

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JULY 12, 2016**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 12th day of July 2016, at 9:39 a.m., at the Proctor City Hall, Proctor, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Chris Dahlberg, Tom Rukavina, Pete Stauber, and Chair Steve Raukar - 6. Absent: Commissioner Keith Nelson - 1.

Chair Raukar asked for a moment of silence to honor U.S. troops, their families, and for all innocent victims of war and conflict, and asked that everyone pray that mankind comes to the realization that our commonalities far outweigh our differences on a global scale, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

St Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray offered his "Words of Wisdom" by quoting George Carver Washington, Frederick Douglas, Dallas Police Chief David Brown, Horace Mann, and Malala Yousafzai. (Board File No. 60292)

Chair Raukar then opened the meeting to persons who wanted to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Todd Youngberg, of Duluth, discussed various concerns relating to property issues he had during 2015 and asked if someone from the County could address his concerns.

Proctor City Administrator Mark Casey welcomed the Board to the City of Proctor.

At 9:55 a.m., a hearing was conducted pursuant to County Board Resolution No. 16-392, adopted June 14, 2016, to receive public comment prior to considering a tax abatement for the City of Duluth for The District at Miller Hill project. St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director Barb Hayden said the project is focused on developing workforce housing. Ms. Hayden indicated that the rent range is between \$900 and \$1,640. City of Duluth Planning and Construction Services Director Keith Hamre said the project consisted of 10.8% public financing with the remainder financed privately. The combined Duluth and St. Louis County tax abatement is 3.6% (1.8% Duluth, 1.8% St. Louis County). Attorney Bill Burns and Ryan Bowman, of MH II Apartments, Inc., discussed the overall project and briefly discussed Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) financing. Chair Raukar asked if there were any other supporters, opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action and no one came forth. At 10:18 a.m., Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Nelson).

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to authorize up to \$250,000 tax abatement financing to the City of Duluth for The District at Miller Hill project area; that the St. Louis County Board waives provisions of the St. Louis County Tax Abatement Financing Policy including applicant fees, limitation of \$30,000 per year in financing and limitation for affordable housing; and that provided all required documentation is submitted by the City of Duluth, the

appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a business subsidy agreement with the City of Duluth and any other related documents after review and approval by a representative of the County Attorney's Office. Commissioner Boyle stepped out of the meeting from 10:31 a.m. to 10:33 a.m. City of Duluth Planning and Construction Services Director Keith Hamre indicated that approximately 60% of Duluth residents own their home compared to renting. After further discussion, the motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Nelson). Resolution No. 16-467.

The Board recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 11:11 a.m. with all Commissioners present except Commissioner Nelson.

Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #5, appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at Public Intermediate Oral Timber Auction on August 18, 2016, as submitted by the Land Commissioner. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Nelson).

Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to authorize a five year lease beginning on July 1, 2016, with the option for one (1) 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). After further discussion, Commissioner Rukavina, supported by Commissioner Stauber, moved to table discussion until the Board meeting of July 26, 2016. The tabling motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Nelson).

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Dahlberg, moved to convene in a closed meeting of the Committee of the Whole on July 12, 2016 in the Proctor City Hall, Proctor, MN, for the purpose of discussing settlement and litigation strategy immediately following the Board meeting, in accord with Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd.3(b). No other pending public business will be discussed at this closed session. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Nelson). Resolution No. 16-468.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Dahlberg, moved to consider a resolution authorizing a contract with Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa; the item has not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Nelson).

Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Rukavina, moved to authorize a contract with Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa for an amount not to exceed \$134,736; and further, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Sheriff and appropriate county officials to expend these funds in compliance with the terms of the grant contract. Dawn Sathers, of the Auditor/Sheriff's Office, said homeowners have begun cutting wood around structures. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Nelson).

Commissioner Rukavina, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to approve appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at Public Intermediate Oral Timber Auction on August 18, 2016, as submitted by the Land Commissioner. St. Louis County Land Commissioner Mark Weber discussed changes to the bidding process. There will be three rounds of bidding based on the number of

employees employed by the logging operators. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Nelson). Resolution No. 16-456.

The following Board and contract files were created resulting from documents received by this Board:

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Mark Weber, Land and Minerals Director, submitting Board Letter No. 16-302, Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation.—60404

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 16-311, Approval of the St. Louis County Strategic Plan Update.—60405

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 16-309, Use of Personnel Savings in the Veterans Service Office to Contribute to the Ely Veterans Memorial.—60406

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Barbara Hayden, Planning and Community Development, submitting Board Letter No. 16-307, Committee Vacancy Advertisement – St. Louis County Planning Commission.—60407

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 16-313, Appointment of the Public Health & Human Services Director on an Interim Basis.—60408

Mark Monacelli, Public Records & Property Valuation Director, submitting a map of the 2012 Pay 2013 Locally-Assessed Jurisdictions and a map of St. Louis County CVTs.—60409

Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV 2) Grant Project Agreement between the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board (CHB) and St. Louis County in the amount of \$132,708 for the funding period February 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017.—16-579

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Nordy's Exterior Works, Mt. Iron, MN, for the cleanout of tax forfeited properties and site stabilization in Northern St. Louis County and Southern St. Louis County through December 31, 2016.—16-580

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and ECO Junk Removal, Knife River, MN, for the cleanout of tax forfeited properties and site stabilization in Southern St. Louis County and Northern St. Louis County if needed through December 31, 2016.—16-581

Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services between St. Louis County and Robert M. Olen, Duluth, MN, extending the term of services through December 31, 2016, with up to three (3) annual renewals.—16-582

Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services between St. Louis County and Kendall Dykhuis, Hibbing, MN, extending the term of services through December 31, 2016, with up to three (3) annual renewals.—16-583

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2014-008784, between the County of St. Louis and Short

Elliot Hendrickson, Inc., St. Paul, MN, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-584

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2014-008787, between the County of St. Louis and MSA Professional Services, Inc., Baraboo, WI, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-585

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2014-008788, between the County of St. Louis and MSA Professional Services, Inc., Baraboo, WI, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-586

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2014-008789, between the County of St. Louis and Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc., Duluth, MN, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-587

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2014-008791, between the County of St. Louis and Gale-Tec Engineering, Inc., Wayzata, MN, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-588

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2014-008793, between the County of St. Louis and Twin Ports Testing, Inc., Superior, WI, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-589

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2014-008799, between the County of St. Louis and EPC Engineering & Testing, Duluth, MN, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-590

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2014-008822, between the County of St. Louis and TKDA, St. Paul, MN, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-591

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2015-009578, between the County of St. Louis and Braun Intertec Corporation, St. Paul, MN, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-592

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2015-9608, between the County of St. Louis and Barr Engineering Co., Duluth, MN, amending the Contract termination date to June 30, 2017.—16-593

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Casper Construction, Inc., Grand Rapids, MN, for culvert replacements on County Road (CR) 307/Wuori Road (CP 0307-225876 Low) and CR 303/Trillium Road (CP 0303-294361) in Wuori Township.—16-594

Contract for County-State Aid Highway (CSAH) Project between the County of St. Louis and Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, for plant mix bituminous surface, aggregate base, and aggregate shouldering on CSAH 108 in Unorganized Township 56-16 (CP 0108-288984 TST).—16-595

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Northland Constructors of Duluth, LLC, Duluth, MN, for reclaim overlays and culvert replacements on CSAH

16 (CP 0016-289398 TST Low), CSAH 5 (CP 0005-289397 TST Tied), CSAH 18 (CP 0018-289399 TST Tied), CSAH 133 (CP 0133-289400 TST Tied), and CR 837 (CP 0837-299737 TST Tied) in Hibbing, Cedar Valley, Halden, Lavell and Toivola Townships.—16-596

Upon motion by Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Boyle, resolutions numbered 16-451 through 16-455 and 16-457 through 16-466, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER DAHLBERG:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of July 5, 2016, are hereby approved.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-451

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.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-452

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 No. 60294;

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).

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. 60404 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. 60404 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.

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
Parcel Code: 010-1140-05590
C22140055; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 282.04, Subd. 2(d), and 504B.271 authorize 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.

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 County Road 244) in Duluth, MN, CP 0000-278313, in the amount of \$78,000, payable from Fund 204, Agency 204053, Object 626600.
Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-457

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

CP 0013-247751 TST, SAP 69-613-04, 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:

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-458

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.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-459

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County 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.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-460

RESOLVED, That pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, the application for license to sell tobacco products at retail, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60372, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the following establishment:

Random ACT Inc. d/b/a Kountry Krossroads, Pike Township, new;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if named license holders sell their licensed business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the licenses to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund to the license holders.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-461

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for Assessment Year 2016, Payable 2017 for the meeting of June 15, 2016, are hereby approved.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-462

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

WHEREAS, There is one (1) 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.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-463

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. 60405.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-464

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints Linnea Mirsch to Public Health & Human Services Director on an interim basis, effective July 11, 2016 until a permanent director can be appointed, compensated at Management Compensation Pay Plan A1, Grade 32, Step M2

(\$132,350);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Ms. Mirsch shall be returned to her former position as the Deputy County Administrator-Operations and Budget at the conclusion of her interim appointment as the Public Health & Human Services Director.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-465

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.

Adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-466

BY COMMISSIONER JEWELL:

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth has requested St. Louis County to consider up to \$250,000 tax abatement financing for The District at Miller Hill project area; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 116J.993 - 116J.995, Business Subsidy Law, requires that a public hearing be conducted prior to granting any business subsidy in an amount greater than \$150,000 in value; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, July 12, at 9:40 a.m., at the Proctor City Hall, Proctor, MN, to solicit public input prior to considering the proposed business subsidy request; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board has determined that the public benefits of increasing the county tax base exceed the costs of tax abatement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes up to \$250,000 tax abatement financing to the City of Duluth for The District at Miller Hill project area, payable from Fund 100, Agency 100001, Object 500900;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board waives provisions of the St. Louis County Tax Abatement Financing Policy including: applicant fees, limitation of \$30,000 per year in financing and limitation for affordable housing;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That provided all required documentation is submitted by the City of Duluth, the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a business subsidy agreement with the City of Duluth and any other related documents after review and approval by a representative of the County Attorney's Office.

Unanimously adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-467

BY COMMISSIONER JEWELL:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(b), the St. Louis County Board may close a meeting as permitted by the attorney/client privilege; and

WHEREAS, The County Attorney requires candid and open discussion to provide legal advice to the County Board with respect to potential settlement and litigation strategy in a closed

session of the Committee of the Whole at the Proctor City Hall, 100 Pionk Drive, Proctor, MN; and
WHEREAS, A closed session would benefit the public because potential financial liability could result in the expenditure of public funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will convene in a closed meeting of the Committee of the Whole on July 12, 2016 in the Proctor City Hall, Proctor, MN, for the purpose of discussing settlement and litigation strategy immediately following the Board meeting, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(b);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That no other pending public business will be discussed at this closed session.

Unanimously adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-468

BY COMMISSIONER DAHLBERG:

WHEREAS, On October 1, 2013, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 13-610 authorizing the approval and acceptance of the 2013 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant in the amount of \$232,000 for the period September 2013 through September 2015; and

WHEREAS, Over that time, St. Louis County worked with the U.S. Forest Service to identify projects that would promote the objectives of the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant; and

WHEREAS, Through this grant, Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa assisted in a small fuel reduction project in the amount of \$10,575 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Since funds remain in the grant, the U.S. Forest Service has extended the grant period through August 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Conservation Corps has again been contacted by St. Louis County to manage projects that create a Home Ignition Zone to national standards of 200 feet around structures, reduce hazardous fuels, and fire risk on private lands and improve forest health on a landscape level around Burntside Lake and North Arm Road located in the Ely area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a contract with Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa for an amount not to exceed \$134,736, to be accounted for in Fund 290, Agency 290999, Grant 29003, Year 2013;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Sheriff and appropriate county officials to expend these funds in compliance with the terms of the grant contract.

Unanimously adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-469

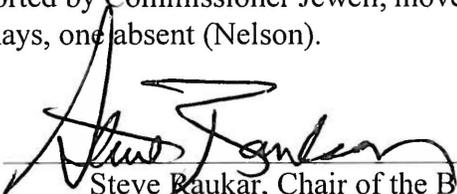
BY COMMISSIONER RUKAVINA:

RESOLVED, That the appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at PUBLIC INTERMEDIATE ORAL TIMBER AUCTION, Tracts 1 through 32 (totaling \$736,209.07), as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60295, are approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendations as listed in said appraisal reports;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the terms and conditions as outlined in County Board File No. 60295.

Unanimously adopted July 12, 2016. No. 16-456

At 11:27 a.m., July 12, 2016, Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Nelson).


Steve Raukar, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:


Donald Dicklich, County Auditor *Chief Deputy*
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)