

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 10, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Dahlberg, Rukavina, Nelson, Raukar, and Chair Stauber

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Dahlberg moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #4, Force Account Agreement with MNDOT for Curve Warning Signing Project [15-99] and without Item #5, Force Account Agreement with MnDOT for Rural Intersection Lighting Project [15-100]. Commissioner Rukavina exited the meeting at 3:15 p.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

- Minutes of March 3, 2015
- Agreements with Lake County, Cities of Eveleth, Proctor and Virginia for 2015 Maintenance Striping [15-96]
- Agreement with Lake County for 2015 State Aid Pavement Marking Project [15-97]
- Agreements with Cities of Biwabik, Chisholm, Floodwood, Grand Lake and Rice Townships and Lake County for 2015 Crack Sealing [15-98]
- CDBG Planning Grant – City of Proctor [15-101]
- Sale of Non-Conforming Fee Land to Adjoining Property Owner (Midway Township) [15-102]
- Reallocation of Information Specialist I to Information Specialist II – Assessor's Office [15-103]

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Nelson/Jewell moved to establish a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, for the consideration of an alleged liquor law violation and, if proven, the suspension or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Arrowhead Lodge, Inc., d/b/a Arrowhead Lodge & Resort, Kabetogama Township, and/or the imposition of civil penalties for the violation [15-104]. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

Nelson/Jewell moved to establish a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on April 14, 2015, in the Gnesen Town Hall, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to The Pines of Kabetogama, LLC d/b/a The Pines of Kabetogama Resort, Kabetogama Township [15-105]. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Raukar/Nelson moved to authorize an agreement, and any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with LHB Corp. of Duluth, MN, for design services for the reconstruction of seventeen (17) bridges listed below. The total cost of these services is \$787,959. [15-106] St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi discussed the projects. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

Br 194 on CR 209	Br 197 on CR 196	Br 209 on CR 189	Br 221 on CSAH 52
Br 261 on CR 185	Br 344 on UT 8121	Br 355 on CR 597	Br 361 on CSAH 24
Br 367 on CSAH 116	Br 369 on CR 779	Br 650 on CR 916	Br 655 on CR 937
Br 657 on CR 938	Br 705 on CR 540	Br 709 on CR 769	Br 726 on UT 8128
Br 773 on CR 642			

Raukar/Nelson moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$769,900.00 for project CP 0180-2399935 TST located on CR 180/Elephant Lake Road between TH 53 and the boat ramp at Black Duck Lake in Leiding Township, length 13.4 miles [15-107]. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

Raukar/Jewell moved that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as agent of St. Louis County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects. The St. Louis County Board Chair, Auditor, Highway Engineer/Public Works Director, and an appropriate County Attorney representative are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments approved by the County Attorney, with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in “Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 1000186”, a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference. This project is identified as SP 069-070-013, CP 0000-187063, Curve Warning Signing Project [15-99]. The motion passed without recommendation for consideration at the March 24, 2015 Board meeting. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

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Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Raukar/Nelson moved to confirm the appointment of Steven K. Manninen as the St. Louis County Mine Inspector, Civil Service Supervisory bargaining unit, pay grade E24, step 1, \$25.12/hour for a three-year term, effective March 24, 2015 through March 24, 2018. The Mine Inspector, before entering upon duties, shall take and subscribe the oath required, as stipulated in Minn. Stat. 180.02 [15-108]. The motion passed without recommendation for consideration at the March 24, 2015 Board meeting. (6-0, Rukavina absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson said that today is Township Day and stated that he would be attending tonight's Fayal Township meeting.

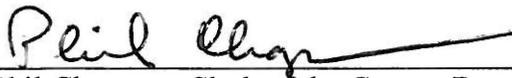
Chair Stauber talked about a recent meeting he and Commissioner Nelson had with City of Duluth Council President Emily Larson. Chair Stauber said that a joint meeting (St. Louis County Board and the City of Duluth City Council) will be held the evening of May 4, 2015.

Commissioner Jewell said that the Heart of the Continent geotourism website kick-off will take place next Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Glensheen Mansion in Duluth, MN.

At 3:49 p.m., Dahlberg/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Rukavina absent)



Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board