

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

October 1, 2013

County Board Room, Room 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 for September 24, 2013.

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

1. Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited land by James Nordlund, Sr., of Hot Springs, AR.

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Forsman, Chair

2. Cooperative agreement with the City of Duluth to provide maintenance and electrical energy for the lighting system in the pedestrian underpass serving the Superior Hiking Trail located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 91/Haines Road (SP 069-691-020, CP 0091-8269).
3. Agreement with the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority outlining responsibilities for the construction of a portion of the Mesabi Trail Project from Bearhead State Park to Tower, MN (SP 69-090-021, County Project 3636).
4. Bid awarded to Northland Constructors of Duluth, LLC, in the amount of \$835,536.66 for the reconstruction of Bridge 69A15 located on County Road 255 in Duluth Township (SAP 69-598-043, CP 177713 Storm).

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

5. Abatement list for Board approval.
6. Application for Lawful Gambling License by Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department to conduct off-site gambling (raffle) on October 19, 2013, at the Gnesen Town Hall, Gnesen Township.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

7. New job class creation, Loss Control Specialist, approved.

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8. Appointment of Second District Commissioner Angie Miller to various boards, commissions, and committees until a new Second District Commissioner takes office after the January 14, 2014 Special Election.
9. Re-appoint Patrick Layman of Aurora, MN, to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2013, expiring December 31, 2016.
10. Reschedule the November 12, 2013, County Board meeting location from the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth to the Fredenberg Town Hall, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN.

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

11. Authorize application for the 2014 Minnesota Art Learning Grant in the amount of \$33,800 to provide additional art programs to the inmates at the St. Louis County Jail.
12. Authorize application and acceptance of the 2012 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden grant in an amount not to exceed \$96,716; and further, the County will serve as coordinator and fiscal agent for the grant.
13. Authorize application and acceptance of the 2013 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant funding in the amount of \$232,000 for the period September 2013 through September 2015 (a correction); and further, rescind County Board Resolution No. 13-400, dated July 2, 2013.

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 September 24, 2013, are hereby approved.

Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Nordlund

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, James Nordlund, Sr., of Hot Springs, AR, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF ALANGO

SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 also SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 also NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4

SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 61 NORTH, RANGE 19 WEST

PARCEL CODES: 200-0010-04960, 05010, 05080;

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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by James Nordlund, Sr., of Hot Springs, AR, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$7,721.83, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$25.48, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$7,932.31, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Pedestrian Underpass Lighting System on CSAH 91/Haines Road (Duluth)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and the City of Duluth have determined it is in the public's interest to install a lighting system in the pedestrian underpass serving the Superior Hiking Trail on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 91/Haines Road; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has prepared the necessary plan, specifications, and proposal, and installed the lighting system in the pedestrian underpass as part of the CSAH 91/Haines Road reconstruction project, SP 069-691-020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth will provide maintenance and electrical energy for this underpass lighting system;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the proper county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with the City of Duluth to provide maintenance and electrical energy for the lighting system in the pedestrian underpass serving the Superior Hiking Trail located on CSAH 91/Haines Road in Duluth.

**Agreement with St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority
– Mesabi Trail Project**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney's office, for SP 69-090-021, County Project 3636, whereby the Railroad Authority will pay the local dollar match of twenty percent (20%) of the actual project costs, and other costs including any expenses billed to the county by an outside entity. Funds from the Railroad Authority will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220164, Object 583101.

Award of Bids: Storm Related Bridge Project – CR 255 (Duluth Township)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the Public Works Department for the reconstruction of Bridge 69A15 on County Road 255 in Duluth Township, identified as the following project:

SAP 69-598-043, WO 177713 (Storm) 1.25 miles east of junction with CSAH 42, Duluth Township, length 0.1 miles;
and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on September 12, 2013, and the low responsible bid determined;

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>
Northland Constructors of Duluth, LLC	4843 Rice Lake Rd. Duluth, MN 55803	\$835,536.66

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 225, Agency 177713, Object 652706.

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. 59577.

Lawful Gambling Application (Gnesen 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 (raffle) on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59615, for the following organization:

Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department, 4504 Datka Road, Duluth, MN, 55803, to conduct off-site gambling on October 19, 2013, raffle, at Gnesen Town Hall, 4011 West Pioneer Road, Duluth, MN, 55803, Gnesen Township.

New Job Class – Loss Control Specialist

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the creation of the Loss Control Specialist class and allocates it to Grade 23: \$44,246 - \$62,030 (annual steps and longevities through twenty-four years of service – 2011 pay rate) of the Civil Service Basic Unit Pay plan.

Interim Second District Commissioner Appointments for 2013

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, At the St. Louis County Board's 2013 organizational meeting held on January 8, 2013, several appointments were made for the office of Second District Commissioner. Additionally, other unexpired appointments were in effect at that time; and

WHEREAS, The County Board appointed Angie Miller as the interim Second District Commissioner on September 10, 2013, pending the outcome of a Special Election scheduled for January 14, 2013;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the appointment of Second District Commissioner Angie Miller to the following boards, commissions, and committees until a new Second District Commissioner takes office after the January 14, 2014 Special Election and subsequent appointments can be made:

- Chair of the Public Safety & Corrections Standing Committee
- Arrowhead Health Alliance (*alternate*)
- Arrowhead Regional Development Commission - ARDC
- ARDC Metropolitan Interstate Council (*alternate*)
- ARDC North Shore Management Board (*alternate*)
- Association of Minnesota Counties – AMC
- AMC District 1 Policy Committee, Health & Human Services
- Community Health Services Board
- Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission (*alternate*)
- Heading Home St. Louis County Leadership Council
- 9-1-1 Emergency System User Board (*alternate*)
- Public Health & Human Services Advisory Committee
- St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority
- Voyageurs National Park Governmental Affairs Committee

Appointment to Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints Patrick Layman of Aurora, MN, to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors for a three year term beginning January 1, 2014, and expiring on December 31, 2016.

Reschedule Location for November 12, 2013 County Board Meeting

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board adjust its 2013 Board Meeting Schedule to substitute the meeting location of its November 12th meeting from the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth to the Fredenberg Town Hall, 5104 Fish Lake Road, Duluth, MN.

Authorization to Apply for Minnesota Art Learning Grant

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Minnesota State Art Board has made monies available to the St. Louis County Jail for inmates to learn, practice, and internalize cognitive restructuring skills through participation in a curriculum developed by teaching artist, Angie Frank;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application for the 2014 Minnesota Art Learning Grant in the amount of \$33,800.

**Application and Acceptance of 2012 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 made available an Operation Stonegarden grant to enhance the security of the international border and ports of entry between St. Louis County and Canada;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes application and acceptance of the 2012 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden Grant, not to exceed \$96,716, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12931, Year 2012;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute all agreements and contracts necessary to fulfill the application and acceptance of the 2012 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden grant as approved by the County Attorney, with St. Louis County serving as coordinator and fiscal agent for the grant through the Sheriff's Office.

**Correction of 2013 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant
and Rescind Resolution No. 13-400**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant of 2011 provided \$721,600 to the Superior National Forest, which specifically includes \$232,000 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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes application and acceptance of the 2013 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant funding on behalf of the Superior National Forest in the amount of \$232,000 for the period September 2013 through September 2015;

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 2013;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That County Board Resolution No. 13-400, dated July 2, 2013, is hereby rescinded.