



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

May 24, 2011
Immediately following the Board Meeting, which begins at 9:30 A.M.
Hibbing City Council Chambers, Hibbing, 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 May 10, 2011

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

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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 Forsman, Chair

1. **Award of Bids – Bridge Project CP 8573 on County Road 500 near Cook, MN [211]**
Resolution awarding bids for a bridge project near Cook, MN, to low bidder Redstone Construction Co., Inc., Mora, MN.
2. **Acceptance of Grant for Bridge Project CP 8573 on County Road 500 near Cook, MN [212]**
Resolution authorizing an agreement with MnDOT accepting Minnesota Transportation Fund Grant and committing to the use of local funds for project costs which exceed the grant amount.

3. **Purchase of Seven Dump Bodies with Hydraulic Systems and Snow Fighting Equipment [213]**
Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of seven dump bodies with hydraulic systems and snow fighting equipment from Towmaster, Inc., of Litchfield, MN.

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

1. **Employee Relations Director Appointment [214]**
Resolution to appoint James R. Gottschald to the position of Employee Relations Director.

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:

June 7, 2011	Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN
June 14, 2011	Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN
June 28, 2011	Semer's Park Pavilion, Ely, MN

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

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Location: County Board Conference Room, Duluth Courthouse
Present: Commissioners Jewell, Dahlberg, Forsman, Sweeney, Nelson and Raukar
Absent: Commissioner O'Neil
Convened: Vice Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sweeney/Raukar moved the consent agenda. (6-0). Administrator Kevin Gray noted a minor correction to wording on item 2. (6-0)

-Minutes of May 3, 2011

1. Human Services Agreements for Calendar Year 2011
2. 2011 Contract for Children's Mental Health Trauma Assessment, Family Community Support Services and Child Outpatient Psychotherapy – Human Development Center
3. Agreement with Mesabi Academy for Specialized Residential Program Services
4. Approval of Registered Land Survey No. 102 (Van Buren Township)
5. Transfer of Print Shop and Postage to the General Fund
6. Lawful Gambling Application (Crane Lake Township)
7. Lawful Gambling Application (Unorganized Township 60-18)
8. Amend Board Resolution No. 11-80 Garbage and Recycling Pick-up and Disposal Services
9. Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Acting through its Commission of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

REGULAR AGENDA

Forsman/Sweeney moved to approve a bid for liquid calcium chloride application to Univar USA, St. Paul, MN, on their low bid of \$303,140.00 (\$0.659 per gallon, which is a 15.9% decrease per gallon from 2010). Commissioner Forsman said other jurisdictions can take advantage of the county bid. Commissioner Jewell said he would like to know more about liquid calcium chloride and what, if any, affect it has on the environment. Commissioner Sweeney said a new organic based product is being used in her district which acts as a binder and is twice as effective. Commissioner Nelson suggested moving without recommendation to get additional information from Public Works. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0)

Sweeney/Nelson moved to authorize expenditure from the 2008 Port Security Grant to purchase two interoperable communication microwave links from Microwave Network Inc., Hicksville, NY. Administrator Gray said the grant amount is \$238,313, accompanied by a \$79,437 local match, funded from the IT-Telecommunications department. Administrator Gray said the vendor is a sole source and this purchase expends the balance of the 2008 Port Security Grant. Commissioner Sweeney said if a disaster occurred it would only take three seconds to link into the system and connect with three other counties for 911 emergency response. Commissioner Sweeney said three DVD's are available, providing valuable information on the radio system in layman's term. Commissioner Raukar asked if any consideration was given to asking other jurisdictions who are receiving public benefit to share in the local match. Administrator Gray said this allows St. Louis County to link to Carlton, Lake and Cook Counties, and assumes it works both ways. Commissioner Nelson said the local match is important, but in this case, we may be too far in the process to engage other jurisdictions, noting it is a good reminder to look at partnerships early on. After further discussion, the motion was approved. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Sweeny said there will a christening of the Hon. James L. Oberstar ship on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, noting this is a County Board meeting day in Hibbing. Commission Sweeny requested to attend on behalf of the board. Forsman/Jewell moved a directive motion to endorse Commissioner Sweeny to attend the christening of the ship and send a letter regarding the honor given to former U.S. Representative James L. Oberstar. (6-0)

Commissioner Raukar said the Northern Lights Light Rail Train project received a \$5 million federal grant. This recent funding will allow the project to continue for another 1-1 ½ years and will go towards the environmental analysis as well as preliminary engineering costs.

Commissioner Forsman said his last day with Minorca Mine is May 27, noting his official retirement date is July 1, 2011. Commissioner Forsman said he is looking forward to having one job.

Commissioner Nelson said the Iron Range Veteran's Memorial fundraiser on Saturday went well. Commissioner Nelson said the Iron Range Veteran's Memorial could be completed this summer with additional funding.

Nelson/Sweeney moved, without recommendation, a resolution appropriating \$10,000 to the Iron Range Veteran's Memorial from personnel savings in the Veteran's Service Office (VSO). Commissioner Forsman said we are losing World War II vets at an exponential rate, noting the value of this project. Commissioner Jewell said he is in favor of honoring veterans, however is concerned about taking money from personnel services and donating it, adding it might be fine since it is coming from the Veteran's Office budget. Commissioner Nelson said the Hull Rust Mine in Hibbing supplied the iron needed for the war efforts and helped the U.S. win WWII. Commissioner Raukar said this is a worthy cause and a reminder of past wars, forcing people to reflect on the impact of war. Commissioner Dahlberg said he is a veteran and supports this, adding someday he would like to see a memorial for veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0)

ADJOURNED

At 11:12 a.m., Sweeney/Raukar moved to adjourn the committee of the whole meeting. (6-0)

Steve O'Neil, Chair of the County Board

Patricia Stolee, Clerk of County Board

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 – 196

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011

RE: Contract for Pre-Construction
Excavation for the Regional
Landfill

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ted Troolin, Director
Environmental Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To pursue efficient and effective waste management programs to enhance services to residents and businesses.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a contract with Kangas Excavating, Inc. to excavate material in preparation for the construction of Phase 6 at the Regional Landfill in 2012.

BACKGROUND:

The county contracts with Kangas Excavating, Inc., for daily operations of the Landfill. The current Landfill Daily Operations agreement allows the county to negotiate with Kangas for excavation of waste soils prior to the construction of future landfill cells. Working under the direction of Environmental Services Department staff, Kangas will remove overburden material and use it according to its characteristics, which includes transferring it to identified fill utilization areas, using it as landfill cover, stockpiling it for use during the construction of the recompacted five-foot subbase in Phase 6, and screening it for future use by Kangas or by the county.

The Department will pay Kangas to perform the work at a rate which has been determined by the Department and its Engineer, Liesch Associates, Inc., to be competitive with the Engineer's estimates. Additionally, Kangas will not charge the Department for excavation of materials used as daily or intermediate landfill cover or screened for use by Kangas. This recommendation was discussed at the March 28, 2011 Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting. The total cost of the project is \$80,000.

The work will be performed by Kangas staff represented by Local 49 of the International Union of Operating Engineers working under an agreement established between Kangas and the 49'ers for Landfill activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a contract with Kangas Excavating, Inc., to provide the equipment and services to excavate material prior to the construction of Phase 6 at the Regional Landfill in the amount of \$80,000, payable from Fund 600, Agency 607001 (Landfill).

Contract for Pre-Construction Excavation for the Regional Landfill

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Environmental Services Department operates a Regional Landfill in Virginia, MN, which serves as the primary disposal facility for mixed municipal solid waste generated in its Solid Waste Management Area; and

WHEREAS, the Department will construct Phase 6 at the Regional Landfill in 2012 and this work will require excavation of material as part of ongoing Landfill development; and

WHEREAS, the Department contracts with Kangas Excavating, Inc., to operate the Regional Landfill and conduct pre-construction excavation for prior landfill phases; and

WHEREAS, Kangas has submitted a proposal competitive with the Engineer's estimates to excavate material to an elevation established by the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department has evaluated the Kangas proposal and determined that it is in the county's best interests to accept the proposal and that the costs proposed are reasonable and cost-effective.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes a contract with Kangas Excavating, Inc., to excavate material prior to the construction of Phase 6 at the Regional Landfill in the amount of \$80,000, payable from Fund 600, Agency 607001 (Landfill).

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 – 197

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011 **RE:** **Canister Site Compacted Solid
Waste Haulage Contract**

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

Ted Troolin, Director
Environmental Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To pursue efficient and effective waste management programs to enhance services to residents and businesses.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a contract with Waste Management Inc. and Northern Minnesota Recycling to provide the haulage of compacted mixed solid waste from its canister sites to the Regional Landfill.

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Services Department's waste collection system is composed of canister sites, transfer stations, and the Regional Landfill. Some county residents bring their mixed solid waste to canister sites which are located throughout the county. Some of these canister sites collect the waste in stationary compactors which compact the waste into a 40 cubic yard roll off box. Department staff monitor the filling of the compactors at these canister sites, and contract with private firms to haul full containers to the Regional Landfill for disposal. This service is referred to as "canister site compacted solid waste haulage".

The haulage service was competitively bid in May of 2011 through the county Purchasing Division. Private companies were asked to bid on the waste haulage for canister sites that were grouped together based on geographic location and the disposal site designated by the Department. The bidding proposed a charge for each time containers were hauled to the Regional Landfill and emptied. The contract term is two (2) years, with one additional one-year extension. The current canister site compacted waste haulage contracts expire June 30, 2011.

In an effort to keep the cost of haulage as low as possible, a fuel adjustment clause was included in the bid request and calculated with the following formula: Round trip miles driven multiplied by the difference in fuel price from the baseline price set the day of the bid opening divided by the agreed upon miles per gallon fuel economy of the truck. The fuel price was set on the day of bid opening and compensation or reimbursement will be calculated each month.

The bid prices are as follows:

<u>Canister Site:</u>			<u>Total Estimate cost/year</u>
Cotton	Waste Management Inc.(Canyon)	\$195.00/pull	\$3,315.00
	Northern MN Recycling (Virginia)	\$195.00/pull	\$3,315.00
County 77	Northern MN Recycling	\$195.00/pull	\$5,460.00
	Waste Management Inc	\$235.00/pull	\$6,580.00
	Udovich Garbage Service(Gheen)	\$245.00/pull	\$6,860.00
French	Waste Management Inc.	\$190.00/pull	\$6,460.00
	Northern MN Recycling	\$195.00/pull	\$6,630.00
Lavell	Waste Management Inc.	\$151.00/pull	\$6,040.00
	Northern MN Recycling	\$175.00/pull	\$7,000.00
Soudan	Northern MN Recycling	\$195.00/pull	\$10,140.00
	Waste Management Inc.	\$195.00/pull	\$10,140.00
	Udovich Garbage Service	\$300.00/pull	\$15,600.00
Orr	Northern MN Recycling	\$235.00/pull	\$3,290.00
	Waste Management Inc.	\$240.00/pull	\$3,360.00
	Udovich Garbage Service.	\$245.00/pull	\$3,430.00
Portage	Northern MN Recycling	\$290.00/pull	\$2,610.00
	Udovich Garbage Serv.	\$325.00/pull	\$2,925.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize acceptance of the lowest bid for each of the sites listed above at an estimated annual cost of \$37,315, plus possible fuel adjustment charges, payable from Fund 600, Agency 603001.

Canister Site Compacted Solid Waste Haulage Contract

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County requires a contractor to haul compacted mixed solid waste from its canister sites to the Regional Landfill for disposal; and

WHEREAS, the haulage service was competitively bid in May, 2011, with bids received on each site.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes a two-year contract beginning July 1, 2011, with an optional one-year extension, for an estimated annual cost of \$37,315 plus possible fuel adjustment charges, payable from Fund 600, Agency 603001, with the following haulers for the amount listed per haul:

Canister Site

Cotton	Waste Management, Inc.	\$195.00/haul
County 77	Northern MN Recycling	\$195.00/haul
French	Waste Management, Inc.	\$190.00/haul
Lavell	Waste Management, Inc.	\$151.00/haul
Soudan	Northern MN Recycling	\$195.00/haul
Orr	Northern MN Recycling	\$235.00/haul
Portage	Northern MN Recycling	\$290.00/haul

**Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land
to the City of Hermantown**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01a, Subd. 1, upon recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hermantown has requested a free conveyance of state tax forfeited land for a trail connector, legally described as:

Legal: Lot 10, Block 3
Collingwood Park 1st Addition
Parcel Code: 395-60-100
0.94 Acres
LDKEY: 42164

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the above described state tax forfeited land to the City of Hermantown for the authorized public use, upon payment of administrative fee of \$250, Department of Revenue fee of \$250, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$572.65, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 199

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 4

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011

RE: Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land - Mystic Moon
Enterprises, Bukovac, Tyson

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Robert Krepps
Land Commissioner

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the applications to repurchase state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest. The properties to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 30, 2010. The repurchase deadline for these non-homestead properties is November 29, 2011. Mystic Moon Enterprises of Duluth, MN, Eleanor Bukovac of Virginia, MN, and Darin Tyson of Duluth, MN, have made application to repurchase these properties and are eligible to repurchase the properties.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase requests of Mystic Moon Enterprises of Duluth, MN, Eleanor Bukovac of Virginia, MN, and Darin Tyson of Duluth, MN. The repurchase fees listed below are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Mystic Moon Enterprises, Duluth, MN

Parcel Code	395-10-730
Taxes and Assessments	\$23,220.05
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$76.22
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$23,481.27

Eleanor Bukovac, Virginia, MN

Parcel Code	525-20-635
Taxes and Assessments	\$3,401.90
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$9.27
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$3,596.17

Darin Tyson, Duluth, MN

Parcel Code	375-10-7383, 7415
Taxes and Assessments	\$8,497.25
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$27.56
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$8,709.81

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land -
Mystic Moon Enterprises**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Mystic Moon Enterprises of Duluth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Mystic Moon Enterprises of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$23,220.05, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$76.22, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$23,481.27, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Name Address Contract No.	Legal Description Parcel Code	Taxes and Assessments	Service Fee Deed Tax Deed Fee Recording Fee	Total
Mystic Moon Enterprises 5413 Miller Trunk Hwy Hermantown, MN 55811 C22110052	CITY OF HERMANTOWN THAT PART OF NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 LYING N OF THE MILLER TRUNK ROAD EX 6 AC AT NE CORNER AND EX PART BEG AT INTERSECTION OF W LINE OF SAID FORTY WITH N R/W LINE OF HWY #53 THENCE SELY ALONG NLY R/W LINE 600 FT THENCE NELY AND PERPINDICULAR TO SAID HWY 200 FT THENCE NWLY 90 DEG TO W LINE OF FORTY THENCE S TO PT OF BEG SEC 4 TWP 50 RGE 15 395-10-730	\$23,220.05	\$114.00 \$76.22 \$25.00 \$46.00	\$23,481.27



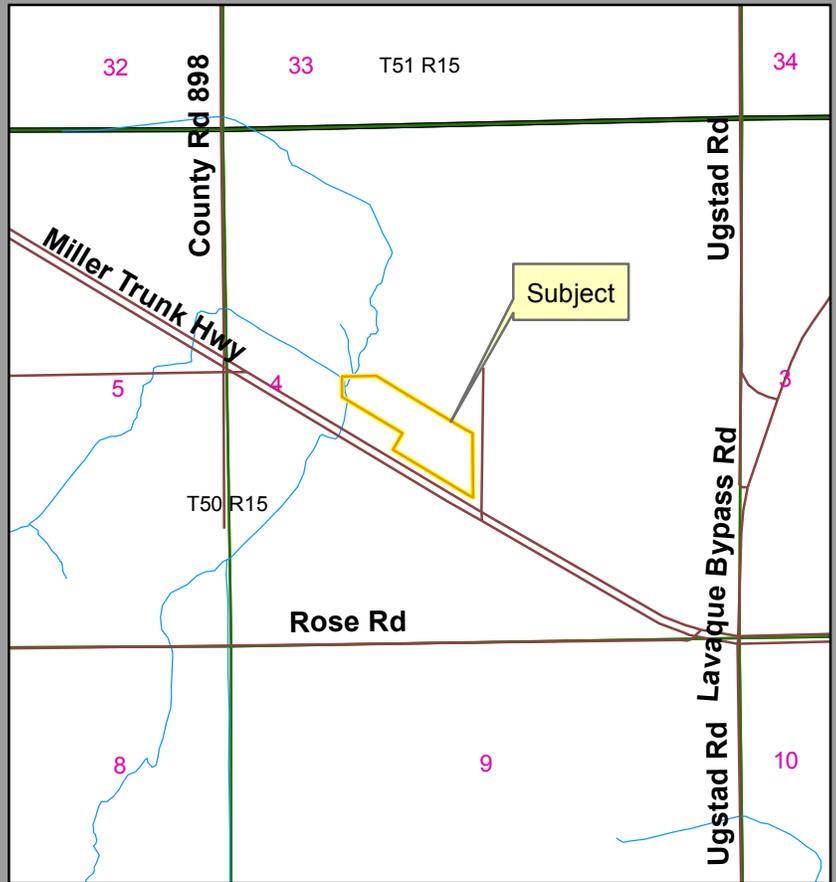
St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF HERMANTOWN
 THAT PART OF NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4
 LYING N OF THE MILLER TRUNK
 ROAD EX 6 AC AT NE CORNER AND
 EX PART BEG AT INTERSECTION OF
 W LINE OF SAID FORTY WITH N R/W
 LINE OF HWY #53 THENCE SELY
 ALONG NLY R/W LINE 600 FT THENCE
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 HWY 200 FT THENCE NWLY 90
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 TO PT OF BEG, Sec 4 Twp 50 Rge 15

Parcel Code : 395-0010-00730

LDKEY : 70927

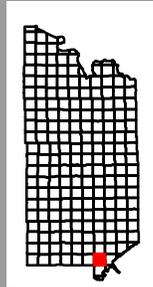


City of Hermantown

Sec: 4 Twp: 50 Rng: 15

Commissioner District # 5

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

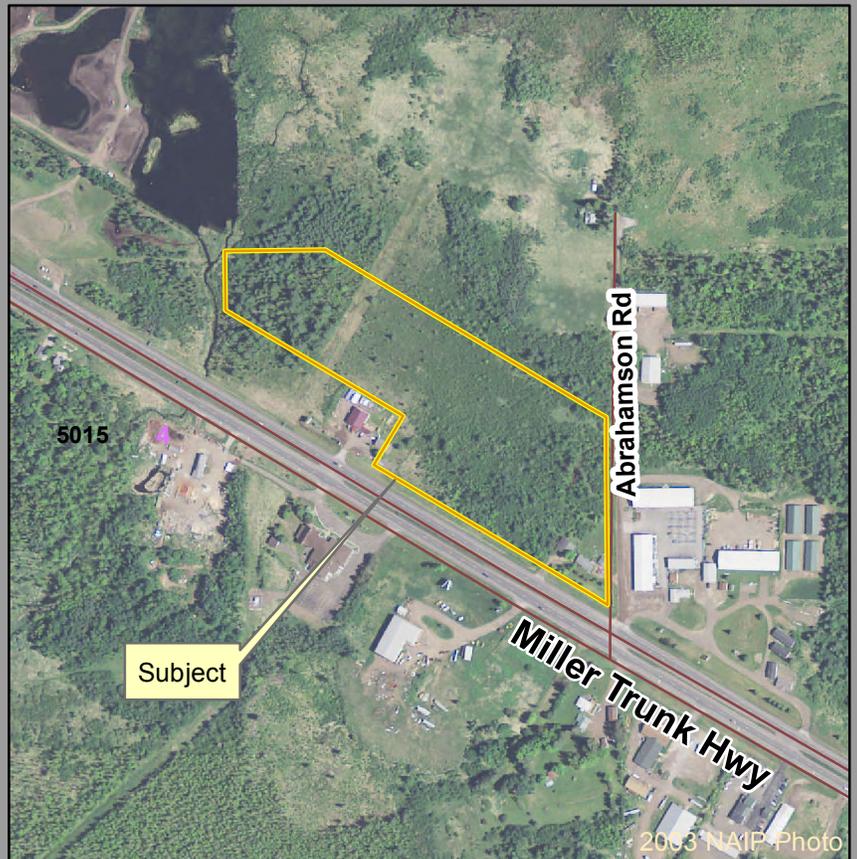


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Land Department

May 2, 2011



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**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land -
Bukovac**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Eleanor Bukovac of Virginia, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Eleanor Bukovac of Virginia, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$3,401.90, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$9.27, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$3,596.17, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Name Address Contract No.	Legal Description Parcel Code	Taxes and Assessments	Service Fee Deed Tax Deed Fee Recording Fee	Total
Eleanor Bukovac 8223 Hwy 68 Britt, MN 55710 C22110018	TOWN OF SANDY PART OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD NO 405 WITH COUNTY ROAD NO 68 THENCE ELY ALONG SOUTH LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO 68 A DISTANCE OF 400 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE ELY 134 1/10 FT THENCE DEFLECT 95 DEG 33 MIN 34 SEC RIGHT 395 68/100 FT TO COUNTY ROAD NO 68 THENCE NWLY ALONG SAID ROAD 308 6/100 FT THENCE DEFLECT 142 DEG 49 MIN 4 SEC RIGHT 157 FT THENCE DEFLECT 94 DEG 29 MIN 26 SEC LEFT 206 FT TO POINT OF BEG SEC 31 TWP 60 RGE 17 525-20-635	\$3,401.90	\$114.00 \$9.27 \$25.00 \$46.00	\$3596.17



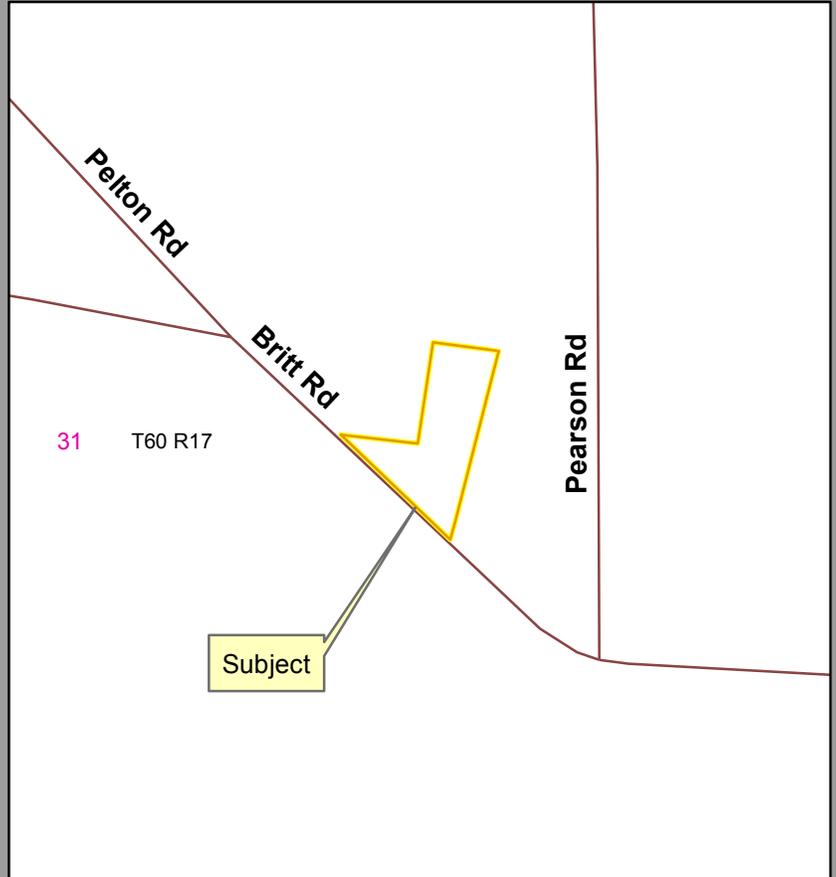
**St. Louis County Land Department
Tax Forfeited Land Sales**

Repurchase of Property

Legal : TOWN OF SANDY
PART OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4
BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION
OF COUNTY ROAD NO 405 WITH
COUNTY ROAD NO 68 THENCE ELY
ALONG SOUTH LINE OF COUNTY ROAD
NO 68 A DISTANCE OF 400 FT TO POINT
OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE ELY
134 1/10 FT THENCE DEFLECT 95 DEG
33 MIN 34 SEC RIGHT 395 68/100 FT TO
COUNTY ROAD NO 68 THENCE NWLY
ALONG SAID ROAD 308 6/100 FT THENCE
DEFLECT 142 DEG 49 MIN 4 SEC RIGHT
157 FT THENCE DEFLECT 94 DEG 29 MIN
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Parcel Code : 525-0020-00635

LDKEY : 70947

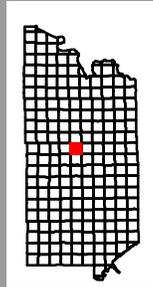


Town of Sandy

Sec: 31 Twp: 60 Rng: 17

Commissioner District # 4

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

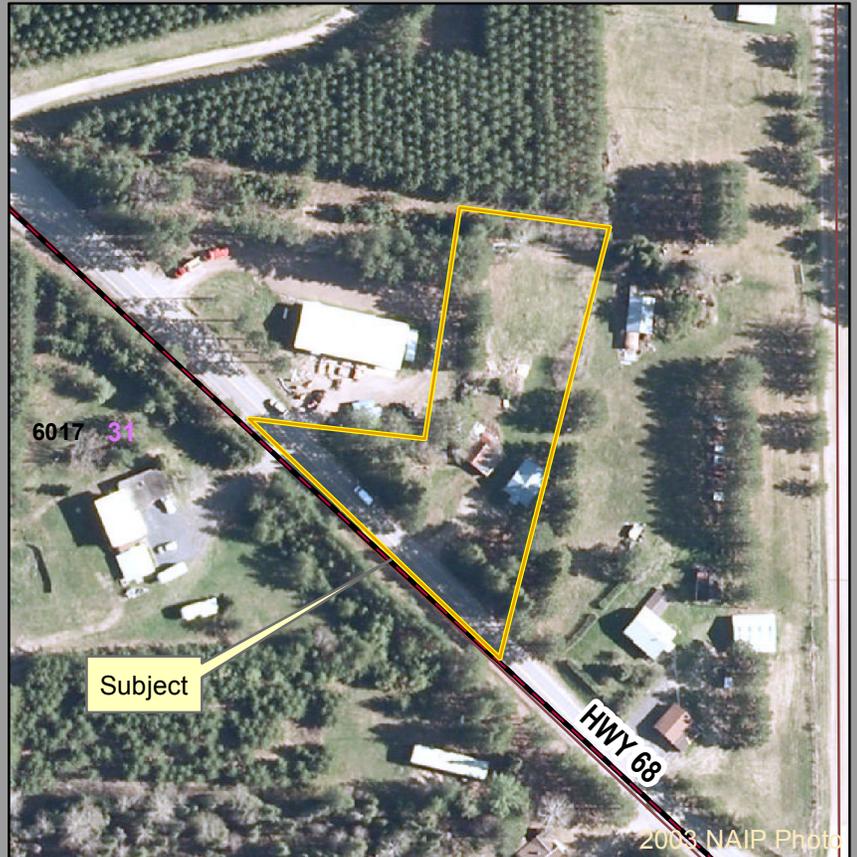


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**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land -
Tyson**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

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**St. Louis County Land Department
Tax Forfeited Land Sales**

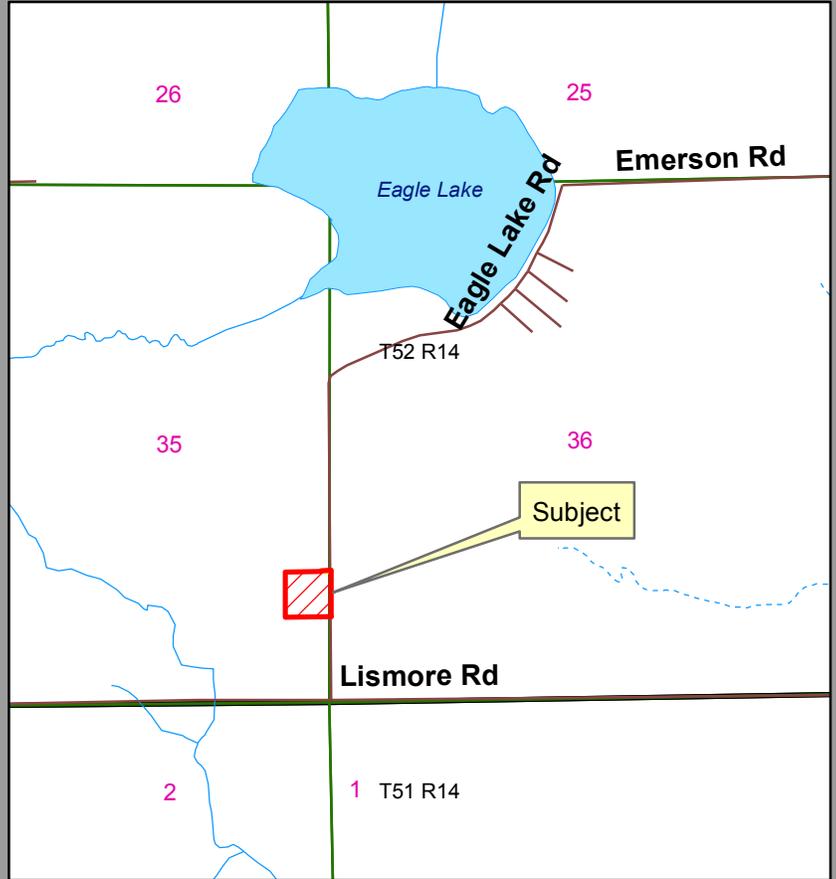
Repurchase of Property

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Parcel Code : 375-10-7383, 7415

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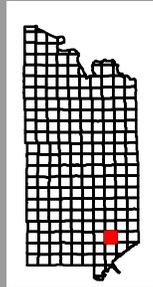


Town of Gnesen

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Commissioner District # 5

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

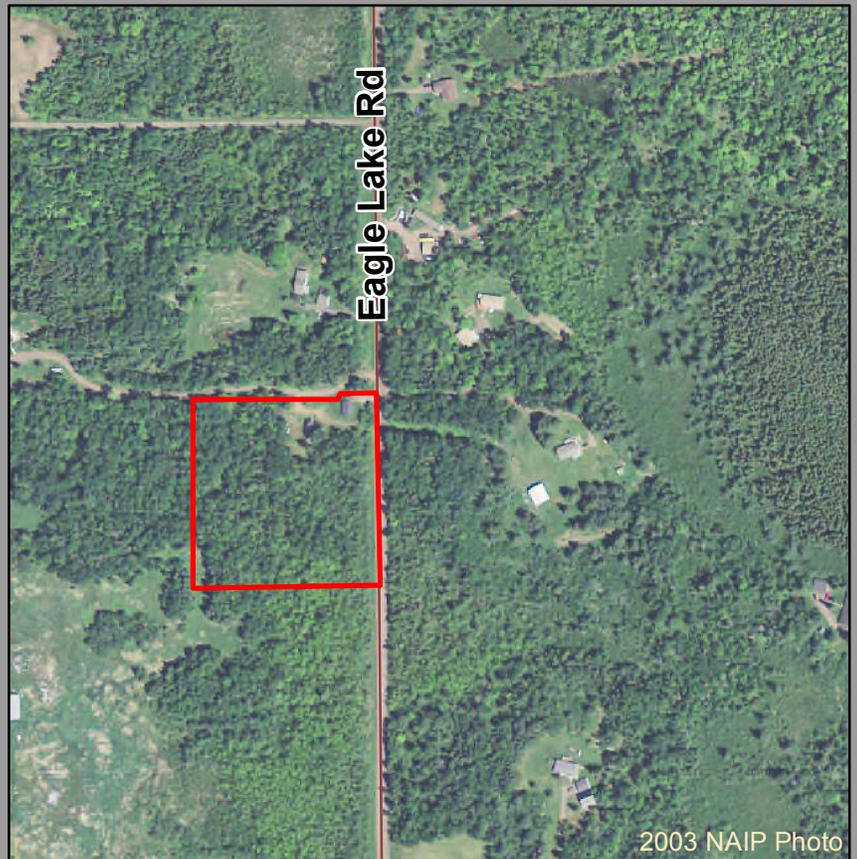


St. Louis County, Minnesota

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**St. Louis County
Land Department**

May 24, 2011



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BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 200

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 5

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24 2011 **RE:** **CSAH 1 (Cirrus Drive)**
FROM: **Kevin Z. Gray**
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the revocation (turnback) of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 1 (Cirrus Drive) to the City of Hermantown per Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) agreement No. 89154 dated July 2006.

BACKGROUND:

St. Louis County and the City of Hermantown along with Mn/DOT and the City of Duluth entered into an agreement for the construction of Cirrus Drive and Airport Road within the City of Hermantown and the City of Duluth respectfully. The agreement provides for the temporary designation of the new segment of Cirrus Drive within the city limits of Hermantown as County State Aid Highway 1. The agreement also states that once construction and payments/reconciliations have been finalized, jurisdiction of this segment is to be turned over to the City of Hermantown to be then designated as a Municipal State Aid Street. Construction of CSAH 1 has been completed and all contracts have been finalized.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the St. Louis County Board authorize the turnback/revocation of the designated CSAH 1 (Cirrus Drive) to the City of Hermantown. It is further recommended that the County Board's action is contingent upon or subject to the approval of a City of Hermantown resolution accepting this road segment into the City's jurisdiction.

**CSAH 1 (Cirrus Drive) Turnback to
the City of Hermantown**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and the City of Hermantown along with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) and the City of Duluth entered into an agreement for the construction of Cirrus Drive and Airport Road within the City of Hermantown and the City of Duluth, per Mn/DOT Agreement No. 89154 dated July 2006; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County designated the new segment of Cirrus Drive within the City limits of Hermantown as County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 1; and

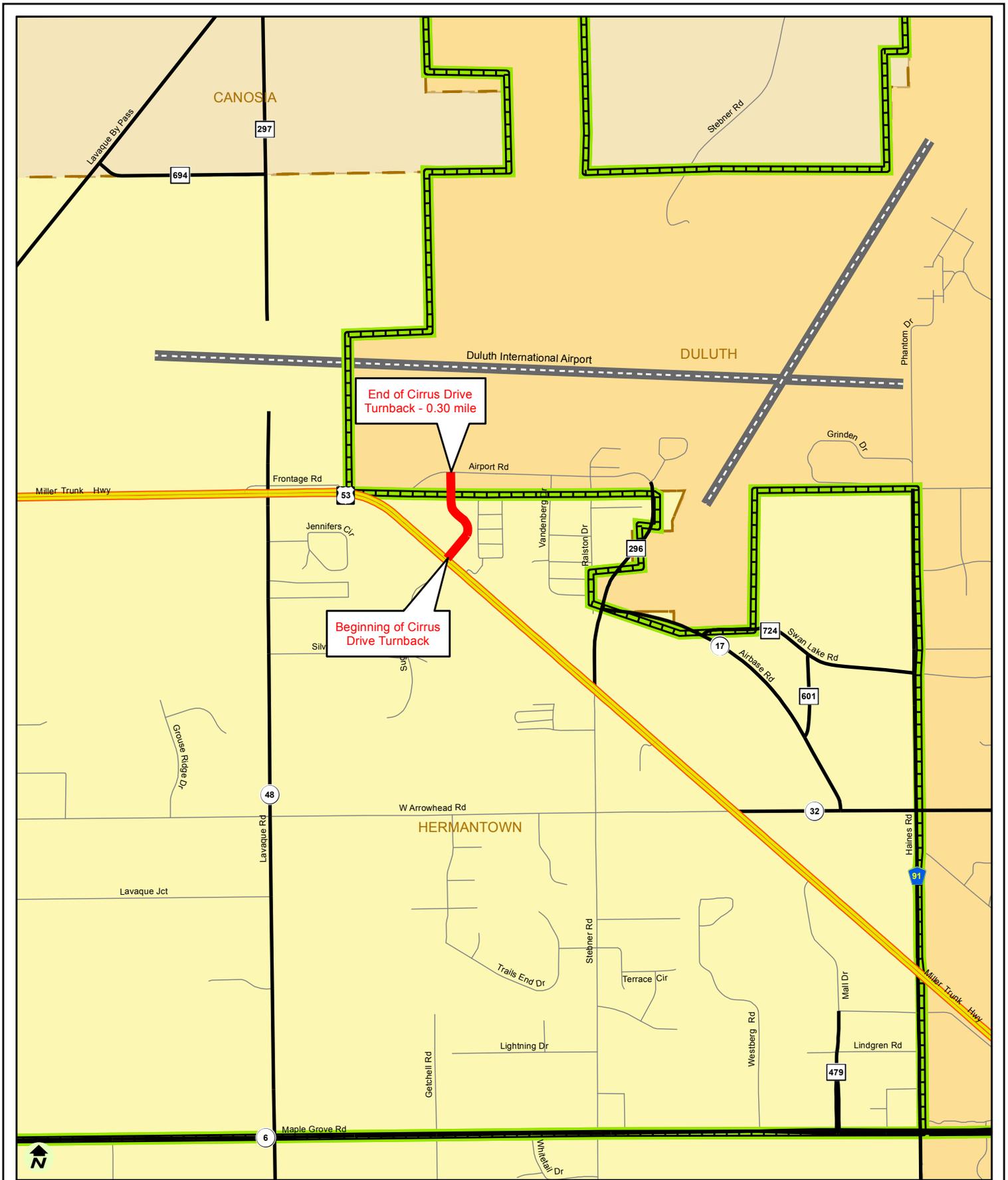
WHEREAS, CSAH 1 (Cirrus Drive) is described as follows: Beginning on State Trunk Highway No. 53 located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW ¼ of NE ¼), Section 11, Township 50 North, Range 15 West, thence Northerly and Northwesterly to Municipal State Aid Highway No. 199 (Airport Road) a distance of 0.30 miles and there terminating; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 1 was intended as a temporary County State Aid Highway designation; and

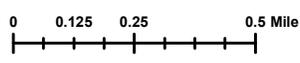
WHEREAS, per Agreement No. 89154, upon completion and final acceptance of project described in the agreement, the City of Hermantown has agreed to accept jurisdiction of all road and utilities located with the City of Hermantown, (other than improvements to T.H. 53) that are constructed or improved as part of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, per Agreement No. 89154, the City of Hermantown accepts all related right of way easements, all future maintenance costs and responsibilities, and all future reconstruction costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 163.11 Subdivision 9, the St. Louis County Board revokes or turns back the above described Cirrus Drive to the City of Hermantown contingent upon or subject to the approval of a City of Hermantown resolution accepting this road segment into the city's jurisdiction.



St. Louis County Road Turnback



Map Components	
	Road Vacation
	U.S./State Highway
	County Road - Paved
	County Road - Gravel
	Commissioner District
	Named Road

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 201

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 6

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011 **RE:** Roadside Tractor Mower
Rental

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the rental of four CAT Challenger Tractors equipped with dual flail mowers from Zeigler Inc. of Duluth, Minnesota.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Public Works Department's 2011 equipment budget includes the rental of four CAT Challenger tractors equipped with dual flail mowers. These units will be used to perform seasonal roadside mowing operations in the months of July, August, and September. With the challenge of shrinking equipment budgets, and fewer mechanics, it has proven economical to rent mowers rather than purchase, since the units have a purchase price of approximately \$100,000 each.

The four mower tractors will be rented from Zeigler Inc. of Duluth, MN. The rental price for the four units for three months is \$57,000. Of the two vendors contacted, RMS and Zeigler, Zeigler was the only vendor that submitted a quote. The rental will be subject to state sales tax of \$3,918.75 for a total cost of \$60,918.75. The total cost is within that budgeted for the rental mowers.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the rental of four mower tractors, for three months each, from Zegler Inc. of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$60,918.75 payable from Fund 200, Agency 202002, Object 634100.

Roadside Tractor Mower Rental

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department equipment budget includes the rental of four mower tractors for three months; and

WHEREAS, Zeigler Inc. of Duluth, MN responded with a quote for four mower tractors for three months for \$57,000; and

WHEREAS, the rental fee is subject to state sales tax of \$3,918.75 for a total cost of \$60,918.75.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the rental of four mower tractors from Zeigler Inc. of Duluth, MN for \$60,918.75, payable from Fund 200, Agency 202002, Object 634100.

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 202

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 7

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011 **RE:** Agreement with Alden
Township for Bridge Project

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize an agreement with Alden Township for a bridge project on Township Road 2405.

BACKGROUND:

Alden Township and the St. Louis County Public Works Department wish to have Bridge L6018 constructed on Township Road 2405 (Nappa Road). The county has prepared a plan for the project and proposes to construct the bridge with county staff under project SAP 69-599-029, CP 117649. The project will be funded by the Minnesota Department of Transportation Town Bridge Account, less a \$10,000 local share to be split equally between St. Louis County (in-kind services equivalent to \$5,000) and Alden Township (\$5,000).

RECOMMENDATION:

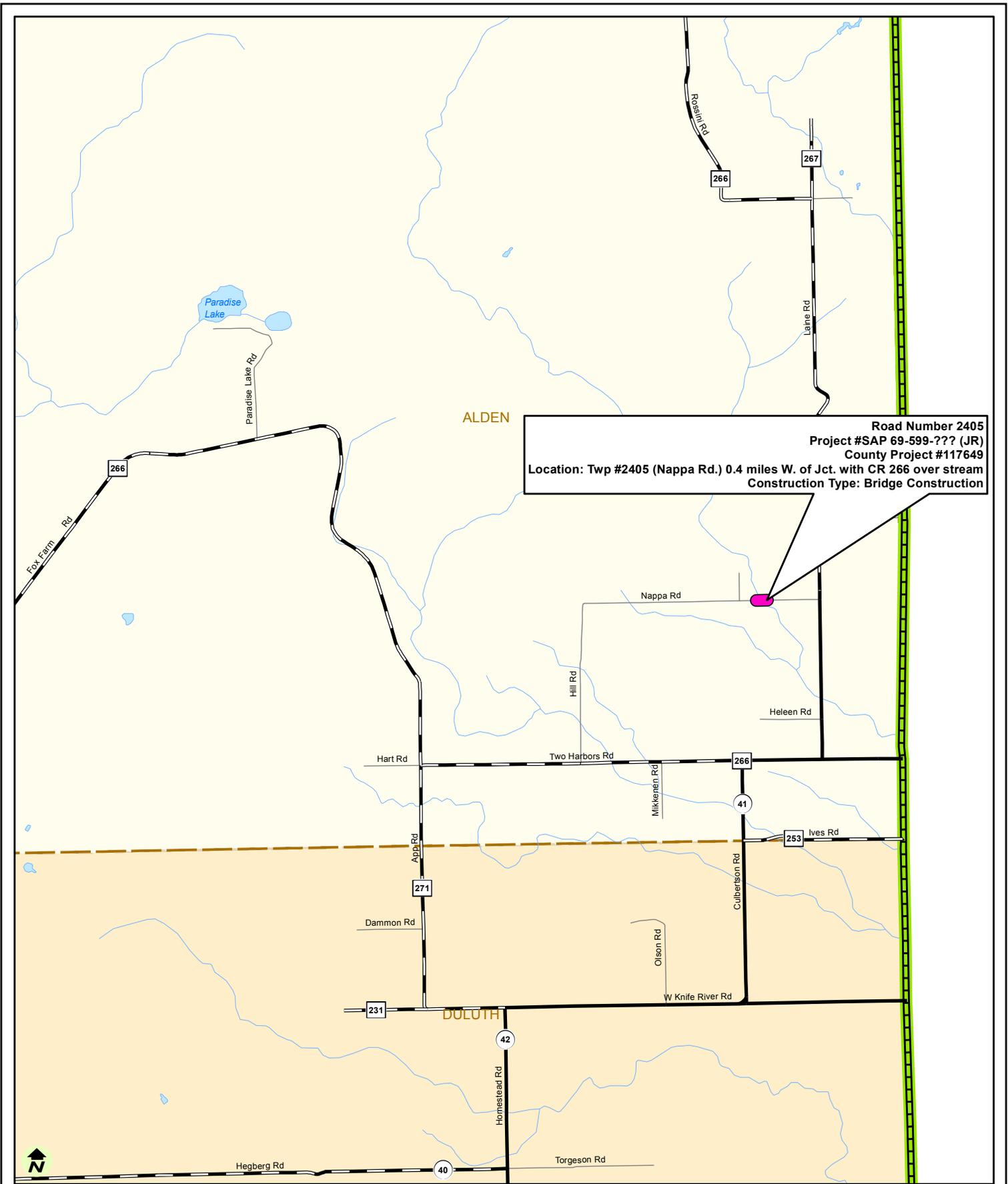
It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize an agreement with Alden Township for the construction of Bridge L6018, whereby Alden Township and St. Louis County will provide the local share of \$5,000 each for the project. The funds received from the Township will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220266.

Agreement with Alden Township for Bridge Project

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with Alden Township whereby St. Louis County will provide engineering and construction services (as its in-kind \$5,000 equivalent share) for construction of Bridge L6018 on Township Road 2405 (Nappa Road) using Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Town Bridge Account Funds.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Alden Township will pay the local share of \$5,000 for the project described as SAP 69-599-029, CP 117649, with funds received from the Alden Township receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220266.



Road Number 2405
Project #SAP 69-599-??? (JR)
County Project #117649
Location: Twp #2405 (Nappa Rd.) 0.4 miles W. of Jct. with CR 266 over stream
Construction Type: Bridge Construction

St. Louis County 2011 Road & Bridge Construction

Map Components

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|---|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | 2011 Road & Bridge Construction |  | Interstate Highway |  | Commissioner District |
|  | Bridge Construction |  | U.S./State Highway |  | Township |
| | |  | Paved County Road |  | City/Town |
| | |  | Gravel County Road |  | Lake |
| | |  | Railroad | | |



BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 203

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 8

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011

RE: Sale of Non-Conforming Fee
Land to Adjoining Property
Owner (Angora Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Tony Mancuso, Director
Property Management

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Facilitate county fee land purchase, sale and easement activities.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the sale of non-conforming fee land pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01 Subdivision h, and authorize the issuance of a quit claim deed for the property.

BACKGROUND:

A request to purchase county fee land was submitted by Michael J. O'Brien in January 2011. The County Property Acquisition Team reviewed the request and deemed the property as surplus. A review of sales in the vicinity was performed by Property Management staff with a resulting value of \$2,400. This 2.03 acre parcel was purchased in 1936 for gravel pit purposes and has been depleted. The parcel is completely surrounded by property owned by Mr. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien submitted a written bid of \$2,400. The party purchasing the fee land is responsible for all property transaction recording fees and associated filing fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the sale of unimproved non-conforming fee land in Angora Township to Michael J. O'Brien of North Oaks, MN for the amount of \$2,400. Proceeds from the sale will be assigned to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583100.

**Sale of Non-Conforming Fee Land to Adjoining
Property Owner (Angora Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, a request to purchase county fee land was submitted by Mr. Michael J. O'Brien and the County Property Acquisition Team deems the property to be non-conforming surplus property described as follows.

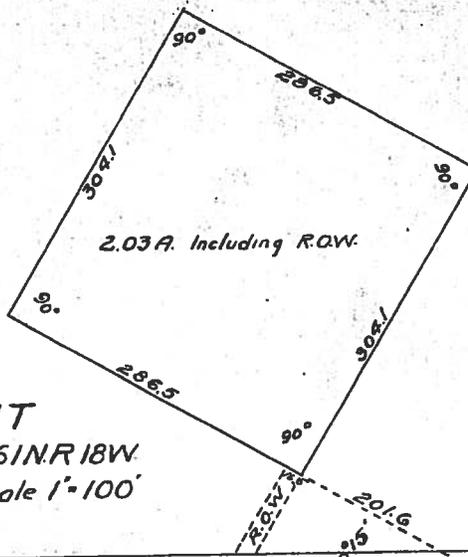
Starting at the South Quarter Corner of Section Thirty one (31), Township Sixty one (61), Range Eighteen (18), and running in a Northwesterly direction at an angle of 30° 15' from the south line of said Section a distance of 201.6 feet to a point of beginning, thence continuing on said line a distance of 286.5 feet, thence at an angle of 90° to the right a distance 304.1 feet, thence at an angle of 90° to the right a distance of 286.5 feet, thence at an angle of 90° to the right a distance of 304.1 feet to the point of beginning. also a strip of land sixteen (16) feet wide from the point of beginning running in a SW direction to the right of way of Road No. 111. Containing 2.03 acres. Parcel Code 215-0010-05370.

WHEREAS, a valuation of the property has been completed with a resulting value of \$2,400; and

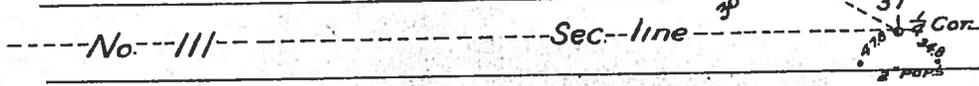
WHEREAS, Mr. Michael J. O'Brien submitted a bid amount of \$2,400 for the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01 Subdivision (h), the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed, conveying the above listed property to Michael J. O'Brien of North Oaks, MN, for the bid amount of \$2,400, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583100. Mr. O'Brien is also responsible for recording fees and associated filing fees.

X-G-288



PLAT OF JOKINEN PIT
Located in SE of SE. of SW. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31. T61N R18W.
Dist. Engr's Office April, 1928 Scale 1"=100'

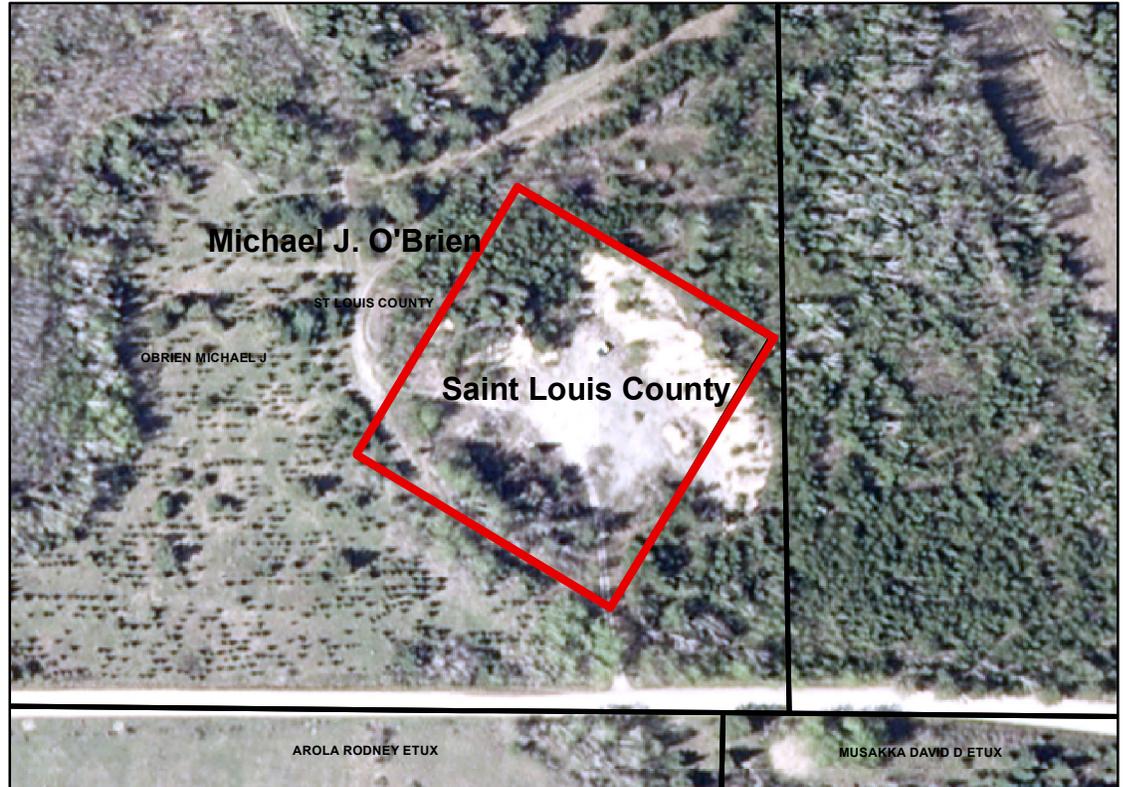
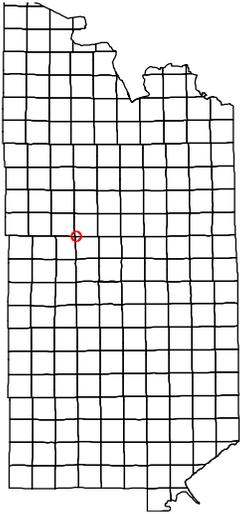




**Sale of Non-Conforming County Fee Owned Property
St. Louis County Property Management Dept.**

Parcel Code: 215-0010-05370
 Address: 9401 East Goodell Road
 Acres: 2.03 Acres
 Commissioner District # 4

Legal Description: 2.03 acres located in the SE 1/4
 of the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 31, T61N, R18W.



Parcel Specifications: This is a 2.03 acre parcel with a 16 foot wide access to Goddell Road. Current driveway is not built on the access strip. This property was used as a gravel pit and appears to be depleted and excavated to or beyond the County property lines. Pit does not appear to be reclaimed and pit slopes are steep. Current driveway crosses private property.

Acquisition History: Parcel was purchased for gravel pit purposes from Victor and Fannie Jokinen. Property was conveyed by Warranty deed on 2/25/1930 and is recorded in Book 582, Page 71, there is no reversion clause in this deed.

Zoning: Parcel is in Zoning District is MUNS-4. Property does not meet zoning requirement for 4.5 acres.

Mark J. Hudson, St. Louis County Property Mgt. 3/07/11

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 204

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 9

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011

RE: Approval of CDBG Funding-
Community Planning
Assistance for the City of
Gilbert

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Barbara Hayden, Director
Planning and Community Development

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOALS:

Assist communities in achieving housing, economic development and community development objectives. Secure and administer federal, state and other funding which implement county policies and maximize local resources.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) planning and administration funds for Community Planning Assistance Grants to the City of Gilbert (\$20,000).

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, the Planning and Community Development Department established a Community Planning Assistance Program with the goal of fostering the creation or update of comprehensive community plans in CDBG eligible cities. With new or updated plans in place, cities can better prioritize community development initiatives and CDBG funding requests. It also provides framework for development and redevelopment projects.

The City of Gilbert has submitted a request for \$20,000 in CDBG funds for a planning project to complete an extensive update to an existing comprehensive plan last updated in 1996-1998. The City of Gilbert is looking to create specific implementation strategies aimed at improving business, promoting recreational activities and developing practical policies for land use, transportation and economic development.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorizes CDBG funding agreements with the City of Gilbert for the Community Planning Assistance Program in the amount of \$20,000, payable from CDBG Program Fund 260, Agency 260999, Grant 26002, Grant Year 2010.

**Approval of CDBG Funding-Community Planning
Assistance for the City of Gilbert**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the City of Gilbert is requesting \$20,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to undertake community planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through CDBG planning and administration funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Louis County Board approves CDBG planning and administration funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the City of Gilbert and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the funding agreements payable from CDBG Fund 260, Agency 260999, Grant 26002, Grant Year 2010.

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 205

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 10

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011

RE: Lawful Gambling Application
(Grand Lake Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Donald Dickliich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide mandated and discretionary licensing services in a timely manner.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve a lawful gambling application in Grand Lake Township.

BACKGROUND:

The following Lawful Gambling Application has been reviewed by the members of the Liquor Licensing Committee and is recommended for approval.

Alborn Sno-Devils, Inc. to operate out of The Bear's Den, Grand Lake Township, 6505 Industrial Road, Saginaw, MN 55779, new.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the above Lawful Gambling application.

**Lawful Gambling Application
(Grand Lake Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board approves the following Lawful Gambling License Application (Pull-tabs, Pull-tabs with dispensing device, Tipboards, Paddlewheel and Bar bingo) on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59219, for the following organization:

Alborn Sno-Devils, Inc. to operate out of The Bear's Den, Grand Lake Township, 6505 Industrial Road, Saginaw, MN 55779, new.

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 – 206

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 11

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011

RE: Authorization to Apply for 2010
State Homeland Security Grant
for Interoperable
Communications Equipment

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 application for the 2010 State Homeland Security grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Communication Networks.

BACKGROUND:

The 2010 State Homeland Security Grant, in the amount of \$387,750, will be used to purchase Interoperable Communications equipment for public safety agencies as determined by the Northeast Regional Radio Board (NERRB). St. Louis County, as the grantee, will serve as the regional grant administrator and fiscal agent for the grant. There is no local match required

The Northeast Regional Radio Board was formed as a Joint Powers Board in December 2008 and is comprised of the counties of Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching, Itasca, Aitkin, Crow Wing, Cass, Kanabec, Pine, and Carlton, and the cities of Duluth, International Falls, Hibbing and Virginia. The NERRB will determine which regional equipment projects qualify under the grant that will best enhance Interoperable Communications throughout the region.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize application for the 2010 State Homeland Security grant for Interoperable Communications equipment in the amount of \$387,750, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 136999, Grant 13604, Year 2010.

**Authorization to Apply for 2010 State Homeland Security Grant for Interoperable
Communications Equipment**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety through the Division of Emergency Communication Networks has made available \$387,750 in funding from the State Homeland Security grant program for Interoperable Communications equipment to be distributed by the Northeast Regional Radio Board; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office will be able to purchase needed interoperable communications equipment as a result of this funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes application for the 2010 State Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$387,750 for Interoperable Communications equipment and authorizes the county to serve as fiscal agent for the grant on behalf of Northeast Regional Radio Board, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 136999, Grant 13604, Year 2010.

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 – 207

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 12

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011

RE: Authorization to Apply for 2010
Interoperable Communications
Grant for Training

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 application for the 2010 Interoperable Communications grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Communication Networks.

BACKGROUND:

The 2010 Interoperable Communications grant, in the amount of \$65,412, will provide training on Interoperable Communications to public safety agencies represented by the Northeast Regional Radio Board (NERRB), and includes \$1,962 for management and administration of the grant. St. Louis County, as the grantee, will serve as the regional grant administrator and fiscal agent for the grant, which provides funding to provide training for user agencies within the NERRB region. There is no local match required.

The Northeast Regional Radio Board was formed as a Joint Powers Board in December 2008 and is comprised of the counties of Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching, Itasca, Aitkin, Crow Wing, Cass, Kanabec, Pine, Carlton, and the cities of Duluth, International Falls, Hibbing and Virginia. The NERRB will determine the necessary training to enhance Interoperable Communications throughout the region.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize application for the 2010 Interoperable Communications Training grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Communication Networks in the amount of \$65,412, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 136999, Grant 13605, Year 2010.

Authorization to Apply for 2010 Interoperable Communications Grant for Training

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety through the Division of Emergency Communication Networks has made available \$65,412 in funding from the Interoperable Communications grant program for Interoperable Communications training for public safety agencies represented by the Northeast Regional Radio Board; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and the Northeast Regional Radio Board will be able to provide needed interoperable communications training as a result of this funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes application for the 2010 Interoperable Communications grant in the amount of \$65,412 for Interoperable Communications Training grant, including \$1,962 for management and administration, and authorizes the county to serve as fiscal agent for the grant on behalf of the Northeast Regional Radio Board, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 136999, Grant 13605, Year 2010.

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 – 208

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 13

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011

RE: Authorization to Apply for and
Accept the 2010 Port Security
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 the application and acceptance of the State of Minnesota Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division FY 2010 Port Security Grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Homeland Security, Office of Grants and Training has made funding available for eligible port areas as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 Infrastructure Protection Program: Port Security. The Port Security program pertains to local agencies that provide layered security protection to federally regulated facilities in accordance with an Area Maritime Security Plan. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Western Lake Superior Area Maritime Security Committee and provides a response on Lake Superior and in the Duluth/Superior Harbor area for water emergencies and general patrol activities. The Duluth-Superior Harbor is designated as a "Tier 2 Port" based upon cargo volume, and has received direct allocation of this grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

The term of the grant is 36 months upon receipt of the contract. This grant cannot be used to supplant current budgeted operations. The Sheriff will make two proposals that fall under allowable grant expenditures for a total amount of \$408,614:

1. **Microwave Link between MN and WI:** The grant will allow St. Louis County to complete an interoperable communications public safety microwave link between St. Louis County and Douglas County, WI. The link to Douglas County will finish the Duluth-Superior microwave "web" and allow for both emergency communication centers to maintain secured communications and cover each other's dispatch functions during a major incident or disaster. Microwave communications relay systems operate autonomously and reliably, enabling St.

Louis County Emergency Communications to relay information to police and fire if phone systems fail due to overload, accident, or breakage.

Total Cost.....\$175,000
0% Match

- 2. Interoperable Communications - Radio End-User Equipment:** The grant will allow St. Louis County to move towards the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Jan.1, 2013 compliance deadline for narrow-banding of emergency radio systems. This initiative will assist the county in integrating with the State of Minnesota's ARMER program to become a part of the statewide interoperable radio system for all public safety agencies. Purchase of end-user equipment (portable radios and mobile squad radios) for Sheriff's Deputies and Rescue Squad will help bring this transition to completion.

Total Cost.....\$233,614
0% Match

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize application and acceptance of the 2010 Port Security Grant Program award in the total amount of \$408,614 with 0% match from St. Louis County, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12938, Year 2010.

Authorization to Apply for and Accept the 2010 Port Security Grant

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is eligible for grant funding under the 2010 Port Security Grant Program as administered by the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office provides response service to the Duluth Port, and the St. Louis County Communications Division provides emergency communications for public safety partners in the Duluth-Superior Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office would like to complete a microwave communications link from the St. Louis County Public Safety Building in Duluth, MN to the Douglas County, WI Communication Center to increase the communications and data capabilities for public safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, the county must comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Jan.1, 2013 deadline for narrow-banding of radio systems and the radio end-user equipment would bring the Sheriff's Office into compliance with the FCC deadline.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes application and acceptance of the 2010 Port Security Grant Program award in the total amount of \$408,614, with 0% matching fund requirement, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12938, Year 2010.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents.

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

GRANT NAME: 2010 Port Grant GRANT AMOUNT: 408614
 GRANTOR: MN HSEM MATCH AMOUNT: 0
 FUND: 100 AGENCY: 129999 GRANT: 12938 GRANT YEAR: 2010
 AGENCY NAME: Sheriff
 CONTACT PERSON: Nancy Sandstrom PHONE: 2389
 GRANT PERIOD: BEGIN DATE: Upon Exe Contract END DATE: N/A
 STATE GRANT AWARD NUMBER OR FEDERAL CFDA # _____

FILL IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM AND IDENTIFY THE CATEGORY OF THE GRANT FROM THE CHOICES BELOW. ATTACH THIS FORM TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT OTHER DOCUMENTATION AND ROUTE THE PACKET TO THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED FOR THE TYPE OF GRANT.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT DEPARTMENTS SUBMIT THE COMPLETED APPROVAL FORM ON THOSE GRANTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE BOARD RESOLUTION TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES. NO GRANT ACTIVITY WILL BE RECORDED WITHOUT AN ESTABLISHED BUDGET.

GRANTS OF \$25,000 OR LESS

A grant of \$25,000 or less may be applied for and/or accepted by the department without a separate County Board Resolution if it meets the following:

1. The grant fits within the department's functions, and
2. If the grant requires a County match (not to exceed in money or value an amount equal to the actual grant), and if that match is "in kind", that "in-kind" match is part of the ongoing operations, or if the match is monetary, that the department can find the necessary amount within its existing budget.

DOES THIS GRANT QUALIFY UNDER "GRANTS OF \$25,000 OR LESS"?

YES NO

If so, this type of grant requires the following review approval:

County Auditor	_____	Date: _____
County Administrator	_____	Date: _____
County Attorney	_____	Date: _____

The Grant Budget must be entered into the accounting system. Send a copy of the grant, this signed approval form and any other pertinent information to the Auditor's Office-Accounting, so the budget can be entered into the system. Without a budget, no expenditures or revenues will be recorded.

NEW GRANTS GREATER THAN \$25,000

All new grants that exceed \$25,000 and all recurring grants that exceed \$25,000 that contain changes in the grant's requirements which may affect either County resources or the scope of the grant need two (2) board resolutions. One board resolution is required to apply for the grant and a second resolution is required to accept the grant.

DOES THIS GRANT QUALIFY UNDER "GRANTS GREATER THAN \$25,000"?

YES NO

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County Auditor _____ Date: _____
County Administrator _____ Date: _____

The Grant Budget must be entered into the accounting system. Send a copy of the grant, this completed approval form and the Board Resolution to the Auditor's Office-Accounting, so a budget can be entered into the system. Without a budget, no expenditures or revenues will be recorded.

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A recurring grant greater than \$25,000 that is a repeat of a grant which has been received by the County in past year(s) and that has no changes in the use of County resources or in the scope of the grant, requires one Board Resolution to both apply for and/or accept the grant.

DOES THIS GRANT QUALIFY AS "RECURRING GRANTS GREATER THAN \$25,000"?

YES NO

If yes, this recurring grant greater than \$25,000 requires the following review approval:

County Auditor Don Dicklich Date: 5-18-11
County Administrator Carl Schenberg Date: 5/19/11

The Grant Budget must be entered into the accounting system. Send a copy of the grant, this completed approval form and the Board Resolution to the Auditor's Office-Accounting, so a budget can be entered into the system. Without a budget, no expenditures or revenues will be recorded.

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 – 209

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 14

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011

RE: Acceptance of 2010 ARMER
Integration Grant for
Interoperable Communications
Equipment

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 accept the 2010 Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) Integration grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety through the Division of Emergency Communication Networks has made available \$732,760 in funding from the ARMER Integration grant program for Interoperable Communications equipment for the Northeast Regional Radio Board (NERRB). ARMER integration grants provide funding of up to 50% of the cost of enhancements necessary for local units of government to transition to the ARMER system. Local enhancements include additional sites and equipment necessary to provide adequate coverage or upgrading/replacing 9-1-1 dispatch equipment to be ARMER compatible.

On April 12, 2011, the County Board adopted Resolution No. 11-193 authorizing application of the grant. St. Louis County, as the grantee, will serve as the regional grant administrator and fiscal agent for the grant, which provides funding for the NERRB. There is no local match required. The grant does not include a budgeted amount for administrative costs.

The NERRB was formed as a Joint Powers Board in December 2008 and is comprised of the counties of Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching, Itasca, Aitkin, Crow Wing, Cass, Kanabec, Pine, and Carlton, and the cities of Duluth, International Falls, Hibbing and Virginia. The NERRB will determine which regional equipment projects qualify under the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize acceptance of the 2010 ARMER Integration grant for Interoperable Communications equipment in the amount of \$732,760, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 136999, Grant 13603, Year 2010, and authorize the county to serve as fiscal agent on behalf of the Northeast Regional Radio Board.

Acceptance of 2010 ARMER Integration Grant for Interoperable Communications Equipment

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety through the Division of Emergency Communication Networks has made available \$732,760 in funding from the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) Integration grant program for Interoperable Communications equipment for entities represented by the Northeast Regional Radio Board (NERRB); and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, on behalf of the NERRB, will be able to purchase needed interoperable communications equipment as a result of the grant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes acceptance of the 2010 Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) Integration grant for Interoperable Communications equipment in the amount of \$732,760, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 136999, Grant 13603, Year 2010, and authorizes the county to serve as fiscal agent on behalf of Northeast Regional Radio Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents.

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

GRANT NAME: ARMER IO Equip GRANT AMOUNT: 732760

GRANTOR: St of Mn Deputy Public Safety MATCH AMOUNT: None

FUND: 100 AGENCY: 136999 GRANT: 13603 GRANT YEAR: 2010

AGENCY NAME: Sheriff

CONTACT PERSON: Nancy Sandstrom PHONE: _____

GRANT PERIOD: BEGIN DATE: N/A END DATE: N/A

STATE GRANT AWARD NUMBER OR FEDERAL CFDA # N/A

FILL IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM AND IDENTIFY THE CATEGORY OF THE GRANT FROM THE CHOICES BELOW. ATTACH THIS FORM TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT OTHER DOCUMENTATION AND ROUTE THE PACKET TO THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED FOR THE TYPE OF GRANT.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT DEPARTMENTS SUBMIT THE COMPLETED APPROVAL FORM ON THOSE GRANTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE BOARD RESOLUTION TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES. NO GRANT ACTIVITY WILL BE RECORDED WITHOUT AN ESTABLISHED BUDGET.

GRANTS OF \$25,000 OR LESS

A grant of \$25,000 or less may be applied for and/or accepted by the department without a separate County Board Resolution if it meets the following:

1. The grant fits within the department's functions, and
2. If the grant requires a County match (not to exceed in money or value an amount equal to the actual grant), and if that match is "in kind", that "in-kind" match is part of the ongoing operations, or if the match is monetary, that the department can find the necessary amount within its existing budget.

DOES THIS GRANT QUALIFY UNDER "GRANTS OF \$25,000 OR LESS"?

YES NO

If so, this type of grant requires the following review approval:

County Auditor	_____	Date: _____
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County Attorney	_____	Date: _____

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DOES THIS GRANT QUALIFY UNDER "GRANTS GREATER THAN \$25,000"?

YES NO

If this is a new grant greater than \$25,000, it requires the following review approval:

County Auditor

Don Dicklich

Date: 5-13-11

County Administrator

Earl Gekkerberg

Date: 5-19-11

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BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 210

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 15

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011 **RE:** Acceptance of 2010 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ross Litman
Sheriff

Barbara Hayden, Director
Planning and Community Development

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To enhance public safety.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to accept the 2010 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends that all counties in the United States have an up-to-date Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in place. These plans are often required in order to qualify for federal hazard mitigation funding.

The St. Louis County Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed in 2005 and is up for renewal by 2012. The St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department has expressed interest in working with the Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management to update the current plan. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, has grant funding available in 2010 Pre-Disaster Mitigation funds in the amount of \$68,967 to update the St. Louis County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A local match of 25% (in-kind services equivalent to \$22,989) is required for this grant. On April 26, 2011, the County Board adopted Resolution No. 11-215 authorizing application of the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize acceptance of the 2010 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$68,967 in federal funding, with a 25% match in the amount of \$22,989, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 132999, Grant 13206, Year 2010.

Acceptance of 2010 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed in 2005 and needs to be updated; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has made available funding from the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, Local Hazard Mitigation Plans are often required in order to qualify for federal hazard mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department will work with the Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management to update the current Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes acceptance of the 2010 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$68,967, with a 25% match (in-kind services equivalent to \$22,989), to update the St. Louis County Hazard Mitigation Plan, with funds to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 132999, Grant 13206, Year 2010.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents.

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

GRANT NAME: ²⁰¹⁰ ~~████~~ FEMA Pre-Disaster GRANT AMOUNT: 68967
 GRANTOR: FEMA / Mv Dept of Public Safety MATCH AMOUNT: 22989
 FUND: 100 AGENCY: 132999 GRANT: 13206 GRANT YEAR: 2010
 AGENCY NAME: Sheriff
 CONTACT PERSON: Nancy Sandstrom PHONE: _____
 GRANT PERIOD: BEGIN DATE: N/A END DATE: N/A
 STATE GRANT AWARD NUMBER OR FEDERAL CFDA # N/A

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Date: 5-13-11

County Administrator

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Date: 5-19-11

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BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 211

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011 **RE:** Award of Bids – Bridge Project
CP 8573 on County Road 500
near Cook, MN

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize an award of bid for a bridge project on County Road (CR) 500 near Cook, MN.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As authorized by the St. Louis County Board, bids were taken on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. for a bridge project on CR 500 (Wein Rd.) near Cook, MN. The project, along with its financing, is shown below:

1. **Project:** SP 69-598-030, CP 8573
 Location: C.R. 500 (Wein Road) 1.4 mi. west Cook, MN.,
 length 0.114 mi.
 Traffic: 97 **PQI:** N.A.
 Construction: Bridge No. 69694 and Approach Grading
 Funding: Fund 220, Agency 220172, Object 652700
 Fund 200, Agency 203241, Object 652800
 Anticipated Start Date: July 1, 2011
 Anticipated Completion Date: September 30, 2011
 Engineer's Estimate: \$573,398.00

BIDS:

Redstone Construction Co. Inc. Mora, MN	\$510,342.90 (-\$63,055.10, -11%)
Robert R. Schroeder Const., Inc. Glenwood, MN	\$523,453.50
Northland Constructors of Duluth, LLC Duluth, MN	\$536,252.70

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the award of the bid to low bidder Redstone Construction Co., Inc. of Mora, MN for County Project 8573 in the amount of \$510,342.90, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220172, Object 652700 and from Fund 200, Agency 203241, Object 652800.

**Award of Bids – Bridge Project CP 8573 on
County Road 500 near Cook, MN**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, bids have been received by the County Auditor for the following project:

SAP 69-598-030, CP 8573 located on C.R. 500 (Wein Road) 1.4 mi. west Cook, MN.

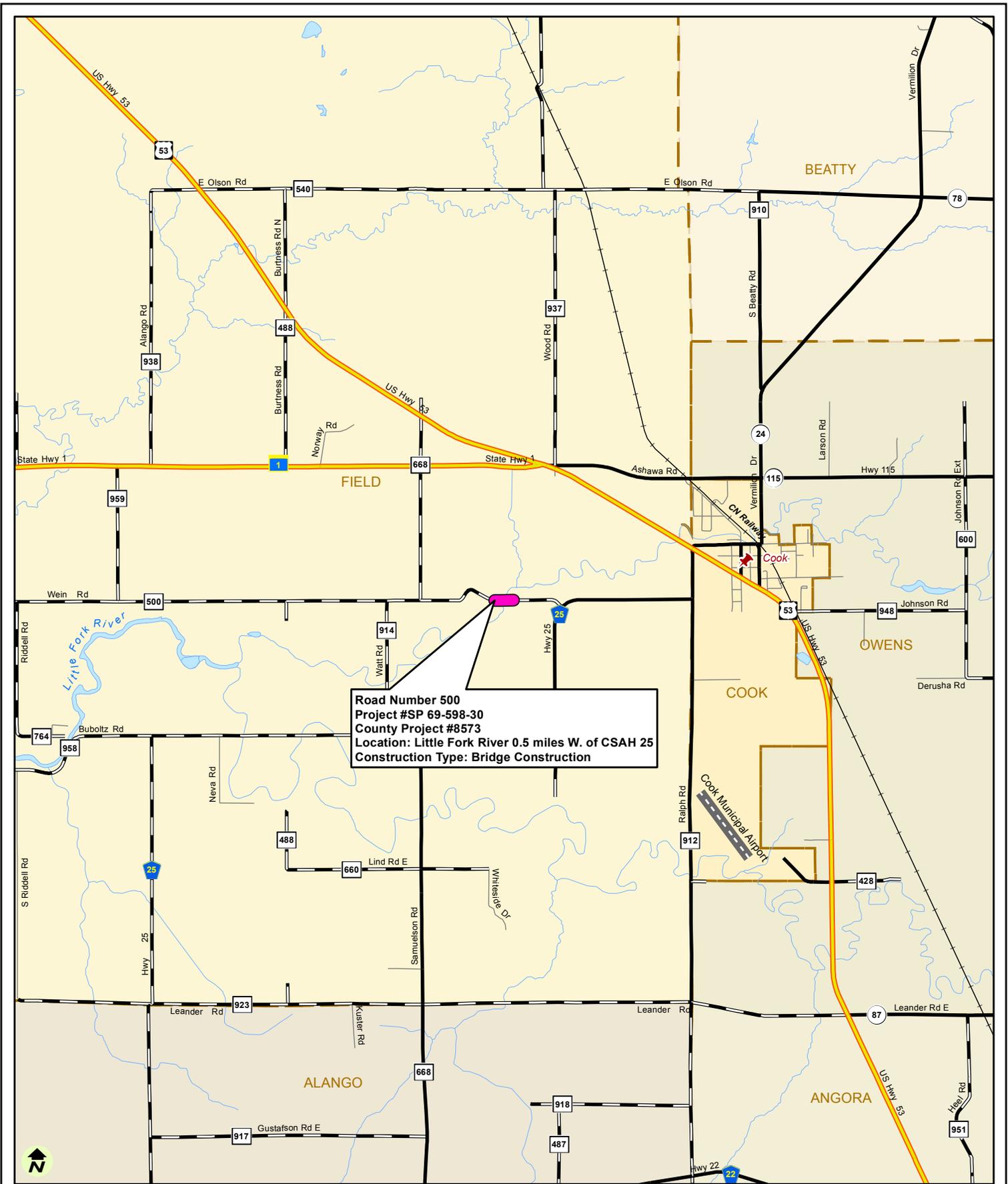
WHEREAS, bids were opened in the County Board Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN at 10:00 a.m., May 16, 2011, and the low responsible bidder determined.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the lowest bidder.

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Redstone Construction Co., Inc.	P.O. Box 218 Mora, MN 55051	\$510,342.90

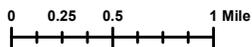
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chair of the County Board, the County Auditor, and the County Attorney are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

Fund 220, Agency 220172, Object 652700	\$ 486,981.02
Fund 200, Agency 203241, Object 652800	\$ 23,361.88



Road Number 500
Project #SP 69-598-30
County Project #8573
Location: Little Fork River 0.5 miles W. of CSAH 25
Construction Type: Bridge Construction

St. Louis County 2011 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components

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| Bridge Construction | Interstate Highway | Commissioner District |
| U.S./State Highway | Paved County Road | Township |
| Gravel County Road | Railroad | City/Town |
| | | Lake |

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 212

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011 **RE:** Acceptance of Grant for Bridge
Project CP 8573 on County
Road 500 near Cook, MN

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize an agreement accepting a Minnesota State Transportation Fund grant and committing to the use of local funds to pay for that portion of the cost of bridge replacement near Cook, MN which exceeds the grant amount for County Project (CP) 8573.

BACKGROUND:

Bids for the construction of State Bridge 69694 (CP 8573; SP 69-598-030) were let on May 16 and appear on the May 24 Committee of the Whole agenda (Board Letter No. 11-211) for Board consideration. Redstone Construction Co. submitted the successful bid of \$510,342.90 for this project. Tentative approval of a grant for bridge replacement from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund was received on April 13, 2011, with final approval received on May 17, 2011 based on the bid amount. The grant amount anticipated for this project is \$88,306.70. The project will also be funded with \$398,674.32 in Federal funds, and \$23,361.88 in Local funds. The Minnesota Department of Transportation requires that the County Board authorize an agreement committing to use Local funds for project costs which exceed the grant amount.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and commit to the use of local funds for costs of County Project 8573 which exceed the grant amount.

**Acceptance of Grant for Bridge Project CP 8573 on
County Road 500 near Cook, MN**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has applied to the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for the construction of project SP 69-598-030, State Bridge 69694 on County Road 500 near Cook, MN; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant is anticipated to be \$88,306.70 by reason of the low responsible bid of \$510,342.90, submitted by Redstone Construction Co.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board agrees to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minn. Stat., Section 174.50, Subd. 5, (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge, but not required.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

Roadway:	\$ 23,361.88	St Louis County Local funds
	\$ 45,447.52	Federal funds
Bridge:	\$ 88,306.70	Fund 29 (Grant)
	\$353,226.80	Federal funds
Total Project:	\$510,342.90	SP 69-598-030

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 213

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011 **RE:** Purchase of Seven Dump Bodies with Hydraulic Systems and Snow Fighting Equipment

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the purchase of seven dump bodies with hydraulic systems and snow fighting equipment from Towmaster Equipment Company of Litchfield, Minnesota.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department's 2011 equipment budget includes the purchase and installation of seven dump bodies with hydraulic systems and snow fighting equipment for the seven tandem cab and chassis previously purchased. These trucks will be equipped with calibrated sander and brine controls, brine tanks for salt brine distribution, and GPS/AVL technology. The calibrated controls and salt brine distribution systems have the potential to save up to 45% on salt/sand usage.

These units will be replacing aging trucks at Public Works facilities in Linden Grove, Virginia, Hibbing and Pike Lake. All the units will be installed on the Tandem Axel Diesel Trucks previously approved by the County Board that are replacing units that range from 20 to 24 years old and cannot pass a Department of Transportation inspection due to cracked frames, or are worn and rusted out to the point of needing replacement.

The seven dump bodies with hydraulic systems, snow fighting equipment, and installation will be purchased from Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, MN using the

available State of Minnesota contract. The purchase price for the seven systems is \$635,145, plus state sales tax of \$43,666.21 for a total cost of \$678,811.21. The total cost is within that budgeted for the purchase.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the purchase and installation of seven dump bodies with hydraulic systems, and snow fighting equipment from Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, MN, in the amount of \$678,811.21 payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666300.

**Purchase of Seven Dump Bodies with Hydraulic
Systems and Snow Fighting Equipment**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department equipment budget includes seven dump bodies with hydraulic systems, and snow fighting equipment for trucks previously purchased; and

WHEREAS, Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, MN responded with the State of Minnesota contract price of \$635,145.00 plus State of Minnesota sales tax of \$43,666.21 for a total cost of \$678,811.21.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase and installation of seven dump bodies with hydraulic Systems and Snow Fighting Equipment from Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, MN for \$678,811.21, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666300.

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 214

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 24, 2011 **RE: Employee Relations Director
Appointment**

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide efficient, effective government.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to confirm the appointment of James R. Gottschald as the St. Louis County Employee Relations Director.

BACKGROUND:

The prior St. Louis County Employee Relations Director, Martha Watson, retired effective March 2, 2011. A comprehensive recruitment was conducted to source qualified applicants for the vacant position. Applicants were screened and the top six qualified candidates were selected for interviews. Three interview panels were used to assist in the interview and selection process.

Upon consideration of the qualifications of the interviewees and the recommendations of interview panel members, the Employee Relations Director position was offered to James R. Gottschald. Mr. Gottschald has worked for St. Louis County for the past sixteen years, starting his employment in 1995. He has worked his way through the ranks in various positions including Personnel Analyst, Senior Personnel Analyst, Benefits Manager, and Employee Relations Manager. Mr. Gottschald has been an asset to St. Louis County. His knowledge of the operations of the county and the Employee Relations Department will ensure a smooth transition into the Director role.

The position was advertised with a starting salary from \$81,900 to \$110,039 annually. Considering Jim's past experience with St. Louis County and his years of service, it was agreed that the initial salary recommendation would be Step C, which is currently \$90,285. All other benefits will be provided for by the Management Compensation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners confirm the appointment of James R. Gottschald as Employee Relations Director effective June 7, 2011 at Pay Grade 28/Step C of the 2011 St. Louis County Management Compensation Pay Plan, payable from Fund 100, Agency 123001.

Employee Relations Director Appointment

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board confirms the appointment of James R. Gottschald as the St. Louis County Employee Relations Director effective June 7, 2011, at the annual salary rate of \$90,285 (Grade 28/Step C of the 2011 St. Louis County Management Compensation Pay Plan) with benefits as provided by the Management Compensation Plan, payable from Fund 100, Agency 123001.