

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 13th day of September 2022, at 9:31 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Paul McDonald -7. Absent: None - 0.

Chair McDonald asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The St. Louis County Board recognized that we can all help prevent suicide, and proclaimed the month of September 2022 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in St. Louis County, Minnesota. Commissioner Boyle read the proclamation and commented that we all have a role to play in suicide prevention. Amy Westbrook, Public Health and Human Services Division Director, said that mental health needs have increased over the course of the pandemic. In 2020, St. Louis County had the fourth highest age-adjusted rate for combined emergency department visits and hospitalizations for self-harm injury in Minnesota. There is a need to continue to build strong relationships with providers. Director Westbrook noted that the Suicide and Crises Lifeline (988) provides triage and phone service for people in crisis.

Chair McDonald opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Bruce Anderson, of Duluth, discussed St. Louis County Board Memo 22-40 and said that the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued to LTI should be voided because the septic system was not in compliance and the CUP was granted on July 1, 2020; the sale did not take place until July 14, 2020. Melissa Bell, of Duluth, provided a handout to the Board and said that site inspections were requested; however, the county only did site visits. Ms. Bell noted that only one parcel was listed on the paperwork; however, some entities have multiple parcels. Ms. Bell commented that the county needs to take ownership of problems and corrections must be made. Clayton Cich, of the Fredenberg Township Board, commented that the township requested site inspections be completed, not site visits. Mr. Cich noted that there is a difference between a site visit and a site inspection. Oly Olson, of Duluth, said that the CUP issued to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road is invalid and that it is the responsibility of the Board to do their job.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Sheriff's Office to execute a three-year contract renewal with Independent School District 2142 to continue School Resource Officer (SRO) assignment. Commissioner Grimm said she that would like to see data tracked because there is no accountability to ensure that this is the best investment for kids. Commissioner Grimm noted there is disproportionate rates of suspension; a black student is twenty times more likely to be suspended compared to a white student. Commissioner Jugovich commented that as Mayor of Chisholm, he received positive feedback about having School Resource Officers; the program helped build a positive relationship between officers and kids from troubled homes. Commissioner Jewell said that positive feedback from the Sheriff and school district is a common thread; however, a better tracking system is needed. Chair McDonald

said that he has heard nothing but support from the Superintendent, School Board, and teachers. After further discussion, the motion passed; six yeas, one nay (Grimm). Resolution No. 22-500.

Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to consider a resolution to accept Local Bridge Replacement Program grant funds and authorize reimbursements in connection to the reconstruction of State Bridge 7759 (County Bridge 500) associated with SP 069-701-007 and rescind Resolution No. 22-422; the item has not been to committee. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minn. Stat. §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 project but not required; that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute the Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) Grant Agreement (MnDOT Agreement No. 1050051), and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant, receipted to the following funds: Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP, Bridge Bonds) Funds – Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 530401; Federal Bridge Off-System (2022 BROS) Funds - Fund 220, Agency 220706 Object 540702; Municipal State Aid Funds - Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 5216051; and further, that Resolution No. 22-422 is hereby rescinded. County Administrator Kevin Gray noted the revision was a technical change to the wording of the resolution that was requested by Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-501.

Commissioner Nelson read a letter from Lakehead Trucking regarding working relationships and community involvement in Fredenberg Township. Chair McDonald asked County Attorney Kim Maki for a Point of Order regarding public comment. Attorney Maki responded that the Standing Rules of the Board allows for public comment at the beginning of the meeting; however, the Board Chair can answer questions of order and make decisions to preserve order and decorum.

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. 22-392, Establish Public Meetings on the 2023 Property Tax Levy and Operating Budget.—61789

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Donna Viskoe, Purchasing Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-393, Award of 2022 and 2023 Fleet Vehicle Purchases.—61790

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 22-390, Establish a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the 2023 Fee Schedule.—61791

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-389, Renewal of Lease Agreement with Mining Resources, LLC.—61792

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-391, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Proposed CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) Zoning Ordinance 62 Amendments.—61793

Proclamation: Suicide Prevention Awareness Month – September 2022.—61794

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Ross Litman, Sheriff, submitting Board Letter No. 22-396, School Resource Officer Contract Renewal with Independent School District 2142.—61795

Melissa Bell, Duluth, MN, submitting a handout containing questions and correspondence regarding the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued for 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road, Duluth, MN.—61796

Todd Kaneski, President, and Steve Kaneski, Vice President, Lakehead Trucking, Inc., Duluth, MN, submitting correspondence regarding their CUP for 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road, Duluth, MN.—61797

St. Louis County On-Line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis, Auditor's Office, and the City of Rice Lake, MN.—22-381

Fire Protection Services Agreement – CY 2023 between the County of St. Louis and Bearville Township for services in Unorganized Townships 62-21 & 63-21 (Sections 25 through 36) during the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.—22-382

Fire Protection Services Agreement – CY 2023 between the County of St. Louis and Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Angora, MN, for services in Unorganized Townships 60-19 & 60-20 during the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.—22-383

Fire Protection and First Responder Services Agreement – CY 2023 between the County of St. Louis and Morse-Fall Lake Rural Protection Association (MFLRPA), Inc., Ely, MN, for services in Unorganized Townships 64-12, 64-13, 65-13, 63-14 & 65-14 during the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.—22-384

Fire Protection Services Agreement – CY 2023 between the County of St. Louis and the City of Orr for services in Unorganized Townships 63-19 & 66-20 during the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.—22-385

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the County of Cook for 2023 State Aid Pavement Marking Project (SAP 069-030-045, CP 0000-397538), Cook County (SAP 016-612-080).—22-386

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, resolutions numbered 22-483 through 22-499, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of September 6, 2022, are hereby approved.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-483

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding to St. Louis County through local Continuum of Care (CoC) grant awards for permanent and rapid re-housing to homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, For the current funding cycle for the traditional Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO), 27 projects will be applying in St. Louis County for a total of up to \$3.4

million for renewal projects; and

WHEREAS, For the current funding cycle of the Special NOFO, new projects will be able to apply that focus on unsheltered households for up to \$4.1 million; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the traditional NOFO project applications, there are St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Planning Grant funds available to apply for up to \$104,701 to fund planning activities for the CoC, conduct countywide planning and systems improvement, and the County will serve as fiscal agent for these dollars; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Special NOFO project applications, there are St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Planning grant funds available to apply for up to \$133,000 over three years, dependent upon the amount for which new projects apply.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to apply for both the traditional and Special HUD NOFO Planning Grant funds for the grant allocation, if awarded, for the purpose of funding additional support and planning activities for our CoC including, but not limited to, purchasing the services, professionals, and/or other resources needed to assist the local Continuum of Care and the Heading Home Governance Board for the period September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, for the traditional NOFO Planning grant cycle and September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2026, for the Special NOFO Planning grant funds.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-484

WHEREAS, In 2023, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is planning to replace two bridges on MN Trunk Highway (MNTH) 73; and

WHEREAS, Bridge # 69X21 is located 1.0 mile north of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18 and will utilize CSAH 16 and CSAH 18 for the detour; and

WHEREAS, Bridge # 69138 is located 300 feet north of CSAH 16 and will utilize CSAH 18 for the detour; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT will provide payment to St. Louis County for road life consumed and maintenance through a detour agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County enter into MnDOT Agreement No.1049900 with MnDOT for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use and maintenance of CSAH 18 and CSAH 16 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to MNTH 73 under State Project No. 6929-21 (MNTH 73=163).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board Chair, Public Works Director and the Assistant County Attorney are authorized to execute the agreement and any amendments to the agreement.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That State funds will be receipted into Fund 200, Agency 205003, Object 583100, with the total estimated detour payment for both detours totaling \$2,825.88.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-485

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department's budget includes the purchase of three (3) sets of portable traffic signals for maintenance operations; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested pricing for three (3) sets of portable traffic signals based on the department's needs; and

WHEREAS, Street Smart Rentals, LLC of Lino Lakes, MN, responded with the State of Minnesota contract price for three (3) sets of portable traffic signals of \$196,736.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of three (3) sets of portable traffic signals from Street Smart Rentals, LLC of Lino Lakes, MN, for a total cost of \$196,736, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666400.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-486

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department has decommissioned a 2005 CAT 143H Motor Grader in the Road and Bridge Division as the unit has been replaced with a new unit; and

WHEREAS, Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC) is in need of a Motor Grader for ARC staff on and around the grounds of the Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC) facility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the transfer of ownership of a 2005 CAT 143H Motor Grader to ARC for use at the NERCC at the total reimbursement of \$30,000, payable to Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 590650.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-487

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County Road 187 (Savanna Road West) and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 204, State Bridge L4186) over Vaara Creek in Cedar Valley Township (CP 0187-555605); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of authorizes the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute, on behalf of the County, any easement documents as may become necessary, with funds payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-488

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Division solicits bids annually for the purchase of fuels for use throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, The contracts may be renewed upon agreement of the County and the Contractor for four (4) optional one-year terms, provided that the Contractor has satisfactorily performed the services as determined solely by the County; and

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Division received bids from four (4) different vendors; and

WHEREAS, Each zone and fuel type is treated as a separate bid award providing the County with the lowest cost.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Purchasing Division to contract with the lowest bidder(s) constant for each zone for the purchase of gasohol, diesel fuel and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Purchasing Division to purchase fuels from MN State Contract(s) F-531(5) and 541(5), should it be determined it is in the best interest of St. Louis County, anytime throughout the contracted period.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-489

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been standardizing its building automation controls systems and equipment and the three new Public Works campuses will require the installation of these standardized controls and equipment; and

WHEREAS, UHL Company of Maple Grove and Duluth, MN, has been chosen as the County standard for these controls and equipment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement with UHL Company of Maple Grove and Duluth, MN, in an amount not to exceed \$336,000 for the installation of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) building automation control system at the three new Public Works campuses being constructed for the Public Works Countywide Project payable from Fund 450, Agencies 450002 (Culver), 450003 (Kugler) and 450004 (Whiteface), Object 661100, with costs split between these three agencies.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-490

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 61635.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-491

WHEREAS, The current infrastructure hardware and software utilized to provide wireless to all St. Louis County facilities has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer supported by the manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Information Technology (IT) Department has worked with vendor partner High Point Networks, LLC to outline a new wireless technology infrastructure that will replace the outdated wireless infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, This new wireless infrastructure will ensure ongoing hardware support, increased wireless capacity, and improved software capabilities that will allow IT to expand wireless to mitigate suboptimal wireless connectivity at St. Louis County facilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Information Technology Department to enter into a hardware, software, and services agreement with High Point Networks, LLC, West Fargo, ND, an authorized reseller of Extreme Networks, Inc., for the implementation of new wireless hardware infrastructure in the estimated amount of \$214,490, State of Minnesota Contract 147102, for a five (5) year agreement, payable from Fund 100, Agency 117001, Object 634801, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-492

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 275.065 requires that counties establish a public meeting date for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the proposed property tax levy and operating budget for the year 2023 prior to adopting a final levy and budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes public meetings to gather comment on the proposed property tax levy and operating budget for year 2023 on Monday, November 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Virginia, MN, and Monday, November 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-493

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Division has prepared bid specifications for 2022 and 2023 fleet vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received and compared with the State of Minnesota Contracts; and

WHEREAS, Local qualifying bids within \$350.00 of the State of Minnesota Contract prices will be awarded to local bidders; and

WHEREAS, Build-out dates are often announced with short lead times for placing orders; and

WHEREAS, Quantities are based upon the available funds for the purchase of 2022 and 2023 fleet vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The total purchase price of the vehicles amounts to \$1,707,172.00 plus all additional estimated taxes and fees associated of \$281,529.14, for a total purchase price of \$1,988,701.14.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of 2022 and 2023 fleet vehicles in accordance with the specifications of Bid No. 1000011 and State of Minnesota Contract releases as follows:

- 1.0 Four (4) Three-Quarter Ton Pickups, Super Cab, 4WD, 4 Door (**Ford F-250 SRW X2B**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$44,460.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of these vehicles are as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, 6.5% motor vehicle sales tax of \$2,889.90 per unit, and estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, for a total estimated extended price of **\$189,699.60**, delivered to the Pike Lake Land Office, payable from Fund 240, Agency 241007 and 241008, Object Code 666200 (pickups/vans); **LAND and MINERALS**
- 2.0 Eight (8) Sport Utility Vehicles, AWD, 4 Door, (**Chevrolet Equinox 1XX26**) from **North Country GM of Hibbing, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$26,589.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of these vehicles are as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, 6.5% motor vehicle sales tax of \$1,728.29 per unit, and estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, for a total extended price of **\$227,138.32**, delivered to the Duluth and/or Virginia Motor Pool, payable from Fund 715, Agency 715001, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **MOTOR POOL**
- 3.0 One (1) Sport Utility Vehicle, AWD, 4 Door, (**Ford Explorer K8B**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$34,912.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of this vehicle are as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, 6.5% motor vehicle sales tax of \$2,269.28 per unit, and estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, for a total extended price of **\$37,256.28**, delivered to the Duluth Motor Pool, payable from Fund 715, Agency 715001, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **MOTOR POOL**
- 4.0 Ten (10) Heavy Half Ton Pickups, 4WD, 4 Door (**Ford F-150 X1E**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$38,067.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of this vehicle is as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, 6.5% motor vehicle sales tax of \$2,474.36 per unit, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$406,163.60**, delivered to the Virginia Public Works Campus, payable from Fund 715, Agency 715001, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **PUBLIC WORKS**
- 5.0 Three (3) Sport Utility Vehicles, AWD, 4 Door (**Dodge Durango WDEE75**) from **Dodge of Burnsville of Burnsville, MN**, at their State of Minnesota Contract price of \$42,246.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of these vehicles are as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, tax exempt, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and an estimated gear-up price of \$13,000.00 per unit, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$165,963.00**, delivered to EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF MARKED**
- 6.0 Three (3) Sport Utility Vehicles, AWD, 4 Door (**Dodge Durango WDEE75**) from **Dodge of Burnsville of Burnsville, MN**, at their State of Minnesota Contract price of \$42,404.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of these vehicles are as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, 6.5% motor vehicle sales tax of \$2,756.26 per unit, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and an estimated gear-up price of \$8,000.00 per unit, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$159,705.78**, delivered to EATI, payable from Fund 100,

- Agency 129003, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF UNMARKED**
- 7.0 Three (3) SUVs, AWD, 4 Door (**Ford Explorer K8A**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$40,003.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of these vehicles are as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, tax exempt, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and an estimated gear-up price of \$13,000.00 per unit, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$159,234.00**, delivered to EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF MARKED**
- 8.0 Three (3) Interceptor SUV, AWD, 4 Door (**Ford Explorer K8A**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$40,075.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of these vehicles are as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, 6.5% motor vehicle sales tax of \$2,604.88 per unit, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and an estimated gear-up price of \$9,000.00 per unit, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$155,264.64**, delivered to EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF UNMARKED**
- 9.0 One (1) Responder Pickup, 4WD, 4 Door (**Ford F150 WIP**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$44,207.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of this vehicle is as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, tax exempt, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and an estimated gear-up price of \$9,000.00 per unit, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$53,282.00**, delivered to EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF MARKED**
- 10.0 Two (2) Responder Pickups, 4WD, 4 Door (**Ford F150 WIP**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$44,207.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of these vehicles are as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, 6.5% motor vehicle sales tax of \$2,873.46 per unit, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and an estimated gear-up price of \$9,000.00, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$112,310.92**, delivered to EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF UNMARKED**
- 11.0 One (1) Special Service Pickup, 4WD, 4 Door (**Ford F-150 W1T**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$42,578.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of this vehicle is as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, tax exempt, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and an estimated gear up price of \$8,000.00, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$50,653.00**, delivered to EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF MARKED**
- 12.0 Four (4) Three Quarter Ton Pickups, 4WD, 4 Door (**Ford F-250 W2B**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$46,061.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of these vehicles are as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, tax exempt, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and an estimated gear up price of \$8,000.00 per unit, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$216,544.00**, delivered EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF MARKED**
- 13.0 One (1) One Ton Pickup, 4WD, 4 Door (**Ford F-350 W2B**) from **Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls, MN**, at their low specification bid price of \$47,411.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of this vehicle is as follows, excise tax of \$20.00 each, tax exempt, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and an estimated gear up price of \$8,000.00 per unit, for a fully loaded acquisition price of **\$55,486.00**, delivered EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF**

MARKED

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-494

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board authorized the County Attorney's Office to purchase Prosecutor by Karpel Case Management System along with SHIELD electronic referral interface from Equivant (DAMION case management system) by Resolution No. 21-511; and

WHEREAS, Northern municipal prosecutors are currently using DAMION as a case management system, which allows them to receive electronic referrals from law enforcement agencies, including the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Through conversations with these contracted municipal prosecutors and law enforcement agencies, it was determined that these agencies should also migrate to Karpel Solutions for a case management system and maintain the electronic referral interface.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an amendment the agreement to include four (4) additional Karpel licenses for the contracted municipal prosecutors to maintain the electronic referral interface for a total of \$11,700, payable from Fund 167, Agency 167001, Object 634800.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-495

WHEREAS, The law enforcement and jail divisions have one year left on their current five-year taser contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, Inc., recently introduced the Taser 7, a new and improved model of the Taser CEW (Conducted Energy Weapon) that provides several enhanced features that are not available on current equipment; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, Inc., has agreed to provide 132 (117 for the law enforcement division and 15 for the jail division) of the new generation Taser 7 including: holsters, training suits with cartridges, administrative and user licenses for evidence.com, targets, training cartridges, live cartridges (field use), batteries, instructor school vouchers, docking stations, extended warranties for five years and virtual reality system training; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, Inc., also provides the Sheriff's Office body-worn cameras and in-squad car cameras of which Taser 7 activation will also be programmed to initiate activation on integrated agency body-worn cameras in the vicinity; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, Inc., offers a five-year payment plan with a total cost to the Sheriff's Office of \$537,293 and \$115,182 to the Jail.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of a Taser 7 bundle from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$677,425, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 642700 for the Sheriff's Office along with Fund 100, Agency 137002, Object 642700 for the Jail, over five years.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-496

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will convene a public hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 9:35 a.m., at the McDavitt Town Hall, Zim, MN, to consider the adoption of the Fee Schedule for various county services for the year 2023.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-497

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 1(f), authorizes the County Auditor, with the approval of the County Board, to grant permits, licenses and leases of state tax forfeited lands for facilities needed to recover iron-bearing oxides from tailings basins or stockpiles upon the conditions and for the consideration and for the period of time, not to exceed 25 years, as the County Board may determine; and

WHEREAS, Mining Resources, LLC has requested to renew a surface lease for a mining operation on state tax forfeited land located in Sections 26 and 35, Township 58 North, Range 20 West; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has reviewed the request and recommends renewing the lease for a ten-year term, an annual lease fee of \$35,430.00, and subject to terms intended to minimize liability to the County for possible environmental or other claims and to ensure contractors and service providers are paid.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to renew Surface Lease No. L05120001 granted to Mining Resources, LLC for a ten-year term, an annual lease fee of \$35,430.00, and subject to terms intended to minimize liability to the County for possible environmental or other claims and to ensure contractors and service providers are paid.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-498

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2022, the St. Louis County Planning Commission initiated proposed Zoning Ordinance 62 amendments and distributed for further public input; and

WHEREAS, On July 14, 2022, the Planning Commission, after soliciting comments for 30 days, held a public hearing regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance 62 amendments; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission voted to recommend that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners adopt the proposed Zoning Ordinance 62 amendments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on September 27, 2022, at 9:35 a.m., at the Fine Lakes Town Hall, 3726 Prairie Lake Road, Wright, MN, to solicit public input on the proposed Zoning Ordinance 62 amendments.

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-499

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, Since 2016, the Sheriff's Office has been in contract with Independent School District (ISD) 2142 to have Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officers serve the district; and

WHEREAS, There are three Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer positions that serve the Cherry, South Ridge, Northwoods and Tower-Soudan Schools which equates to approximately 1900 students and 480 staff; and

WHEREAS, Continued project goals would be to reduce juvenile crime, juvenile crime prevention, and school emergency preparedness planning with a school-based policing model; and

WHEREAS, ISD 2142 will fund 50% of three Deputy Sheriff positions for nine months of the year, equating to approximately \$125,000 total contract obligation to ISD 2142.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Sheriff's Office to execute a three-year contract renewal with ISD 2142 to continue School Resource Officer assignment.

Yeas – Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich and Chair McDonald – 6

Nays – Commissioner Grimm – 1

Adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-500

BY COMMISSIONER MUSOLF:

WHEREAS, The County has programmed the reconstruction of State Bridge 7759 (County Bridge 500) to be completed in year 2022; and

WHEREAS, The County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund (Bridge Bonds) for reconstruction of State Bridge No. 7759 (County Bridge No. 500); and

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

WHEREAS, The amount of the grant has been determined to be \$104,955.09 by reason of the lowest responsible bid and shall be deposited into Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 530401; and

WHEREAS, The construction low bid came in at \$676,771.71 and will be funded by a combination of the following funds:

- Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP, Bridge Bonds) Funds (\$104,955.09)
- 2022 Federal Bridge Off-System (2022 BROS) Funds (\$541,417.37)
- Municipal State Aid Funds (\$30,399.25); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will pay any part of the cost or expense of the work that exceeds the bid.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minn. Stat. §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 project but not required.

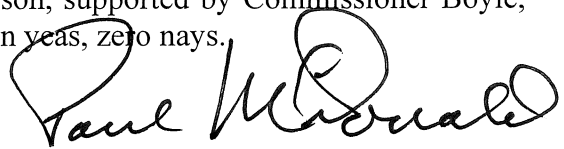
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute the LBRP Grant Agreement (MnDOT Agreement No. 1050051), and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant, receipted to the following funds:

- Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP, Bridge Bonds) Funds - Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 530401
- Federal Bridge Off-System (2022 BROS) Funds - Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 540702
- Municipal State Aid Funds - Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 521605.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Resolution No. 22-422 is hereby rescinded.

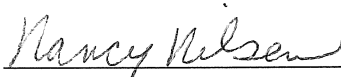
Unanimously adopted September 13, 2022. No. 22-501

At 10:24 a.m., September 13, 2022, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Paul McDonald, 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)