

## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA



**Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 9:30 A.M.**

**County Board Room, Second Floor  
St. Louis County Courthouse  
100 N. 5th Avenue West  
Duluth, Minnesota**

**STEVE O'NEIL, Chair  
Second District**

**FRANK JEWELL  
First District**

**CHRIS DAHLBERG  
Third District**

**MIKE FORSMAN  
Fourth District**

**PEG SWEENEY  
Fifth District**

**KEITH NELSON, Vice-Chair  
Sixth District**

**STEVE RAUKAR  
Seventh District**

County Auditor  
Don Dicklich

County Administrator  
Kevin Gray

County Attorney  
Mark Rubin

Clerk of the Board  
Patricia Stolee

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. The Board encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, you will be allowed to address the Board when a motion is on the floor. If you wish to speak on a matter which does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by the Standing Rules of the County Board, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda.

When addressing the Board, please sign in at the podium and state your name and address for the record. Please address the Board as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. The St. Louis County Board promotes adherence to civility in conducting the business of the County. Civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issue before the Board. Tools of civility include: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism and take responsibility [County Board Resolution No. 560, adopted on September 9, 2003]. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes.

**\*\*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for this meeting should notify Property Management 72 hours prior to the meeting at (218)725-5085.\*\***

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the County Auditor's Office, 100 North 5th Avenue West - Room No. 214, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Agenda is also available on our website at <http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/GOVERNMENT/BoardofCommissioners.aspx>

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9:30 A.M. Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

AT THIS TIME CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. [Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.]

ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THE TIME A MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of business submitted on the Consent Agenda.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Forsman, Chair**

1. Highway project bid awarded to **Hoover Construction Co.**, Virginia, MN, on their low bid of **\$5,599,994.89** for SP 69-604-060, CP 9282, Grading, Aggregate Base, Curb & Gutter, and Bituminous Surfacing on County State Aid Highway 4 near Markham, MN. **[Tabled from the April 12, April 26, May 3, May 10, & May 24, 2011, meetings.] {11-124R}**
2. Highway project bid awarded to **Redstone Construction Co., Inc.**, of Mora, MN, on their low bid of **\$510,342.90** for SAP 69-598-030, CP 8573, Bridge No. 69694 and Approach Grading on County Road 500 (Wein Rd.) near Cook, MN. **[Without recommendation.] {11-211}**
3. Accept a Minnesota Transportation Fund Grant for Bridge Project CP 8573 on County Road 500 near Cook, MN, and commit to the use of local funds for projects costs which exceed the grant amount. **[Without recommendation.] {11-212}**

**Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair**

4. Confirm the appointment of James R. Gottschald as the St. Louis County Employee Relations Director effective June 7, 2011. **[Without recommendation.] {11-214}**

# BOARD LETTER NO. 11 – 124 REPLACEMENT

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 1

JUNE 7, 2011 BOARD AGENDA NO. 1

**DATE:** June 7, 2011 **RE:** Award of Bids for Project on  
CSAH 4 near Markham

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

James T. Foldesi  
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

## RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

## ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to award bids for a public works project north of Duluth and near Markham, MN.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As authorized by the St. Louis County Board, bids were taken on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. for a reconstruction project on CSAH 4 near Markham, MN. The project, along with its financing, is show own below. The project has been tabled since April 12, 2011 to accommodate the Minnesota Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) clearance process.

**Project:** SP 69-604-060, CP 9282  
**Location:** CSAH 4 from CSAH 108 to 0.7 miles north of CR 340 in Markham, MN, length 4.17 mi  
**Traffic:** 884  
**PQI:** 2.5  
**Construction:** Grading, Aggregate Base, Curb & Gutter, Bituminous Surfacing  
**Funding:** Fund 220, Agency 220173, Object 652700  
**Anticipated Start Date:** April 25, 2011  
**Anticipated Completion Date:** October 28, 2011  
**Engineer's Estimate:** \$5,530,899.20

## BIDS:

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| <b>Hoover Construction Co. Virginia, MN</b>    | <b>\$5,599,994.89 (+\$69,095.69, +1.25%)</b> |
| KGM Contractors, Inc. Angora, MN               | \$5,647,442.18                               |
| Ulland Brothers, Inc. Cloquet, MN              | \$5,912,000.00                               |
| Hoffman Construction Co. Black River Falls, WI | \$7,632,232.12                               |

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the award of bid to Hoover Construction Co., Virginia, MN in the amount of \$5,599,994.89 payable from Fund 220, Agency 220173, Object 625700, after the Minnesota Department of Transportation has notified the county that the project has received Disadvantaged Business Enterprise clearance.

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

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

SP 69-604-060, CP 9282 located on CSAH 4 from CSAH 108 to 0.7 miles north of CR 340 in Markham, MN.

**WHEREAS**, bids were opened in the County Board Room at 10:00 a.m., April 4, 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 low bidder:

| <u>LOW BIDDER</u>       | <u>ADDRESS</u>  | <u>AMOUNT</u>  |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|
| Hoover Construction Co. | P.O. Box 1007<br>302 South Hoover Rd.<br>Virginia, MN 55792 | \$5,599,994.89 |

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from Fund 220, Agency 220173, Object 652700.

# BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 211

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 1

JUNE 7, 2011 BOARD AGENDA NO. 2

**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:**

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|---|--|
| <b>Redstone Construction Co. Inc. Mora, MN</b>      | <b>\$510,342.90 (-\$63,055.10, -11%)</b> |
| Robert R. Schroeder Const., Inc.<br>Glenwood, MN    | \$523,453.50                             |
| Northland Constructors of Duluth, LLC<br>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.

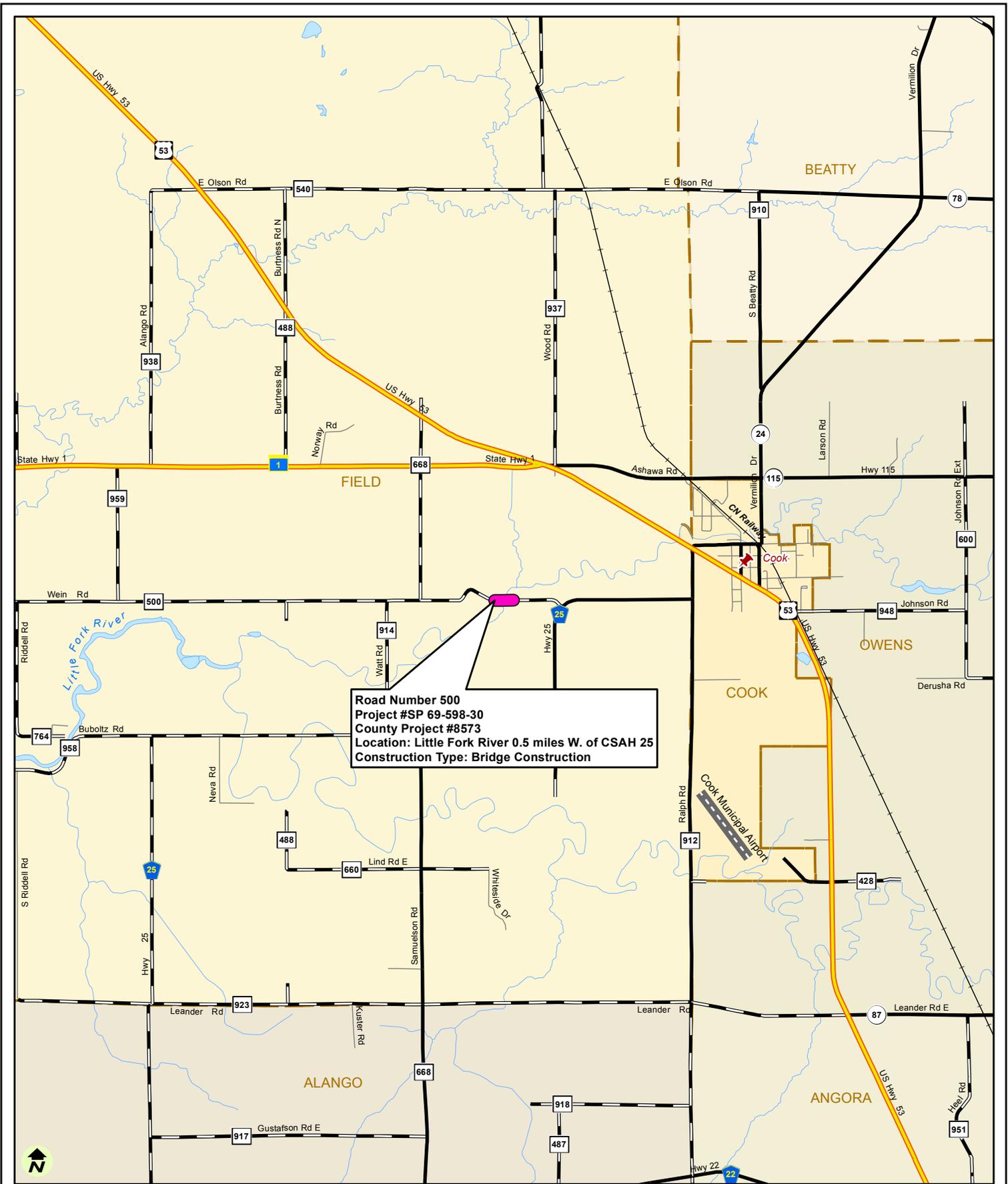
**WHEREAS**, bids were opened in the County Board Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN at 10:00 a.m., May 16, 2011, and the low responsible bidder determined.

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

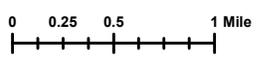
| <u>LOW BIDDER</u>               | <u>ADDRESS</u>                 | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Redstone Construction Co., Inc. | P.O. Box 218<br>Mora, MN 55051 | \$510,342.90  |

**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:

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



St. Louis County 2011 Road & Bridge Construction



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

# BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 212

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 2

JUNE 7, 2011 BOARD AGENDA NO. 3

**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               |



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.