



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

**March 8, 2011**

**Immediately following the Board Meeting, which begins at 9:30 A.M.**  
**Commissioners' Conference Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN**

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**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 March 1, 2011**

**Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Dahlberg, Chair**

1. CY 2011 LSS Bethany Crisis Nursery Funding [11-80]

**Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair**

2. Special Sale to the City of Virginia [11-81]

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**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:**

*At this time, Commissioners may introduce items for discussion or report on past and future activities.*

**ADJOURNED:**

**NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES:**

<b>March 22, 2011</b>	<b>Ely Recreation Center, Ely, MN</b>
<b>April 5, 2011</b>	<b>Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN</b>
<b>April 12, 2011</b>	<b>Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN</b>

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

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Location: County Conference Room, Duluth Courthouse

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Raukar, Dahlberg, Forsman, Sweeney, Nelson and Chair O'Neil

Absent: None

Convened: Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Jewell/Sweeney moved the consent agenda. Commissioner Nelson noted item 4 which demonstrates cooperation with other jurisdictions including Lake County and the cities of Babbitt and Eveleth. Commissioner Raukar noted the CDBG funds for neighborhood revitalization adding these are very successful initiatives. (7-0)

-Minutes of February 22, 2011

1. CY 2011 Forensic Psychological Services
  2. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Lands - Glas and Rodenwald
  3. Contract with Liesch Environmental Consultants and Engineers
  4. Agreement with Lake County and the Cities of Babbitt and Eveleth – Striping 2011
  5. Abatement List for Board Approval
  6. Approval of CDBG Funding for Community Planning Assistance – City of Chisholm
  7. Approval of CDBG Funding for Neighborhood Revitalization Program – City of Winton
  8. Approval of CDBG Funding for Neighborhood Revitalization Program – City of Ely
  9. Purchase of Desktop Computers for Computer Aided Dispatching
  10. Service Agreement with the Sixth Judicial District and Contract with CourtView Justice Systems for Court Integration Interfaces
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**PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Nelson/Raukar moved to award bid to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., Gilbert, for resurfacing project in Iron, MN, on their low bid of \$314,140.06 (6.78 % below the engineers estimate). The motion passed, (7-0).

Forsman/Nelson moved to award bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, for bituminous surfacing at the St. Louis County Landfill Access Road, Virginia, on their low bid of \$425,358.84 (16.30% below the engineers estimate). Administrator Kevin Gray said recycled roofing shingles will be used for this project. After further commissioner discussion, the motion was approved (7-0).

## **CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Nelson/Forsman moved to approve apportioning the 2010 Land Proceeds in accordance with MN Statutes. Administrator Gray said no more than 30% can be used for timber development; Administration recommends apportioning 20% to the timber development fund and an additional 20% be divided equally as follows: 10% for land use planning, including staff time and investment for the GIS land records portal, and 10% to cover the deficit in the Forest Recreation Account. In response to questions from Commissioners Nelson and Dahlberg, Deputy Administrator Mirsch said the debt for the forest recreation account should be paid off in 4-5 years and the debt spending was related to grant commitments for the Mesabi Trail Program and other similar programs. Land Commissioner Bob Krepps said of the 49 structures forfeited in 2010, only three can be rehabilitated. Land Commissioner Krepps explained the tax-forfeiture process and estimates that approximately 350 single-family structures will be in tax-forfeit status in 2011. Land Commissioner Krepps said the land department has relied heavily on the Sentence to Serve Program to help clean up these structures. Land Commissioner Krepps said this has been a great partnership - the county provides the dumpsters and the corrections inmates clean out the dwellings. In response to a question from Commissioner Sweeney, Land Commissioner Krepps said a system where people can look up available parcels is in the works. Commissioner Sweeney said she would like to see people get help before the parcels get too far along in the tax-forfeiture process. After further discussion, Commissioner Nelson suggested a board workshop discussion on this topic. The motion passed, (7-0).

Commissioner O'Neil said he will be in Washington DC next week, as will Commissioners Raukar and Forsman, and wanted to make sure there would be a quorum for next week's meeting. It was determined that Commissioners Sweeney, Nelson, Jewell and Dahlberg will attend, thus a quorum would exist.

Commissioner O'Neil said he asked Commissioner Raukar to look into House File No. 401 relating to the transfer of tax-forfeit land to the IRRRB. Commissioner Raukar said the County Attorney drafted a resolution for the board to consider. Commissioner Jewell read the draft resolution, which outlines the county board's opposition to HF 401, and directs letters to be sent to various jurisdictions to get the word out. Jewell/Raukar moved to approve the draft resolution. Land Commissioner Krepps said this resolution is a good start and outlined the previous agreement to purchase parcels from the county. Administrator Kevin Gray said HF 401 is sponsored by Representatives Rukavina and Anzels and transfers land to the IRRRB without compensation to the county. Administrator Gray said they are not sure if the IRRRB is aware of HF 401. Auditor Donald Dicklich said Biwabik and Town of White should be notified, adding the IRRRB has a source of funding to pay for this land. Commissioner Nelson said there is a sense of urgency to get the letters out to the various jurisdictions. After further discussion the motion to approve the draft resolution passed, (7-0).

Jewell/Nelson moved a directive order to send letters to the various jurisdictions and get the message out regarding the county board's opposition to HF 401. The letters will be signed by the County Board Chair, the Chair of Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Chair of Central Management and Intergovernmental Committee. The motion passed, (7-0)

At 12:02 p.m., Commissioner O'Neil left the meeting.

## COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Forsman will be attending Voyager's National Park Day next week in Washington DC. Commissioner Forsman said this is a joint venture with International Falls and Koochiching County and they will be seeking federal funding to help clean up waters in Voyager's National Park.

Commissioner Nelson said the Hunting Shack Lease meeting will be held on March 15 at the Cotton Town Hall. Commissioner Nelson noted Board Memo 11-11, a summary of 2010 Rescue Squad activity and said the rescue squad donated 20,781 hours in 2010. Commissioner Nelson discussed the 2010 Annual Report of the Inspector of Mines and said there were more than 1,000 more employee and tonnage was up. Commissioner Nelson noted page 10 where it reported Polymet Mining Corp. was "not in production at this time".

Commissioner Sweeney said she recently attended a lunch with Lieutenant Governor Yvonne Prettner-Solon and the message was about local governments being under siege. Commissioner Sweeney said government workers provide essential services and would like to see the county board be part of the solution and not the problem.

Commissioner Nelson added a 2:00 p.m. joint news conference will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011, in the Mt. Iron City Council Chambers to explain plans for the relocation of County State Aid Highway No. 102 in the City of Mt. Iron.

At 12:30 p.m., Raukar/Sweeney moved to adjourn the meeting. (6-0)

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Steve O'Neil, Chair of the County Board

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Patricia Stolee, Clerk of County Board

# BOARD LETTER NO. 11 – 80

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

**DATE:** March 8, 2011

**RE:** CY 2011 LSS Bethany Crisis  
Nursery Funding

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

Ann M. Busche, 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 contract for the purchase of children's protective services.

**BACKGROUND:**

Lutheran Social Service Bethany Crisis Nursery has served the Duluth community since 1994, strengthening and nurturing families in crisis. The Crisis Nursery is an early intervention service committed to the prevention of child abuse and maltreatment by providing short-term emergency care for children and support services for families during times of crisis. It serves families with infants and children to 12 years. The services are family-focused, protect children from harm, and provide support for parents.

This service is parent-driven with only the legal guardian, who resides in southern St. Louis County, being able to make a request for care. Day and overnight care is provided in licensed day care or foster care homes throughout the Duluth area. Access to emergency clothing, infant supplies and support services for families including information and referral, brief counseling, home visiting and parent education is provided. The Crisis Nursery uses a wide variety of revenues to sustain this program such as donations, fund-raising efforts, the United Way, foundation grants, and a St. Louis County Public Service Contract of \$15,200.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve an agreement with Lutheran Social Service for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and authorize payment of \$37,182 for Bethany Crisis Nursery payable from Fund 230 (Social Services); Agency 232008 (Children's Services); Expense Object 601200 (Out-of-Home Placement).

**BY COMMISSIONER** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis County has need for a Crisis Nursery Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Health and Human Services has contracted with Lutheran Social Service since March 1994 to provide child protection services on behalf of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department wishes to renew this agreement for an early intervention service committed to the prevention of child abuse and maltreatment by providing short-term emergency care for children and support services for families during times of crisis.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement with Lutheran Social Service Bethany Crisis Nursery for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 and authorizes payment of \$37,182, payable from Fund 230 (Social Services); Agency 232008 (Children's Services); Expense Object 601200 (Out-of-Home Placement).



**BY COMMISSIONER** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the City of Virginia has requested to purchase the following described state tax forfeited land for the appraised value of \$4,500, plus fees, for alley and utility purposes:

Legal: Lots 6 and 7, Block 76, Virginia 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition  
Parcel Code: 90-30-60  
0.16 Acres  
LDKEY: 57185

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1(a) authorizes the sale of state tax forfeited land to an organized governmental subdivision for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property; and

**WHEREAS**, this parcel of land may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that classification or reclassification and sale of land situated within a municipality or town must be approved by the governing body of the municipality or town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of the state tax forfeited land, as described, to the City of Virginia for the appraised value of \$4,500 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$135, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$14.85, recording fee of \$46, and administration fee of \$150; for a total of \$4,870.85, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

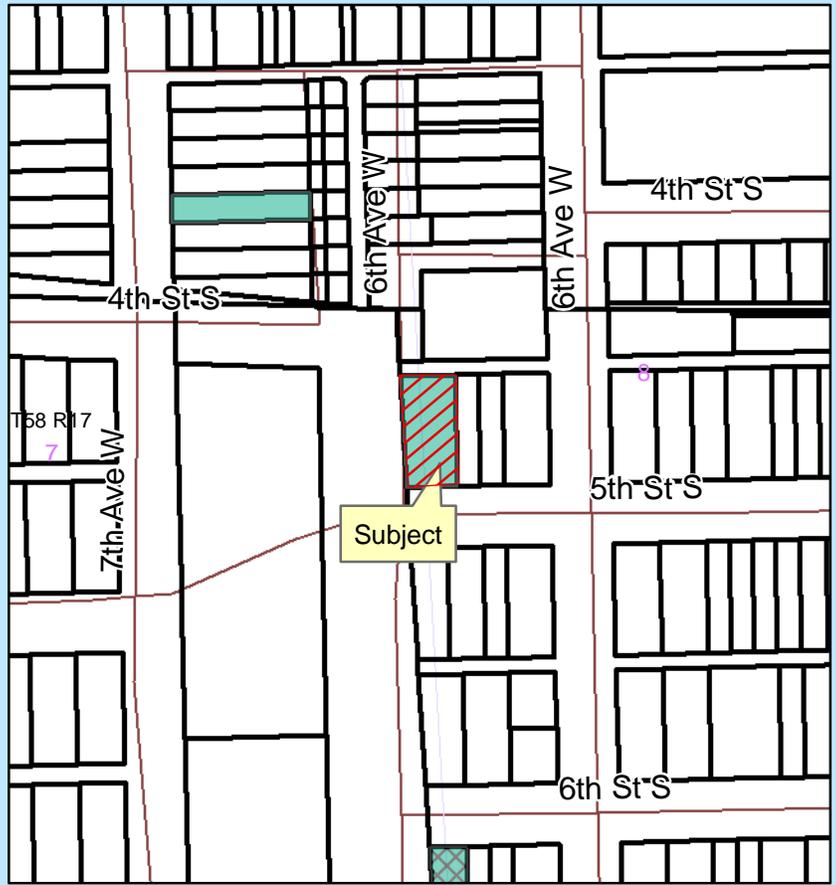
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the St. Louis County Auditor shall offer for sale at public auction the state tax forfeited land described here if the City of Virginia does not purchase the land by June 1, 2011.



# St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

## Special Sale Parcel

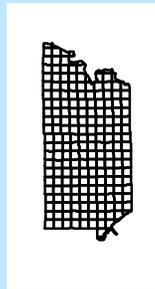
Legal: Lots 6 & 7, Block 76,  
Virginia 2nd Addition  
City: Virginia  
Sec 8 , Twp 58N Rng 17W  
Parcel Code: 90-30-60  
0.16 Acres  
LDKEY: 57185



City of Virginia      Twp 58N Rng 17W Sec 8

### Commissioner District #6

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

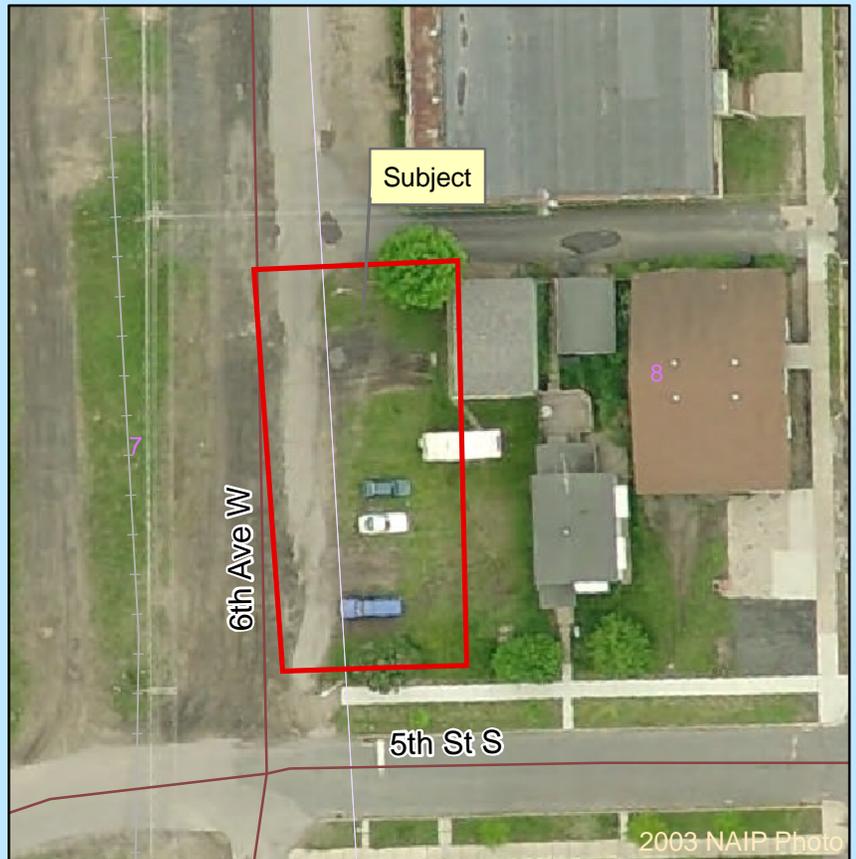


*St. Louis County, Minnesota*

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**St. Louis County  
Land Department**

*March 8, 2010*



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