

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

September 27, 2016

Location: Ely City Hall, Ely, Minnesota

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

Absent: Chair Raukar

Convened: Vice-Chair Jewell called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of September 13, 2016
- Health and Human Service Annual Conference Facility Payment [16-420]
- Reallocation of Information Specialist I to Financial Worker [16-421]
- Reallocation of Information Specialist I to Triage Social Worker [16-422]
- Respite Services for Children with Autism Grant Agreements [16-423]
- Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Vanert [16-424]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Friedman/Nelson (Homestead) [16-425]
- Utility Easement on State Tax Forfeited Land (Ault Township) [16-426]
- Approval of Registered Land Survey No. 135 (Greenwood Township) [16-427]
- Amendment to Agreement with Erickson Engineering for Design Services on Bridge 823 (Kabetogama Township) [16-428]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Riverside Inn (French Township) [16-429]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Super One (Canosia Township) [16-430]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Wayside Bottle Shop, Inc. (New Independence Township) [16-431]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – El Toro Lounge (Cotton Township) [16-432]
- Agreement with Twin Ports Mailing [16-433]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [16-434]
- Extension of Agreement for Labor Negotiations, Grievance and Arbitration Professional Services [16-435]

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## Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/Boyle moved that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd.1, a public hearing shall be scheduled on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 9:40 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, to allow testimony in regard to the reclassification to non-conservation and sale of state tax forfeited land in Normanna Township described as: That portion of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 5, Township 52 North, Range 13 West, lying southeasterly of the southeasterly right-of-way of County State-Aid

Highway 44, Pequaywan Lake Road, and the north 330 feet of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 8, Township 52 North, Range 13 West, lying southeasterly of the southeasterly right-of-way of County State-Aid Highway 44, Pequaywan Lake Road. The County Board shall give notice of its intent to meet for the reclassification of state tax forfeited land in accordance with Minn. Stat. §282.01, Subd. 1. [16-417]. After further discussion, the motion was amended to change the meeting time to 11:00 a.m. The amended motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

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## COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson indicated that volunteer fire departments have expressed concern regarding the inconsistency of 911 emergency signage throughout St. Louis County and said Sheriff Litman was working to secure grant funding for additional signage.

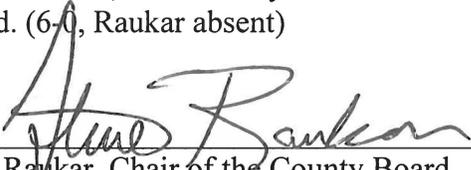
Commissioner Stauber agreed that 911 emergency signage must be improved and discussed the City of Hermantown's effort to improve signage within their jurisdiction.

Commissioner Rukavina commented that a neighbor of his had an emergency and the response was delayed because the emergency responders could not find the location due to the lack of signage.

Commissioner Jewell said that he recently attended a Duluth Harbor Aquatic Invasive Species training session. Commissioner Jewell said that impervious surfaces result in excess rainwater runoff; every inch of rain in the Miller Hill Mall area results in 229,000 gallons of rainwater runoff into Miller Creek. Commissioner Jewell indicated that there is a new pervious surface design for the Miller Hill Mall parking lot that will decrease rainwater run-off.

Commissioner Nelson discussed the opening of the fire brigade in Cook and said the building was funded with private money.

At 11:07 a.m., Nelson/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)



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Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board