

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

July 12, 2016

Location: Proctor City Hall, Proctor, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Nelson

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 11:28 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/Rukavina moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Nelson absent)

- Minutes of July 5, 2016
- Acquisition of Right of Way Relocation and Construction of CR 715 (Unorganized Township 59-16 and City of Biwabik) [16-316]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [16-317]
- IT Technical Service Analyst III Reallocation [16-318]

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## Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Boyle/Dahlberg moved that subject to Duluth Economic Development Authority compliance with all requirements of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(d), the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of state tax forfeited land, described as Pastoret Terrace, Kozy Bar, Paul Robeson Ballroom, Lots 29 and 31, Duluth Proper 1st Division East 1st Street, Parcel: 010-0930-00270, to the Duluth Economic Development Authority for the price of \$75,000 plus fees; and further, that the St. Louis County Board approves providing funds of up to \$325,000. Funds are available in the Economic Development fund balance (Fund 178, Object 311428) to be transferred into Fund 178, Agency 178005. [16-319]. Larry Leventhal, attorney for Paul King, stated that he feels that Mr. King is being denied his right to repurchase the property. Dan King, brother of Paul King, discussed issues Paul King encountered when he was no longer able to operate the Kozy bar. Heather Rand, Executive Director of the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA), discussed safety concerns near the property. Paul King discussed the contract for deed arrangement with Eric Ringsred and stated that he never received delinquent tax notices. Mr. King indicated that he would be interested in repurchasing the property. After further discussion, Jewell/Dahlberg moved to approve without recommendation. (6-0, Nelson absent)

Dahlberg/Stauber moved that subject to Duluth Economic Development Authority compliance with all requirements of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(d), the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of state tax forfeited land, described as, Lots 10 and 11, Lot 00, Block 124, West Duluth 5th Division, Parcel: 010-4510-00490, to the Duluth Economic Development Authority for the price of \$20,000; and further, that the St. Louis County Board approves providing funds of up to \$40,000. Funds are available in the Economic Development fund balance (Fund 178, Object 311428) to be transferred into Fund 178,

Agency 178005. [16-320]. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 12:11 p.m. to 12:14 p.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Nelson absent)

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**Finance & Budget Committee**

St. Louis County Administration pulled the following items from the agenda to give Commissioner Nelson the opportunity to be present for discussion:

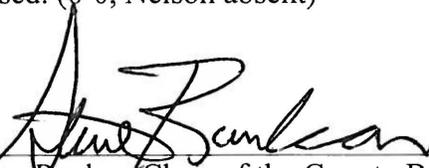
- Lease with Cotton Township for Commissioner Office Space. [16-321].
- Lease with Fredenberg Township for Commissioner Office Space. [16-322].
- Lease with Grand Lake Township for Commissioner Office Space. [16-323].
- Lease with Northland Township for Commissioner Office Space. [16-324].

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**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

None

At 12:20 p.m., Rukavina/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Nelson absent)



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Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board