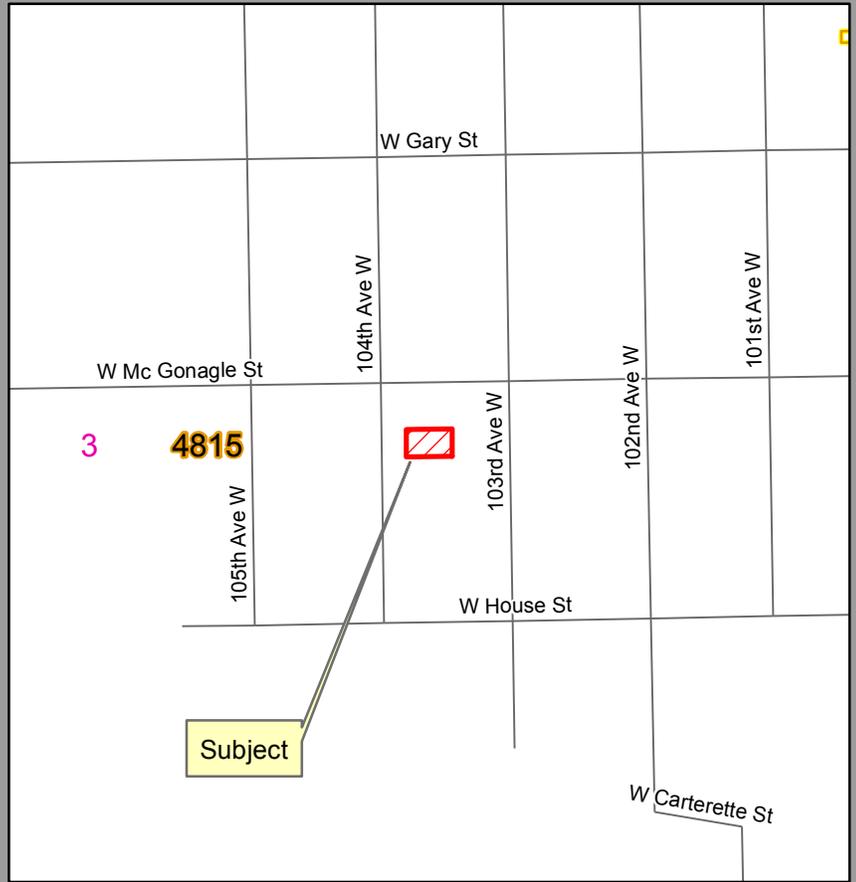
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GARY FIRST DIVISION DULUTH

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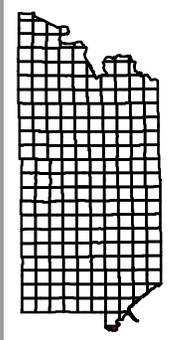
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City of Duluth Sec: 3 Twp: 48 Rng: 15

Commissioner District # 3

-  State Tax Forfeited Land
-  Water
-  Road
-  Area of Interest
-  Tract

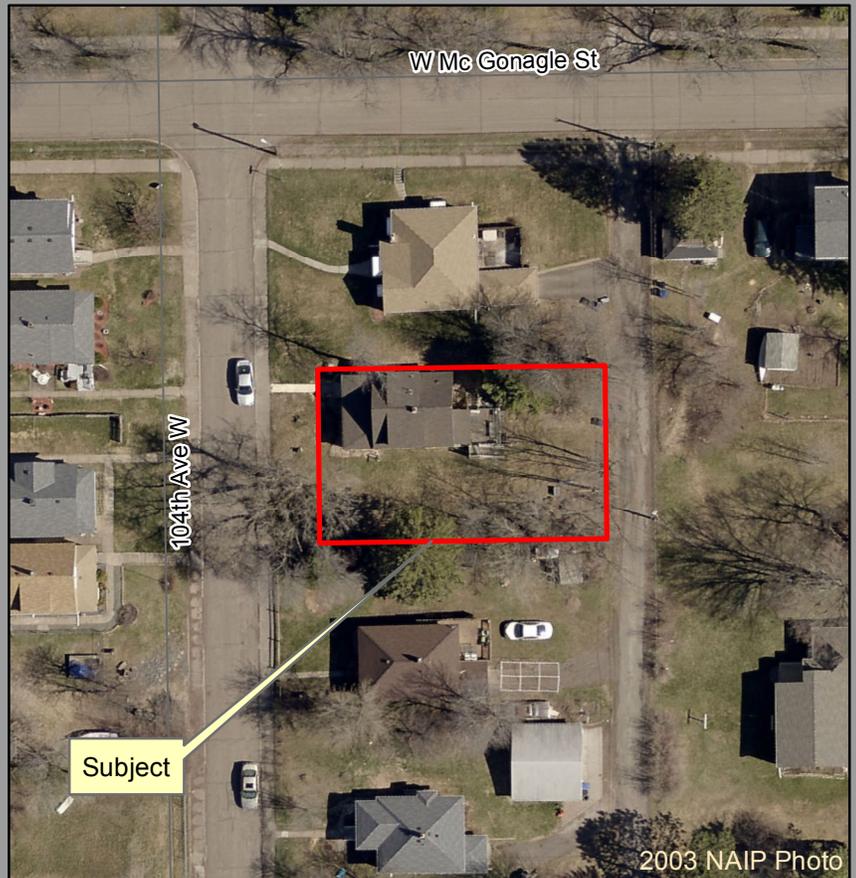


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Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Tesser

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Dennis and Diane Tesser of Hermantown, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
NW1/4 OF SW1/4 EX 10 AC AT SW COR AND EX WLY
75 FT & EX WLY 600 FT OF NLY 100 FT OF SLY
939 FT & EX WLY 729 FT OF NLY 200 FT OF SLY
1139 FT & EX W 729 FT OF N 400 FT OF S 839 FT
SEC 29 TWP 50 RGE 15
395-0010-08750

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Dennis and Diane Tesser of Hermantown, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$21,966.35, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$72.49, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$22,223.84, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, Dennis Tesser, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

CITY OF HERMANTOWN, NW1/4 OF SW1/4 EX 10 AC AT SW COR AND EX WLY 75 FT & EX WLY 600 FT OF NLY 100 FT OF SLY 939 FT & EX WLY 729 FT OF NLY 200 FT OF SLY 1139 FT & EX W 729 FT OF N 400 FT OF S 839 FT, Sec 29 Twp 50 Rge 15

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- [X] the owner
[] heir(s) of the owner
[] the representative of the owner
[] the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, to wit:
[] designating under what claim of right, whether mortgage or otherwise the right is exercised

That such taxes became delinquent in 2009 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2010,2011,2012,2013,2014,2015

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of repurchase \$19,637.01 which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that: applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid.

Medical Bills, Hurt back (Dennis) and Diane didn't get any money for 3 years. So lived off S.S around \$1,100. a month. Dennis had 2 major surgeries, Diane had 3 major surgeries. Both of us disabled

Please check the appropriate box below:

- [] There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
[X] No change since last well certificate
[] Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
[] There are no wells on this property

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s):

Are you currently in active military service? NO

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date NO and documentation.

Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: 12/17 2015

By: Dennis Tesser (Signature)

Address: 3785 Blmquist Rd
City: Hermantown State: MN Zip: 55810
Phone: 729 9539



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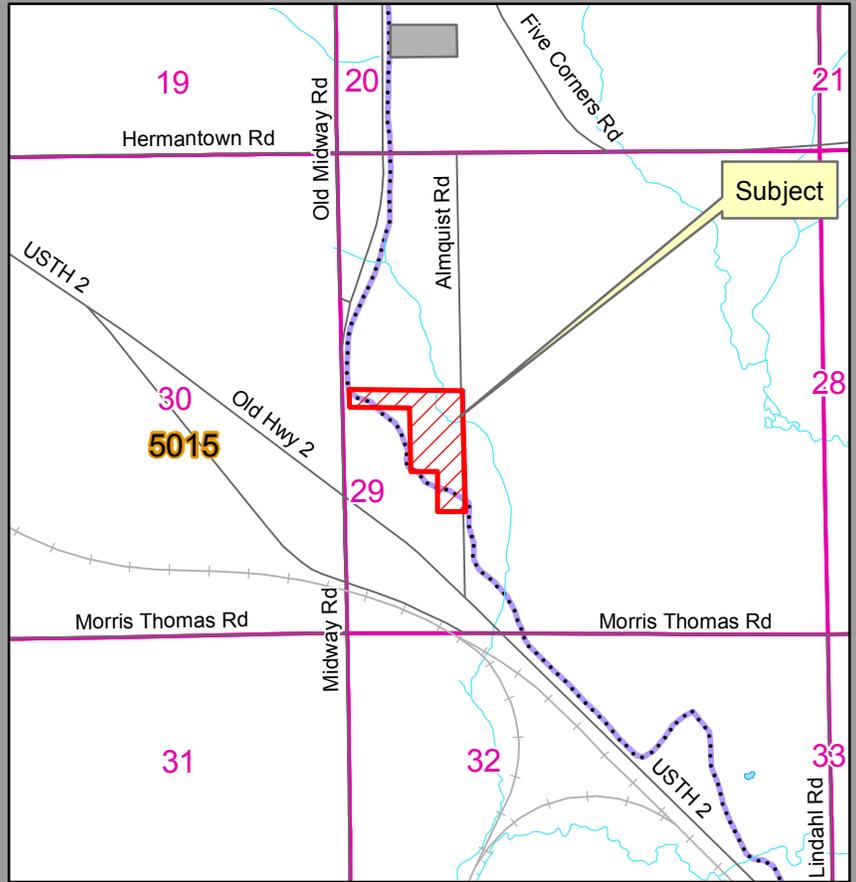
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Parcel Code : 395-0010-08750

LDKEY : 122113

Acres: 18.15

Address: 3785 Almquist Rd
 Hermantown, MN 55811

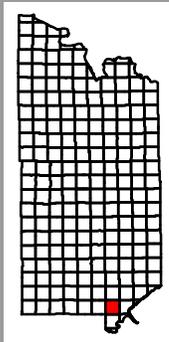


City of Hermantown

Sec: 29 Twp: 50 Rng: 15

Commissioner District # 5

- State Tax Forfeited Land
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Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Kruse-Koivisto/DeLancey

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Kelly Kruse-Koivisto and Bruce Allen DeLancey of Duluth, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH
W 33 FT OF E 66 FT OF LOTS 1 2 AND 3 AND
ALL OF LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 46
GARY FIRST DIVISION DULUTH
010-1800-11780

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Kelly Kruse-Koivisto and Bruce Allen DeLancey of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$10,028.14, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$33.09, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$66; for a total of \$10,266.23, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA: *KKK BAD KKK*
The undersigned, Kelly Kruse-Koivisto, Bruce Allen DeLancey and ~~Russandra Lee Kruse Koivisto~~, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

CITY OF DULUTH, W 33 FT OF E 66 FT OF LOTS 1 2 AND 3 AND ALL OF LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 46, GARY FIRST DIVISION DULUTH

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- the owner
- heir(s) of the owner
- the representative of the owner
- the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, to wit:
- designating under what claim of right, whether mortgage or otherwise the right is exercised

That such taxes became delinquent in 2009 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2010,2011,2012,2013,2014,2015

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of repurchase \$10,028.14 which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that: **applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid.**

I was a victim of a violent assault (hit in face with ~~bat~~) which 3/07 assault deadly weapon attempted murder I ended up Blind Severe head trauma PT d/TBI + Severe depression hundreds of Surgeries Several skull fractures still under full dr's care 1730 Bruce ended up w/ Severe spinal injury crushed spine fell off loaded truck 10 ft in wheelchair several Surgeries never dies again

Please check the appropriate box below:

- There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
- No change since last well certificate
- Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
- There are no wells on this property

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s): Kelly Kruse-Koivisto Bruce allen Delancey

Are you currently in active military service? NO

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date _____ and documentation.

Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: 3-09-2016

copy 5-1-2016

By: Kelly Kruse-Koivisto Bruce Allen DeLancey
(Signature)

Address: 113 W House St
City: Duluth State: mn Zip: 55808
Phone: 218 390 4093

218 591-8637



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF DULUTH
W 33 FT OF E 66 FT OF LOTS 1 2 AND
3 AND ALL OF LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 46,
GARY FIRST DIVISION DULUTH

Parcel Code : 010-1800-11780

LDKEY : 121882

Acres: .20

Address: 113 W HOUSE ST
DULUTH 55808

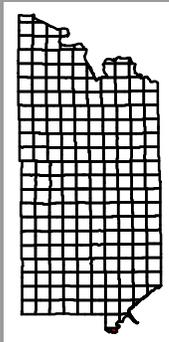


City of Duluth

Sec: 3 Twp: 48 Rng: 15

Commissioner District # 3

-  State Tax Forfeited Land
-  Water
-  Road
-  Area of Interest
-  Tract

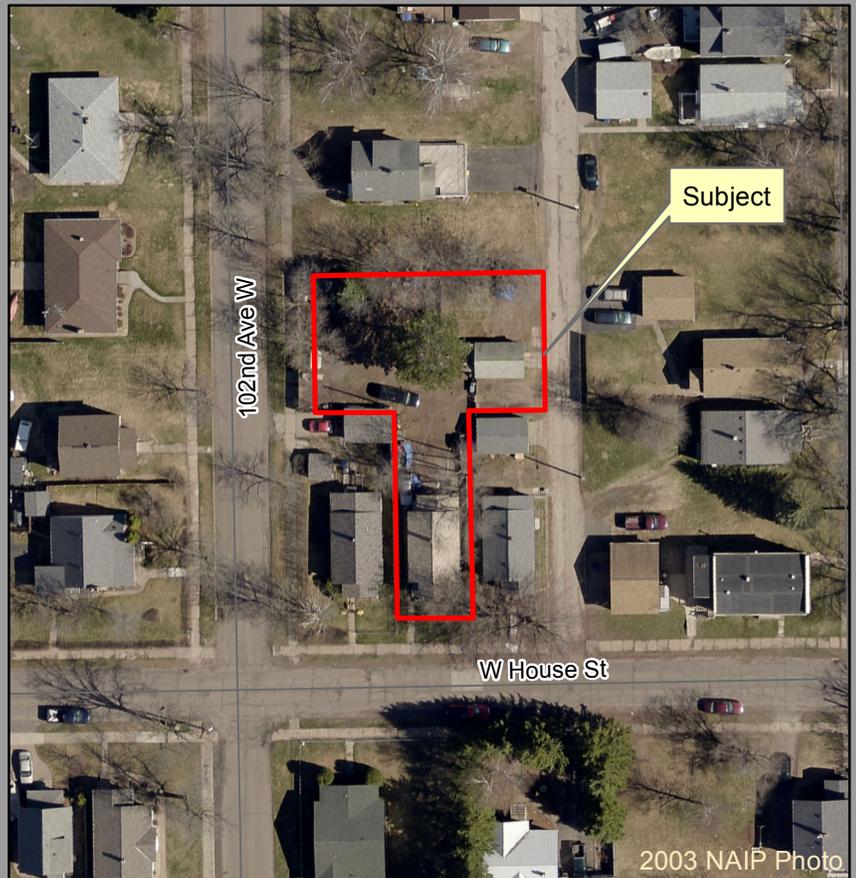


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BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 206

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016

RE: Cancellation of Contracts for
Purchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Byrd, Jones,
Jackson

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOALS:

To perform public services; provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to cancel contracts for purchase of state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

The County Auditor has provided information in reference to state tax forfeited land contracts which have been entered into under the provisions of Minn. Stat. Chapter 282. The purchase agreements have defaulted due to the purchasers' failure to pay the required installments. The purchasers, Paul Byrd of Hibbing, MN, Alyssa Jones of Duluth, MN, and Richard Jackson of Poplar, WI, have been served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process but have failed to cure the defaults.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve cancellation of these contracts and authorize the disposal of abandoned personal property that may remain on the sites.

Paul Byrd, Hibbing, MN

Legal Description	TOWN OF CHERRY NW1/4 OF SE1/4 LYING N OF RY R/W Sec 5 Twp 57 Rge 19 290-0010-00870 C22060042
Purchase Price	\$10,750.00
Principal Amount Remaining	\$1,973.40
Date of Last Payment	4/1/2014
Installment Payments Not Made	\$1,315.60
Subsequent Del Taxes and Fees	\$462.82
Amount Needed to Cure Default	\$1,778.42
Insurance	N/A

Alyssa Jones, Duluth, MN

Legal Description	UNORGANIZED 56 17 N1/2 OF SW1/4 OF NW1/4 Sec 12 Twp 56 Rge 17 690-0010-01990 C22100099
Purchase Price	\$16,000.00
Principal Amount Remaining	\$9,430.49
Date of Last Payment	10/1/2014
Installment Payments Not Made	\$1,396.69
Subsequent Del Taxes and Fees	\$1,297.80
Amount Needed to Cure Default	\$2,694.49
Insurance	N/A

Richard Jackson, Poplar, WI

Legal Description	TOWN OF LEIDING PART OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 COMM AT A PT ON CENTERLINE OF RY 1385.8 FT FROM INTER- SECTION OF CENTERLINE WITH N LINE OF NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 SEC 13 TWP 64 RG 20 THENCE ELY AT RIGHT ANGLES 92 FT TO W LINE OF SEC 18 THENCE ELY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO CENTERLINE 166.7 FT THENCE NLY AT RIGHT ANGLES 208.7 FT THENCE WLY AT RIGHT ANGLES 123.7 FT TO W LINE OF SECTION THENCE S ALONG W LINE 211.4 FT TO PT OF BEG Sec 18 Twp 64 Rge 19 also PART OF NE1/4 COMM ON CENTERLINE OF RY 941.6 FT SLY OF N LINE THENCE E 50 FT TO E LINE OF ROW WHICH IS THE PT OF BEG THENCE E 132.4 FT TO E LINE OF SECTION THENCE S ALONG E LINE 671.2 FT TO INTERSECTION WITH E LINE OF RY ROW THENCE N 658 FT TO PT OF BEG Sec 13 Twp 64 Rge 20 425-0010-02852 & 425-0030-01362 C22100103
Purchase Price	\$3,410.00
Principal Amount Remaining	\$1,777.22
Date of Last Payment	3/31/2014
Installment Payments Not Made	\$363.66
Subsequent Del Taxes and Fees	\$506.91
Amount Needed to Cure Default	\$870.57
Insurance	N/A

Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Byrd

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The contract with Paul Byrd of Hibbing, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of installments; and

WHEREAS, The purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

TOWN OF CHERRY
NW1/4 OF SE1/4 LYING N OF RY R/W
Sec 5 Twp 57 Rge 19
290-0010-00870
C22060042

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd, 2(d) and 504B.271 authorizes the County Auditor to dispose of abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, The previous owners of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract for the purchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

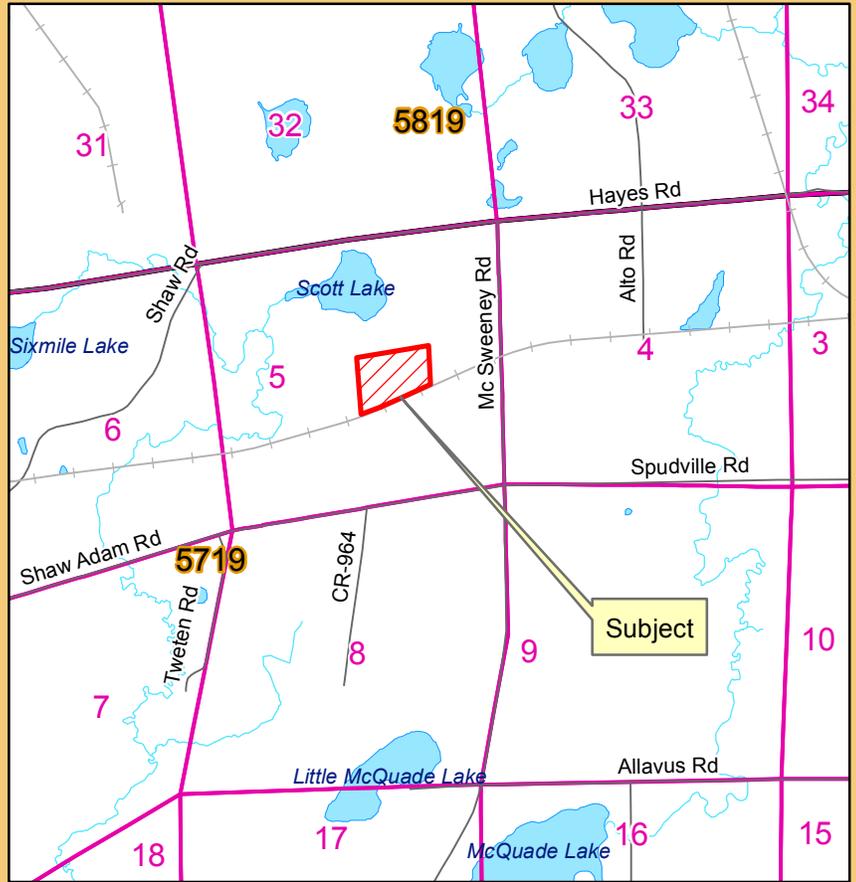
Cancellation of Contract

Legal : TOWN OF CHERRY
NW1/4 OF SE1/4 LYING N OF RY R/W,
Sec 5 Twp 57 Rge 19

Parcel Code : 290-0010-00870

LDKEY : 122220

Acres: 25.67

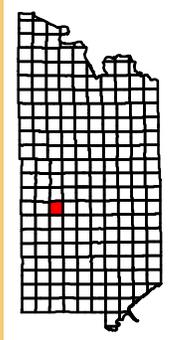


Town of Cherry

Sec 5 Twp 57 Rge 19

Commissioner District # 7

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



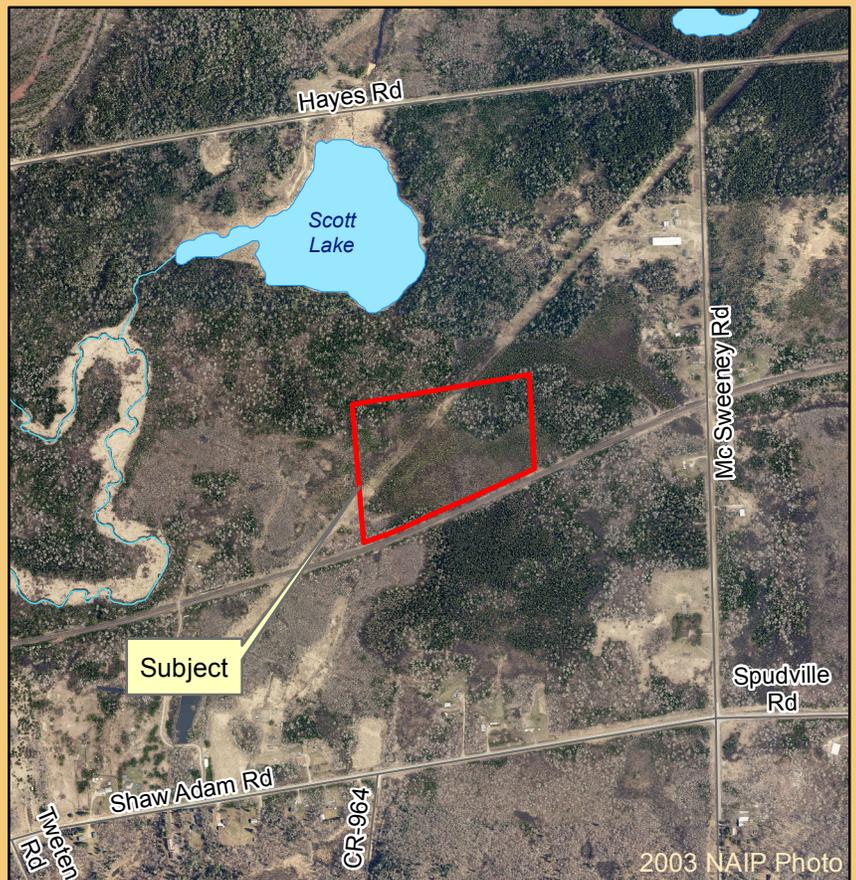
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Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Jones

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The contract with Alyssa Jones of Duluth, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of installments; and

WHEREAS, The purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

UNORGANIZED 56 17
N1/2 OF SW1/4 OF NW1/4
Sec 12 Twp 56 Rge 17
690-0010-01990
C22100099

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd, 2(d) and 504B.271 authorizes the County Auditor to dispose of abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, The previous owners of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract for the purchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

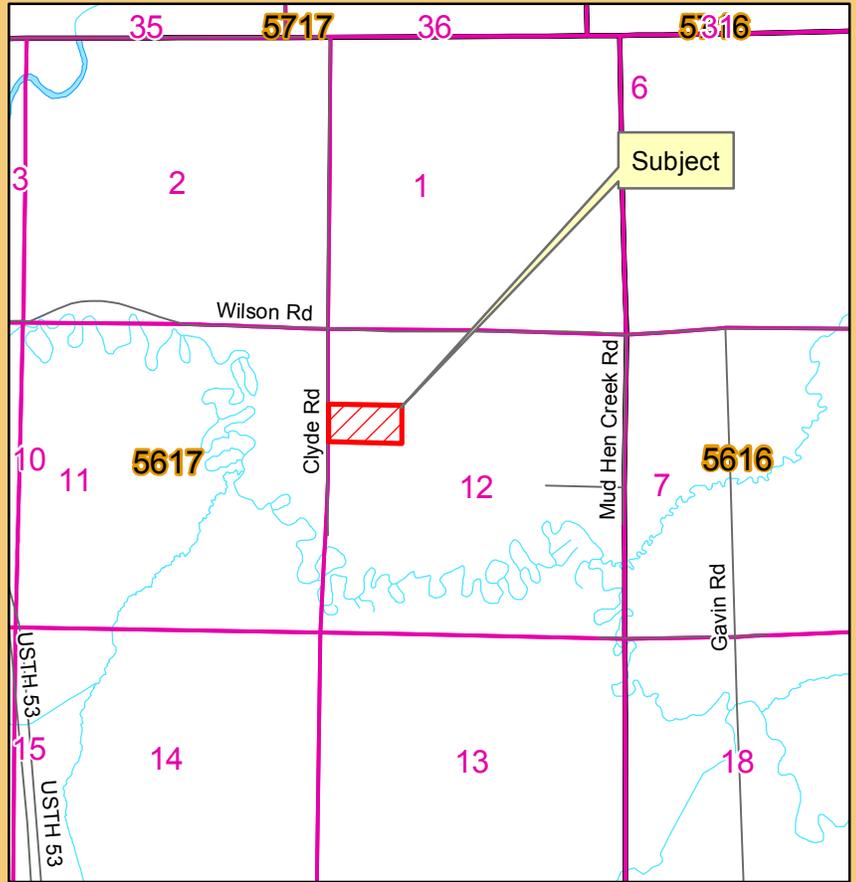
Cancellation of Contract

Legal : UNORGANIZED 56 17
N1/2 OF SW1/4 OF NW1/4
Sec 12 Twp 56 Rge 17

Parcel Code : 690-0010-01990

LDKEY : 70141

Acres: 20.00

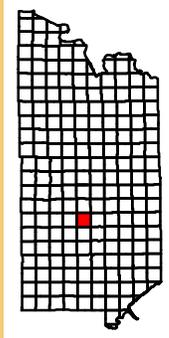


Unorganized 56 17

Sec: 12 Twp: 56 Rng: 17

Commissioner District # 6

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



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Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Jackson

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The contract with Richard Jackson of Poplar, WI, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment installments; and

WHEREAS, The purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

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Sec 13 Twp 64 Rge 20

425-0010-02852 & 425-0030-01362

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WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd, 2(d) and 504B.271 authorizes the County Auditor to dispose of abandoned personal property; and

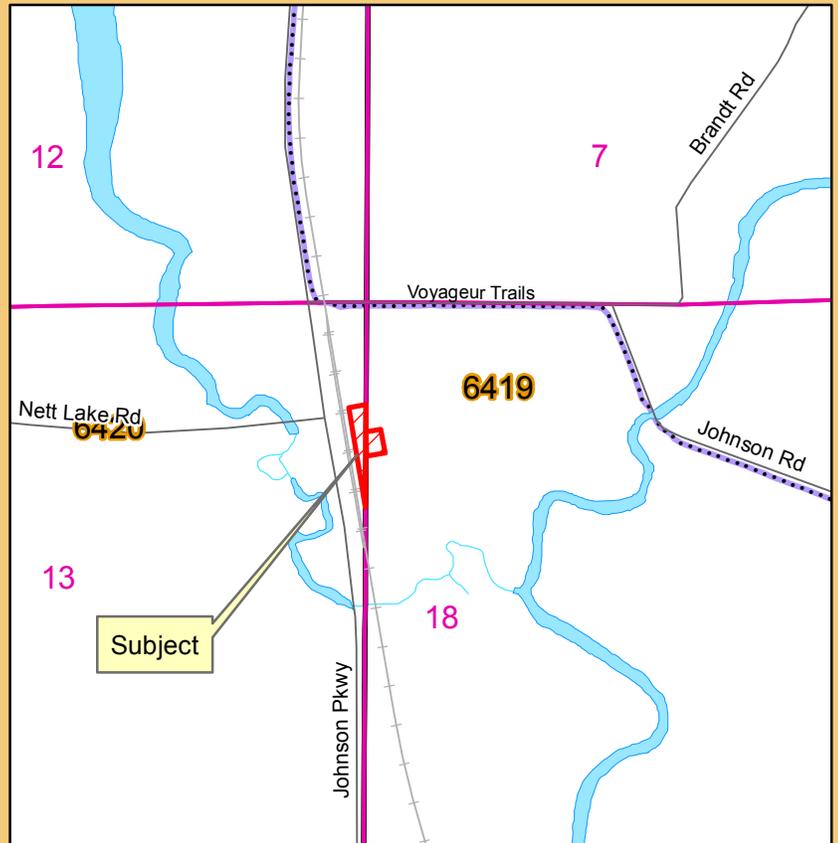
WHEREAS, The previous owners of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract for the purchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.



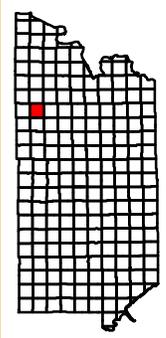
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 Parcel Code : 425-0010-02852 & 425-0030-01362
 LDKEY : 642013
 Acres: 1.70



Town of Leiding Sec: 13 Twp: 64 Rge: 20 & Sec 18 Twp 64 Rge 19

Commissioner District # 4

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



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BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 207

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 4

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016

RE: Access Easements across
State Tax Forfeited Land to
Potlatch Minnesota
Timberlands, LLC

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Performing public services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize non-exclusive easements to Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC, to cross state tax forfeited land in Section 6, Grand Lake (S) Township, Section 28, Toivola (E) Township, Section 8, Ault (E) Township and Section 31, Ault (E) Township.

BACKGROUND:

Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC has requested non-exclusive easements to cross state tax forfeited lands for access to parcels owned by Potlatch Corporation. Approximately 75% of the 5,626 feet of easement uses existing woods access roads. There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the properties. Exercising these easements will not cause adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts nor conflict with public use of the land.

Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4(a) allows for the granting of easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes. Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC, will compensate the county for these easements by granting the county permanent easements across Potlatch-owned lands in Section 10, Fine Lakes Township, Sections 2, 8 and 17, Ault (E) Township, and Section 4, New Independence Township. Based upon the area of land encumbered and the type of easement exchanged, the net result of this easement

exchange is a slightly greater total value in favor of St. Louis County. Consequently, St. Louis County is paying 52.27% of the survey cost and recording fees, and Potlatch is paying 47.73% of the survey cost and recording fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the granting of access easements across state tax forfeited land to Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC, in Section 6, Grand Lake (S) Township, Section 28, Toivola (E) Township, Section 8, Ault (E) Township and Section 31, Ault (E) Township, conditioned upon Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC, granting the county permanent easements across land owned by Potlatch Corporation in the Section 10, Fine Lakes Township, Sections 2, 8 and 17, Ault (E) Township, and Section 4, New Independence Township, and paying 47.73% of the survey cost and recording fees.

**Access Easements across State Tax forfeited Land to Potlatch Minnesota
Timberlands, LLC**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC, has requested access easements across state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the properties; and

WHEREAS, Exercising these easements will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts and will not conflict with public use of land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4a authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant non-exclusive access easements to Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC, across state tax forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. _____;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of these easements is conditioned upon Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC granting the county permanent easements across land owned by Potlatch Corp in Section 10, Fine Lakes Township, Sections 2, 8 and 17, Ault (E) Township, and Section 4, New Independence Township, and paying 47.73% of the survey cost and recording fees.

Exhibit A 164

A 33.00 foot wide easement for ingress, egress, and utility purposes, over, under and across those parts of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 51 North, Range 16 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, being 16.5 feet on each side of the following described centerline:

Commencing at the South Quarter Corner of said Section 6; thence North 35 degrees 22 minutes 48 seconds East (assuming a line between the Southwest Corner and the South Quarter Corner of said Section 6 bears South 88 degrees 22 minutes 51 seconds East) a distance of 1007.99 feet to the Point of Beginning of the centerline to be herein described;

thence North 43 Degrees 55 Minutes 03 Seconds East for 60.50 Feet;
thence North 05 Degrees 07 Minutes 31 Seconds West for 72.46 Feet;
thence North 29 Degrees 27 Minutes 10 Seconds West for 188.28 Feet;
thence North 16 Degrees 35 Minutes 30 Seconds West for 31.90 Feet;
thence North 01 Degrees 14 Minutes 18 Seconds East for 43.61 Feet;
thence North 28 Degrees 01 Minutes 59 Seconds East for 39.11 Feet;
thence North 72 Degrees 38 Minutes 21 Seconds East for 16.07 Feet;
thence South 87 Degrees 51 Minutes 42 Seconds East for 685.75 Feet;
thence North 79 Degrees 57 Minutes 42 Seconds East for 86.97 Feet.

more or less, to the north line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 6 and there said centerline there terminating. The side lines of said easement to be lengthened or shortened to meet and terminate at said north line.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM, Highway 53 right of way.

"EXHIBIT B" 1 of 4

ROADWAY EASEMENT

A 33.00 foot wide easement for ingress, egress, and utility purposes over, under and across those parts of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 51 North, Range 16 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

See Attached "EXHIBIT A" for Course Details.

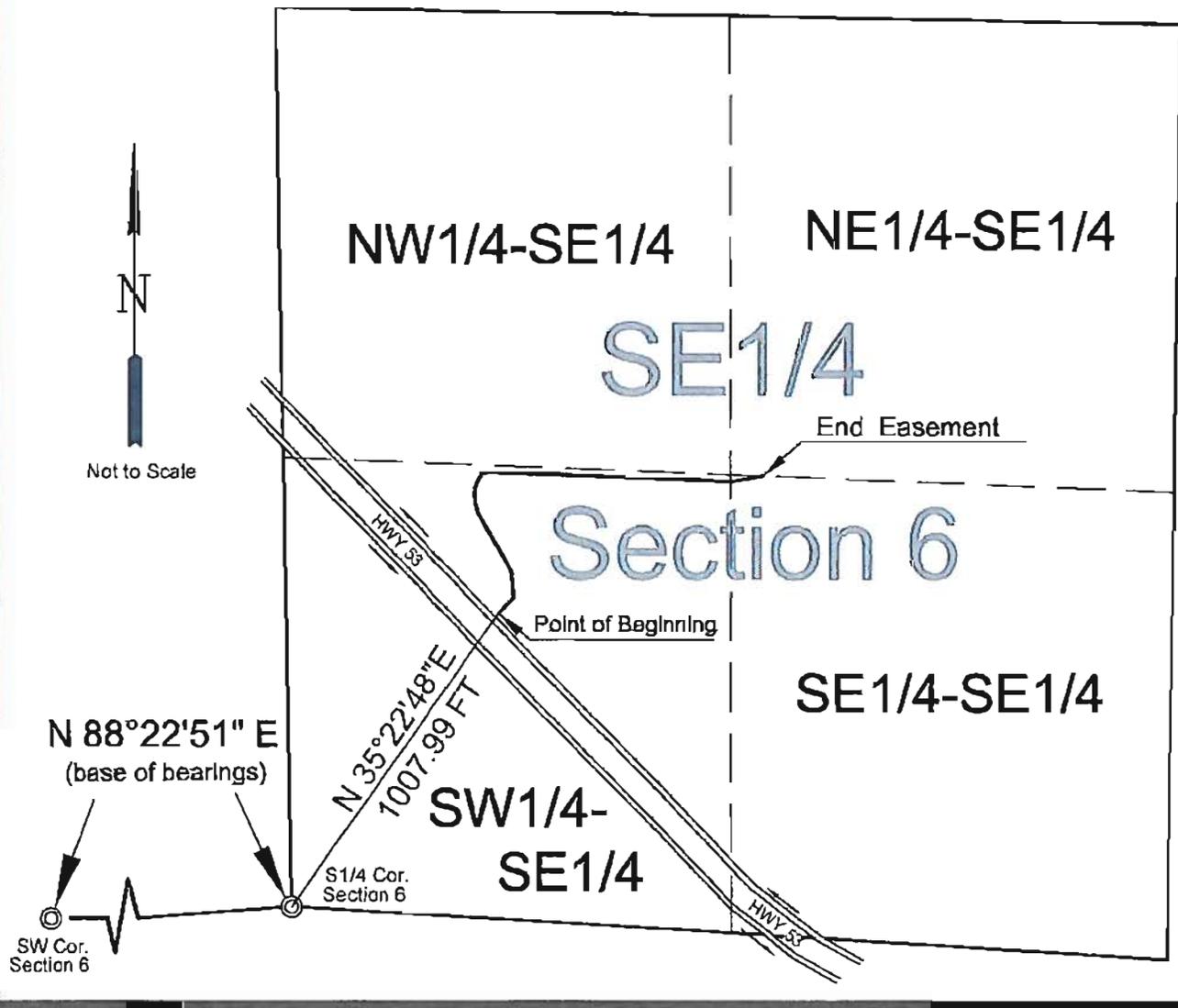


Exhibit A 2 of 4

A 33.00 foot wide easement across an existing road for ingress, egress and utility purposes over, under and across those parts of the East One Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 54 North, Range 19 West, St Louis County, Minnesota, being 16.5 feet on each side of the following described centerline.

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Section 28, Township 54 North, Range 19 West, thence North 88 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East, (assuming a line between the Northeast Corner of Section 28, Township 54 North, Range 19 West and the Northwest Corner of Section 28, Township 54 North, Range 19 West, bears South 89 degrees 41 minutes 48 seconds West) a distance of 2213.82 feet being the Point of Beginning

thence South 00 Degrees 36 Minutes 24 Seconds West for 112.91 Feet;
thence South 29 Degrees 12 Minutes 16 Seconds West for 195.36 Feet;
thence South 00 Degrees 37 Minutes 53 Seconds East for 216.59 Feet;
thence South 26 Degrees 15 Minutes 59 Seconds West for 266.18 Feet;
thence South 20 Degrees 31 Minutes 10 Seconds West for 94.28 Feet;
thence South 09 Degrees 02 Minutes 40 Seconds West for 211.34 Feet;
thence South 47 Degrees 39 Minutes 39 Seconds West for 652.63 Feet;
thence South 41 Degrees 08 Minutes 53 Seconds West for 243.00 Feet.

More or less to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 54 North, Range 19 West, and there said easement terminating. The side lines of said easement to be lengthened or shortened to meet and terminate at said east line.

"EXHIBIT B" 2024

ROADWAY EASEMENT

A 33.00 foot wide easement across an existing road for ingress, egress, and utility purposes over, under and across those parts of the East One Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 54 North, Range 19 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

See Attached "EXHIBIT A" for Course Details.

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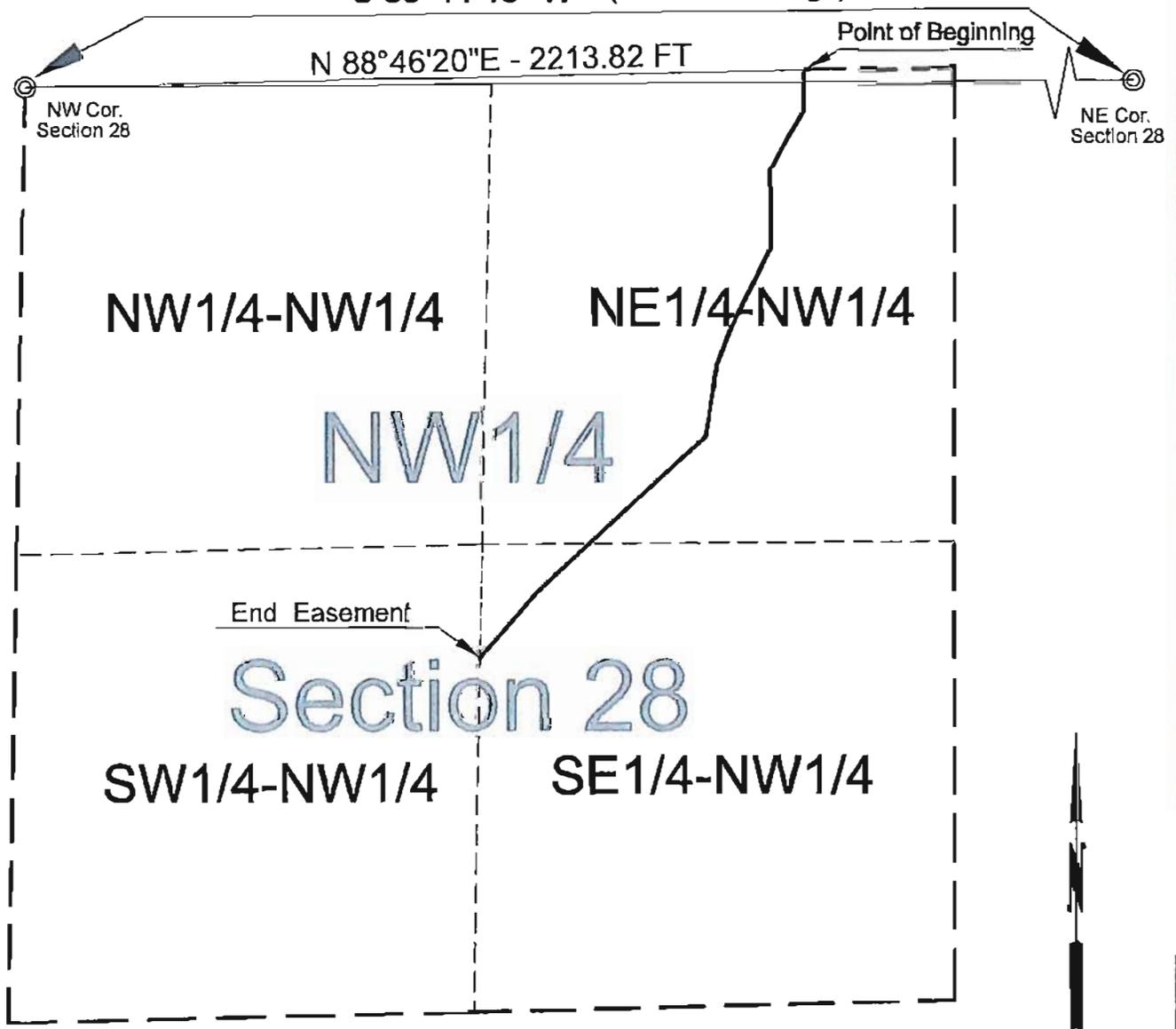


Exhibit A 3 of 4

A 33.00 foot wide easement across an existing roadway for ingress, egress, and utility purposes, over, under and across those parts of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, being 16.5 feet on each side of the following described centerline:

Commencing at the East Quarter Corner of said Section 8; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds West (assuming a line between the Southeast Corner and the East Quarter Corner of said Section 8 bears North 00 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds East) a distance of 1259.73 feet to the Point of Beginning of the centerline to be herein described;

thence North 77 Degrees 21 Minutes 50 Seconds West for 61.38 Feet;
thence North 86 Degrees 20 Minutes 48 Seconds West for 41.33 Feet;
thence South 50 Degrees 46 Minutes 28 Seconds West for 44.80 Feet;
thence South 03 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds East for 12.39 Feet;

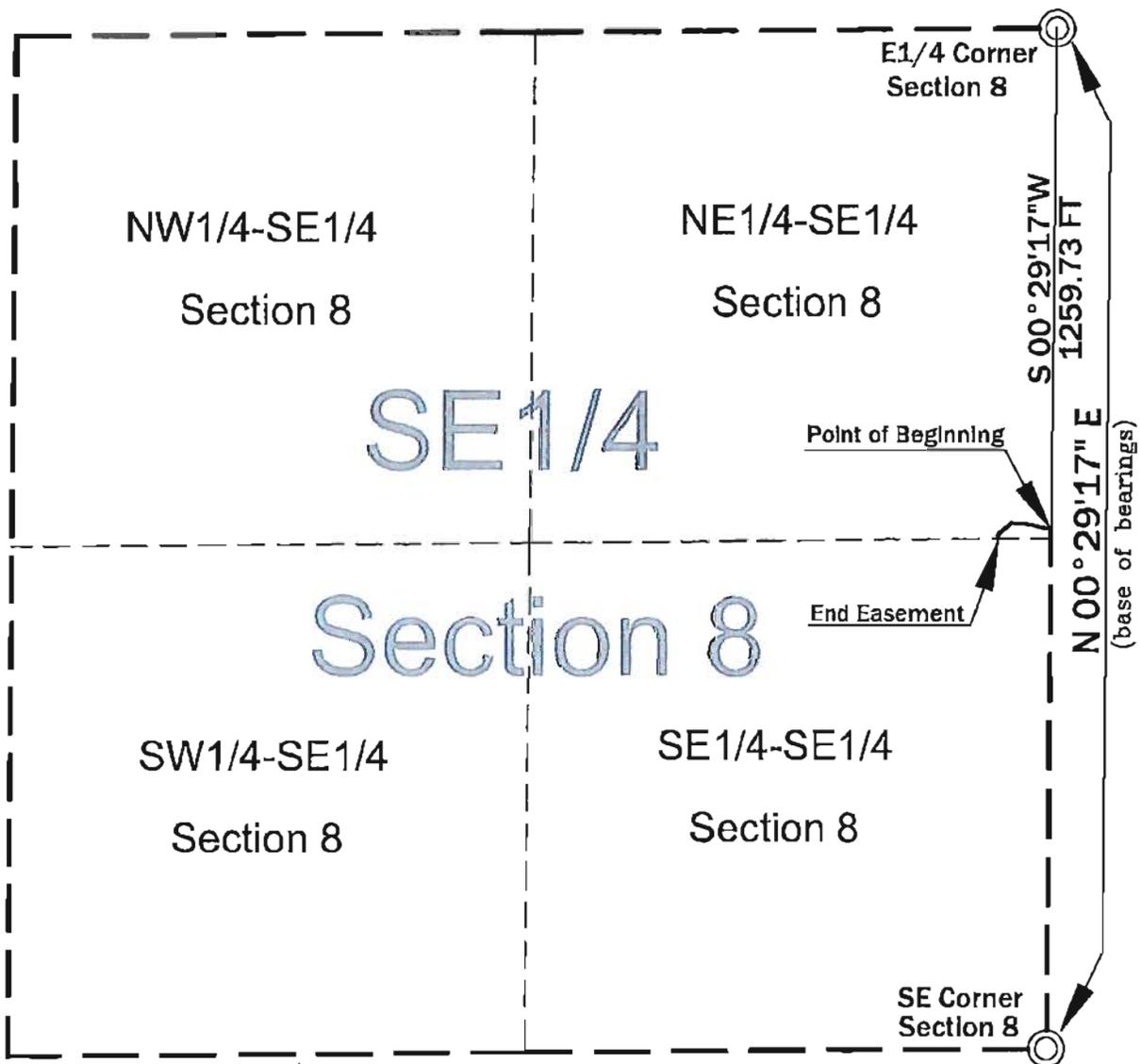
more or less, to the south line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 8 and there said centerline there terminating. The side lines of said easement to be lengthened or shortened to meet and terminate at said south line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of section 8 and said east line of Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of section 8.

"EXHIBIT B" 3 of 4

ROADWAY EASEMENT

A 33.00 foot wide easement across an existing road for ingress, egress, and utility purposes over, under and across those parts of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

See Attached "EXHIBIT A" for Course Details.



Not to Scale

Exhibit A 4 of 4

A 33.00 foot wide easement across an existing roadway for ingress, egress, and utility purposes, over, under and across those parts of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, being 16.5 feet on each side of the following described centerline:

Commencing at the East Quarter Corner of said Section 31; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 53 seconds West (assuming a line between the Northeast Corner and the East Quarter Corner of said Section 31 bears South 00 degrees 06 minutes 53 seconds East) a distance of 1572.91 feet to the Point of Beginning of the centerline to be herein described;

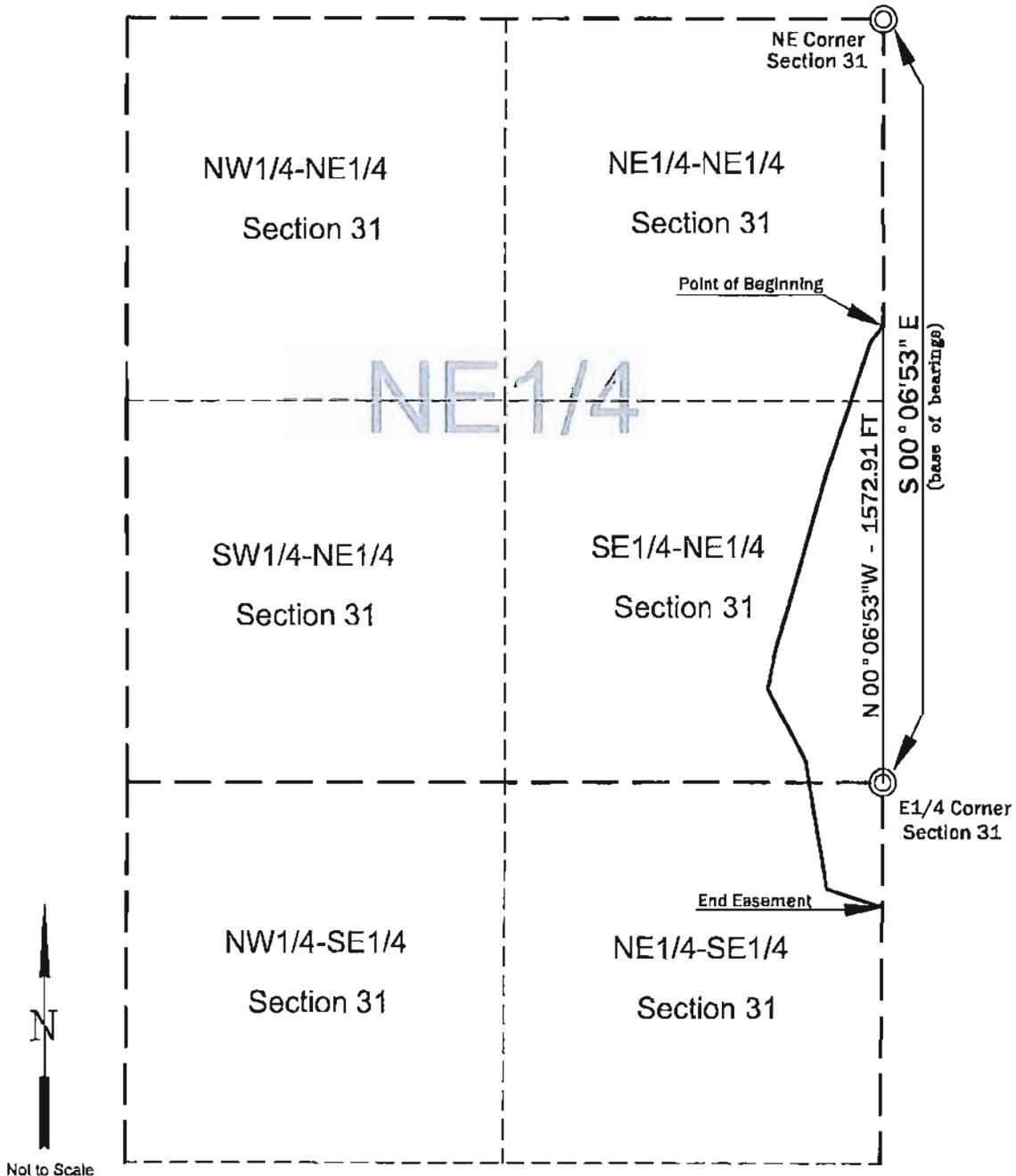
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thence South 18 Degrees 17 Minutes 49 Seconds West for 489.99 Feet;
thence South 15 Degrees 45 Minutes 22 Seconds West for 612.44 Feet;
thence South 11 Degrees 57 Minutes 50 Seconds West for 144.58 Feet;
thence South 27 Degrees 35 Minutes 35 Seconds East for 278.43 Feet;
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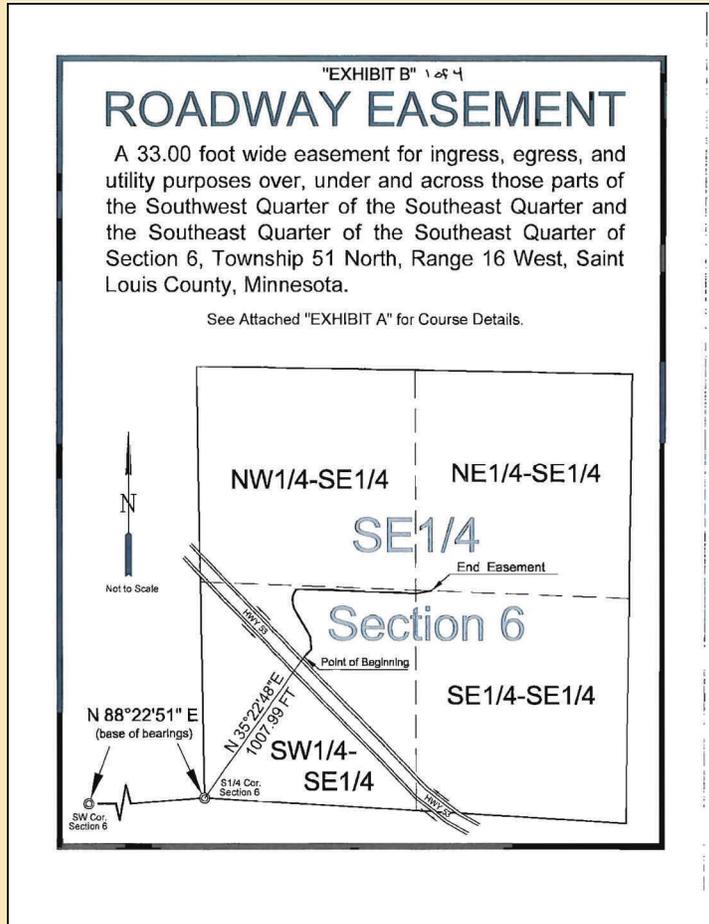
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ROADWAY EASEMENT

A 33.00 foot wide easement across an existing road for ingress, egress, and utility purposes over, under and across those parts of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

See Attached "EXHIBIT A" for Course Details.





Affects parcel 380-0010-01340

6th Commissioner District

- State Tax Forfeited
- Easement
- Project location

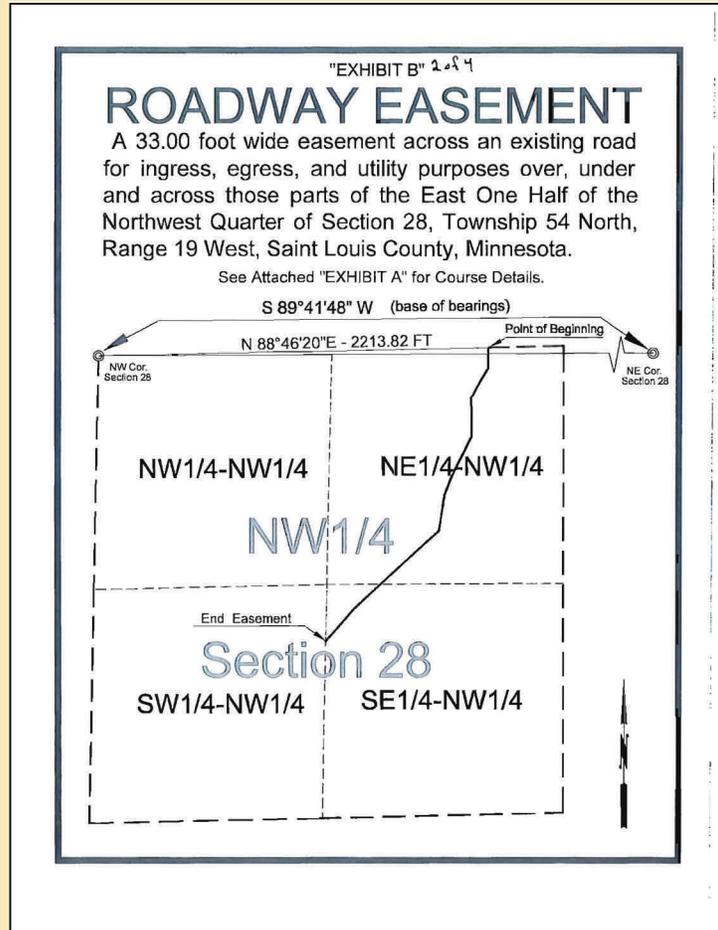
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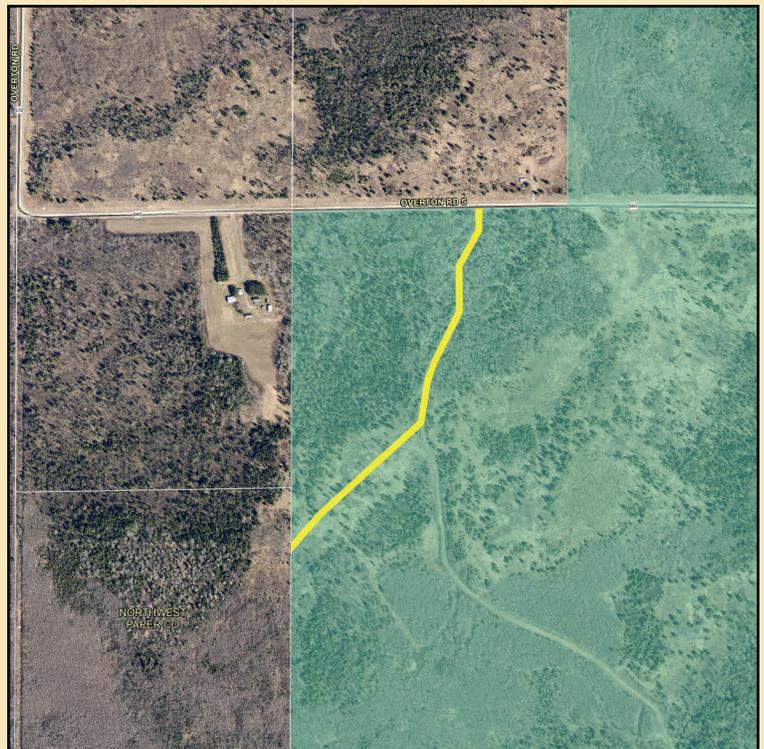
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-  Project location

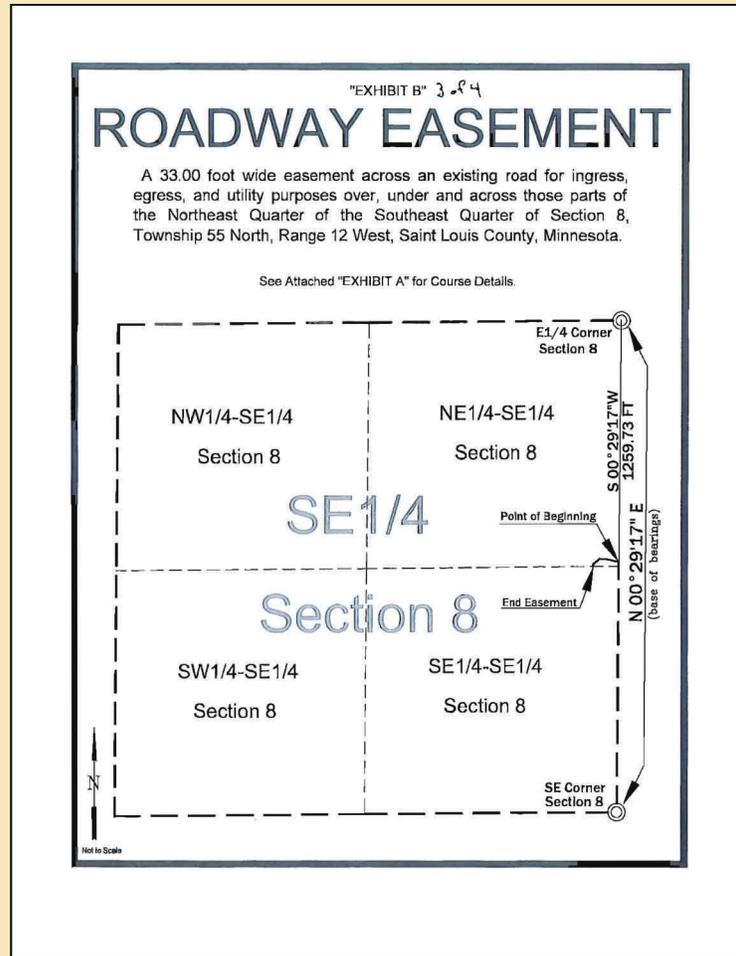
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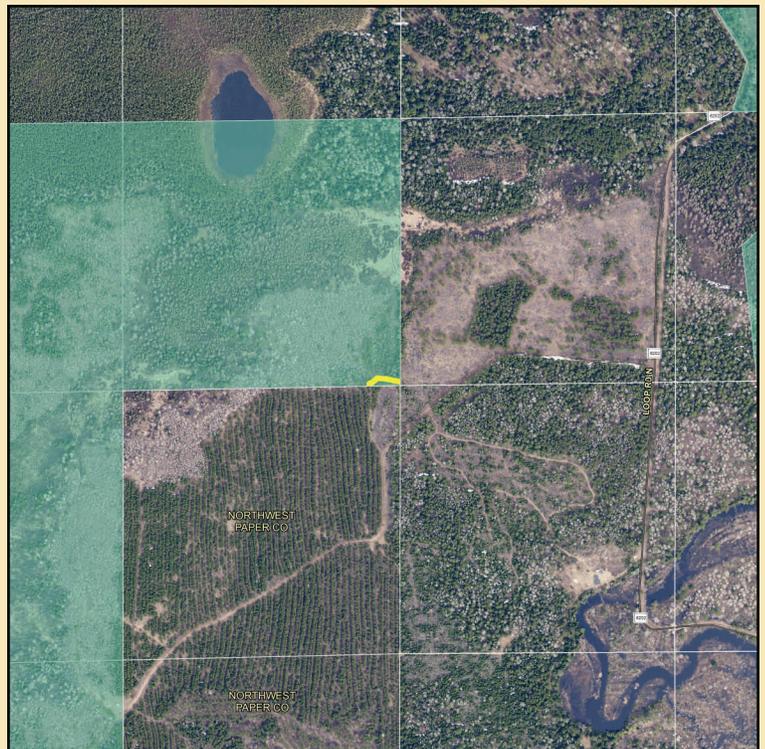
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- Easement
- Project location

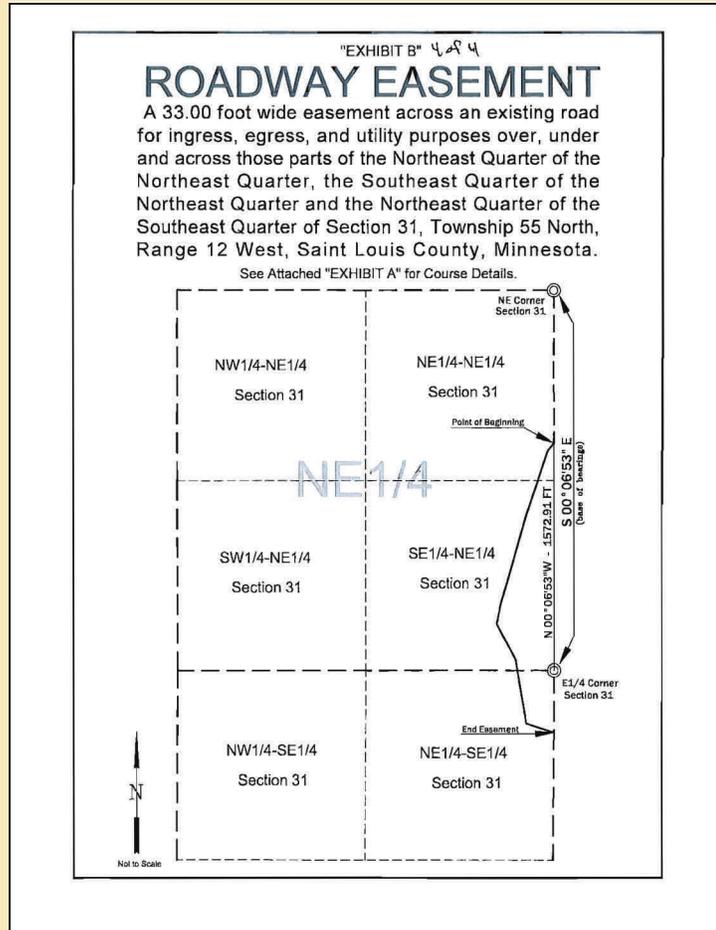
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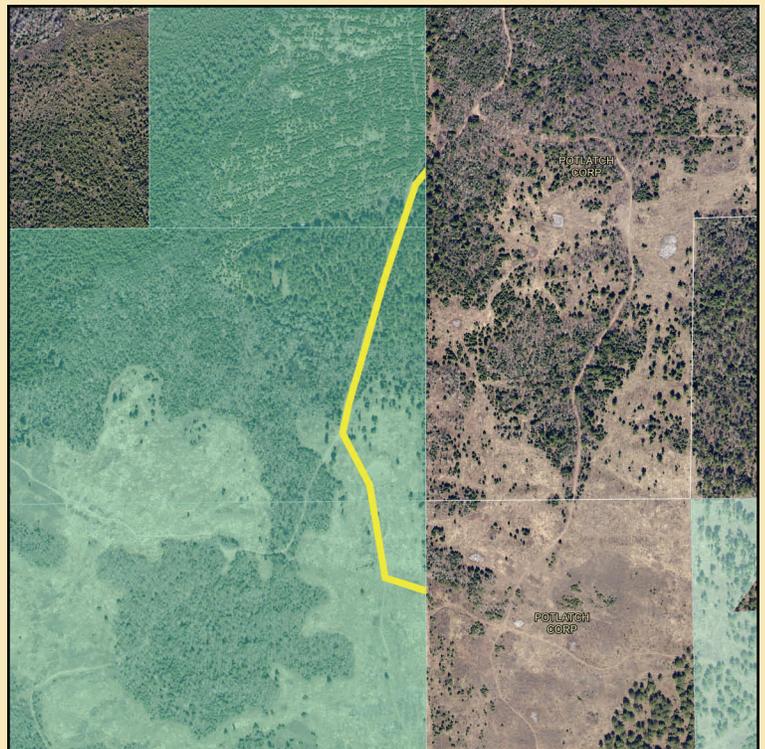


Affects parcels 230-0010-05200, 230-0010-05220 and 230-0010-05310

4th Commissioner District

-  State Tax Forfeited
-  Easement
-  Project location

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BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 208

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 5

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016

RE: Easements across State Tax Forfeited Land to MnDOT and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 16-205, at the Request of MnDOT

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Performing public services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize easements across state tax forfeited land to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for improvements to Grand Avenue in Duluth.

BACKGROUND:

MnDOT is requesting easements for highway purposes across state tax forfeited land to improve Trunk Highway 23 (Grand Avenue). St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 16-205, adopted on April 12, 2016, authorized the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a utility easement to the Minnesota Department of Transportation to improve Trunk Highway 23. However, MnDOT has specifically requested that the statutory reference in the resolution be changed from Minn. Stat. §282.04, subd. 4, to Minn. Stat. §282.017.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the granting of easements across state tax forfeited land to MnDOT for the amount of \$9,800 land use fee and \$150 administration fee; for a total of \$9,950 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund). It is further recommended that St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 16-205, adopted on April 12, 2016, be rescinded, at the request of MnDOT.

**Easements across State Tax Forfeited Land to MnDOT and Rescind
County Board Resolution No. 16-205, at the Request of MnDOT**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has requested easements across state tax forfeited land to improve Trunk Highway 23 (Grand Avenue) for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.017 authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a utility easement to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) over, under and across state tax forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. _____;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$9,800 land use fee, and \$150 administration fee; for a total of \$9,950 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 16-205, adopted on April 12, 2016, is hereby rescinded.

Utility Easement to Minnesota Department of Transportation

Easement over, under and across state tax forfeited lands described as:

Lot 8, Block 2, Ironton Fourth Division, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota, lying easterly of the easterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 23 as now located and established.

ALSO

Lots 1 and 2, Block 9, Ironton First Division, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota; the title thereto being registered as evidenced by Certificate of Title No. 327385.0

ALSO

Lots 23, 24 and 25, Block 2, except that part taken for trunk highway purposes, Ironton Fourth Division, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota, the title there to being registered as evidenced by Certificate of Title No. 329537.0

ALSO

Lots 20, 21 and 22, Block 2, Ironton Fourth Division, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota; which lies easterly of the easterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 23 as now located and established.

ALSO

The easterly 60 feet of Lot 24, Block 7, Ironton Fourth Division, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota

ALSO

That part of Government Lot 1 of Section 23, Township 49 North, Range 15 West, St Louis County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the southeasterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 23 as now located and established and the west line of said Government Lot 1; thence northeasterly along said southeasterly right of way line for 300 feet; thence deflect to the right at a right angle for 95 feet; thence deflect to the right at a right angle to an intersection with the west line of said Government Lot 1; thence northerly along said west line to the point of beginning;

ALSO

Lots 5 and 6 and the southwesterly 15 feet of Lot 4, Block 46, Ironton Second Division, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota, the title there to being registered as evidenced by Certificate of Title No. 329537.0; together with the vacated alley accruing thereto by reason of the vacation thereof; which lies northwesterly of the northwesterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 23 as now located and established.



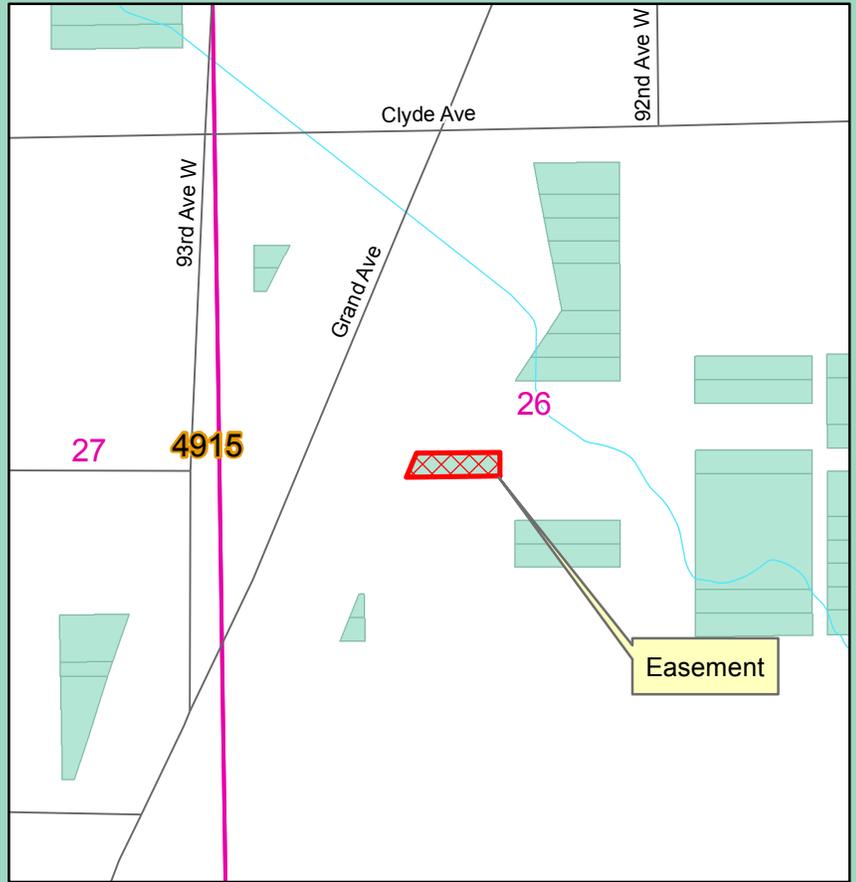
St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Easement

Legal : Lot 8, Block 2, Ironton Fourth Division, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota, lying easterly of the easterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 23 as now located and established.

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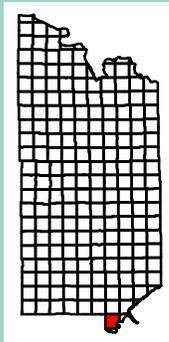


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Commissioner District # 3

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



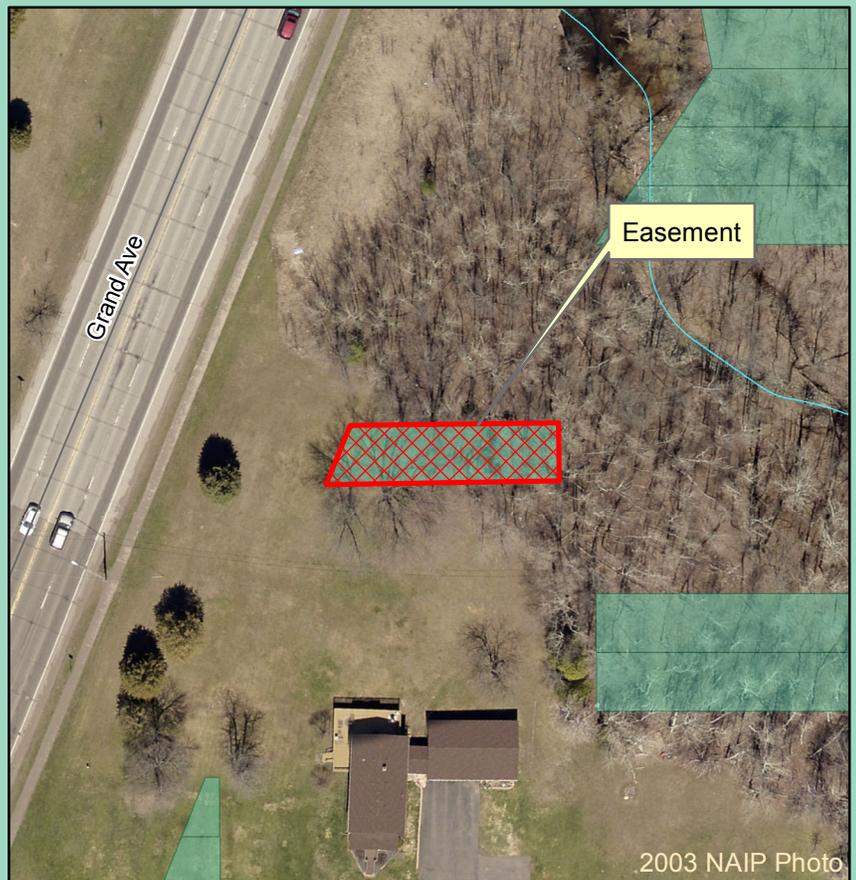
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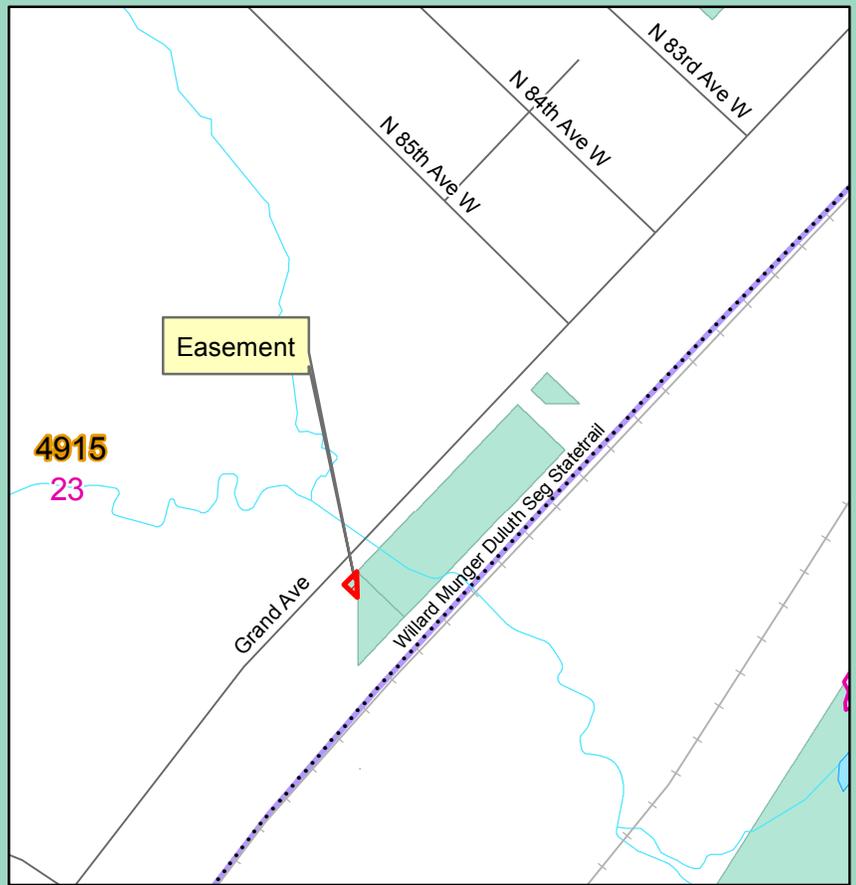
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Easement

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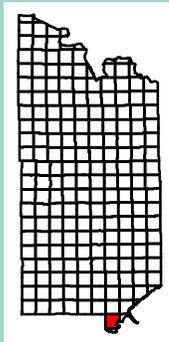


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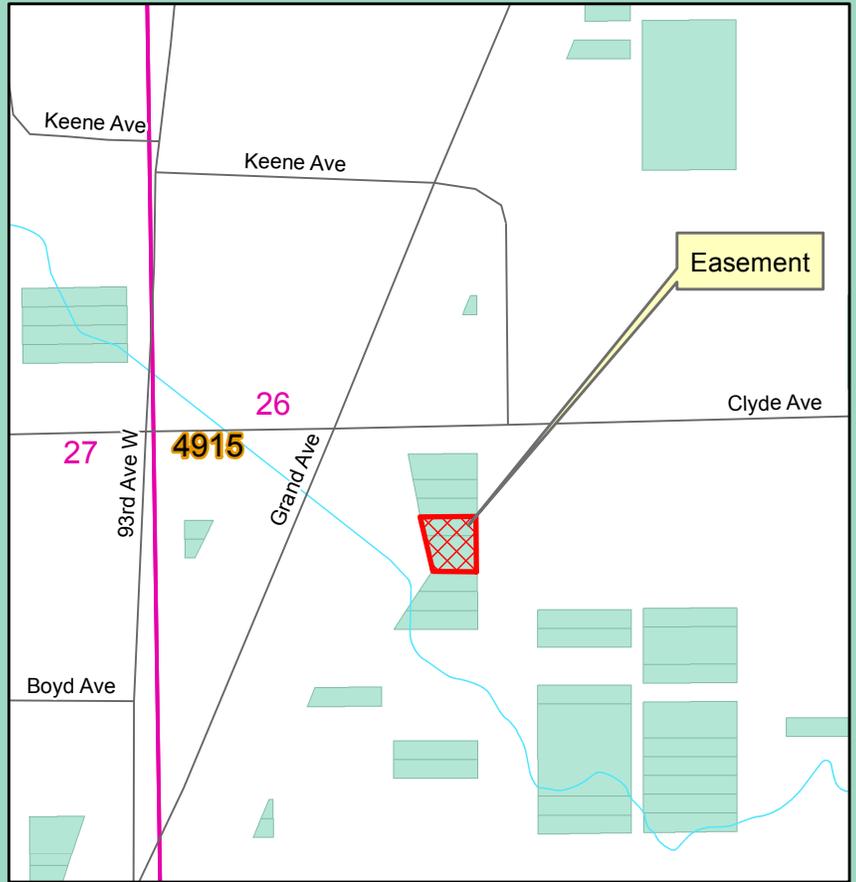
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Easement

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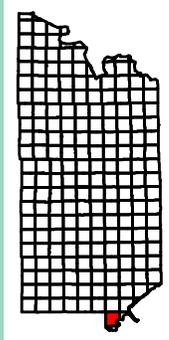


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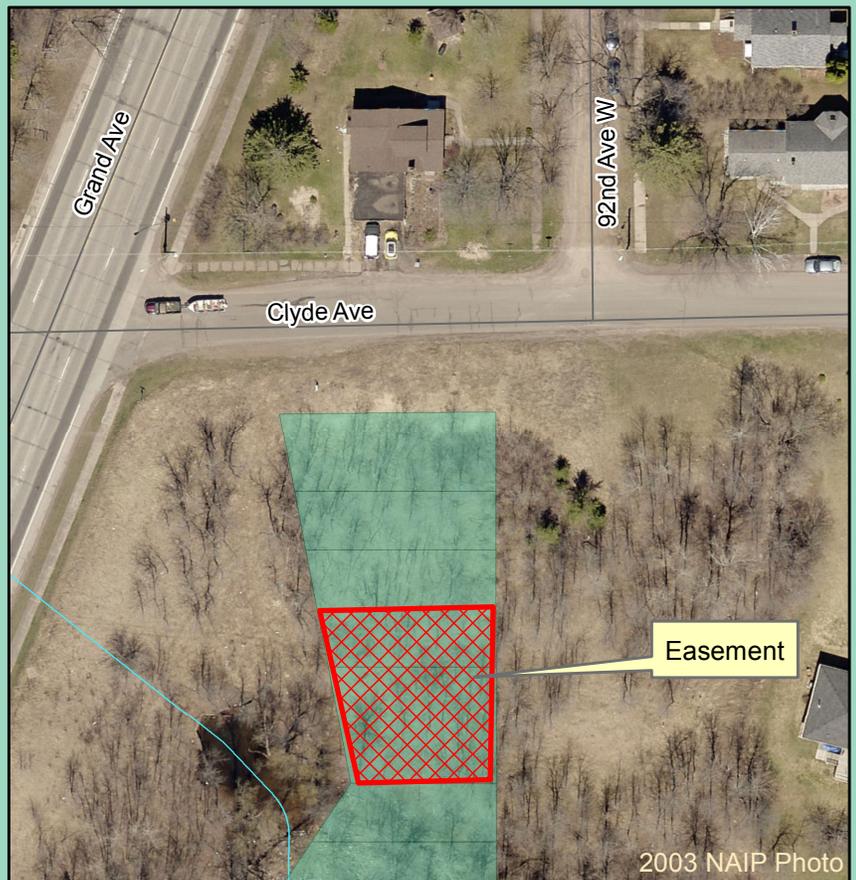


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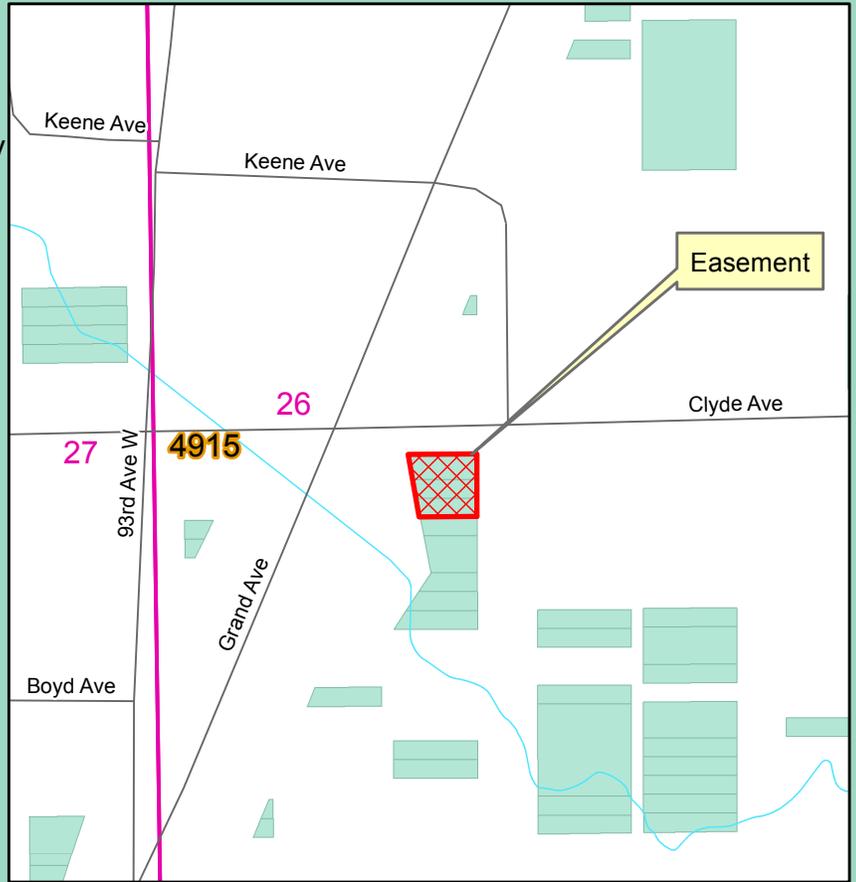
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Easement

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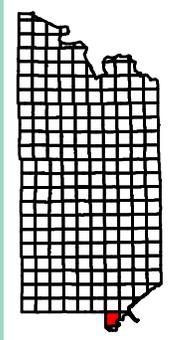


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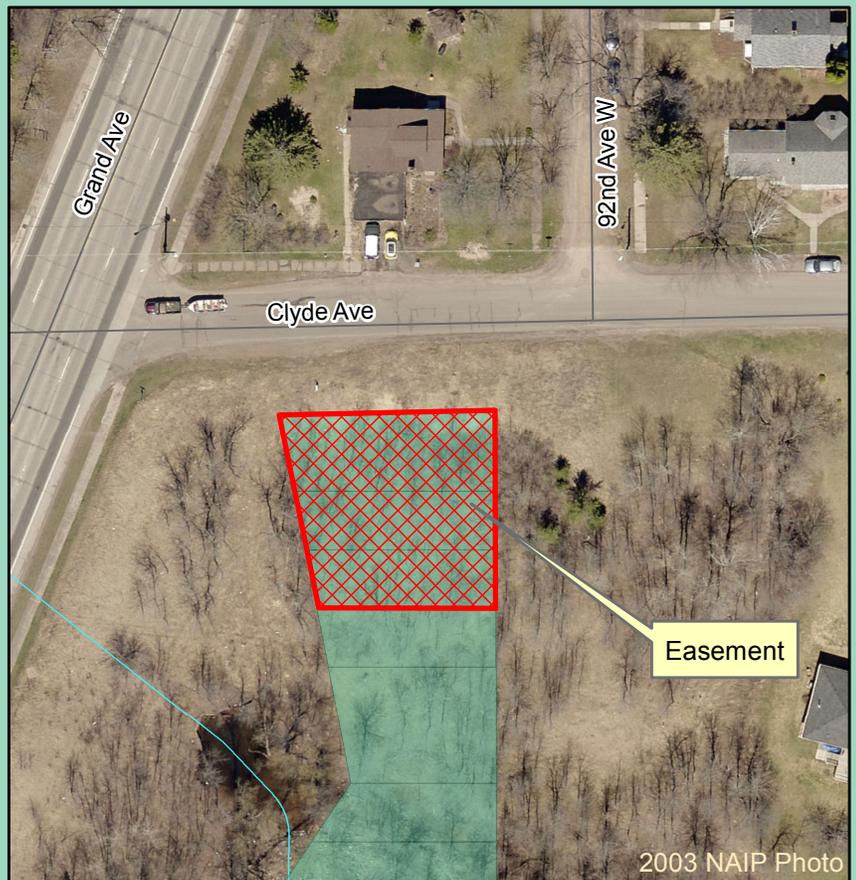
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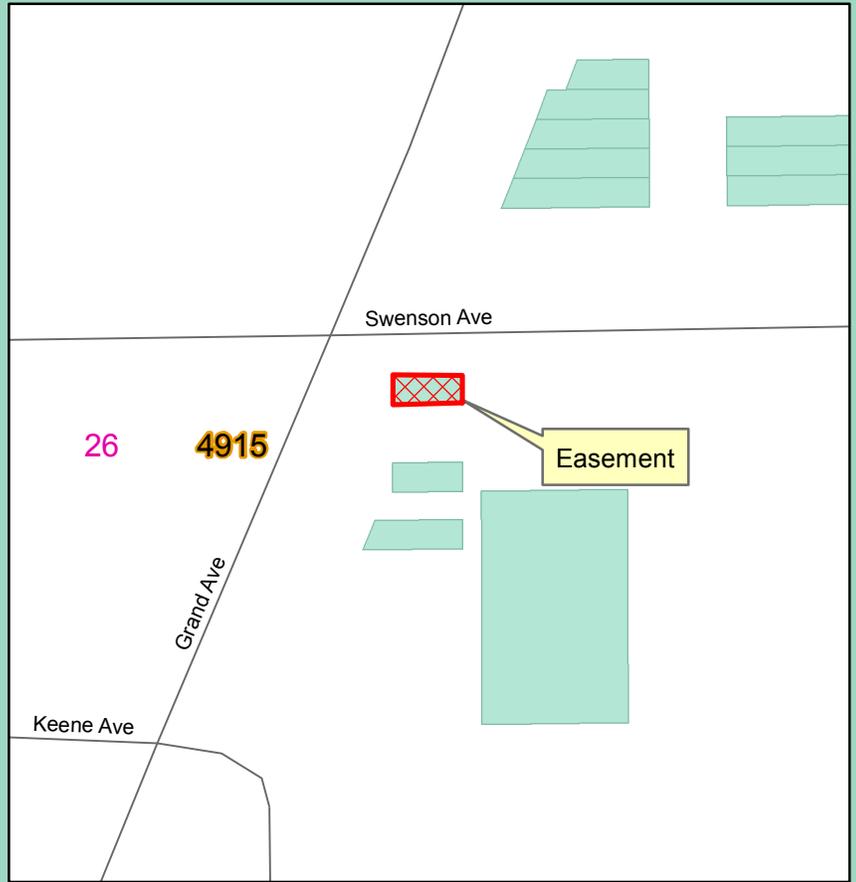
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Easement

Legal : The easterly 60 feet of Lot 24,
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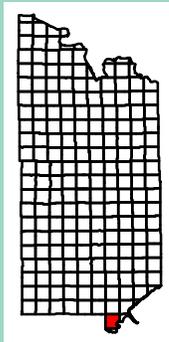


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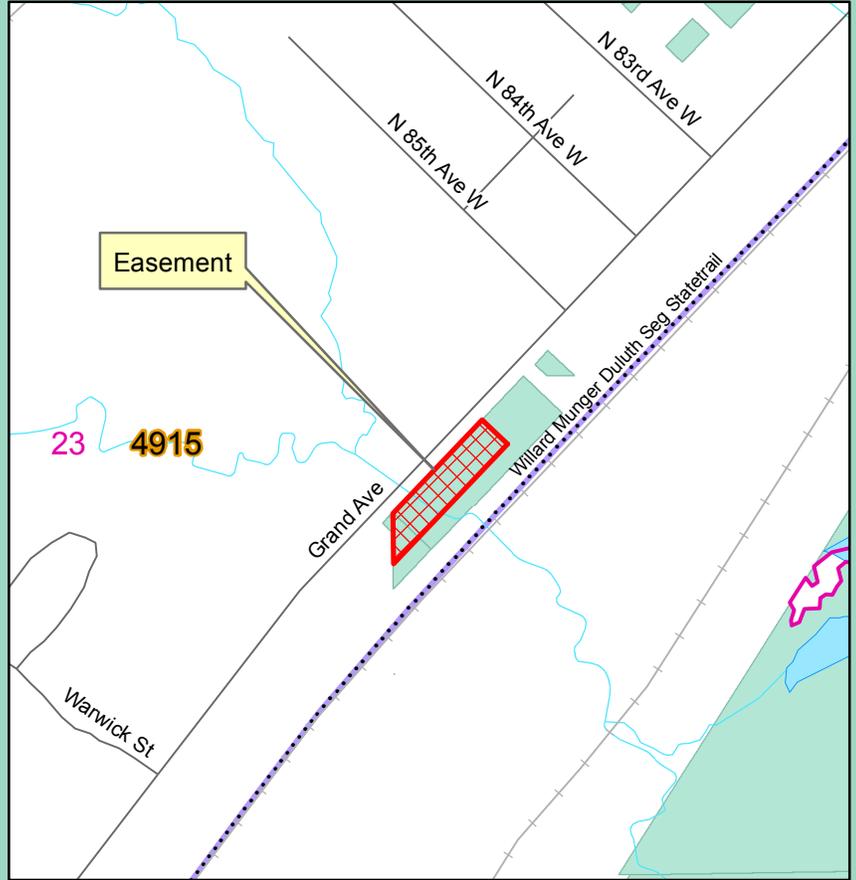
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Part of Parcels 010-2746-00260,280

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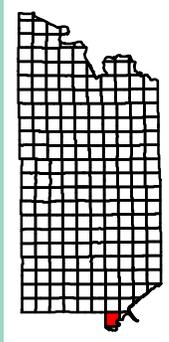


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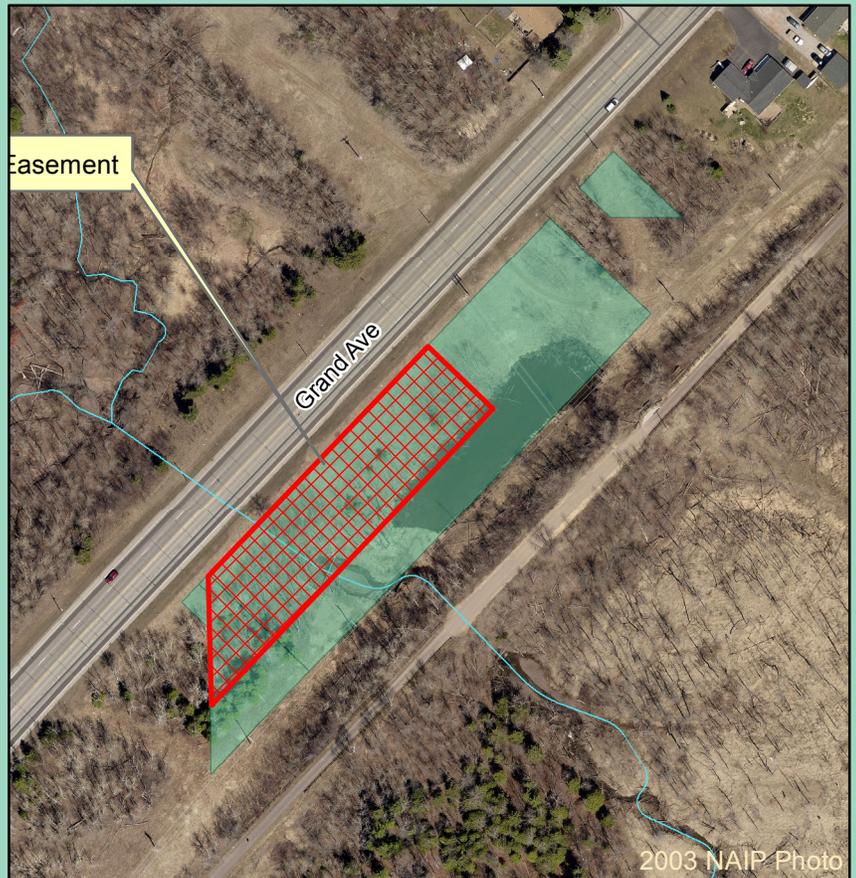
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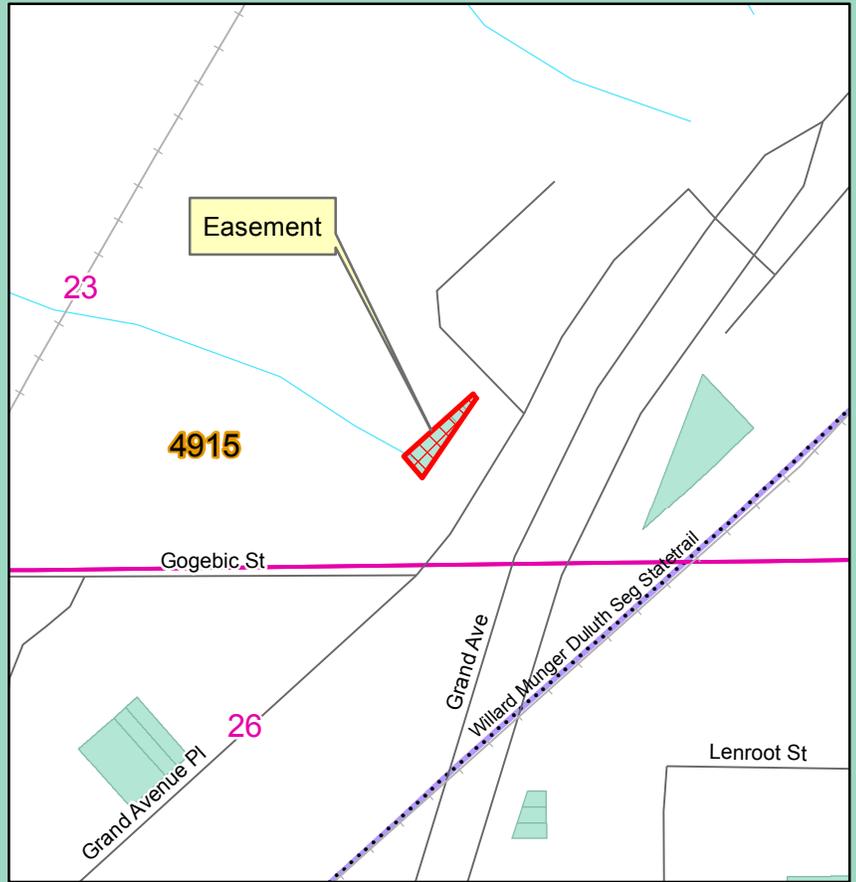
St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Easement

Legal : Lots 5 and 6 and the southwesterly 15 feet of Lot 4, Block 46, Ironton Second Division, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota, the title there to being registered as evidenced by Certificate of Title No. 329537.0; together with the vacated alley accruing thereto by reason of the vacation thereof; which lies northwesterly of the northwesterly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 23 as now located and established.

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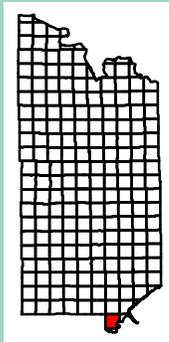


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Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Louis County, Minnesota
Adopted on: April 5, 2016 Resolution No. 16-205
Offered by Commissioner: Nelson

**Easements across State Tax Forfeited Land to the
Minnesota Department of Transportation**

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has requested easements across state tax forfeited land to improve Trunk Highway 23 (Grand Avenue) for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not conflict with public use of land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a utility easement to the Minnesota Department of Transportation over, under and across state tax forfeited lands described in County Board File No. 60294;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$9,800 land use fee, \$150 administration fee, and \$112 recording fee, for a total of \$10,062 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Commissioner Nelson moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:
Yeas – Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Dahlberg, Rukavina, Stauber, Nelson and Chair Raukar - 7
Nays – None.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of County Auditor, ss.
County of St. Louis

I, DONALD DICKLICH, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 5th day of April, A.D. 2016, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 5th day of April, A.D., 2016.

DONALD DICKLICH, COUNTY AUDITOR

By

Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the County Board

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 209

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 6

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016

RE: Minnesota Deer Hunters
Association, The Conservation
Fund and Ruffed Grouse
Society Habitat Protection
Project

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL(S):

Financial return to the county and taxing districts; providing opportunity for tourism and recreation; protecting wildlife habitat, soil resources, and water quality.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to endorse a habitat protection project being proposed by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA), The Conservation Fund (TCF) and the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS), and to support full funding of MDHA/RGS's application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association is a non-profit organization that promotes habitat, educates youth in outdoor education and firearms safety, and advocates on behalf of Minnesota's deer hunters. The Ruffed Grouse Society is a non-profit organization that works to improve woodland habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and many other kinds of forest wildlife. The Conservation Fund is a non-profit organization that finds solutions to land and water conservation issues benefiting both the environment and the economy. MDHA and RGS have formed a new partnership that will combine the resources of both organizations to protect forest habitat.

MDHA, TCF and RGS have an opportunity to acquire private forest lands within St. Louis County that will preserve forest habitat, protect water resources, and provide public hunting and recreational opportunities on lands that currently may not be open to the public.

MDHA/RGS is planning to submit an application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council seeking Outdoor Heritage Funds to acquire these lands within St. Louis County. If MDHA/RGS is successful in obtaining funding for its habitat project, MDHA, TCF and RGS will work closely with St. Louis County in reviewing and discussing potential parcel acquisitions before any parcels are purchased.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board endorse MDHA, TCF and RGS's habitat project proposal and support full funding of MDHA/RGS's application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

**Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, The Conservation Fund and
Ruffed Grouse Society Habitat Protection Project**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA) is a non-profit organization that promotes habitat, educates youth in outdoor education and firearms safety, and advocates on behalf of Minnesota's deer hunters; and

WHEREAS, The Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) is a non-profit organization that works to improve woodland habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and many other kinds of forest wildlife; and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Fund (TCF) is a non-profit organization that finds solutions to land and water conservation issues benefiting both the environment and the economy; and

WHEREAS, MDHA and RGS have formed a new partnership that will combine the resources of both organizations to protect forest habitat; and

WHEREAS, MDHA, TCF and RGS have the opportunity to acquire forest lands within St. Louis County that will preserve forest habitat, protect water resources, and provide public hunting and recreational opportunities on lands that currently may not be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, MDHA/RGS will submit an application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council seeking Outdoor Heritage Funds to acquire said lands within St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, If MDHA/RGS is successful in obtaining funding for its habitat project, MDHA, TCF and RGS will work closely with St. Louis County in reviewing and discussing potential parcel acquisitions before any parcels are purchased;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board endorses 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 joint application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for this purpose.

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 210

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 7

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016 **RE:** Acquisition of Right of Way –
Replacement of County Bridge
755 (Unorganized Township 55-15)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the acquisition of right of way for County Project 9230-271723 TST, and to authorize the County Auditor to grant the necessary easements for this project over tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of the Comstock Lake Road/Unorganized Town Road 9230 and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 755, State Bridge 92628) over Coolidge Creek southeast of Comstock Lake in Unorganized Township 55-15. Additional Right of Way will be needed from an adjacent parcel of tax forfeited land.

Minn. Stat. 282.04, Subdivision 4, provides that the county auditor may grant easements on tax-forfeited land for highways and that future sale or lease of the land affected by such easement would be subject to the easement. This project will affect one parcel of land that is currently tax forfeited property (parcel ID No. 662-0010-05360).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the acquisition of right of way necessary for the reconstruction of Unorganized Town Road 9230 and the replacement of County Bridge 755, and authorize the County Auditor to grant the necessary easements over tax forfeited land. Right of Way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

**Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 755
(Unorganized Township 55-15)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a small segment of the Comstock Lake Road/UT 9230 and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 755, State Bridge 92628) over Coolidge Creek in Unorganized Township 55-15 (County Project 9230-271723 TST); and

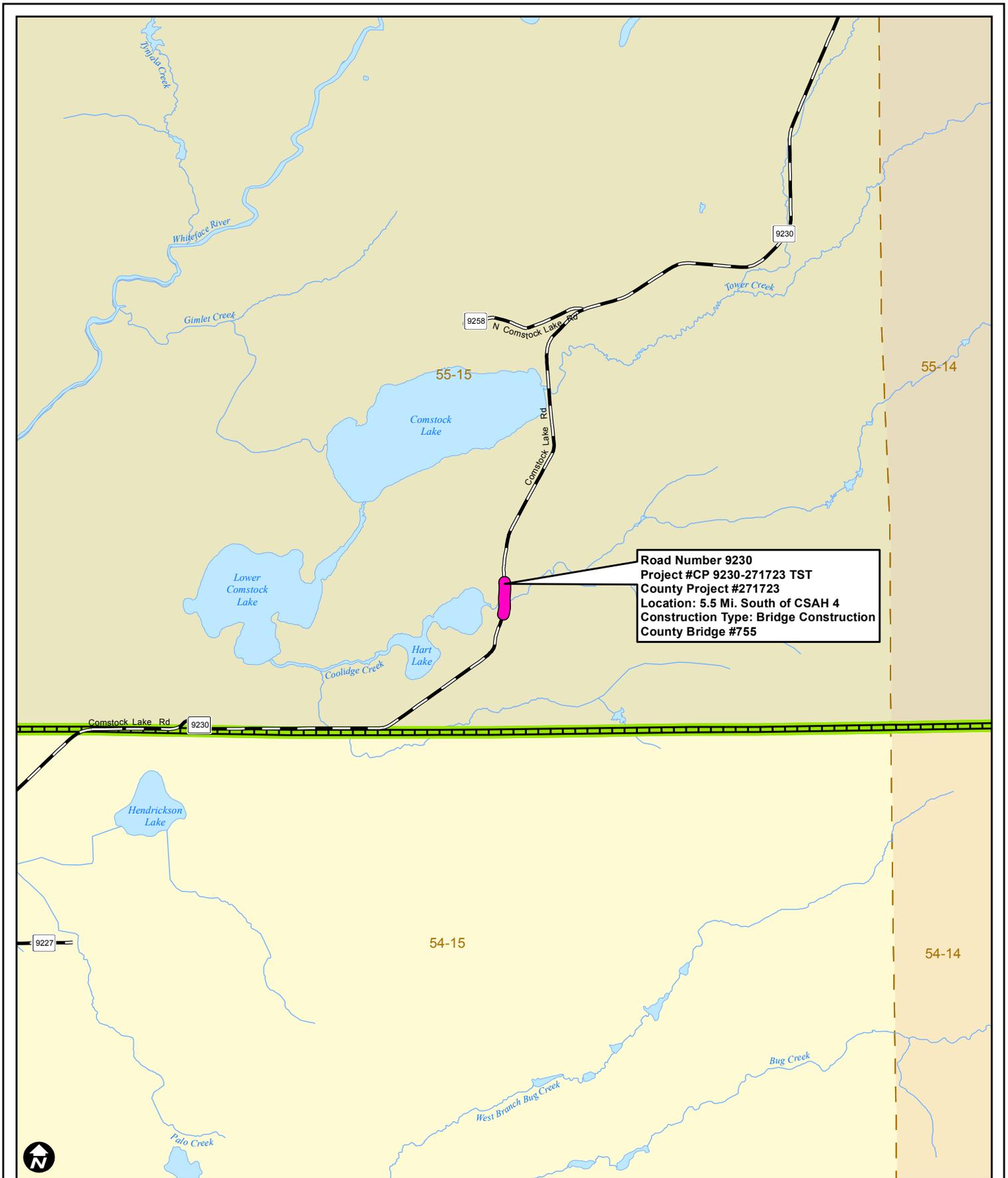
WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right of way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements;

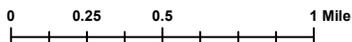
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. 282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant the necessary easements for highway purposes over the following tax forfeited parcel:

1. All of Section 35, Township 55 North of Range 15 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian. (parcel ID No. 662-0010-05360)



St. Louis County 2017 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components

2017 Road & Bridge Construction

Bridge Construction

Interstate Highway

U.S./State Highway

County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Paved

County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Gravel

Local Road/City Street

Railroad

Commissioner District

Township Boundary

City/Town

Lake

River/Stream

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 211

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 8

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016 **RE:** Abatement List for Board Approval

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Monacelli, Director
Public Records & Property Valuation

David L. Sipila
County Assessor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

The County Assessor will meet all state mandates for classifying and valuing taxable parcels for property tax purposes as outlined in Minn. Stat. § 270 through 273.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the attached abatements.

BACKGROUND:

The intent of abatements is to provide equitable treatment to individual taxpayers while at the same time exercising prudence with the tax monies due to the taxing authorities within St Louis County. Abatements are processed in conformance with St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 16-82, dated January 26, 2016, outlining the Board's policy on abatement of ad valorem taxes. This Policy provides direction for the abatement of: 1) Current year taxes; 2) Current year penalty and costs; 3) Past year taxes; and 4) Past year penalty, interest, and costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the attached list of abatements.

Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatements, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 60288.

5/3/2016
2:42:04PM

Abatements Submitted for Approval by the St. Louis County Board
on 5/24/2016

<u>PARCEL CODE</u>	<u>AUD NBR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPRAISER</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REDUCTION</u>
156 10 1080	0 15826	MILTON, EARL	R	Leonidas	Joel Kreiner	VALUATION	2016	316.00
10 1120 3415	0 15825	NORTHFIELD APARTMENT	R	City of Duluth	Scott Sutherland	CODE CHANGE	2016	3,356.00
40 130 260	0 15827	ROBERTS, ANNA	R	Eveleth	Joel Kreiner	HOMESTEAD	2016	328.00
10 2710 870	0 15828	SAVELA, ALVIN	R	City of Duluth	Benjamin Hansen	VALUATION	2016	736.00

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 212

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016

RE: Award of Bids: Culvert Replacement/Overlay (Embarrass and Kabetogama Townships); Culvert Replacement/Reclamation/Seal Coat (Solway, Canosia, Midway Townships, Hermantown); Crack Sealing on Various County Roads and CSAH 61 (Duluth Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the award of projects in the 2016 construction program.

BACKGROUND:

County staff is authorized under Resolution No. 88-381, dated May 24, 1988, to call for bids on projects which are already included in the budget document. Bids were requested for:

1. Tied culvert replacement, full depth reclamation, aggregate base, cement stabilization, bituminous surface and aggregate surfacing project on four roads in Embarrass Township funded with St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax funds.
2. Tied bridge culvert replacement and bituminous patches project on two roads in Kabetogama Township funded with St. Louis County Local funds and St. Louis County State Aid funds.
3. Tied reclamation, culvert replacement, aggregate base stabilization, bituminous surface, aggregate shouldering and bituminous seal coat project on three roads in the city of Hermantown, Solway, Canosia and Midway Townships, funded with St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax funds.

4. Tied crack sealing project throughout St. Louis County and CSAH 61 in Duluth Township, funded with St. Louis County Local funds and St. Louis County State Aid funds.

A call for bids was received by the St. Louis County Public Works Department on May 5, 2016, for the projects in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Office of the County Highway Engineer:

1. **Project:** CP 0138-274460 TST/SAP 69-738-008(Low), CP 0362-274459 TST, CP 0615-274457 TST, CP 0656-274458 TST

Location: Combined Project

A.) CP 0138-274460/SAP 69-738-008(Low), CSAH 138 between CSAH 21 and TH 135 Length 1.39 miles

Traffic: 166

PQI: 2.2

Construction: Culvert Replacement, Full Depth Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Cement Stabilization, Bituminous Surface and Aggregate Surfacing

Funding: Fund 204, Agency 204038, Object 652806

B.) CP 0362-274459 TST (Tied), CR 362 (Lehto Road) between CR 656 and TH 135, Length 1.35 miles

Traffic: 5

PQI: 1.1

Construction: Culvert Replacement, Full Depth Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Cement Stabilization, Bituminous Surface and Aggregate Surfacing

Funding: Fund 444, Agency 444087, Object 652806,

C.) CP 0615-274457 TST (Tied) CR 615 (Salo Road) between CSAH 138 and CSAH 21, Length 0.59 miles

Traffic: 80

PQI: 2.0

Construction: Culvert Replacement, Full Depth Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Cement Stabilization, Bituminous Surface and Aggregate Surfacing

Funding: Fund 444, Agency 444088, Object 652806

D.) CP 0656-274458 TST (Tied), CR 656 (Lehto Road) between CR 362 and CSAH 21, Length 0.36 miles

Traffic: 5

PQI: 0.7

Construction: Culvert Replacement, Full Depth Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Cement Stabilization, Bituminous Surface and Aggregate Surfacing

Funding: Fund 444, Agency 444089, Object 652806

Anticipated Start Date: August 15, 2016
Anticipated Completion Date: October 1, 2016
Engineer's Estimate: To be provided after bid opened

2. **Project: CP 0122-254632 (Low), CP 0123-254633/SAP 69-723-006 (Tied)**

Location: Combined Project

A.) CP 0122-254632 (Low), CSAH 122 1.05 miles north of TH 53, Length 0.01 mile
Traffic: 822

PQI: N.A.
Construction: Culvert Replacement and Bituminous Patches
Funding: Fund 200, Agency 203382, Object 652800

B.) CP 0123-254633/SAP 69-723-006 (Tied), CSAH 123 between South Junction CSAH 122 and North Junction CSAH 122, Length 3.22 miles
Traffic: 139
PQI: N.A.
Construction: Culvert Replacement and Bituminous Patches
Funding: Fund 220, Agency 220402, Object 652700

Anticipated Start Date: September 6, 2016
Anticipated Completion Date: October 1, 2016
Engineer's Estimate: To be provided after bid opened

3. **Project: CP 0223-244397 (Low) TST, CP 0297-284942 TST, CP 0897-276912 TST**

Location: Combined Project

A.) CP 0223-244397 (Low) TST CR 223 (Munger Shaw Road) between CR 696 (St. Louis River Road) and CSAH 6 (Maple Grove Road) Length 2.95 miles

Traffic: 527
PQI: 0.8
Construction: Reclamation, Culvert Replacement, Aggregate Base Stabilization, Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Shouldering, and Bituminous Seal Coat
Funding: Fund 444, Agency 444085, Object 652806

B.) CP 0297-284942 TST CR 297 (Lavaque Road) between South End of CR 297 and CSAH 48 (Lavaque Bypass Road), Length 1.09 miles
Traffic: 123
PQI: 1.3

Construction: Reclamation, Aggregate Base Stabilization, Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Shouldering, and Bituminous Seal Coat
Funding: Fund 444, Agency 444086, Object 652806,

C.) CP 0897-276912 TST CR 897 (Ratika & Grandview Road) between CR 889 (Solway Road) and 0.3 miles east of CSAH 13 (Midway Road), Length 1.33 miles
Traffic: 336
PQI: 1.0
Construction: Reclamation, Culvert Replacement, Aggregate Base Stabilization, Bituminous Surface Aggregate Shouldering, and Bituminous Seal Coat
Funding: Fund 204, Agency 204034, Object 652806

Anticipated Start Date: August 1, 2016
Anticipated Completion Date: August 11, 2017
Engineer's Estimate: To be provided after bid opened

4. **Project: CP 0000-277015 (Low), CP 0061-292087/SAP 69-661-020 (Tied)**

Location: Combined Project

A.) CP 0000-277015 (Low), Various locations within St. Louis County
Traffic: N.A.
PQI: N.A.
Construction: Crack Sealing and Crack Repair Special
Funding: Fund 200, Agency 201085, Object 653300

B.) CP 0061-292087/SAP 69-661-020 (Tied), CSAH 61 (North Shore Drive) between 1200' SW of CSAH 33 (McQuade Road) and Lake County line, Length 7.90 miles
Traffic: 2,450
PQI: N.A.
Construction: Crack Sealing
Funding: Fund 220, Agency 220401, Object 652700

Anticipated Start Date: June 6, 2016
Anticipated Completion Date: August 26, 2016
Engineer's Estimate: To be provided after bid opened

RECOMMENDATION:

Bids were opened on May 5. Bid results and recommendations for consideration will be presented at the May 10 Committee of the Whole meeting.

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 213

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10, 2016

RE: Contract Renewal with Midwest
Medical Examiner's Office for
Chief Medical Examiner
Services

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To implement the policies and directives of the County Board consistent with state statutes.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to renew a contract with the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for Medical Examiner services reappointing Quinn Strobl, M.D. as the St. Louis County Chief Medical Examiner.

BACKGROUND:

St. Louis County completed its search for a new Chief Medical Examiner after receiving notification that Lakeland Pathology of Hibbing, MN would no longer perform this service in early 2015, and determined the best qualified entity to provide this service was the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office (MMEO) operating out of Anoka County, MN. Dr. Quinn Strobl, a forensic pathologist certified by the American Board of Pathology, was appointed as the St. Louis County's Chief Medical Examiner under the contract with MMEO.

Dr. Strobl has served in this capacity since July 1, 2015 and is the appointed Chief Medical Examiner of Anoka County, and several other counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin, as set forth in Minn. Stat. Chapter 390.33. The scope of services provided by MMEO is consistent with the needs of St. Louis County and addresses the desire for a local presence and continuity by contracting with many of the same death scene investigators as were used by Lakeland Pathology.

The cost structure of the MMEO contract renewal proposal is based on a per-capita rate of \$2.48 and a St. Louis County population of 200,211. The renewed contract will cover the period 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a contract with the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for Medical Examiner services, from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, with automatic renewal for four (4) additional years from January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2021, payable from General Fund 100, 131001, 627500.

It is further recommended that Quinn Strobl, M.D., a forensic pathologist certified by the American Board of Pathology, be reappointed as the Chief Medical Examiner for St. Louis County during the term of the contract.

**Contract Renewal with Midwest Medical Examiner's Office
for Chief Medical Examiner Services**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is in need of Medical Examiner services and has determined that the best qualified entity to provide this service is the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office operating out of Anoka County, MN; and

WHEREAS, Quinn Strobl, M.D., the Chief Medical Examiner for Anoka County and a forensic pathologist certified by the American Board of Pathology is willing to serve as St. Louis County's Chief Medical Examiner, as set forth in Minn. Stat. Chapter 390.33, under the terms of a contract with the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office; and

WHEREAS, The scope of services to be provided by the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office is consistent with the needs of St. Louis County and addresses the desire for a local presence and continuity in the form of continued services provided by many of the same death scene investigators used by the county's former Medical Examiner services provider; and

WHEREAS, The 2017 cost structure of the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office is based on a per-capita rate of \$2.48 and a St. Louis County population of 200,211, at a monthly cost of \$41,461.25 for a total annual cost of \$497,535, with projected compensation for renewals of the agreement increased or decreased accordingly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes 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, payable from General Fund 100, 131001, 627500;

RESOLVED FURTHER, 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;

RESOLVED 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.

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 214

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 10 2016 **RE:** Position Reallocation of
Information Specialist II to
Child Support Officer I

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

David Lee, Director
Public Health and Human Services

James R. Gottschald, Director
Human Resources

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To allocate all positions in county employment to appropriate job titles/specifications in the official classification plan.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to reallocate an Information Specialist II (IS II) position to a Child Support Officer I (CSO I) position.

BACKGROUND:

Whenever an employment vacancy occurs, a review is done to determine if that position should be filled as is or if it should be reallocated to a level more aligned with the needs of the Department and the customers it serves.

The St. Louis County Child Support program helps children receive financial basic support, medical support, and child care support they deserve. It also helps families work towards becoming and remaining self-sufficient. The St. Louis County Child Support program serves approximately 11,500 cases per year. Of these cases, 67% are connected to Public Assistance programs. The support collected on these cases reduces or avoids expenditure of public assistance funds by taxpayers, and promotes family self-sufficiency.

The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) is requesting this reallocation to increase its ability to improve collections, including the enforcement of child support court orders. Additionally, with the Human Services Performance Management System, which began in 2015, the Child Support Program must meet increased collections requirements.

The implementation of the Child Support Electronic Document Management System in March 2016 eliminated the need for filing, transferring, and tracking paper case files, and created a change in the Information Specialist II workload. However, due to mandated services and federal and state requirements, the need for staff to continue to maintain and improve collections continues. Therefore, the Department is requesting that an IS II position currently in Child Support be reallocated to a CSO I position. This conversion would provide improved ability and greater flexibility in meeting program requirements.

The Child Support program receives 66% federal reimbursement for its costs, including staffing and support costs. The reallocation cost difference between the two positions as calculated by the Human Resources Department is an annual increase of \$3,096, of which \$2,043 is covered by the federal reimbursement. The remaining cost will be funded by departmental vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the reallocation of an IS II (Pay Grade 12) position to a CSO I (Pay Grade 18) position in the Public Health and Human Services Department. This reallocation will result in an annual cost increase of approximately \$3,096, to be accounted for in Fund 230, Agency 231009, Object 610100.

**Position Reallocation of Information Specialist II
to Child Support Officer I**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Whenever an employment vacancy occurs, a review is done to determine if that position should be filled as is or if it should be reallocated to a level more aligned with the needs of the Department and the customers it serves; and

WHEREAS, Human Resources, in collaboration with the Public Health and Human Services Department, has determined that reallocation of an Information Specialist II to Child Support Officer I will increase the Department's ability to improve collections, including the enforcement of child support court orders; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services has estimated an increase in the number of Child Support cases associated with Public Assistance between 286 and 1,144 cases due to the Medical Assistance Expansion; and

WHEREAS, County Fiscal Policies specify that any position change greater than three pay grades must go to the County Board for approval;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes 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;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the reallocation will result in an annual cost increase of approximately \$3,096, to be accounted for in Fund 230, Agency 231009, Object 610100.