

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 3, 2020

Location: Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Olson, McDonald, Musolf, Nelson and Chair Jugovich

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Commissioners Frank Jewell and Beth Olson participated telephonically.

CONSENT AGENDA

McDonald/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed.
(7-0)

- Minutes of October 27, 2020
- Professional Services Agreements for Geotechnical Services [20-382]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 695 Over an Unnamed Stream to the Sturgeon River (Unorganized Township 62-21) [20-383]
- Acquisition of Right of Way - Replacement of County Bridge 649 Over Stoney Brook (Morcom Township) [20-384]
- Acquisition of Right of Way - Replacement of County Bridge 602 Over an Unnamed Stream to the West Two River (Cherry Township) [20-385]
- Cooperative Design Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a Reduced Conflict Intersection at MNTH 33 and CSAH 7 (Industrial Township) [20-386]
- Cooperative Design Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a Reduced Conflict Intersection at US 169 and CSAH 137 (Mountain Iron and Great Scott Township) [20-387]
- Cooperative Construction Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Intersection Safety Improvements on US 53 at CR 950 and CSAH 132 (Fayal Township) [20-388]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [20-389]
- Certification of Property Assessed Clean Energy (MinnPACE) Financing for Energy Improvements [20-390]
- Joint Powers Agreement with the Duluth Air National Guard Base, 148th Fighter Wing [20-391]
- Special Sale to Hamilton - City of Duluth [20-392]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Musolf/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board authorize acceptance of a donation of 4,379 acres of land from the Minnesota Land Trust and incorporate the land into St. Louis County's Forest Management program. [20-393]. Mark Weber, Land and Minerals Director, spoke highly of the transfer and said that the donation will generate revenue for the county. Commissioner Nelson asked if mining will still be allowed; Director Weber stated that it will depend on whether mineral rights are added. Daryl Peterson of the Minnesota Land Trust said that the land will be managed for forestry, wildlife habitat, water quality and recreational purposes by the Land and Minerals Department. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken, the motion passed. (7-0)

Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board authorize increase of staffing by 1.0 FTE Social Work position for the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program in the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) and reflect the \$12,000 net change in the 2021 ACT contract with Human Development Center (HDC). [20-381R] Gena Bossert, PHHS Division Director, commented that the ACT program serves mostly mentally ill people. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken, the motion passed. (7-0)

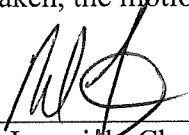
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioners Boyle and Jewell thanked County Auditor/Treasurer Nancy Nilsen for the hard work she and her Elections staff has been doing.

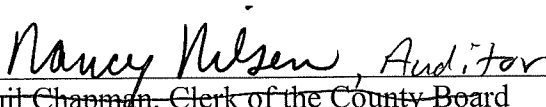
Auditor Nilsen thanked her Elections staff for their effort during this election cycle.

Commissioner Jugovich reminded folks to be safe during the upcoming firearm deer hunting season.

At 9:59 a.m., Boyle/Musolf moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed. (7-0)



Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board