

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON MAY 26, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, at 9:33 a.m., at the Government Services Center, Liz Prebich Room, Virginia, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Beth Olson, Keith Musolf, Paul McDonald, Keith Nelson and Mike Jugovich - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Beth Olson and Paul McDonald participated by WebEx.

St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin said that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021, County Administrator Kevin Gray and County Board Chair Jugovich have determined that in-person meetings are not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the declared federal, state and local emergencies. All county facilities are closed to the public in keeping with Governor Tim Walz's orders directing Minnesotans to Stay at Home. All meetings of the St. Louis County Board will, until further notice, be conducted by telephone or other electronic means as it is not feasible to have commissioners, staff, and/or members of the public present at the regular meeting location due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the declared emergencies. The meetings will be broadcast to the public.

Chair Jugovich asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all the innocent victims of violence, healthcare professionals, and all others who are working to keep us safe during the pandemic; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Board declared May 2020 as Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of all Minnesota Community Action Agencies; Chair Jugovich read the proclamation.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. The following citizens were given the opportunity to address the board using a phone line set up due to the COVID-19 pandemic: Leah Rogne, of Gheen, spoke in favor of the refugee resolution and said that the symbolic vote would symbolize the values of St. Louis County. Fred Schumacker, of Gheen, quoted Horace Grant (from 1901) and commented that the people Mr. Grant was writing against are decedents in St. Louis County today. Guy Holmes, of Virginia, commented that the county could not afford refugee resettlement. Andrea Gelb, of Duluth, said that we are dependent on each other and everyone was a refugee unless you are indigenous or came to America on a slave boat. Eli Lara, of Duluth, spoke in favor of the refugee resolution and commented on his experience as a Mexican immigrant.

The Board then listened to the following voice recordings received on the Commissioner call-in number: Allen Kehr, of Duluth, spoke against the refugee resolution and was concerned about the culture of immigrants. Andrew Fung, of Mt. Iron, commented that we could not afford to support immigrants. Audrey Wiita, of Mt. Iron, spoke against refugee resettlement due to the lack of jobs in the area. Beth Holst, of Duluth, encouraged the Board to vote yes for the refugee resolution as a

symbolic vote to make people feel welcome in St. Louis County. Beverly Bakken, of Hibbing, was disappointed that the vote was not postponed until people could attend in person. Carol Hautala, unknown address, spoke against refugee resettlement due to safety concerns. Carol Issacson, of Iron, encouraged the Board to vote no and cited various issues in the Twin Cities. Christine Buderak, of Mt. Iron, opposed relocation of refugees to the area. Sue Stevens, of Virginia, approves of refugee resettlement and said that we are a welcoming county. Dan Isaacson, of Mt. Iron, said that the mining industry is down, taxes are increasing, and we have a homeless problem; this area cannot afford bringing in additional people to support. David Felten, of Mt. Iron, spoke against refugee resettlement. David Rossely, of Duluth, asked the Board not to accept immigrants due to the extra financial responsibility as a result of the pandemic. David Wiita, of Mt. Iron, was against bringing refugees to Buhl. Dennis Frazier, of Zim, urged the Board to support the refugee resolution. Gaylord Vincent, of Babbitt, discussed the burden placed on governments to support refugees and said that he was against refugee resettlement. Grant Hauschild, of Hermantown, said that refugee resettlement will enhance his son's livelihood and will help to make us all better. Heidi Bennett, of Mt. Iron, said that refugee resettlement was not a good idea for the Buhl Academy. Helen Niemi, of Iron, commented that she was against resettlement due to the lack of jobs and safety concerns. Jake Nichols, of Mr. Iron, was not in favor of accepting refugees. Joanne Jokela, of Duluth, said that she supports the original refugee resolution and felt it was important to vote on the resolution. Joe, unknown last name and address, was against refugee resettlement and suggested they should resettle in the Twin Cities. John Musick, of Duluth, asked the Board to take a strong stand for openness and inclusion and pass a resolution that we are a welcoming community. John Wohlwend, representing the corrections officers of the St. Louis County Jail, thanked the Board for passing a resolution approving a switch from part-time to full-time status for employees. Joy Mesia, of Mt. Iron, said that she was opposed to resettlement in the Virginia area. Judy Bernard, of Mt. Iron, was opposed to illegal aliens resettling in the area. Judy Pierce, of Mt. Iron, was opposed to resettlement unless they had a job and were citizens.

The Board recessed at 10:37 a.m. At 10:49 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Commissioners continued to listen to voice recordings received on the Commissioner call-in number: Leroy Aho, of Babbitt, said that he was against bringing Somalian people to the Iron Range because of the doctrine they teach. Lisa Wilson, of Virginia, asked the Board to vote no for the refugee resettlement due to the state of the economy. Marvin Isaacson, of Iron, spoke against allowing immigrants to come to the County due to limited resources. Richard Misiewicz, of Saginaw, was against supporting resettlement and assisting citizens of the county. Robert Igisla, of Biwabik, would like the Board to vote no for people coming into the county. Robert Tap, of Gilbert, urged the Board to vote no due to all of the COVID-19 layoffs. Samuel Leal, of Proctor, does not support relocation of refugees because it is a burden to taxpayers. Sara Wells, of Duluth, urged the Board to vote symbolically to accept refugees to St. Louis County. Steven Lapatka, of Virginia, wanted the Board to vote no to the refugee resettlement resolution and urged everyone who votes yes to take a family in and support them. Susan Winkler, of Embarrass, commented that the pilgrims were refugees. Sylvia Makela, of Fayal, shared sponsoring agent information and urged the Board to vote no because of the extra strain on schools and the lack of support for residents. Terry Edke, of Embarrass, urged the Board to vote no because the area is struggling to meet demands of citizens. Tim Morgan, of Britt, urged the Board to vote no because resources are strapped right now. Tony

Zupancich, unknown address, said to vote no. An unknown caller commented that they did not want refugees here. An unknown caller was opposed to illegal resettlement and mentioned that we do not have jobs in the area. Valerie Myntti, Ely, was calling to urge the Board to consent to the resettlement of refugees due to effective strategy to reverse population decline. Minnesota has a long rich history of accepting immigrants and it is important to do the right thing. Larry Debredak, of Virginia, was against refugee resettlement. Steven Wilson, of Virginia, asked the Board to vote no. Kenneth Kiefat, of Aurora, did not support accepting new refugees. Karen Emerson, of Gilbert, was against accepting refugees because there is so much unemployment in Virginia. Kerry Ryder, of Gilbert, urged the Board to vote no. Michelle McDonald, of Solway, was concerned about a closed meeting and the County should focus on residents due to COVID. Edward Alto, of White, said that there is enough issues with the mines closing and layoffs; resettlement on the range would be problematic with the current issues. Gary Skelko, of Mt. Iron, said that it was sad that we have to address this issue and that we are all immigrants unless you are Native American, and was supportive of the refugee resolution. John Onsword, of Cook, commented on the closed-door meeting.

St. Louis County IT Director indicated that that was the end of recorded messages. The following citizens were given the opportunity to address the Board using a phone line: Marlise Riffel, of Virginia, was strongly in favor of allowing refugee resettlement in St. Louis County. Jenny Craigan, of Duluth, said that she worked with many different cultures and that all of the negative comments about the Hmong people are simply not true. Lee Peterson, of Greenwood, was favor of the resettlement resolution and was disappointed in the fear mongering; many immigrants are in the United State are from failed military operations by the United States. Joshua Williams, of Duluth, was in support of allowing refugees into the county; we exist because of immigrants. Mary Adams, of Duluth, said that the Board should vote yes because refugees built the region. Charlotte Frantz, of Duluth, commented about the treatment of her son because he looked different and encouraged the Board to vote yes. Carol Orban, of Ely, commented that it is sad that there are so many negative comments and people should be more compassionate. Beth Tamminen, of Duluth, spoke in favor of the resolution; Tamminen family is an immigrant family. Lisa Westby, of Britt, expressed concern for safety and the economy due to questionable vetting of refugees. Sara Mikesell, of Duluth, urged the Board to vote yes and to correct inaccurate comments made during the meeting. People have stated that the meeting is closed; it is the most open meeting the Board has held. Citizens can participate by phone, WebEx, email, or by leaving a message, and are incorrectly calling refugees illegals, aliens, illegal aliens, and illegal immigrants. Ethan Westby, of Gilbert, was not in agreeance because the county cannot fund immigrants and funding should be used for more pressing needs. Kathleen McQuillan, of Cook, urged the Board to maintain the current status and vote yes to support the resettlement of refugees. Breanna Ellison, of Duluth, disagreed that we did not have enough resources and was in support of refugee resettlement. Alberta Marana, of Duluth, asked the Board to support refugee resettlement. Commissioner Musolf stepped out of the meeting from 11:47 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Abigail Blonnigan, of Duluth, requested the opportunity to speak via WebEx. Ms. Blonnigan was in support of refugee resettlement in St. Louis County and read a poem that she wrote on the topic. Commissioners continued to listen calls on the live phone line: Gayle Madison, of Gilbert, was against resettlement due to economic problems and the safety children and grandchildren. Dale Zamlen, of Eveleth, was opposed to resettlement during the pandemic and felt the county was spending more than our means and we are broke at the county, state, and federal

levels. Gerald Williams, of Virginia, opposed refugee resettlement; the vote could have been postponed until citizens could participate in person. Keny Adams, unknown address, requested the opportunity to speak via WebEx. Ms. Adams spoke in favor of refugee resettlement. Commissioners continued to listen calls on the live phone line: Lori Dando, of Duluth, commented that there was a lot of confusion regarding refugees and commented on the vetting process. Ashley Grimm, of Duluth, commented that she has worked with dozens of refugees and you will be hard pressed to find people who work harder. Steven Lerol, of Gilbert, spoke against refugee resettlement and commented that Minnesota is number one at exporting terrorists. Geffory Forseen, of Mt. Iron, said that prioritization is necessary when it comes to accepting refugees. There is economic devastation due to COVID-19; resettlement should be down the list of priorities. Orlyn Kringstad, of Tower, was in favor of the resettlement resolution; in the future there will be a shortage of workers. Kelby Romans, of Hibbing, commented that this was the worst time to accept refugees and would be detrimental to our economy and was concerned about safety. Brian Anderson, of Duluth, encouraged the Board to accept immigrants. The Board listened to the following voice messages: Mary Peterson, of Virginia, asked the Board to vote no because the county is not capable of supporting refugees at this time. Diane Maki, of Chisholm, asked that the Board vote against refugee placement in Buhl. Cheryl Epps, of Hibbing, spoke against refugee resettlement in the area. Bud Jenson, of Floodwood, spoke against refugee resettlement and expressed concerns with the Somalian population. Commissioners continued to listen calls on the live phone line: Gay Trachsel, of Duluth, commented that people speaking against the resolution were speaking out of fear and people speaking for the resolution were speaking for hope. Gerald Yourczek, of Eveleth, expressed concern that there would not be enough money to support refugees. Milton Jensen, of Chisholm, spoke against the resolution due to safety concerns.

The Board recessed at 12:42 p.m. At 1:19 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

At 1:20 p.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-135, adopted March 10, 2020, to consider a cartway petition by Timothy R. Westby a/k/a Tim Westby on behalf of SW2, LLC. Assistant County Attorney Chris Pinkert gave the initial presentation and provided an overview of cartway law. Attorney Pinkert indicated the cartway was initially filed in the fall of 2019. The Board recessed at 1:43 p.m. At 1:51 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present. The county's initial presentation continued. Eric Fallstrom, of Public Works, said that the current route is a reasonable route; whereas, there we construction challenges regarding other proposed routes. County Surveyor Nick Stewart said that the office has no concerns regarding the easement description and stated the proposed road followed the red centerline on the diagram and was 33 feet wide. St. Louis County Right-of-Way Agent Steve Kniefel said that appraisals were completed by Dawn Cole and it has been determined that the value of the land taken and additional damages were as follows: Muelken property - \$16,200; Schlieske property - \$11,700; Andreasen property \$8,800. The Board recessed at 2:30 p.m. At 2:37 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that the cost to St. Louis County was \$15,878.09; these costs do not include time for the public hearing or post hearing processes. Chair Jugovich asked if the petitioner or their representatives would like to give testimony. Attorney Kelly Klun, representing Tim Westby, commented that the route is accessible and buildable and complies with cartway law. Tim Westby said that three families own the property. They tried to negotiate a private easement, but were unable to come to an agreement. Chair Jugovich

asked if the affected landowners or their representatives would like to give testimony. Attorney Scott Neff, representing affected landowners, argued that the platted road should be considered abandoned and landowners should be compensated for use of the platted road. Attorney Neff commented that the County should review a proposed northern route that was submitted to the County on May 18, 2020. Bobby Schlieske commented that he had no interest in having a cartway through his property and questioned why the timber was not included in the appraisal. Peter Stoddard felt his family should be compensated for use of the platted road. Rita O'Reilly and Kim Goodwin asked the County to deny the current road and were supportive of a northern route. Robert Backschneider requested that the cartway be located further north and was concerned that his septic field was too close to the proposed route. Grant Andreasen commented that he would prefer a northern route. Commissioner Nelson stepped out of the meeting from 3:59 p.m. to 4:02 p.m. Kris Matilla, of Norther Lights Surveying, commented on various topographic challenges and mentioned that the northern route would impact Roger Andreasen's property. Chair Jugovich asked if there were any supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed cartway; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 4:18 p.m., Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson moved to accept staff findings, appraisals, cost to the county, and the proposed cartway route. After further discussion, Commissioner Nelson withdrew his motion. Commissioner McDonald inquired about delaying the cartway decision to allow the County to review the northern route. County Attorney Mark Rubin said that procedurally, the Board could vote to reopen the public hearing and reconvene the hearing at a later date. Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to reopen the cartway public hearing and reconvene the hearing at the June 9, 2020, County Board meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; five yeas, two nays (Nelson, Jugovich).

The Board recessed at 5:03 p.m. At 5:18 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Commissioner Olson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Chair Jugovich asked if any Commissioner would object to a blanket vote to suspend the rules to consider the items on the regular agenda (items have not been to committee); there were no Commissioner objections. Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to suspend the rules for items that had not been to committee. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to award a bid to Kraemer North America, LLC of Burnsville, MN, in the amount of \$4,969,586.35, for project CP 0061-276516 (Low), SAP 069-661-019 and CP 0061-283486, SP 069-060-002 (Tied). Public Works Director Jim Foldesi commented that the current bridge is weight restricted and this project has a tight construction timeline. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 20-281.

Commissioner Olson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to authorize an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to accept Motor Vehicle Leased Sales Tax (MVLST) Bridge grant funds and commit to the St. Louis County Local funds for costs of Project SAP 069-661-019, which exceeds the grant. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 20-282.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved to delegate to the St. Louis County Liquor License Committee authority to approve temporary expansion of designated serving areas for on-sale liquor license holders. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 20-283.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved to adjust its 2020 Board Meeting Schedule to reschedule the location of its June 2 and 9, 2020 meetings from the Duluth Courthouse to the St. Louis River Room at the Government Services Center, Duluth, MN, on June 2 and the Liz Prebich Room at the Virginia Government Services Center, Virginia, MN, on June 9, 2020. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 20-284.

County Attorney Rubin commented on the resolution for Board Letter 19-556 (Written Consent to Resettlement of Refugees in St. Louis County). Attorney Rubin said that the resolution was introduced in early 2020 because of an executive order by President Trump. The executive order has been challenged and is non-enforceable until the court makes a ruling on the challenge; current law is the same as it has been in the past.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved to remove the "Written consent to resettlement of refugees in St. Louis County." from the table (Tabled from January 7, 2020). A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; four yeas (Jewell, Boyle, Olson, Nelson), three nays (McDonald, Musolf, Jugovich). Commissioner Olson spoke in favor of the resolution and addressed various untruths regarding refugees and negative citizen comments. Commissioner Olson commented that the county needs to send a clear message and this resolution will define who we are. The Board recessed at 5:50 p.m. At 5:58 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present. Chair Jugovich acknowledged previous citizen comments and noted that all previous comments, including previous meeting comments, are part of the record for this discussion. Melissa Scaia addressed the Board by WebEx. Ms. Scaia noted that if 18,000 refugees came to the United States, it would amount to .00005% of the current United States population. If all refugees were settled in St. Louis County, it would amount to 11% of the county's population. Commissioner Nelson commented that people have a genuine fear and highlighted current issues of unemployment, COVID-19 issues, opioid use, and taxpayer impacts. Commissioner Nelson felt the resolution should be sent back to county administration and brought back once discussion is relevant. Chair Jugovich commented about misinformation and the need to educate people. Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to refer the resolution back to administration until the pending litigation regarding the constitutionality of the executive order is resolved by the courts. Commissioner Jewell requested a point of order and asked if the Chair can make a motion. Attorney Rubin responded that the Chair could make and support motions. Commissioner McDonald commented that if the executive order were in place, it would not allow family reunification. Commissioner Jewell discussed the fact that the Board has voted numerous times on symbolic votes

and this vote is just as important as other symbolic votes. Commissioner Musolf said that the executive order is dividing people and returning this to administration will help people get on a common ground. Commissioners listened to the following live phone calls: Kathy Heltzer, of Duluth, said that the St. Louis County Health and Human Services Advisory Committee unanimously passed a resolution of support; sending this back to administration would send a message. Betty Preus, of Duluth, commented that no action would be a no vote. Christina Persons, of Britt, urged the Board to vote no because there are other issues that need to be addressed. Commissioner Boyle commented on an article from 1910 and history is repeating itself today. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the amended motion passed; four yeas (McDonald, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich), three nays (Jewell, Boyle, Olson). Resolution No. 20-285.

The following Board and contract files were created from documents received by this Board:

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 20-203, Delegate Authority to the St. Louis County Liquor Licensing Committee to Approve Temporary Expansion of Designated Serving Areas.—61290

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 20-204, Reschedule Location of June 2 and June 9, 2020 Board Meetings.—61291

Proclamation: Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc., (AEOA) - Community Action Month.—61292

Supplemental Labor Agreement between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and the Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees Union, Local No. 320 (4-day workweek).—20-322

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16767, between St. Louis County and Head of the Lakes United Way, Duluth, MN, for Referral Services and Onsite CCA consultation during the period January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—20-323

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16921, between St. Louis County and Dinehery Fence and Ironworks, Duluth, MN, for Environmental Accessibility Adaptations under the CADI waiver.—20-324

Minnesota Department of Health Statewide Health Improvement Partnership Grant Project Agreement Amendment, SLC Contract No. 90263A, between the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board and St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services during the period November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020.—200-325

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2020 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53809, between St. Louis County and Trillium Services, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-326

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2020 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53812, between St. Louis County and Drew Shaine, LLC, Duluth, MN.—20-327

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Agreement, Contract No. 16783, between St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services and Jennifer Nelson (Group Leader), Virginia, MN, for Relationships First Initiative (RFI) Circle of Parents Support Groups.—20-328

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2020 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53808, between St. Louis County and Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia, MN.—20-329

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16904, between St. Louis County and J and J, LLC, Britt, MN, for Chore Services during the period February 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020.—20-330

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16928, between St. Louis County and Mark Musakka, Angora, MN, for Chore Services during the period January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020.—20-331

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Asphalt Surface Tech – ASTECH, St. Cloud, MN, for Sealcoating – GSB-88 on CR 343 (Bodas Road), UT 9211 (East Barker Road) & UT 9212 (Barker Road) (CP 0343-454140 Low Prime; CP 9211-454158; CP 9212-454159 Quote).—20-332

Service Contract No. 5590B between the County of St. Louis and Recovery Alliance Duluth located at the Damiano Center, Duluth, MN, for peer recovery support services pertaining to Medication Assisted Treatment to eligible individuals in the St. Louis County jail system with an opioid use disorder during the period March 1, 2020, to February 28, 2021.—20-333

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16702B, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance (FHPAP) increasing the amount of money available for Direct Assistance Prevention which is allowed by the release of additional COVID-19 related funds by the MHFA.—20-334

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16705B, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Life House, Inc., for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance (FHPAP) increasing the amount of money available for Direct Assistance Prevention which is allowed by the release of additional COVID-19 related funds by the MHFA.—20-335

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16760B, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Medical Transportation Management, Inc., for Access Transportation Services to allow reimbursement to provider for the cost of direct transportation and administrative costs for services provided to COVID-19 target population for all Consortium Counties.—20-336

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16815, between St. Louis County and Tim Ellison, Chisholm, MN, for Chore Services during the period January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020.—20-337



Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16926, between St. Louis County and Accra Care, Inc., Minnetonka, MN, for Housing Support Services for Adults with Serious Mental Illness Services during the period December 16, 2019, to June 30, 2021.—20-338

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16929, between St. Louis County and Cunningham Electric, Ely, MN, for Environmental Accessibility Adaptations under the CAC waiver.—20-339

Service Agreement, Contract No. 16922, between St. Louis County and WebMed Mental Health Services (WebMed), Virginia, MN, for Outpatient Crisis Psychiatric Appointments; Crisis Therapy Appointments; Outpatient Psychiatric Care; and Psychotherapy for the homeless population in coordination with the County at the Isolation & Quarantine (I&Q) location in Southern St. Louis County which has agreed to host the COVID-19 temporary housing for individuals in I&Q.—20-340

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2020 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53814, between St. Louis County and Kesselhon Family Adult Foster Care, Duluth, MN.—20-341

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2020 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53815, between St. Louis County and Balmer AFC, Duluth, MN.—20-342

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Traffic Marking Service, Inc., Maple Lake, MN, for 6” Solid Line Paint Edgeline on various County highways (CP 0000-293135, SP 069-070-033).—20-343

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., Gilbert, MN, for grading, aggregate base, bituminous surfacing & lighting on MN Trunk Highway (MNTH) 37 at CSAH 25/CR 447 in Cherry Township (CP 0025-431705, SAP 069-625-019).—20-344

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, for culvert replacement and ditch profile correction on CSAH 24 and CR 180 in Portage and Leiding Townships (CP 0024-407496 Low Prime and CP 0180-273925 Tied).—20-345

Agreement for Services between the County of St. Louis and Bolton & Menk, Inc., Duluth, MN, for an intersection control evaluation study and design of a reduced conflict intersection (J-Turn) at the intersection of MNTH 33 and CSAH 7 (Industrial Road) in Industrial Township (CP 069-070-044, CP 0007-369674).—20-346

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the Voyageur Country ATV Club to receive and administer the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources grant for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the overall construction of the Voyageur Country ATV trail system and connections located in St. Louis and Koochiching Counties, MN (CP 0000-519872).—20-347

Upon motion by Commissioner Olson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, resolutions numbered 20-276 through 20-280, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

**BY COMMISSIONER OLSON:**

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of May 12, 2020, are hereby approved.

Adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-276

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated May 8, 2020, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61199, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

Adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-277

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee for payment of claims and bills against the County of St. Louis, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61230, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

	<b>April 2020</b>	
100	General Fund	6,694,367.06
149	Personal Service Fund	2,025.20
150	Sheriff's Nemesis Fund Group	71,545.30
160	MN Trail Assistance	10,591.54
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	243.50
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,726.70
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	24,533.26
176	Revolving Loan Fund	251.93
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	22,085.86
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	10,964.56
180	Law Library	18.46
183	City/County Communications	250.75
184	Extension Service	130,136.12
200	Public Works	2,706,940.86
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	11,811.74
210	Road Maint. – Unorg. Townships	214.96
220	State/Federal Road Aid	287,635.06
230	Public Health & Human Services	8,100,659.26
240	Forfeited Tax	523,504.48
260	CDBG Grant	43,405.73
261	CDBG Program Income	21,934.91
270	HOME Grant	23,477.13
289	ISTS Grant	75,000.75
290	Forest Resources	49,730.00
400	County Facilities	226,476.07
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	107,883.50

405	Public Works Building Const.	32,814.89
407	Public Works – Equipment	81,344.00
445	2018A – Virginia GSC-PW Cook	917,900.56
446	2016A – PW TST Bond	18,023.70
448	2018B – PW Dist. 4 New Facility	1,373,521.00
600	Environmental Services	618,920.29
616	On-Site Waste Water Division	367.17
640	Plat Books	37.44
715	County Garage	88,586.23
720	Property Casualty Liability	11,496.45
730	Workers Compensation	264,232.47
740	Medical Dental Insurance	3,273,831.36
770	Retired Employees Health Insurance	1,455.50
		<u>\$25,829,945.75</u>

Adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-278

RESOLVED, That the appraisal report for sale of timber, numbered C19200063 as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the Office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61210, is approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendation as listed in said appraisal report.

Adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-279

RESOLVED, That the appraisal report for sale of timber, numbered C19200064 as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the Office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61210, is approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendation as listed in said appraisal report.

Adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-280

**BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:**

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following tied project:

CP 0061-275616 (Low), SAP 069-661-019, and CP 0061-283486,  
SP 069-060-002 (Tied); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 30, 2020, 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>
Kraemer North America, LLC	1020 Cliff Road West Burnsville, MN, 55335	\$4,969,586.35

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:

CP 0061-275616 (Low), SAP 069-661-019:	
Fund 204, Agency 204180, Object 652806	\$2,741,461.56
Fund 220, Agency 220428, Object 652700	\$1,006,849.80
With additional revenue budgeted for expense:	
DNSSD (Duluth North Shore Sanitary District)	
Fund 220, Agency 220428, Object 583100	\$206,849.80

CP 0061-283486 (Tied), SP 069-060-002:	
Fund 220, Agency 220494, Object 652700 SP 069-060-002	\$1,221,274.99

Unanimously adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-281

**BY COMMISSIONER OLSON:**

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 CP 0061-275616, SAP 069-661-019, State Bridge 69A70 on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 61 (North Shore Drive) over the French River between CSAH 33 (McQuade Road) and the Lake County line; and

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

WHEREAS, The amount of the grant has been determined to be \$800,000.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid with a match of \$555,000.00 in Federal funds, \$2,741,461.56 in Transportation Sales Tax funds, \$666,274.99 in Regular State Aid funds, and \$206,849.80 in Duluth North Shore Sanitary District funds and shall be deposited into Fund 220, Agency 220428, Object 530405.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minn. Stat. Section 174.50, 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. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement (MnDOT agreement No. 1044233) and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

MVLST Bridge Funds (Acct #329)	\$800,000.00
Federal TA Funds	\$555,000.00
CSAH Funds (TST/State Aid)	\$3,407,736.55
County Local Funds (DNSSD)	\$206,849.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,969,586.35</b>

RESOLVED FURTHER, That whereas federal-aid funds are being used to participate in the cost of the project, the Minnesota State Transportation Fund grant shall be deposited directly into the federal-aid agency account and that the records of the County (City) shall so state.

Unanimously adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-282

**BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:**

WHEREAS, The Governor's Executive Order, effective 5:00 p.m., March 17, 2020, required all bars and restaurants to close to customers and prohibited on-site consumption of food and alcohol;

and

WHEREAS, On-sale liquor establishments have not been allowed to sell food or liquor onsite; however, they have the continued cost of liability insurance and other costs; and

WHEREAS, Executive order 20-56 and subsequent executive action, effective on June 1, 2020, allows restaurants and bars to reopen for outdoor service if they adopt and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, ensure a minimum of 6 feet of distance between tables, limit on-premises capacity to no more than 50 persons, limit table service to four (4) persons, or six (6) if part of one family unit, require reservations in advance, require workers to wear masks and strongly encourage masks be worn by customers; and

WHEREAS, To expedite the process and allow businesses sufficient time to comply with the executive order, St. Louis County Board is requested to delegate to the St. Louis County Liquor License Committee authority to approve temporary expansion of designated serving areas for liquor license holders.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board delegates to the St. Louis County Liquor License Committee the authority to approve temporary expansion of designated serving areas for on-sale liquor license holders.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the temporary expansion of the designated serving area is effective until October 1, 2020.

Unanimously adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-283

**BY COMMISSIONER JEWELL:**

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board adjusts it's 2020 Board Meeting Schedule to reschedule the location of its June 2 and 9, 2020 meetings from the Duluth Courthouse to the St. Louis River Room at the Government Services Center, Duluth, MN on June 2, 2020, and the Liz Prebich Room at the Virginia Government Services Center, Virginia, MN, on June 9, 2020.

Unanimously adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-284

**BY COMMISSIONER JUGOVICH:**

WHEREAS, On September 26, 2019, President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order on Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement (the "Order"); and

WHEREAS, The Order requires state and local governments to provide prior written consent allowing the resettlement of refugees within their borders under the U.S. Department of State's Reception and Placement Program; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to continue to allow refugee resettlement within St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the resolution and Board Letter 19-556 is referred back to county administration until the pending federal litigation regarding the constitutionality of the executive order enhancing state and local involvement in refugee resettlement is resolved by the courts.

Yeas – Commissioners McDonald, Musolf, Nelson and Chair Jugovich – 4

Nays – Commissioners Jewell, Boyle and Olson – 3

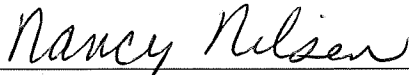
Adopted May 26, 2020. No. 20-285

At 7:12 p.m., May 26, 2020, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Mike Jugovich, Chair of the Board  
of County Commissioners

Attest:



Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor  
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board  
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)