

CONSENT AGENDA
FOR THE MEETING
OF
ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 7, 2012

County Board Room, Room No. 200, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or noncontroversial 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.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Minutes of the January 24, 2012, meeting.

Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner O’Neil, Chair

1. Authorize agreements with the Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment in the amount of \$1,393,336 and the Range Mental Health Center in the amount of \$376,342 for detoxification and hold services for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.
2. Authorize a purchase of service agreement with Duluth Bethel Society for drug testing services for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Dahlberg, Chair

3. Approve renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement with Koochiching County for the conservation and management of clean water within and adjacent to the Voyageurs National Park, and appoint two (2) representatives to the Joint Powers Board.
4. Authorize the purchase of one (1) new 2012 walking floor trailer from Wilkins Industries, Inc., of Morris, Minnesota, for waste haulage at the total quoted priced of \$73,844.97.
5. Authorize a non-exclusive easement on state tax forfeited land located in Section 27, Township 51 North, Range 14 West (Rice Lake Township) to the Drift-Toppers Snowmobile Club upon total payment of \$226.
6. Authorize a transmission line utility easement across state tax forfeited land located in Section 10, Township 62 North, Range 18 West (Owens Township), to Great River Energy and Lake Country Power for the Frazer Bay to Cook segment, upon total payment of \$3,686.
7. Authorize a non-exclusive easement across state tax forfeited land located at the end of Berglund Road in Section 27, Township 51 North, Range 14 West, to Rice Lake Township for use as a road grader and snow plow turnaround, upon total payment of \$236.

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8. Approve reconveyance of certain state tax forfeited parcels from St. Louis County ownership as they are no longer being used for the authorized public use for which they were conveyed.
9. Application to repurchase state tax forfeited land by the Byron R. Hiiivala Trust of Duluth, Minnesota, approved upon total payment of \$12,820.14.
10. Authorize a contract with Liesch Associates, Inc., for bidding, construction management, and certification services for Regional Landfill Phase 6 construction at a cost not to exceed \$108,662.
11. Authorize change in tax forfeit contract reinstatement guidelines and fees.

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Forsman, Chair

12. Authorize agreements with Breitung Township to provide administrative duties on three county projects (CP): Reconstruction of Stuntz Bay Road (CP 111484); Old TH 169 (CP121198); and McKinley Park Access Road/Meittunen Plats Road (CP 121195). (Three separate resolutions 12a, 12b, and 12c.)
13. Authorize acquisition of right of way in Fayal Township for County Project 1487, MP 629-1487, rehabilitation of a section of County Highway No. 629 (Cedar Island Drive).

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

14. Abatement list for Board approval.
15. Workers' compensation report dated January 27, 2012, as submitted by Safety & Risk Management.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

16. Authorize one-year legal services contracts with five (5) private attorneys for the purpose of accepting court appointments on Child in Need of Protective Services, Long Term Foster Care, and Termination of Parental Rights cases for calendar year 2012 an annual cost not to exceed \$155,000.
17. Authorize the reallocation of a vacant Investigator position to an Attorney I position in the County Attorney's Office and authorize the associated budget changes effective February 11, 2012.
18. Approve the 2010/2011 Sheriff's Supervisory Association collective bargaining agreement and authorize county officials to execute the Bargaining Unit Agreement.

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Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Sweeney, Chair

19. Approve a resolution for the acceptance of the 2011 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant to correct a budget coding error and rescind County Board Resolution No. 11-668, dated December 20, 2011.

20. Authorize application and acceptance of the 2011 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden grant in an amount not to exceed \$104,190 to enhance the security of the international border and ports of entry between St. Louis County and Canada; and further, authorize county officials to execute agreements and contracts, with St. Louis County serving as coordinator and fiscal agent.

**Official Proceedings of the County Board
of Commissioners**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of January 24, 2012, are hereby approved.

Detox and Hold Services Renewal Contracts

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, detoxification and hold services in St. Louis County protect individuals and the community by (1) safely withdrawing people from mood-altering substances; (2) protecting clients and others in the community; (3) improving their level of functioning; (4) providing assessment services, medical care, interventive counseling, and appropriate referrals; and (5) supporting their ability to protect and provide for themselves; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has purchased detoxification and hold services from the Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment in Duluth and Range Mental Health Center in Virginia with county funds for over ten years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into agreements with the following providers of detoxification and hold services for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, payable from Fund 230-232006-606000.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>
Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment	\$1,393,366.00
Range Mental Health Center	\$ 376,342.00

**Drug Testing Renewal Purchase of Service Contract
with Duluth Bethel Society**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, clients of St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) are sometimes ordered by the court to submit to drug testing; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of St. Louis County to cooperate with court orders that require clients to undergo drug testing; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to add drug testing for synthetic drugs, including spice, bath salts, and legal alternatives to marijuana, as an additional service under this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute a purchase of service agreement with Duluth Bethel Society for drug testing services for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, for the following services and rates (Expense Budget: Fund 230-232008-602000):

Level 1 screening	\$11.00 per unit
Level 2 screening	\$16.00 per unit
Full screen	\$26.00 per unit
Synthetic drugs	\$47.00 per unit

RESOLVED FURTHER, that should the full amount of \$100,000 be used, the County Board authorizes an amendment to the contract, with the dollar amount to be brought to the Board for approval at that time.

**Renewal of Joint Powers Agreement for the Conservation
and Management of Clean Water – Voyageurs National Park**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Board believes it is in the public interest to protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is a member of the Namakan Basin Joint Powers Board that is currently developing a preliminary engineering report for wastewater treatment systems in the Namakan Basin area which is in and adjacent to Voyageurs National Park; and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County is currently developing a wastewater treatment study for the property in Koochiching County found within and adjacent to Voyageurs National Park; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Board supports renewal of a Joint Powers Agreement with Koochiching County to seek federal, state, and other financial assistance to plan, develop, construct and manage a comprehensive wastewater treatment system for the property within and adjacent to the Voyageurs National Park in both Koochiching County and St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, the Koochiching County Board approved the agreement at its December 20, 2011, meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board approves renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement with Koochiching County to seek federal, state, and other available funding and financial assistance to plan, develop, construct, and manage wastewater treatment for property within and adjacent to Voyageurs National Park, located within both Koochiching County and St. Louis County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the St. Louis County Board appoints Commissioners _____ and _____ to the Joint Powers Board for the conservation and management of waters in and adjacent to Voyageurs National Park, and that the St. Louis County Auditor will be the fiscal agent on behalf of the board.

Solid Waste Transfer Trailer Purchase

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County requires the addition of a new transfer trailer for waste haulage from transfer stations to the Regional Landfill and other locations within and outside of the county; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a new trailer was competitively quoted in December 2011, with three quotes received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of a new 2012 model #45119SCG0TW walking floor trailer from Wilkins Industries, Inc., of Morris, MN, for the total quoted price of \$73,844.97, payable from Fund 600, Agency 604001.

Easement Request from Drift-Toppers Snowmobile Club – Rice Lake Township

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Drift-Toppers Snowmobile Club has requested a non-exclusive easement across state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, exercising this easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts and will not conflict with public use of the land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, to grant two non-exclusive easements to Drift-Toppers Snowmobile Club described as follows:

Exhibit A:

A 20.00 foot wide easement for trail purposes lying over, under and across that part of the South 132.00 feet of the West One Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 51 North, Range 14 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota. The centerline is described as follows:

Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 27; thence North 00 degrees, 27 minutes, 40 seconds West, along the west line of said Section 27, a distance of 68.44 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be described; thence North 88 degrees, 31 minutes, 13 seconds East, a distance of 328.13 feet to the East line of said South 132.00 feet of the West One Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest of the Northwest Quarter and there terminating. The sidelines of said trail easement shall be prolonged or shortened to terminate on said West line of Section 27 and said East line of the South 132.00 feet of the West One Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter.

Exhibit B:

A 20.00 foot wide easement for trail purposes lying over, under and across that part of the East One Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 51 North, Range 14 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota. The centerline is described as follows:

Commencing at the Center Quarter corner of said Section 27; thence North 00 degrees, 27 minutes, 21 seconds West, along the East line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 69.98 feet to the point of beginning

of the centerline to be described; thence North 88 degrees, 29 minutes, 28 seconds West, a distance of 328.27 feet to the West line of said East One Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and there terminating.

The sidelines of said trail easement shall be prolonged or shortened to terminate on said East line of the Northwest Quarter and said West line of the East One Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$130 land use fee, \$50 administration fee, and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$226, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Great River Energy and Lake Country Power

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Great River Energy will be constructing a 69kV transmission line between Tower and Orr to upgrade the electrical delivery system in this area of St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, Great River Energy and Lake Country Power have requested a transmission line utility easement across state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, exercising the easement will not conflict with public use of land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a transmission line utility easement to Great River Energy and Lake Country Power described as follows:

All that part of the Grantor's property lying with in Fifty (50) feet on each side of the following described centerline:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 62 North, Range 18 West; thence North 00 degrees, 45 minutes, 48 seconds West, on an assumed bearing, along the east line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter a distance of 66.7 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be described; thence South 89 degrees, 22 minutes, 55 seconds West, a distance of 1322.0 feet to a point of ending on the west line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, 72.4 feet northerly of the southwest corner, as measured along said west line. The sidelines of said easement shall be shortened or extended so as to begin and terminate at the property lines.

The above described easement contains 2.6 acres, more or less.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$3,640 land use fee and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$3,686, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Roadway Easement Request from Rice Lake Township

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Land and Minerals Department has reviewed a request from Rice Lake Township for a non-exclusive easement across state tax forfeited land for a road grader and snowplow turnaround; and

WHEREAS, exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts and will not conflict with public use of the land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Auditor, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, is authorized to grant a non-exclusive easement to Rice Lake Township described as follows:

The West 40.00 feet of the East 223.55 feet of the North 80.00 feet of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 51 North, Range 14 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$140 land use fee, \$50 administrative fee, and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$236, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Reconveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land from St. Louis County Ownership

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Revenue has issued conditional use deeds to St. Louis County conveying state tax forfeited land free of charge for gravel resources and other public uses since the 1940s; and

WHEREAS, the Land and Minerals Director has a fiduciary responsibility to determine if these lands are being used, in whole or in part, for the authorized public use for which they were conveyed; and

WHEREAS, the Land and Minerals and Property Management Departments have determined that the authorized public use has been abandoned on the state tax forfeited parcels described here; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1d, the governing body of a governmental subdivision must voluntarily direct its officers to reconvey property to the state when a whole parcel or part of a parcel of state tax forfeited land is not being used for the authorized public use for which it was conveyed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board, as the governing body for St. Louis County, approves the reconveyance of the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. _____ because the parcels are no longer being used for the authorized public use for which they were conveyed.

Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Byron R. Hiivala Trust

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the owner at the time of forfeiture, or the owner's heirs, representatives, or mortgagees, subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, the Byron R. Hiivala Trust of Duluth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF VIRGINIA
PART OF LOT 13 LYING WLY OF A LINE RUNNING FROM A PT ON N LINE 14.5
FT E OF NW COR TO A PT ON S LINE 18.85 FT E OF SW COR & ALL OF LOTS
14 THRU 16
Parcel Code: 090-0010-08865

WHEREAS, the applicant was the owner, the owner's heir, representative or mortgagee 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 the Byron R. Hiivala Trust of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$12,593.58, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$41.56, deed fee of \$25 and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$12,820.14, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Regional Landfill Phase 6 Bidding, Construction Management
and Certification Services Contract**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is committed to providing comprehensive waste management services including land disposal to its residents; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County continues to expand and develop its Regional Landfill in Virginia to provide land disposal services to residents of its solid waste service area and continued use of the Regional Landfill will require construction of Phase 6 in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the county requires the assistance of an engineer to provide Regional Landfill Phase 6 bidding assistance, construction management and certification services; and

WHEREAS, Liesch Associates, Inc., is qualified to provide engineering and/or architectural services as required by the Agreement and is duly registered to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County requested that Liesch Associates, Inc., provide a proposal for Phase 6 engineering services for the Regional Landfill; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has reviewed and evaluated the proposal submitted by Liesch Associates, Inc., and found it acceptable and meeting the county's needs; and

WHEREAS, funds not to exceed \$108,662 have been appropriated for said engineering services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with Liesch Associates, Inc., to provide bidding, construction management and certification services for Regional Landfill Phase 6 construction at a cost not to exceed \$108,662, payable from Fund 600, Agency 607001(Landfill).

Contract Reinstatement Guidelines and Fees

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.341, Subd. 1, states that after cancellation of a contract and before the parcel is resold, the former contract holder may request to have the contract reinstated; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of staff time is required to reinstate a cancelled contract; and

WHEREAS, the Land Commissioner recommends that the former contract holder be responsible for costs associated with administering a reinstatement contract; and

WHEREAS, it is costly to withdraw a parcel from the published tax forfeited land sale listing if a cancelled contract is reinstated after the County Board approves the sale of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Land Commissioner recommends that once the County Board approves the sale of a tax forfeited parcel, a request to reinstate the parcel will not be considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a request to reinstate a contract after cancellation for the purchase or repurchase of state tax forfeited land will be considered only if it is received prior to the date the County Board approves the sale of the property.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the former contract holder will be responsible for costs associated with the administration of a reinstatement contract, with a \$100 minimum fee per contract.

**Agreement with Breitung Township for CP 111484
(Stuntz Bay Road)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with Breitung Township, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, for SAP 69-600-040, County Project 111484, TR 4598 (Stuntz Bay Road), whereby the township will pay its share of any funding not covered by State Park Road Account Funding, and other costs including any expenses billed to the county by an outside entity. Funds from the State Park Road Account will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220267, Object 521607.

**Agreement with Breitung Township for CP 121198
(Old TH 169)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement Breitung Township, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, for SAP 69-600-041, County Project 121198, TR 4616 (Old TH 169), whereby the township will pay its share of any funding not covered by State Park Road Account Funding, and other costs including any expenses billed to the county by an outside entity. Funds from the State Park Road Account will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220254, Object 521607.

**Agreement with Breitung Township for CP 121195
(McKinley Park Access Road/Miettunen Plats Road)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with Breitung Township and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, for SAP 69-600-042, County Project 121195, TR 4596 (McKinley Park Access Road)/TR 4610 (Miettunen Plats Road), whereby the township will pay its share of any funding not covered by State Park Road Account Funding, and other costs including any expenses billed to the county by an outside entity. Funds from the State Park Road Account will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220255, Object 521607.

**Acquisition of Right of Way – County Project 1487
(Fayal Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to rehabilitate 2.0 miles of County Highway (CR) No. 629 (County Project 1487, MP 629-1487) within Fayal Township from CSAH 132 (Miller Trunk Road) northeasterly to the Fayal Township boundary line; and

WHEREAS, these improvements consist of bituminous surface reclamation, replacement of drainage structures, and bituminous resurfacing as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the existing highway right of way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatements, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No._____.

Workers' Compensation Report

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated January 27, 2012, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59383, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

Contract Renewal for Court Appointed Attorneys in Child Protection Proceedings

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, as of July 8, 2008, the State Public Defender's Office does not accept court appointments on Child in Need of Protective Services, Long Term Foster Care, and Termination of Parental Rights cases; and

WHEREAS, after review of the number of cases and the options of various costs, St. Louis County contracted with five attorneys to accept court appointments for representation of parents in these cases; and

WHEREAS, these contracts were renewed in 2009 and 2010 and the current contracts expired on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the need for these services still exists, and it is in the best interest of the citizens of St. Louis County to renew the current contracts at a rate of \$26,200 (Iron Range) and \$31,200 (Duluth), due to caseload trends, and to include reimbursement for approved Criminal Justice Institute training or other approved training, with the five current providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to renew the legal services contracts (three in Duluth and two on the Iron Range) for the Child in Need of Protective Services, Long Term Foster Care, and Termination of Parental Rights for January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012, at an annualized cost not to exceed \$155,000, payable from Fund 100, Agency 113002, Object 626100.

Reallocation of Investigator position in County Attorney's Office

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has determined current Investigator staffing is sufficient and that a vacant Investigator position will not be filled; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney is committed to cross-training as part of succession planning strategies and desires to realign the office's human resources goals and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the proposal to request reallocation of the Investigator position to an Attorney I position with County Administration and has identified sufficient personnel savings to fund the change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of the vacant Investigator position to an Attorney I position.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the appropriate county officials are authorized to make the associated budgetary changes effective February 11, 2012.

Sheriff's Supervisory Association Bargaining Agreement– 2010/2011

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the 2010/2011 Sheriff's Supervisory Association collective bargaining agreement is approved and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the Bargaining Unit Agreement, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. _____.

Acceptance of 2011 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant of 2011 provided \$721,600 to the Superior National Forest, which specifically includes \$242,000 for reducing the threat of wildfires in high-risk areas as identified in the St. Louis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2008, by Resolution No. 08-443, the County Board approved the St. Louis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and this funding is a mechanism to carry out the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes acceptance of the 2011 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant funding on behalf of the Superior National Forest in the amount of \$242,000 for the period September, 2011, through September, 2014.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that St. Louis County will serve as fiscal agent, with funds to be accounted for in Fund 290, Agency 290999 Grant 29003, Year 2011.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that County Board Resolution No. 11-668, dated December 20, 2011 is hereby rescinded.

2011 Operation Stonegarden Homeland Security Grant

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, through the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, has again made available an Operation Stonegarden grant to enhance the security of the international border and ports of entry between St. Louis County and Canada.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes application and acceptance of the 2011 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden grant, not to exceed \$104,190, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12931, Year 2011.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute all agreements and contracts necessary to fulfill the application and acceptance of the 2011 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden grant as approved by the St. Louis County Attorney, with St. Louis County serving as coordinator and fiscal agent for the grant through the Sheriff's Office.