

## AGENDA



### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 10:00 A.M**

**St. Louis County Courthouse  
County Board Room, Second Floor  
100 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Duluth, Minnesota**

**ANNIE HARALA - Vice Chair  
First District**

**PATRICK BOYLE  
Second District**

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Third District**

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**KEITH NELSON - Chair  
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County Auditor  
Nancy Nilsen

County Administrator  
Kevin Gray

County Attorney  
Kimberly Maki

Clerk of the Board  
Phil Chapman

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The public comment period will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 10:00 a.m. before all regularly scheduled Board meetings. Speakers will be provided three (3) minutes for public comment. If there is not sufficient time to conclude public comment prior to the commencement of the Board meeting at 10:00 a.m., public comment will resume after the conclusion of all County business conducted on that day. Citizens desiring to be heard on an item listed on the agenda will be allowed to address the Board at a time a motion is on the floor.

Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. The St. Louis County Board promotes adherence to civility in conducting the business of the County. Civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issue before the Board. Tools of civility include: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism and take responsibility [County Board Resolution No. 560, adopted on September 9, 2003].

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10:00 A.M.    Moment of Silence  
                  Pledge of Allegiance  
                  Roll Call

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of business submitted on the consent agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**ITEMS ON THE TABLE:** (Not on agenda until removed from the table by majority vote.)

**Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Grimm, Chair**

1.        Authorization to Allocate One-time Public Safety Aid. {24-83}

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**ADJOURNED:**



## St. Louis County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action 24 - 83

Committee: **Public Safety & Corrections Committee**

From: Gordon Ramsay, County Sheriff

Reviewed by: Kevin Z. Gray, County Administrator

Date: February 20, 2024

Attachments: ☐ yes ☒ no

Consent: ☐ yes ☒ no

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### ITEM: **Authorization to Allocate One-time Public Safety Aid**

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#### **Background/Overview:**

The 2023 Minnesota Legislature enacted a one-time Public Safety Aid payable in 2023. The one-time appropriation of \$300 million is allocated among all counties, cities, townships of a population of 10,000 or more, and Minnesota's 11 federally recognized tribal governments. Recipients must use the aid to provide public safety, which can include community violence prevention and intervention programs, community engagement, mental health crisis responses, victim services, training programs, first responder wellness, equipment related to rescue, and emergency services, and to pay other personnel or equipment costs.

St. Louis County received notification from the Minnesota Legislature that it has been awarded \$3,423,415. The Sheriff's Office worked with multiple St. Louis County departments to allocate these funds to aid in providing public safety and address critical needs through the following strategies and investments:

- Mental Health Co-Response (Range), Amount: \$300,000
- Strategic Community Mental Health Response Plan, Amount: \$40,000
- Sheriff's Office Equipment and Technology Needs, Amount: \$473,415
- Sheriff's Office Records Management System, Amount: \$750,000
- Sheriff's Office Wellness, Recruitment and Retention, Amount: \$480,000
- Attorney's Office Recruitment and Retention, Amount: \$430,000
- Sheriff's and Attorney's Offices Training, Amount: \$150,000
- Sheriff's Office Staffing and Facility Studies, Amount: \$400,000
- Victim Witness Outreach & Support, Amount: \$50,000
- Stepping on Up Triage Facility, Amount: \$350,000

The resources funded by the one-time Public Safety Aid will complement those currently in place to further strengthen the County's ability to ensure public safety. Ultimately, it is the County's goal that these additional supports will lead to better outcomes.

#### **Policy Objectives:**

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$300 million in one-time Public Safety Aid (Chapter 64, Article 4, Sec. 27). Funding from this bill was distributed to recipients on Dec. 26, 2023. Unlike county program aid or local government aid, this aid cannot be used for general purposes, but instead must be used to "provide public safety" and is a one-time appropriation.

**Fiscal/Budget Impacts/Funding Source/FTE Considerations:**

The recourses and items funded by this one-time Public Safety Aid will be accounted for in the Attorney's expense budget (\$905,000) and the Sheriff's expense budget (\$2,518,415), with funds transferred from the 2023 Public Safety Aid fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311764.

**Recommendation:**

That the St. Louis County Board authorize the allocation of the one-time Public Safety Aid.

## **Authorization to Allocate One-time Public Safety Aid**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The 2023 Minnesota Legislature enacted a one-time Public Safety Aid for aids payable in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Recipients must use the aid to provide public safety, which can include community violence prevention and intervention programs, community engagement, mental health crisis responses, victim services, training programs, first responder wellness, equipment related to rescue, and emergency services, and to pay other personnel or equipment costs; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$3,423,415; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office worked with multiple St. Louis County departments to allocate these funds to aid in providing public safety and address critical needs through the following strategies and investments:

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- Victim Witness Outreach & Support, Amount: \$50,000
- Stepping on Up Triage Facility, Amount: \$350,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the allocation of the one-time Public Safety Aid to be accounted for in the Attorney's expense budget (\$905,000) and the Sheriff's expense budget (\$2,518,415), with funds transferred from the 2023 Public Safety Aid fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311764.