

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 14, 2016

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Chair Raukar

Convened: Vice-Chair Jewell called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Rukavina moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #6, Amend Agreement with LHB Corp. for Design Services on County Bridge 488 (White Township) [16-263] and without Item #7, Countywide Overhead Door Service Contracts [16-264]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

- Minutes of June 7, 2016
- State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with St. Louis County on Behalf of the Public Health and Human Services Department [16-258]
- Special Sale to the City of Mountain Iron [16-259]
- Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to the City of Winton [16-260]
- Agreement with Dynamic Recycling for Household Electronics Waste Recycling [16-261]
- Award of Bid: Class I Demolition Waste Haulage Contracts [16-262]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jewell/Stauber moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., of Angora, MN, in the amount of \$1,157,260.88 for project CP 0004-136147, Grading, Aggregate Base, Bituminous Sidewalk, Concrete Sidewalk, Storm Basins and Retaining Walls, CSAH 4 (Rice Lake Road) from 1000' north of TH 194 (Central Entrance) to MSA 160 (Arrowhead Road), in Duluth. [16-265]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi provided an overview of the project. The Committee discussed the potential of widening the southbound lane to accommodate a bus turnout due to safety concerns. Director Foldesi said he would review the project to determine if a turnout could be incorporated into the project. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Stauber/Nelson moved to authorize a contract with Four Star Construction, Inc., of Superior, WI, for the construction of a survey equipment storage building in Virginia, MN, at the low qualifying bid price of \$182,800. [16-266]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Rukavina/Boyle moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into a professional service contract with LHB Corp., of Duluth, MN, for all phases of the Cook Public Works Building construction project in an amount of \$657,471. [16-267]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Nelson/Rukavina moved to award a bid to Traffic Marking Service, Inc., of Maple Lake, MN, in the amount of \$487,087.30 for project CP 0000-275364, 2016 Maintenance Striping, Various streets and

highways within St. Louis and Lake Counties, City of Babbitt, and Fayal and White Townships. [16-268]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Nelson/Rukavina moved to authorize an amendment to an agreement with LHB Corp. of Duluth, MN, whereby the county will increase the cost of design services on County Bridge 488 under project CP 0110-173330, SAP 69-710- 025SAP 69-613-041, CP 0013-247751 and extend the contract to September 30, 2016. The total cost of these additional services is \$42,881.61, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220284, Object 626600. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$93,881.61. [16-263]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Rukavina moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to execute contracts with PMA Companies of St. Louis Park, MN, for third party administrative services of the workers' compensation program and additional optional services from July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019, with two (2) optional one-year extensions at a 2% rate increase. The annual fee of \$111,500 and Medical Cost Containment charges at \$7.00 per bill, not to exceed \$30,000, are authorized for the year beginning July 1, 2016. [16-269]. St. Louis County Safety Director Joe Austin discussed the agreement and said St. Louis County employees wouldn't see any changes as a result of the agreement. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:37 a.m. to 11:38 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Nelson/Stauber moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to execute three-year contracts beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 with two (2) subsequent optional one-year extension periods, with LBC Garage Doors of Duluth, MN, Quality Garage Door Service of Duluth, MN, and Door Service Incorporated of Superior, WI, for county-wide overhead door services. [16-264]. Commissioner Boyle stepped out of the meeting from 11:54 a.m. to 11:56 a.m. Commissioner Rukavina stepped out of the meeting from 12:02 p.m. to 12:04 p.m. Commissioner Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 12:06 p.m. to 12:07 p.m. Deputy Administrator Gary Eckenberg provided an overview of the bid process. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Nelson moved to pass a resolution appointing election judges for unorganized townships with polling places and those voting by mail, designate polling places and authorize appointment of the following boards: Absentee Ballot, Mail Ballot and Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) ballot. Compensation shall be \$9.50 per hour - not including county staff- plus mileage of \$0.54 per mile. [16-270]. Rukavina/Boyle moved to amend the motion to increase compensation to \$10.50. After further discussion, the amendment was withdrawn. The Committee asked County Auditor Don Dicklich to provide a comparison of compensation paid to election judges from a sampling of St. Louis County townships. The motion passed without recommendation. (6-0, Raukar absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson said enrollment at Camp Esquagama has increased considerably compared to 2015. There were 308 registered campers as of June 1, 2016. For the same period in 2015, there were 120 registered campers.

Commissioner Dahlberg commented on the high quality of local bike trails. Commissioner Dahlberg praised Veterans Service Officer Sherry Rodriguez for the effort she puts forth in assisting veterans.

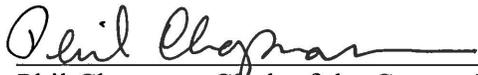
Commissioner Jewell discussed an ATV incident he witnessed while in Emily, Minnesota. Commissioner Jewell inquired as to what is causing the delay of the 4th Street (County Road 9) construction project. Administrator Gray indicated that Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) clearance was required by the low bidder and a review was currently in process.

Commissioner Rukavina said that widows of veterans might be eligible for assistance.

At 12:35 p.m., Nelson/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)



Frank Jewell, Vice-Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board