



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

July 5, 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 June 28, 2016

Health & Human Services Committee, Commissioner Boyle, Chair

1. Extension of 2014 Minnesota Family Investment Program Innovation Fund Grant - Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Outcomes [16-300]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee, Commissioner Rukavina, Chair

2. Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to MN Power/Allete Inc. (Unorganized Township 56-17) [16-301]
3. Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation [16-302]
- * 4. Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Vaydich [16-303R]

Public Works & Transportation Committee, Commissioner Stauber, Chair

5. Agreement with Northeast Technical Services for Geotechnical Investigation on Sawyer Avenue (Duluth) [16-304]

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

6. Lease with the City of Orr for Assessor Office Space [16-305]
7. Abatement List for Board Approval [16-306]

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee, Commissioner Jewell, Chair

8. Committee Vacancy Advertisement – St. Louis County Planning Commission [16-307]

Public Safety & Corrections Committee, Commissioner Dahlberg, Chair

9. Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Duluth for the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant [16-308]

TIME SPECIFIC PRESENTATION:

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee, Commissioner Jewell, Chair

11:00 A.M. Approval of the “St. Louis County 2016 Strategic Plan Update” [16-311]
Commissioner Steve Raukar, Chair

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: Traffic Warning Signal on CSAH 13/Midway Road (Midway Township) [16-312]**
Resolution awarding a traffic warning signal project on CSAH 13/Midway Road to low bidder Parsons Electric, Duluth, MN.

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

- 1. Use of Personnel Savings in the Veterans Service Office to Contribute to the Ely Veterans Memorial [16-309]**
Resolution appropriating \$10,000 to the Ely Veterans Memorial Project paid from personnel savings in the Veterans Service Office budget.

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:

July 12, 2016 **City Hall, 100 Pionk Drive, Proctor, MN**
July 26, 2016 **Mt. Iron Community Center, 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mt. Iron, MN**
August 2, 2016 **St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN**

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 28, 2016

Location: Pike Town Hall, Embarrass, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #4, Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority [16-277] and without Item #10, Agreement for State Transportation Fund Grant (Local Road Improvement Program) [16-283]. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of June 14, 2016
- Addendum to Contract with Vendor for PHHS Arvig File Storage Project [16-274]
- Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid Funding Increase (Canosia Township) [16-275]
- Authorization to Apply for and Accept 2017 MPCA SSTS Base, Incentive and Low-Income Fix-up Grant Funding [16-276]
- Embarrass Township Canister Site Lease [16-278]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Meyer, Jespersen (Non-Homestead) [16-279]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Smith (Homestead) [16-280]
- Utility Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Lake Country Power (Morse Township) [16-281]
- Access Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land for the Plat of Registered Land Survey No. 127 (Grand Lake Township) [16-282]
- Agreement with City of Eveleth for Sidewalk Repair (2016-2017) [16-284]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Culvert Replacements on CSAH 5 (Morcom Township and Unorganized Township 62-21) [16-285]
- Road Restriction Enforcement Agreement between Public Works and Sheriff's Office [16-286]
- Agreement with Canosia Township – Sealing Projects 2016 [16-287]
- Authorize Supplemental Agreements for Scrub Seal Projects on CSAH 91 and CSAH 9 (Duluth) [16-288]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [16-289]
- Proposed Abatement of Penalties and Interest for Veteran with Military Disability [16-290]
- Authorization to Manage Purchases Outside of Normal Procurement Policy for IRYA Service Learning Trip [16-291]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Unorganized Township 59-16) [16-292]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Stauber/Nelson moved to authorize the estimated purchase of salt at the State of Minnesota Contract price from Compass Minerals America Inc. of Overland Park, Kansas, for a maximum delivered cost of \$1,389,074.40. [16-293]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Raukar/Stauber moved to award a bid to Hunt Electric Corp., of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$119,432.00 for project CP 0136-298567, Temporary Traffic Signal, CSAH 136/6th Street and TH 73 in Chisholm, MN. [16-294]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said the temporary signal will be in place until the new roundabout is installed. The motion passed. (7-0)

Stauber/Nelson moved to authorize a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a Local Road Improvement Program Grant for improvements to the intersection of CSAH 4/Rice Lake Road and Airport Road, SAP 069-604-075, CP 0004-226569. [16-283]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said this was a unique design that would allow northbound traffic to always have a green light at the stoplight. The motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to approve and authorize the execution of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Lake Superior Wetland Bank Fund agreement. To ensure that St. Louis County continues to receive distributions equivalent to current property tax revenue from the Lake Superior Wetland Bank area, the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation (DSACF) and Ecosystem Investment Partnership Credit Company LLC (EIP) agree that EIP's per credit contribution to the Fund should be set at \$402 per credit. St. Louis County Auditor Don Dicklich provided the Committee with an overview of the agreement. [16-295]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Raukar/Nelson moved to appoint Cynthia Kafat-Hagen, Hibbing, MN, to the St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee representing Commissioner District 6, for a term ending December 31, 2016. [16-296]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved to approve the sale of approximately 1.2 acres of state tax forfeited land, as described, to the Duluth HRA for the market value of \$12,000 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$360, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$39.60, recording fee of \$46 and appraisal fee of \$800; for a total of \$13,270.60, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund). The St. Louis County Auditor may offer for sale at public auction the state tax forfeited land described here if the Duluth HRA does not purchase the land by December 31, 2016. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Rukavina expressed concern regarding the wording of a press release by the U.S. Forest Service announcing a public hearing on the proposed copper-nickel mine near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Commissioner Rukavina indicated a letter of support of Twin Metals will be sent to the U.S. Forest Service.

Commissioner Stauber asked the Board to consider funding for the Ely Veteran's Memorial; Commissioner Rukavina said a resolution will be on the July 12th Committee of the Whole agenda.

Commissioner Boyle asked if the Board could have a discussion regarding the process in which organizations can request funding. Administrator Kevin Gray indicated said the topic could be reviewed at a Board workshop.

Commissioner Nelson suggested that the recreation grant fund be considered when providing future funding for organizations. Commissioner Nelson said Cleveland Cliffs will be calling workers back to the Eveleth Taconite facility on July 11th and said a ground breaking ceremony for the Mustang project will take place on August 11th.

At 12:26 p.m., Jewell/Rukavina 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 – 300

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 2016

RE: Extension of 2014 Minnesota
Family Investment Program
Innovation Fund Grant - Racial
and Ethnic Disparities in
Employment Outcomes

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 a six-month extension to the 2014 MFIP Innovation Fund Grant - Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Outcomes for Families Served by Minnesota Families Investment Program (MFIP) from the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

BACKGROUND:

On October 14, 2014, the County Board adopted Resolution No. 14-537 authorizing acceptance of the 2014 MFIP Innovation Fund Grant - Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Outcomes for Families Served by MFIP in the amount of \$769,708 for the period October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. The Board authorized the Public Health and Human Services Department to enter into agreements with Community Action Duluth (CAD), and the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) in order to implement the grant.

Since Resolution No. 14-537 was adopted, the State of Minnesota, through its Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Economic Assistance and Employment Supports Division, has agreed to extend the services of the grant contract for an additional six months through December 31, 2016 and has determined that additional duties and funds are necessary for the satisfactory completion of the grant contract. The additional funds total \$219,412.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board accept a six-month extension of the 2014 MFIP Innovation Fund Grant - Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment

Outcomes for Families Served by MFIP to cover the time period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016, with additional funding in the amount of \$219,412 for a total contract amount of \$989,120. The budget reference for revenue is: 230-232020-540213-23212-99999999-2014. The budget reference for expenditures is: 230-232020-603800-23212-99999999-2014.

Extension of 2014 Minnesota Family Investment Program Innovation Fund Grant - Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Outcomes

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, On October 14, 2014, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 14-537 authorizing acceptance of the 2014 Minnesota Families Investment Program (MFIP) Innovation Fund Grant - Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Outcomes for Families Served by MFIP in the amount of \$769,708 for the period October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Board authorized the Public Health and Human Services Department to enter into agreements with Community Action Duluth (CAD) and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) in order to implement the grant; and

WHEREAS, Since Resolution No. 14-537 was adopted, the State of Minnesota, through its Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Economic Assistance and Employment Supports Division, has determined that additional duties and funds are necessary for the satisfactory completion of the grant contract and has agreed to extend the contract for an additional six months through December 31, 2016, with additional funds totaling \$219,412;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board accepts a six-month extension of the 2014 MFIP Innovation Fund Grant - Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Outcomes for Families Served by MFIP to cover the time period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016, with additional funding in the amount of \$219,412, for a total contract amount of \$989,120. The budget reference for revenue is: 230-232020-540213-23212-99999999-2014. The budget reference for expenditures is: 230-232020-603800-23212-99999999-2014.

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 301

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 2016

RE: Utility Easement across State
Tax Forfeited Land to MN
Power/Allete Inc. (Unorganized
Township 56-17)

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 a non-exclusive utility easement to MN Power/Allete Inc. to cross state tax forfeited land in Unorganized Township 56-17.

BACKGROUND:

MN Power/Allete Inc. is requesting an easement to reroute a 115 kV transmission line. The line serves United Taconite/Eveleth Taconite and is being relocated to make room for Basin 3 at the Forbes Plant. The easement contains two 100 foot wide segments totaling 2,322 feet in length, and a 45 foot wide segment for a guy wire anchor. The total area encumbered by the easement is 5.1 acres. Exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts, and will not conflict with public use of the land.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board grant a non-exclusive utility easement across state tax forfeited land in Unorganized Township 56-17 to MN Power/Allete Inc. for the amount of \$4,926 land use fee, \$100 administration fee and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$5,072, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to MN Power/Allete Inc.
(Unorganized Township 56-17)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, MN Power/Allete Inc. has requested a utility easement across state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement 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. 4 authorizes the 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 County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive utility easement to MN Power/Allete Inc. across state tax forfeited lands in Unorganized Township 56-17 as described in County Board File _____.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$4,926 land use fee, \$100 administration fee and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$5,072, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to MN Power/Allete Inc.
(Unorganized Township 56-17)**

EASEMENT DESCRIPTION

A 100 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR POWER LINE PURPOSES OVER, UNDER AND ACROSS THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 56 NORTH, RANGE 17 WEST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY MINNESOTA, THE CENTER LINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, ASSIGNED BEARING, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29 A DISTANCE OF 1487.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 3072 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 883 FEET MORE OR LESS AND THERE TERMINATING.

ALSO

A 100 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR POWER LINE PURPOSES OVER, UNDER AND ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 56 NORTH, RANGE 17 WEST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY MINNESOTA, THE CENTER LINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

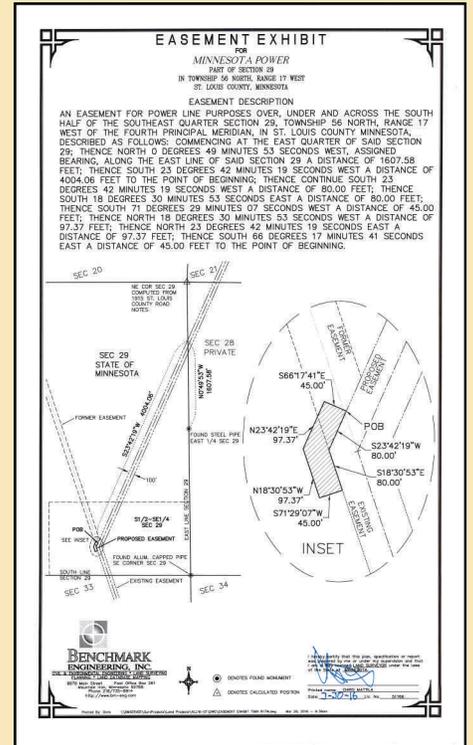
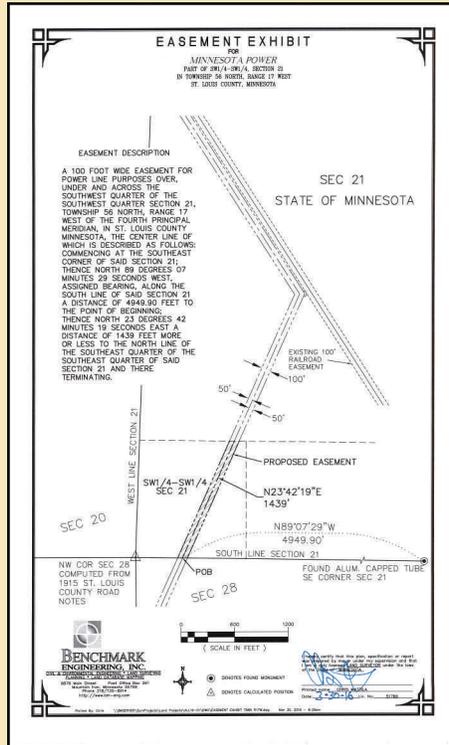
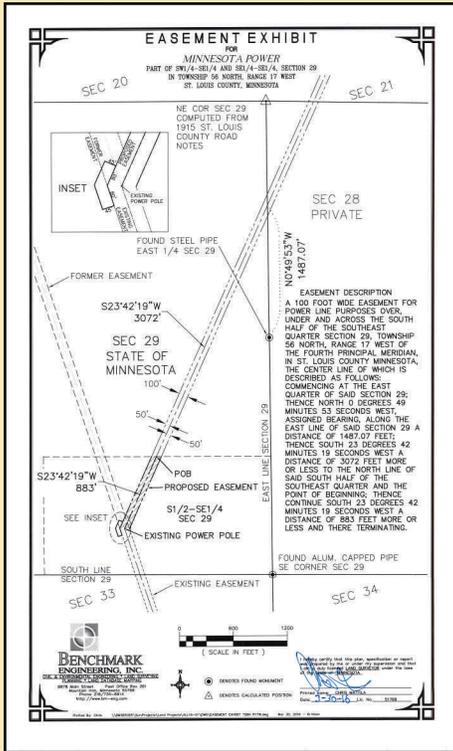
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, ASSIGNED BEARING, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 21 A DISTANCE OF 4949.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 1439 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21 AND THERE TERMINATING.

ALSO

AN EASEMENT FOR POWER LINE PURPOSES OVER, UNDER AND ACROSS THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 56 NORTH, RANGE 17 WEST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY MINNESOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, ASSIGNED BEARING, ALONG THE

EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29 A DISTANCE OF 1607.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 4004.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 80.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 80.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 71 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 45.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 97.37 FEET; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 97.37 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 45.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.



Affects parcels 690-0010-03500 and 690-0010-04900

6th Commissioner District

- State Tax Forfeited
- Easement
- Project location

St. Louis County Minnesota



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St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department



BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 302

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 2016 **RE:** **Reclassification of State Tax
Forfeited Lands to Non-
Conservation**

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 authorize the reclassification of state tax forfeited land to non-conservation.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Conservation Fund proposed an exchange of private lands for state tax forfeited lands in St. Louis County. The St. Louis County Board determined that the state tax forfeited lands were suitable for exchange and authorized the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with an appraisal of all lands.

The Land and Minerals Department received a subsequent proposal to exchange just over 710 acres of Class "B" lands in McDavitt and Kelsey Townships to The Conservation Fund for various parcels in St. Louis County. The St. Louis County Board directed the Land & Minerals Department to proceed with an appraisal of certain Class "B" lands in McDavitt and Kelsey Townships for a potential land exchange between St. Louis County and The Conservation Fund. (Resolution No. 16-201, dated April 5, 2016).

The parcels proposed to be exchanged forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 94.344, Subd. 2, all parcels of Class "B" (tax forfeited) land must be reclassified non-conservation prior to sale or exchange for private land.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board reclassify as non-conservation the state tax forfeited lands included in County Board File _____.

Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 94.344, Subd. 2, Class “B” lands must be classified non-conservation before sale or exchange for any privately owned land; and

WHEREAS, The parcels listed in County Board File No. _____ forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has recommended that these parcels be reclassified as non-conservation after considering, among other things, the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land are located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be approved by the governing body of the municipality or town; and

WHEREAS, The reclassification of the parcels will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of the municipality’s or town’s disapproval of the reclassification of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. _____ shall be reclassified as non-conservation, and the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

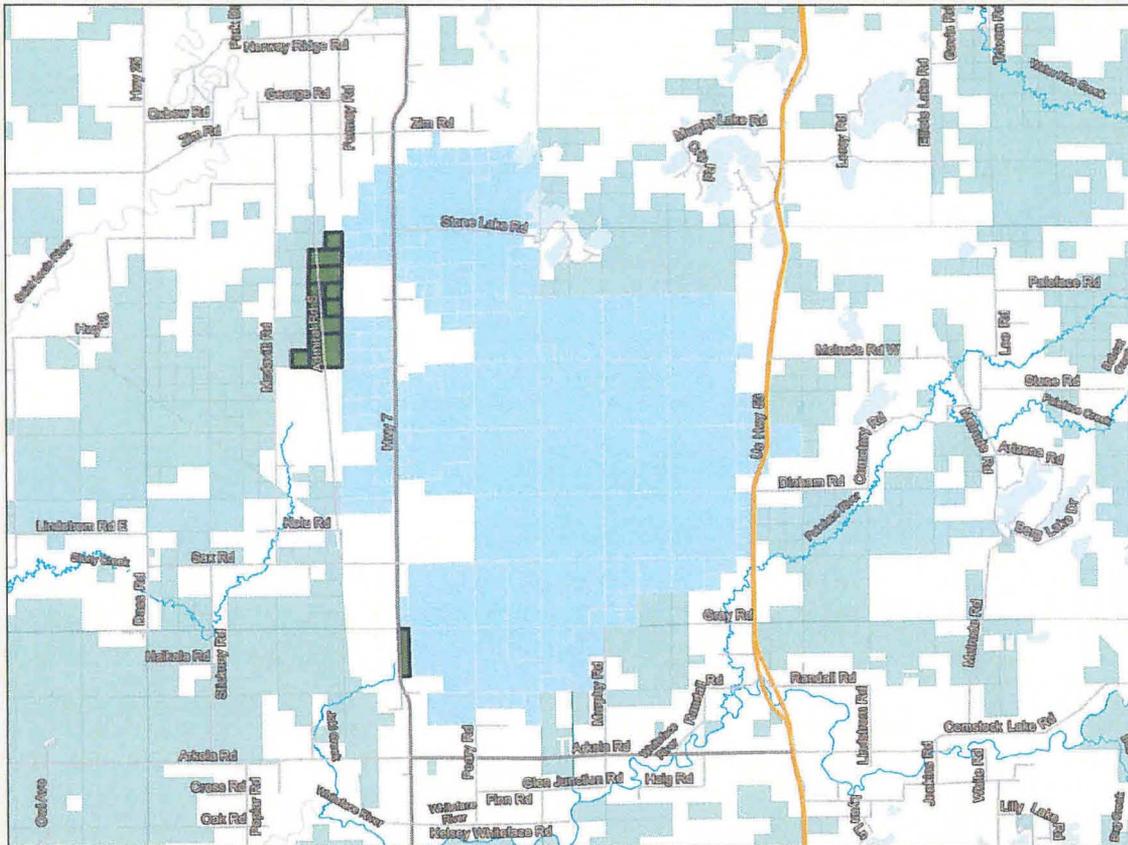
Reclassification of State Tax-forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation

PARCEL ID NO	ACRES	T-R-S	LEGAL DESCRIPTION
405-0010-00330	69.77	54-18-3	THAT PART OF THE E 1/2 OF NE 1/4 LYING E OF RY R/W & THAT PART OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 LYING E OF RY R/W
435-0020-00720	40.69	55-18-4	LOT 1
435-0020-00750	80	55-18-4	S 1/2 OF NE 1/4
435-0020-00850	80	55-18-4	N 1/2 OF SE 1/4
435-0020-00870	28.7	55-18-4	THAT PART OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 LYING W OF THE CENTER LINE OF THE ABANDONED RY RT OF WAY
435-0020-00880	11.3	55-18-4	THAT PART OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 LYING E OF THE CENTER LINE OF THE ABANDONED RY RT OF WAY
435-0020-00890	40	55-18-4	SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
435-0020-01600	33	55-18-9	THAT PART OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 LYING W OF THE W LINE OF THE ABANDONED RY RT OF W
435-0020-01590	7	55-18-9	THAT PORTION OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 LYING E OF RY RT OF WAY
435-0020-01580	40	55-18-9	NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4
435-0020-01610	80	55-18-9	S 1/2 OF NE 1/4
435-0020-01720	160	55-18-9	SE 1/4
435-0020-01710	40	55-18-9	SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4

Total acres: 710.46



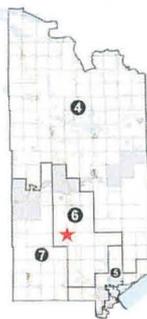
St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Class B Land Exchange



6th Commissioner District

- TF to Conservation Fund
- EIP Minnesota ownership
- State Tax-Forfeited

**St. Louis County
Minnesota**



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**St. Louis County
Land and Minerals
Department**



Parcel ID Number	Acres
405-0010-00330	69.77
435-0020-00720	40.69
435-0020-00750	80
435-0020-00850	80
435-0020-00870	28.7
435-0020-00880	11.3
435-0020-00890	40
435-0020-01580	40
435-0020-01590	7
435-0020-1600	33
435-0020-01610	80
435-0020-01710	40
435-0020-01720	160



Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Louis County, Minnesota
Adopted on: April 5, 2016 Resolution No. 16-201
Offered by Commissioner: Nelson

St. Louis County Class "B" Land Exchange

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 94.344, Subd. 8, a proposal for land exchange has been submitted to the Land and Minerals Department for certain lands owned by The Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, This proposed exchange has been reviewed by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to determine the suitability of lands for exchange; and

WHEREAS, The lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota in trust for the taxing districts will consolidate state tax forfeited ownership and are productive for long term timber management thereby providing benefit to the tax forfeited trust;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board acknowledges consolidation of productive lands is a benefit to the tax forfeited trust and supports the proposed exchange of state tax forfeited (Class "B") lands for lands of equal value owned by The Conservation Fund;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with appraisal of all lands involved in the proposed land exchange in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' appraisal contract.

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

Geraldene Vaydich, Duluth, MN

Legal Description	CITY OF DULUTH NLY 70 FT OF LOT 352, BLOCK 90 DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION 010-1140-05590 C22140055
Purchase Price	\$35,900.89
Principal Amount Remaining	\$29,079.72
Date of Last Payment	4/28/2015
Installment Payments Not Made	\$0
Subsequent Del Taxes and Fees	\$4,950.55
Amount Needed to Cure Default	\$4,950.55
Insurance	N/A

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

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The contract with Geraldene Vaydich of Duluth, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes; and

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

CITY OF DULUTH
NLY 70 FT OF LOT 352, BLOCK 90
DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION
010-1140-05590
C22140055

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 owner 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

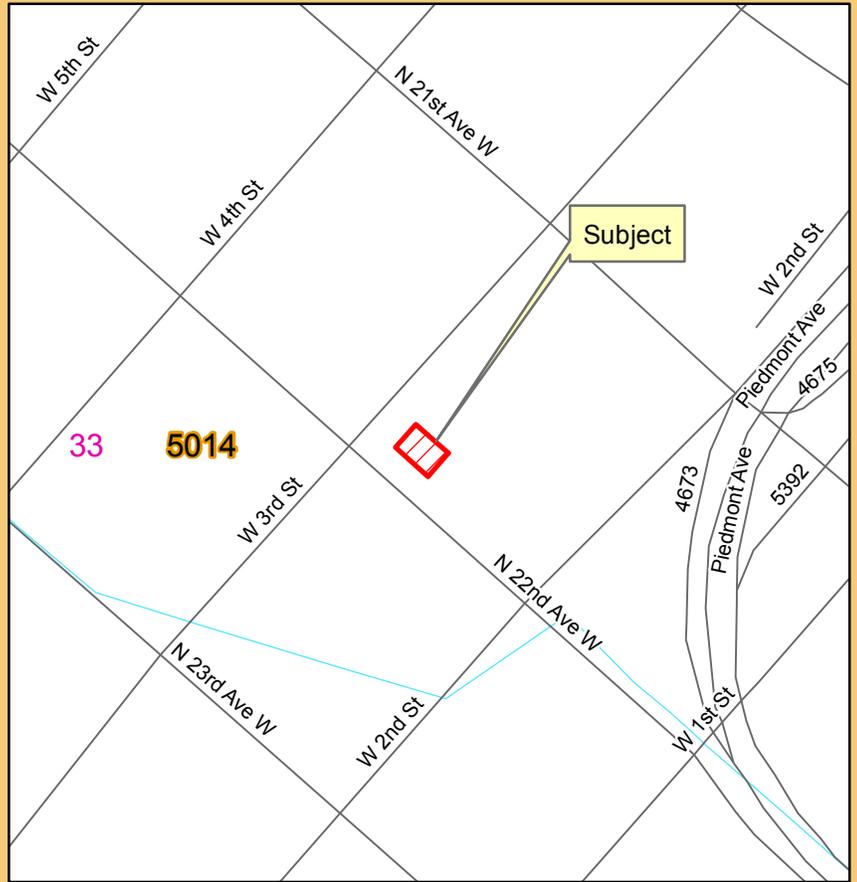
Legal : CITY OF DULUTH
NLY 70 FT of LOT 352, BLOCK 90
DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION

Parcel Code : 010-1140-05590

LDKEY : 118177

Acres: .07

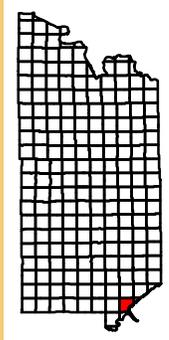
Address: 2130 W 3rd St
Duluth, MN 55806



City of Duluth Sec: 33 Twp: 50 Rng: 14

Commissioner District # 3

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



St. Louis County, Minnesota

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**St. Louis County
Land & Minerals
Department**



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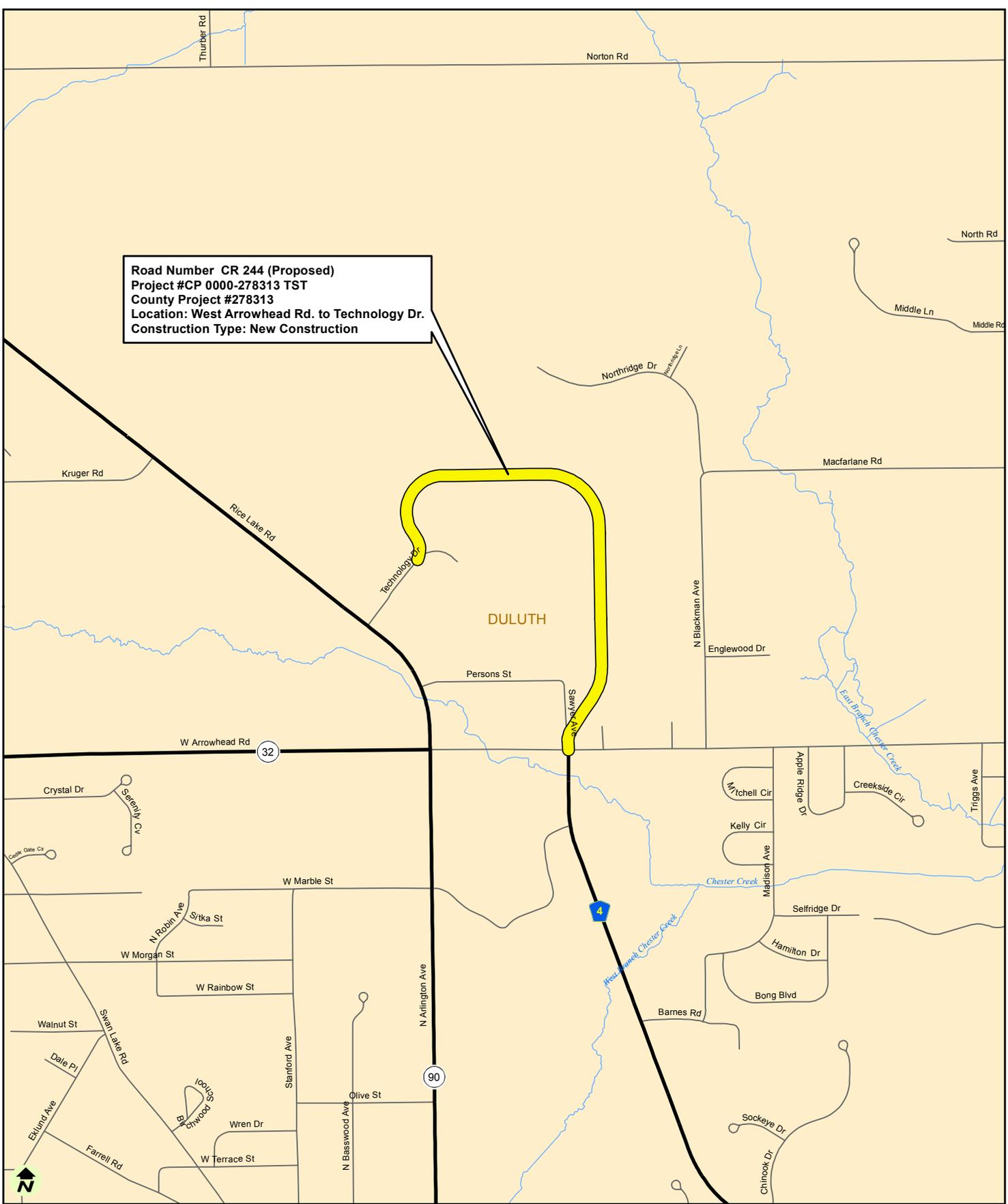
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Agreement with Northeast Technical Services for Geotechnical Investigation on Sawyer Avenue (Duluth)

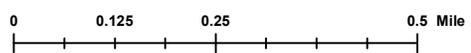
BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement, and any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Northeast Technical Services of Virginia, MN, for a geotechnical investigation on Sawyer Avenue (proposed CR 244) in Duluth, MN, CP 0000-278313, in the amount of \$78,000, payable from Fund 204, Agency 204053, Object 626600.

Road Number CR 244 (Proposed)
Project #CP 0000-278313 TST
County Project #278313
Location: West Arrowhead Rd. to Technology Dr.
Construction Type: New Construction



St. Louis County 2018 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components	
2018 Road & Bridge Construction	
New Construction	County Road - Paved
Interstate Highway	County Road - Gravel
U.S./State Highway	Local Road/City Street
	Railroad
	Commissioner District
	Township Boundary
	City/Town
	Lake
	River/Stream

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 305

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 6

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 2016 **RE:** Lease with the City of Orr for Assessor Office Space

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Tony Mancuso, Director
Property Management

Mark Monacelli, Director
Public Records & Property Valuation

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To manage county construction, facility remodeling projects, and county office space lease activities.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve a five year lease to office one County Assessor and provide meeting space for the 4th District Commissioner in the former Orr City Hall located at 4540 Lake Street, Orr, MN 55711.

BACKGROUND:

Assessing property values is an essential component of Minnesota's property tax system. Property assessments define the tax base and consequently who pays what share of the overall property tax levy. To meet the needs of the citizens in the northwest part of St. Louis County and to provide efficient office space for one assessor, a five year lease agreement for 275 square feet was negotiated with the City of Orr for space in the former Orr City Hall. Currently this area is serviced from the Virginia Assessor's Office. The term of the lease is from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021. The rent is \$450/month for the first two years and increases to \$500/month for the last three years and does include utilities, custodial service and space for the 4th District Commissioner to meet with constituents. The lessee retains the right to extend the lease for one additional five year term.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve a five year lease effective July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2021 with the City of Orr for office space for the Virginia Assessor's Office in the former Orr City Hall at a monthly rate of \$450 (annual commitment of \$5,400) for the first two years and monthly rate of \$500 (annual term commitment of \$6,000) for the last three years, payable from Fund 100, Agency 118001.

Lease with the City of Orr for Assessor Office Space

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Assessing property values is an essential component of Minnesota's property tax system, with property assessments defining the tax base, and consequently, who pays what share of the overall property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Assessor requires office space in Orr, MN, to better deliver required assessment services to property owners in this area and provide the 4th District Commissioner a convenient location to meet with constituents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a five year lease beginning on July 1, 2016, with the option for one five year extension, for 275 square feet of office space at the monthly rate of \$450/month for the first two years (annual commitment of \$5,400) and \$500/month for three years (annual commitment of \$6,000) payable from Fund 100, Agency 118001.

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 306

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 7

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 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.

Abatements Submitted for Approval by the St. Louis County Board
on 07/12/2016

<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>
185 170 1570	0 15879	ABEL, RYAN	R	Proctor	Sean Worthington	HOMESTEAD	2016	418.00
90 5700 20	0 15877	ACCESS EQUIPMENT	P	Virginia	Ben Thomas	VALUATION	2016	772.00
90 5700 30	0 15878	ACCESS EQUIPMENT	P	Virginia	Ben Thomas	VALUATION	2016	1,544.00
10 3510 5250	0 15883	ANDERSON, LINDA	R	City of Duluth	Cory Leinwander	HOMESTEAD	2016	368.00
140 139 790	0 15885	HANEGMON, WILLIAM	R	Hibbing	County Auditor	PENALTY & INTEREST	2010	1,024.02
395 10 6405	0 15884	IDE, RONALD	R	Hermantown	Noah Mittlefehldt	HOMESTEAD	2016	336.00
185 40 330	0 15880	MARCHAND, TIMOTHY	R	Proctor	Sean Worthington	HOMESTEAD	2016	400.00
10 2195 360	0 15881	OPACICH, AARON	R	City of Duluth	Colin Payton	HOMESTEAD	2016	318.00
125 10 4990	0 15882	SNAZA, LAURA	R	Floodwood C.	Bruce Sodahl	HOMESTEAD	2016	496.00

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 307

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 8

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 2016

RE: **Committee Vacancy
Advertisement – St. Louis
County Planning Commission**

FROM: **Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator**

**Barbara Hayden, Director
Planning and Community Development**

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To administer county ordinances and state regulations pertaining to land use in the most effective and efficient manner.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the County Auditor to advertise and accept applications for one vacancy on the St. Louis County Planning Commission.

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to serve on the Planning Commission pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 394.30. The Planning Commission is a nine member board with one member being a County Commissioner.

The Planning Commission currently has one vacancy to be filled for the remainder of a three-year term. Richard Cartier, formerly of Duluth, MN, has relocated out of state and is no longer eligible to continue on the committee. The three-year term for this vacancy expires December 31, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the St. Louis County Board authorize the County Auditor to advertise and accept applications for one vacancy on the St. Louis County Planning Commission.

**Committee Vacancy Advertisement –
St. Louis County Planning Commission**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners appoints citizens to serve on the St. Louis County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, There is one vacancy to complete a three-year term on the Planning Commission to be filled through an advertised application process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to advertise and accept applications until August 12, 2016 for a vacant position on the St. Louis County Planning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 308

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 9

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 2016 **RE:** Memorandum of Understanding
with the City of Duluth for the
2016 Justice Assistance Grant

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ross Litman
Sheriff

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To enhance public safety.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Duluth for the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant.

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis County Sheriff is seeking authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Duluth for the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The grant is part of a Bureau of Justice Assistance program which allows local law enforcement agencies to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime. The JAG allocation formula is based on population and violent crime statistics. St. Louis County and the City of Duluth have participated in similar grant initiatives in the past.

The 2016 JAG application requires a MOU to be signed by both jurisdictions outlining this cooperative agreement and allocation of funds. The total grant amount is \$41,022. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office will appropriate \$5,000 to the First Witness Program, \$5,000 to St. Louis County DUI Court, \$5,000 to Lutheran Social Services, and the Duluth Police Department will appropriate \$26,022 to its Training, Technology and Computer Enhancements.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Duluth for the 2016 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant.

**Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Duluth
for the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The federal government, through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, has made available \$41,022 in funding from the Justice Assistance Grant for approved prevention and controlling of crime; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Justice Assistance requires a Memorandum of Understanding between St. Louis County and the City of Duluth for purposes of outlining the cooperative agreement and allocation of funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Duluth for the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant.

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 309

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 2016

RE: Use of Personnel Savings in
the Veterans Service Office to
Contribute to the Ely Veterans
Memorial

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To partner with other governments and community agencies to achieve mutual goals for the community.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to transfer \$10,000 from personnel savings in the Veterans Service Office (VSO) to “VSO - Other Professional” in order to allow a contribution to the Ely Veterans Memorial.

BACKGROUND:

Commissioner Rukavina been approached by the City of Ely regarding a county donation to support a proposed Ely Veterans Memorial. This matter was briefly presented at the June 28 County Board Meeting and Commissioners appeared to be supportive of such a request. Representatives of the Ely Veterans Memorial have provided an Ely City Council resolution describing the memorial project and its total cost of approximately \$80,000, with private donations totaling \$24,000 to date.

Minn. Stat. § 375.18, subd. 15, authorizes the County Board to appropriate funds to a nonprofit agency for certain authorized purposes including veterans’ memorials. Under this authority, both the Range Veterans Memorial in Virginia and the Commander David Wheat statue at the Duluth International Airport received \$10,000 each from the County Board in recent years. A St. Louis County donation of \$10,000 toward this project would be consistent with these earlier appropriations. Approval of the transfer of funds from the Veterans Service Office personnel budget savings will allow for \$10,000 to be contributed to the Ely Veterans Memorial.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the transfer of personnel savings available in the Veterans Service Office (124001) to the “Veterans Service Office – Other Professional” in the amount of \$10,000, and directs the Veterans Service Office to provide those funds for the benefit of the Ely Veterans Memorial.

**Use of Personnel Savings in the County Veterans Service Office to
Contribute to the Ely Veterans Memorial**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County's Veterans Service Office relies on partnerships with other organizations throughout the region and state; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Ely Veterans Memorial is a community-wide effort initiated by local veterans and interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Ely, MN, had one-third of its population in uniform, representing the highest per capita participation in the country; and

WHEREAS, The overall project cost of the Ely Veterans Memorial is estimated to be \$80,000, with private donations to date totaling \$24,000; and

WHEREAS, The Ely City Council has requested that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners provide financial support for the memorial project; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 375.18, subd. 15, authorizes the County Board to appropriate funds to a nonprofit agency for certain authorized purposes, including veterans memorials; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Veterans Service Office has savings available due to personnel changes in this division;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the transfer of \$10,000 from the personnel budget savings in the Veterans Service Office (Fund 100, Agency 124001) to the Operating Budget (Fund 100, Agency 124001, Object 629900);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board directs the appropriate county officials to ensure that \$10,000 be appropriated to the City of Ely for distribution to the agency or agencies that are responsible for the planning and construction of the Ely Veterans Memorial to be located in Ely, MN.



ELY
Veteran's Memorial

**CITY OF ELY
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ELY AREA
VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Ely Area Veterans Memorial Project has been a grass root effort initiated by local Veterans and interested citizens

WHEREAS, the intent is to honor all the area veterans for their service and sacrifices

WHEREAS, during World War II Ely had one third of the population in uniform representing the highest per capita participation in the country and was recognized by Kate Smith during the war bond drives

WHEREAS, seven Ely Servicemen were in the Bataan Death March

WHEREAS, the Mrache Family had three sons lost in combat in World War II

WHEREAS, in the first five minutes of the Pearl Harbor attack, two Ely Servicemen lost their lives

WHEREAS, during World War II 6,247 Minnesota Servicemen and Servicewomen lost their lives, of that total 62 were from Ely,

WHEREAS, the overall project is estimated to cost \$80,000, and there have been private donations to date totaling \$24,000

WHEREAS, the City of Ely has contributed land, equipment, flag poles, electrical and related labor including perpetual maintenance and lighting exceeding \$25,000, and local contractors have volunteered their time and expertise to promote and construct the Memorial

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ely hereby requests St. Louis County to provide financial support to the Ely Area Veterans Memorial Project by matching the City of Ely's contribution.

Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

For: A. Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, D.Forsman, and Mayor Novak

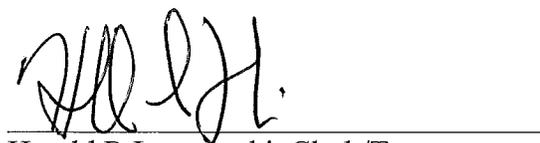
Against: None

Absent: Polyner

Whereupon said Resolution No. 2016-029 was declared duly passed and adopted this 21st day of June, 2016.



Chuck Novak, Mayor



Harold R. Langowski, Clerk/Treasurer

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 311

TIME SPECIFIC PRESENTATION 11:00 A.M.
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COMMITTEE

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 2016

RE: Approval of the St. Louis
County Strategic Plan Update

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To implement the policy directives of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the “St. Louis County 2016 Strategic Plan Update.”

BACKGROUND:

On April 19, 2016, the St. Louis County Board initiated a high level Strategic Planning process, with the assistance of Whitney Crettol Consulting. The process was designed to include both Commissioners and staff leadership in ways that support their respective organizational roles. Planning activities took place between February and June 2016, and included the following major steps: Contextual Scan; Planning Retreats; and Action Planning.

The result of these efforts is the attached “St. Louis County 2016 Strategic Plan Update,” that can be used as a management and decision-making tool, to guide resource allocation, and to maintain focus on established priorities. The plan’s key statements include Organizational Values, Mission Statement, Countywide Goals and Critical Issues that will be used as a guide for individual Department planning, budget development, and business improvement initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the “St. Louis County 2016 Strategic Plan Update.”

Approval of the “St. Louis County 2016 Strategic Plan Update”

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board initiated a high level Strategic Planning process designed to include both Commissioners and staff leadership in ways that support their respective organizational roles; and

WHEREAS, The result of these efforts is the “St. Louis County 2016 Strategic Plan Update,” that can be used as a management and decision-making tool, to guide resource allocation, and to maintain focus on established priorities; and

WHEREAS, The plan’s key statements include Organizational Values, Mission Statement, Countywide Goals and Critical Issues that will be used as a guide for individual Department planning, budget development, and business improvement initiatives;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby adopts the “St. Louis County 2016 Strategic Plan Update,” as found in County Board File No. _____.

St. Louis County

2016 Strategic Plan Update

*Prepared by:
Whitney Crettol Consulting*

1. Planning Process

This document outlines the results of a high level Strategic Planning process initiated by the St. Louis County Board. The process was designed to include both Commissioners and staff leadership in ways that support their respective organizational roles. Planning activities took place between February and June 2016, and included the following major steps:

Contextual Scan – County performance data was gathered along with substantial demographic, economic, and social indicator data to outline current conditions and trends in the county. Department Heads also completed a SWOT (strengths-weaknesses-opportunities-threats) analysis survey.

Planning Retreats – An initial session was held with Department Heads to discuss the SWOT survey results, identify critical issues in the community, and generate a set of proposed organizational values. Next, a planning team consisting of the full County Board and administrative representatives participated in a day-long workshop. Topics covered in the workshop included the county’s role/mission, countywide goals, in-depth review and discussion of community indicator and county activity data, identification of critical issues, and feedback on the organizational values draft.

Action Planning – Smaller teams of staff leadership were formed to determine effective strategies for addressing each of the Critical Issues, and to outline detailed action plans for the first year of implementation.

The Strategic Plan can be used as a management and decision-making tool, to guide resource allocation, and to maintain focus on established priorities. Countywide Goals will be used as a guide for individual Department planning, budget development, and business improvement initiatives. In addition, specific action plans will be developed annually to address Critical Issues identified by the Board.

2. What We Found

The contextual scan revealed a mix of good news and some key findings:

The Good News:

- Homelessness has been declining since 2009, contrary to the overall state trend.
- Efforts to reduce length of stay and overcrowding in the county jail are working.
- Progress is being made on blight removal and the sale of tax-forfeit properties.
- The transportation sales tax is making a positive impact on improving road conditions.
- Positive trends in the total number of jobs, new construction activity, and Estimated Market Value.

Some Concerning Trends:

- Near doubling of poverty in the past 15 years, within a total population figure that has remained about equal. Our youngest children (0-4 years) are experiencing the highest rate of poverty.
- Median household income is still low despite a peak number of jobs and high workforce participation.
- Increasing reports of child maltreatment and numbers in out-of-home care.
- Increasing drug use, particularly a steep increase in opiate use.
- Mental health issues are overlapping with homelessness, drug use, and incarceration.
- A majority of school districts in the county are not achieving the state's graduation goal of at least 90% of students graduating on time.
- A high proportion of renters are paying more than 30% of their income on housing costs which is an indicator of potential risk for homelessness.
- Aged housing stock at risk of becoming distressed/blighted.
- The projected decline in population will have a negative impact at state and federal levels.

3. Key Statements

Organizational Values

We serve the public in a manner that earns trust by incorporating these values:

- **People Focused** – County interactions demonstrate caring and respect for our diverse community and workforce.
- **Stewardship** – County financial, human, and natural resources are used wisely to address the collective needs of the community.
- **Integrity** – County business is conducted in an open, ethical, and transparent manner that ensures accountability to our stakeholders and the citizens we serve.
- **Fairness** – County government policies and operations are administered consistently and fairly to ensure equal treatment for all our citizens.
- **Innovation** – County employees continuously strive to improve our services and anticipate community needs.

Mission Statement

The mission of St. Louis County is to promote health and safety, ensure sound infrastructure, embrace our natural resources, and support an environment where communities prosper.

Countywide Goals & Critical Issues

The following Goals are general statements of what St. Louis County is working to accomplish in the community. These goals have been utilized by the county for a number of years and after Commissioner review still define the roles of the county:

GOAL #1: Public Health and Safety

GOAL #2: Sound County Infrastructure

GOAL #3: Natural Resources Management

GOAL #4: Community Growth and Prosperity

Within these overall Goals, the St. Louis County Board has identified two Critical Issues upon which to focus additional efforts during the timeframe of this Strategic Plan. These Critical Issues are:

- ✓ **Economic Development**
- ✓ **Mental Health & Substance Abuse**

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 – 312

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 5, 2016 **RE:** Award of Bids: Traffic Warning
Signal on CSAH 13/Midway
Road (Midway 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 award to the low bidder a traffic signal project on CSAH 13/Midway Road in Midway Township.

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 a traffic signal project in Midway Township funded with St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax funds.

A call for bids was received by the St. Louis County Public Works Department on June 30, 2016, for the project in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Highway Engineer:

- Project:** CP 0013-247751 TST, SAP 69-613-041
Location: CSAH 13 between CSAH 19 (St. Louis River Road) and TH 2
Traffic: 7,500
PQI: N.A.
Construction: Traffic Que Warning System

Funding: Fund 204, Agency 204045, Object 652806
Anticipated Start Date: August 15, 2016
Anticipated Completion Date: December 23, 2016
Engineer's Estimate: \$52,536.50

BIDS:

Parsons Electric, Duluth, MN
Hunt Electric Corp., Duluth, MN

\$89,892.16 (+\$37,355.66, +71.10%)
\$98,824.75

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board award CP 0013-247751 TST, SAP 69-613-041, a traffic warning signal project on CSAH 13/Midway Road in Midway Township, to low bidder Parsons Electric of Duluth in the amount of \$89,892.16, payable from Fund 204 (St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Funds), Agency 204045, Object 652806.

**Award of Bids: Traffic Warning Signal on CSAH 13/Midway Road
(Midway Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0013-247751 TST, SAP 69-613-041, CSAH 13 between CSAH 19 (St. Louis River Road) and TH 2 in Hermantown, MN; and

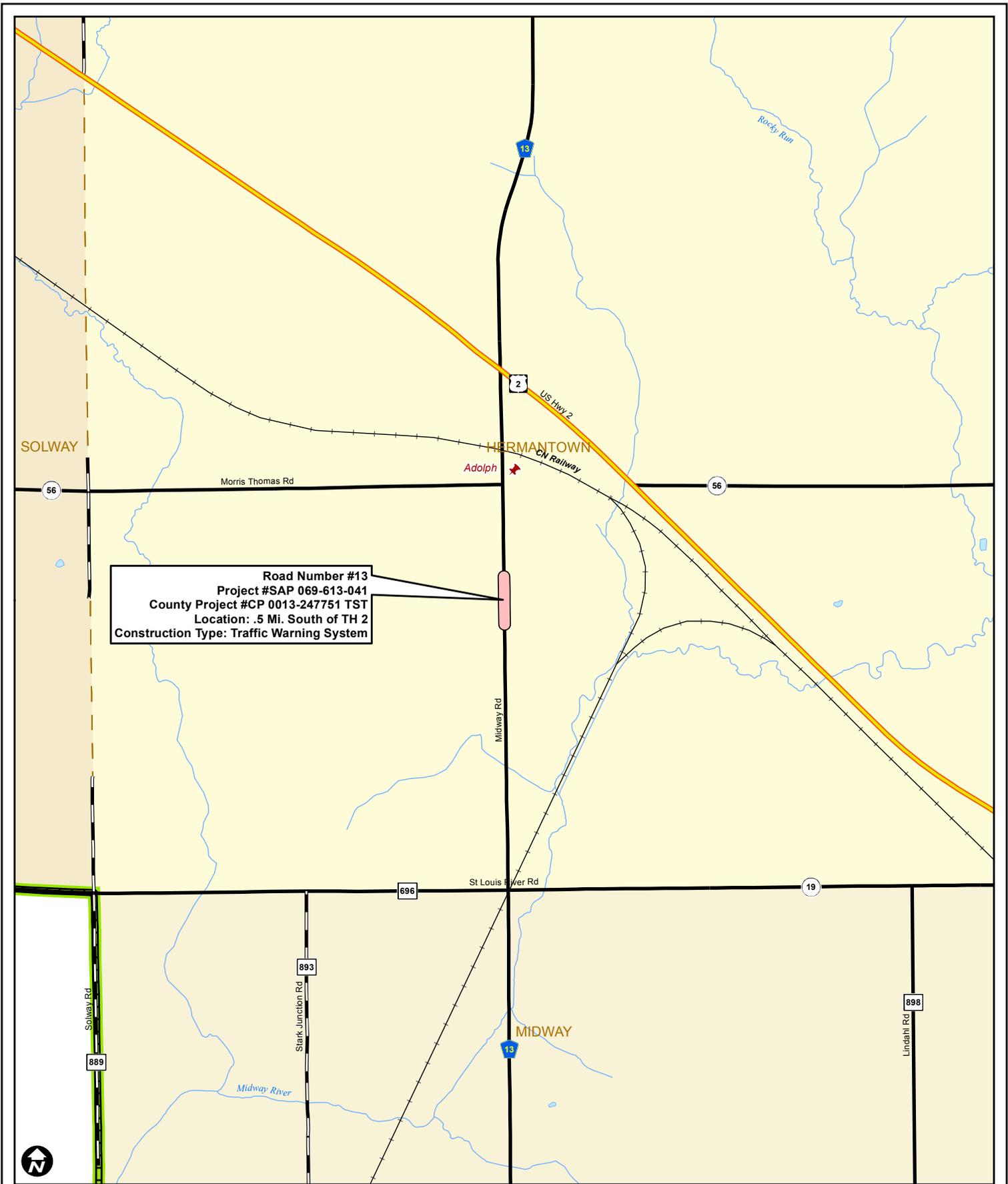
WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on June 30, 2016, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder.

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Parsons Electric	4615 Grand Avenue Duluth, MN 55807	\$89,892.16

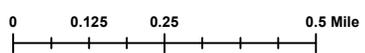
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0013-247751 TST, SAP 69-613-041, Fund 204, Agency 204045, Object 652806



Road Number #13
 Project #SAP 069-613-041
 County Project #CP 0013-247751 TST
 Location: .5 Mi. South of TH 2
 Construction Type: Traffic Warning System

St. Louis County 2015 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components	
2015 Road & Bridge Construction	
Traffic Warning System	County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Paved
Interstate Highway	County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Gravel
U.S./State Highway	Local Road/City Street
	Railroad
	Commissioner District
	Township Boundary
	City/Town
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