

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 28th day of November 2023, at 9:34 a.m., at the City of Leonidas, Eveleth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Patrick Boyle - 7. Absent: None - 0.

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

Chair Boyle opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Melissa Bell, of Duluth, said the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road should be null and void. Ms. Bell said the county must rubber stamp gravel pit permits because no gravel permits have been denied since 2018. Ms. Bell also commented that one of the commissioners was rude and disrespectful during the November 14, 2023 County Drainage Authority meeting. Clayton Cich, of Fredenberg Township, said he watched the November 14, 2023 County Drainage Authority meeting and commented that if more culverts were installed in the area, gravity would take care of the issue. Bruce Anderson, of Duluth, said that the Board of Adjustment is a weak, tired, and unapproachable board. Mr. Anderson said that the Board sits on the fence and refuses to commit. Dale Zamlen, of Eveleth, noted that he received his truth in taxation notice on November 25, 2023; however, the Virginia public meeting was held on November 20, 2023. Mr. Zamlen commented on how tax increases have had a negative impact on him and said that his property taxes have doubled over the last seven years. Nathaniel Coward and Seraphia Gravelle, of Voices for Ethnic and Multicultural Awareness (VEMA), discussed the need for funding for the Chisholm Multicultural Center.

At 9:55 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 23-489, adopted September 26, 2023, to consider adoption of the Fee Schedule for various county services for the year 2024. Breann Graber, St. Louis County Budget and Business Improvement Manager, gave the Board an overview of proposed fee changes. Chair Boyle asked if there were any governmental entities, supporters, opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 10:02 a.m., Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved that the St. Louis County Board adopts the 2024 Fee Schedule. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger noted that there were two typos on the original fee schedule and a revised fee schedule was presented to the Board for approval. The motion to approve the revised 2024 Fee Schedule passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 23-614.

At 10:05 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 23-534, adopted October 24, 2023, to consider naming a point on Namakan Lake as "Whiskey Point" (Unorganized Township 69-17). Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger commented that consistent with state law the county is required to hold a public hearing. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger said the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had no concerns and would make the final decision regarding the name change. Nyle Zikmund spoke in favor of the name change and commented that his grandmother

purchased the property in 1931; residents in the area commonly refer to the point as Whiskey Point. Bruce Anderson, of Duluth, commented that the Whiskey Point rename got on the agenda; however, his group has been trying to get on the agenda for four years regarding a Conditional Use Permit. Chair Boyle asked if there were any other governmental entities, supporters, opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 10:14 a.m., Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the naming a point located on the south shore of Namakan Lake in Unorganized Township 69-17, Section 29, Township 69, Range 17, as “Whiskey Point”; and further, recommends that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources approve this name change. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 23-615.

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

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board appoints Nadine Wells as the St. Louis County Veteran Services Director (County Veterans Service Officer pursuant to Minn. Stat. §197.60, Subd. 1), effective November 28, 2023, at the annual salary rate of \$82,139 (Pay Plan A1, Grade 20A, Step M4, of the St. Louis County Management Compensation Plan) with benefits as provided by the Management Compensation Plan. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Director Wells thanked County Administration and the Board for their support. County Auditor Nilsen administered the oath of office to Director Wells. Resolution No. 23-616.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the necessary steps to schedule the date of the 2024 legislative delegation dinner meeting for December 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the Virginia Courthouse, Jury Lounge – Lower Level, Virginia, MN. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 23-617.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to consider a resolution to consider a 2024 polling place change for Unorganized Township 60-19; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board designates Sand Lake Chapel, 9038 Biss Road, Britt, MN, as the polling place for Unorganized Precinct #16 (T60-R19). The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 23-618.

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

Mary Tennis, Extension and Depot Director, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-487, Meeting Per Diem for Citizens Appointed to County Cooperative Extension Committee.—62053

Brian Fritsinger, Deputy County Administrator, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-489, Reappointment to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors.—62054

Gordon Ramsay, Sheriff, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-479, Toward Zero Deaths Agreement with the City of Duluth.—62055

Gordon Ramsay, Sheriff, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-480, Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Duluth for the 2023 Justice Assistance Grant.—62056

Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-483, Tax-Forfeited Lease to Hallett Dock 7, LLC (City of Duluth).—62057

James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-491, County Veteran Services Director Appointment.—62058

Brian Fritsinger, Deputy County Administrator, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-492R, Schedule Location/Time for 2024 Legislative Delegation Dinner Meeting.—62059

Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-495, St. Louis County Unorganized Territory Polling Place Change for 2024.—62060

Upon motion by Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Harala, resolutions numbered 23-575 through 23-613, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of November 14, 2023, are hereby approved.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-575

WHEREAS, Over forty percent of St. Louis County's children are placed out-of-the home due to parental substance use; and

WHEREAS, Public Health and Human Services has contracted with community providers, including MnOneStop, to provide parent mentors to families with whom we work; and

WHEREAS, Nationally Abt Associates is partnering with the U.S. Department of Human Services Administration for Children and Families to evaluate potential evidenced based programs to support Families First Prevention Services Act, including the Minnesota Parent Mentor Program – Recovery Mentors; and

WHEREAS, The funding will support St. Louis County's participation in the impact study of a new parent mentor/recovery coach model of service for families involved in the child protection system; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Family First Prevention Services Plan currently includes two services that will be Title IV-E reimbursable, and the evaluation study of the R3 Parent Mentor Project may lead to this service also becoming eligible for reimbursement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes Public Health and Human Services to accept \$150,000 from Abt Associates to participate in the evaluation study of the R3 Parent Mentor Project and contract with an R3 Coordinator over a 24-30-month period.

BUDGET REFERENCE:

230-232008-629900-99999-23200804-9999

230-232008-557030-99999-23200804-9999

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-576

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has a variety of children's services available in the community that are Federal Title IV-E eligible, with the County paying the entire cost for any child who does not have private insurance coverage, does not qualify for a fee, or is not eligible for Medical Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Life House, Inc. represents they are qualified to provide these services through their Children's Residential Facility (CRF)/Qualified Residential Treatment Facility (QRTP) services at Sol House and The Loft; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 256.0112, Subd. 6, this contract shall serve as a lead county contract for services purchased from financially responsible agencies of other counties.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the lead county contract for the Purchase of Service Agreements for Children's Residential Facility (CRF)/Qualified Residential Treatment Facility (QRTP) services covering the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, with Life House, Inc. through their programming and out-of-home placement services as Sol House and The Loft, at the following per diem rates:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAILY RATE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Sol House	\$199.32	3%
The Loft	\$242.94	3%

BUDGET REFERENCE:

230-232008-6012000

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-577

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has a variety of children's services available in the community that are Federal Title IV-E eligible, with the County paying the entire cost for any child who does not have private insurance coverage or is not eligible for Medical Assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department has historically contracted with the provider listed below to provide needed Children's Residential Facility (CRF)/Qualified Residential Treatment Facility (QRTP) and Crisis Stabilization services for children on behalf of the County and wishes to renew this contract.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the lead county contract for Northwood Children's Home Society, Inc., d/b/a Northwood Children's Services (Northwood) for the purchase of Children's Residential Facility (CRF)/Qualified Residential Treatment Facility (QRTP) and Crisis Stabilization services for children, for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, at the following per diem rates:

<u>CRF PROGRAM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Main Campus QRTP	\$405.48	5%
Diagnostic and Assessment Program	\$465.93	5%

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of Crisis Stabilization Services for up to two children at a time from St. Louis County, for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, at the following per diem rate. If Northwood Children's Services were to become certified to provide crisis stabilization services, the below services would become reimbursable by Medicaid and the Behavioral Health Fund.

<u>Diagnostic and Assessment Program</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Crisis Stabilization	\$444.49	5%
Diagnostic Evaluation	\$157.95	

BUDGET REFERENCE:

230-232008-601200

230-232008-601600

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-578

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department's 2023 equipment budget includes four pickup trucks; and

WHEREAS, North Country GM of Hibbing, MN, responded with the State of Minnesota contract price for four pickup trucks for \$187,962.68.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of four (4) GMC 1500 Double Cab Pickups (TK10753) from North Country GM of Hibbing, MN, for \$187,962.68, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666200.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-579

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Alborn Township is intending to submit an LRIP grant application for the rehabilitation of Township Road 5842 (Aerie Lake Road) beginning at County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 47 and ending at the Alborn-Pengilly Railroad ATV Trail in Alborn Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, Alborn Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes sponsorship for a LRIP grant for the rehabilitation of Township Road 5842 (Aerie Lake Road) beginning at CSAH 47 and ending at the Alborn-Pengilly Railroad ATV Trail in Alborn Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Alborn Township to receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the rehabilitation of Township Road 5842 (Aerie Lake Road) beginning at CSAH 47 and ending at the Alborn-Pengilly Railroad ATV Trail in Alborn Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-580

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ault Township and Fairbanks Township are intending to submit an LRIP grant application for the rehabilitation of Camp House Road from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 44 to 1.0 mile east of CSAH 44 in Ault Township and Fairbanks Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, Ault Township and Fairbanks Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes sponsorship for a LRIP grant for the rehabilitation of Camp House Road from CSAH 44 to 1.0 mile east of CSAH 44 in Ault Township and Fairbanks Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Ault Township and Fairbanks Township to

receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the rehabilitation of Camp House Road from CSAH 44 to 1.0 mile east of CSAH 44 in Ault Township and Fairbanks Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-581

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Aurora is intending to submit an LRIP grant application for the North 1st Avenue West Rehabilitation Project in the City of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Aurora will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes sponsorship for a LRIP grant for the North 1st Avenue West Rehabilitation Project in the City of Aurora.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Aurora to receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the North 1st Avenue West Rehabilitation Project in the City of Aurora.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-582

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Breitung Township is intending to submit an LRIP grant application for improvements to Thompson Farm Road adjacent to Trunk Highway 169 in Breitung Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, Breitung Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes sponsorship for a LRIP grant for the Thompson Farm Road Project in Breitung Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Breitung Township to receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the Thompson Farm Road Project in Breitung Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-583

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the Local Road Improvement Program for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Fayal Township is intending to submit a LRIP grant application for rehabilitation of Thunderbird Trail from Trunk Highway 53 to County Road 329 in Fayal Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the Local Road Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, Fayal Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a LRIP grant for the rehabilitation of Thunderbird Trail from Trunk Highway 53 to County Road 329 in Fayal Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Fayal Township to receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the rehabilitation of Thunderbird Trail from Trunk Highway 53 to County Road 329 in Fayal Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-584

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the Local Road Improvement Program for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Fayal Township is intending to submit a LRIP grant application for the rehabilitation of Differding Point Road, Differding Lane, Differding Court East and West, Thunderbird Trail East, and Horseshoe Lake Drive in Fayal Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the Local Road Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, Fayal Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Program grant for the rehabilitation of Differding Point Road, Differding Lane, Differding Court East and West, Thunderbird Trail East, and Horseshoe Lake Drive in Fayal Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Fayal Township to receive and administer any Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds awarded for the rehabilitation of Differding Point Road, Differding Lane, Differding Court East and West, Thunderbird Trail East, and Horseshoe Lake Drive in Fayal Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-585

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the Local Road Improvement Program for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Fredenberg Township is intending to submit a LRIP grant application for pavement rehabilitation of East Cook Lake Road (Township Road 5542), Wood Duck Drive, and West Island Lake Road in Fredenberg Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the Local Road Improvement

Program project; and

WHEREAS, Fredenberg Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Program grant for the pavement rehabilitation of East Cook Lake Road (Township Road 5542), Wood Duck Drive, and West Island Lake Road in Fredenberg Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Fredenberg Township to receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the pavement rehabilitation of East Cook Lake Road (Township Road 5542), Wood Duck Drive, and West Island Lake Road in Fredenberg Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-586

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the Local Road Improvement Program for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Morse Township is intending to submit a LRIP grant application for rehabilitation of roadways within Romberg Acres adjacent to Trunk Highway 169 and County State Aid Highway 58 (Kawishiwi Trail) in Morse Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the Local Road Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, Morse Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Program grant for the Romberg Acres Roadway Project in Morse Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Morse Township to receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the Romberg Acres Roadway Project in Morse Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-587

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the Local Road Improvement Program for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Pequaywan Township is intending to submit an LRIP grant application for the rehabilitation of West Branch Road, beginning at its west termini and ending at the Pequaywan Township line, for a total length of 2.3 miles in Pequaywan Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the Local Road Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, Pequaywan Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Program grant for the rehabilitation of West Branch Road beginning at its west termini and ending at the Pequaywan Township line for a total length of 2.3 miles in Pequaywan Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Pequaywan Township to receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the rehabilitation of West Branch Road, beginning at its west termini and ending at the Pequaywan Township line, for a total length of 2.3 miles in Pequaywan Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-588

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the Local Road Improvement Program for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Solway Township is intending to submit a LRIP grant application for improvements to Jeffrey Road, beginning at US 2 and ending at Maple Grove Road (County State Aid Highway 6), for a total length of 0.48 mile in Solway Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for this proposed Local Road Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, Solway Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as sponsoring agency for the Local Road Improvement Program grant for improvements to Jeffrey Road, beginning at US 2 and ending at Maple Grove Road (County State Aid Highway 6), for a total length of 0.48 mile in Solway Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Solway Township to receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the improvements to Jeffrey Road in Solway Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-589

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to fund local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the Local Road Improvement Program for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, White Township is intending to submit a LRIP grant application for the rehabilitation of Township Road 6517 (Trigstad Road) from Unorganized Township (UT) 9231 (Hult Road) to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 99 in White Township; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the Local Road Improvement Program project; and

WHEREAS, White Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of LRIP funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Program grant for the rehabilitation of Township

Road 6517 (Trigstad Road) from UT 9231 (Hult Road) to CSAH 99 in White Township.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with White Township to receive and administer any LRIP funds awarded for the rehabilitation of Township Road 6517 (Trigstad Road) from UT 9231 (Hult Road) to CSAH 99 in White Township.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-590

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency
- To address its negative economic impacts
- To serve the hardest hit
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has allocated up to \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds to be used for youth recreation/park projects; and

WHEREAS, The Arena Legacy Fund (Fund), in cooperation with the City of Hermantown (City), Hermantown School District (District) and Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association (Association) has identified a project to expand and add a second sheet of ice at the Hermantown ice arena complex; and

WHEREAS, The Fund has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$80,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to support its project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$80,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for the Hermantown Arena Expansion Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Fund, City, District, and/or Association shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with the appropriate party or parties including the Fund, City, District, and/or Association for this project with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Action Revenue Loss.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-591

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency
- To address its negative economic impacts
- To serve the hardest hit
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, RideNow Transport, LLC has submitted an application for funding to assist with their business start-up costs associated with the operation of a transportation service for those with disabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$25,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for RideNow Transport, LLC.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That RideNow Transport, LLC shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the program meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with RideNow Transport, LLC for this program with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-592

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency
- To address its negative economic impacts
- To serve the hardest hit
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Ely Nordic Ski and Bike Club has submitted an application for \$50,000 of matching funding to assist with their proposed mountain bike trail improvement project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$50,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for the Ely Nordic Ski and Bike Club Mountain Bike Trail Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Ely Nordic Ski and Bike Club shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the program meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with Ely Nordic Ski and Bike Club for this project with funds for the above project

payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-593

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency
- To address its negative economic impacts
- To serve the hardest hit
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, Together for Life Northland/Star of the North Maternity Home has submitted an application for funding to assist with their proposed Maternity Home purchase and renovation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$135,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for the Together for Life Northland/Star of the North Maternity Home project in Hibbing, MN.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Together for Life Northland/Star of the North Maternity Home shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the program meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with Together for Life Northland/Star of the North Maternity Home for this program with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-594

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency
- To address its negative economic impacts
- To serve the hardest hit
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, 23rd Veteran has submitted an application for funding to assist with their business start-up costs associated with the operation of a transportation service for those with disabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$30,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for 23rd Veteran Recon program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That 23rd Veteran shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the program meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with 23rd Veteran for this program with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-595

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency
- To address its negative economic impacts
- To serve the hardest hit
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has allocated up to \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds to be used for youth recreation/park projects; and

WHEREAS, The Jim Gillach Memorial Fund (Fund) has identified a project to add windscreens and temporary fencing as part of its pickleball court project; and

WHEREAS, The Fund has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$5,715 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to support its project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves a grant of up to \$5,715 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding to the Jim Gillach Memorial Fund for the Aurora Pickleball Park Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Fund shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with the Fund for this project with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Action Revenue Loss.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-596

WHEREAS, St. Louis County owns the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the Depot) located at 506 W. Michigan Street, Duluth, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The Depot Foundation is dedicated to preserving the Depot as a vibrant and welcoming forum for the arts, culture, and history through managing and growing a permanent endowment; and

WHEREAS, The Depot Foundation submitted an application, in cooperation with St. Louis

County, to the City of Duluth for tourism tax dollars to provide marketing, grant, and management services for the Depot during 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Depot Foundation was awarded \$240,000 of tourism tax dollars from the City of Duluth for the purpose of providing marketing funds and increasing overall engagement and visibility to the City of Duluth through engagement efforts at the Depot; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and the Depot Foundation wish to enter into an agreement regarding expenditure of these tourism tax dollars to pay costs relating to the Depot in a manner consistent with intent and details of the Foundation's application to the City of Duluth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute an agreement with the Depot Foundation for allocation management of tourism tax funds.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-597

WHEREAS, The Depot Foundation awards grant funding to entities housed within the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot), or those that hold events at the Depot; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Director, via Board Resolution No. 23-488, applied for a Depot Foundation grant in the amount of \$741,094; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center has been awarded \$741,094 in funding from this grant application; and

WHEREAS, Funding for this project includes five years of annual payments from the Depot Foundation as follows:

- Year one (2024): \$149,000
- Year two (2025): \$149,000
- Year three (2026): \$149,000
- Year four (2027): \$149,000
- Year five (2028): \$145,094.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acceptance of the Depot Foundation grant in the amount of \$741,094 for the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot) theatre rigging design, materials, and installation.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-598

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for cancellation of forfeiture, identified in County Board File No. 61991.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-599

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. 61875.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-600

WHEREAS, All increases in original governmental funds revenue and expenditure budgets and budgeted changes in fund balance require County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, Departments anticipate being notified of additional revenues and throughout the year and need approval to increase revenue and expenditure budgets; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners authorizes the following budget changes:

GRANT BUDGET CHANGE

1. Increase the Sheriff's revenue and expense budget in the Federal Boat and Water Patrol Grant (Resolution No. 22-651) to reflect the actual grant award, which exceeded the amount originally included in the adopted budget (\$1,000.00).
2. Increase the Sheriff's revenue and expense budget in the State Boat and Water Safety Grant (Resolution No. 23-224) to reflect additional grant funding (\$20.00).
3. Increase the Sheriff's revenue and expense budget in the Emergency Management Performance Grant (Resolution No. 22-651) to include additional funding (\$3,612.00).
4. Reduce the Public Health and Human Services revenue and expense budget in the Hepatitis C Outreach grant (Resolution No. 22-184) due to a federal funding claw-back (\$25,000.00).

USE OF AN EXISTING FUND BALANCE

5. Use of Property Management's parking fund balance to purchase a plow for downtown Duluth parking areas (\$9,834.00).
6. Use of Property Management's parking fund balance for concrete repairs in the Duluth Third Street parking ramp (\$30,000.00).
7. Use of Property Management's parking fund balance for architectural and engineering services related to the reconstruction of the northern half of the Green Lot in Duluth (Resolution No. 23-402) (\$111,705.00).
8. Use of Property Management's parking fund balance to cover storm drain repairs in the Duluth Government Services Center parking ramp (\$29,320.00).
9. Use of Property Management's parking fund balance for repairs to the Duluth Government Services Center parking ramp east stair tower (\$70,067.00).
10. Use of Sheriff's National Night Out fund balance to cover additional expenses for 2023 National Night Out events (\$800.00).
11. Use of fund balance in the Personal Service Fund to cover Children in Need of Protection Services court expenses (\$10,000.00).
12. Use of Sheriff's permit to carry fund balance to cover unbudgeted ebriefing fees (\$70,000.00).
13. Use of Sheriff's permit to carry fund balance to cover the unbudgeted replacement of permit printers (\$20,000.00).
14. Use of St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) fund balance to satisfy the terms of the Meadowlands Manor forgivable loan (\$176,585.00).
15. Use of Public Health and Human Services health initiatives fund balance to fund implementation and training for the community co-design of Public Health, a multiphase project from 2023 to 2025 that will bring community engagement into the design of Public Health infrastructure (\$81,500.00).

REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET INCREASE

16. Increase the Auditor's elections revenue and expense budget to include an allocation from the State of Minnesota's Voting Operations, Technology, and Elections Resources Account, to be used for eligible election expenses (\$39,362.83).
17. Increase the Veterans' Service revenue and expense budget to include a 2023 County Veteran Service Officer grant from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (\$17,500.00).

18. Increase the Sheriff revenue and expense budget to include Toward Zero Deaths grant funding from the Virginia Police Department (\$18,800.00).
19. Increase the Sheriff Enhanced 911 revenue and expense budget to include a one-time special revenue appropriation from the State of Minnesota (\$157,808.94).
20. Increase the Public Works revenue and expense budget to include additional Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Homeland Security/Emergency Management revenue received in 2023 for the 2022 flood event (\$87,774.14).
21. Increase the Public Health and Human Services revenue and expense budget to include a National Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Association grant to cover training expenses for WIC Lactation Consultant Examiner qualification (\$1,402.00).
22. Increase the pandemic fund revenue and expense budget to account for actual year-to-date investment revenue (\$587,347.52).
23. Increase the opioid remediation fund revenue and expense budget to account for actual year-to-date investment revenue (\$47,786.40).
24. Increase the Public Works building fund revenue and expense budget to include additional insurance proceeds for the Jean Duluth roof collapse (\$535,440.76).
25. Increase the Public Works building fund revenue and expense budget to include insurance proceeds for paving related to the roof collapse at the Jean Duluth facility (\$218,585.50).
26. Increase the Public Works building fund revenue and expense budget to include insurance proceeds for the Jean Duluth temporary building project (\$73,080.00).
27. Increase revenue and expense budget in the 2021A capital improvement bond to match actual year-to-date investment earnings (\$146,163.12).

	Fund	Agency	Object	Grant	Year	Expense Budget	Transfer Out	Accumulation of Fund Balance	Revenue Budget	Transfers In	Use of Fund Balance
GRANT BUDGET CHANGE											
1	100	129999	540906	12919	2023				(1,000.00)		
	100	129999	610300	12919	2023	1,000.00					
2	100	130999	530801	13001	2023				(20.00)		
	100	130999	665900	13001	2023	20.00					
3	100	132999	540903	13203	2023				(3,612.00)		
	100	132999	610100	13203	2023	(11,760.75)					
	100	132999	615100	13203	2023	(11,223.96)					
	100	132999	615200	13203	2023	(48.60)					
	100	132999	615300	13203	2023	(253.12)					
	100	132999	615800	13203	2023	(63.65)					
	100	132999	617100	13203	2023	(3,161.96)					
	100	132999	629900	13203	2023	1,440.00					
	100	132999	642900	13203	2023	(21,315.96)					
	100	132999	629900	13203	2023	5,000.00					
	100	132999	663100	13203	2023	45,000.00					
4	230	233999	540292	23382	2022				25,000.00		
	230	233999	610000	23382	2022	(24,376.00)					
	230	233999	633100	23382	2022	(624.00)					
	230	233001	610000			24,376.00					
	230	999999	311200								(24,376.00)
USE OF AN EXISTING FUND BALANCE											
5	100	999999	311105								(9,834.00)
	100	128010	665100			9,834.00					
6	100	128002	632900			30,000.00					
	100	999999	311105								(30,000.00)
7	100	999999	311105								(111,705.00)
	100	128010	626600			111,705.00					
8	100	128010	632900			29,320.00					
	100	999999	311105								(29,320.00)
9	100	128010	632900			70,067.00					

	100	999999	311105				(70,067.00)
10	100	129015	642900			800.00	
	100	999999	311204				(800.00)
11	149	999999	311200				(10,000.00)
	149	149001	629900			10,000.00	
12	192	192001	695100			70,000.00	
	192	999999	311062				(70,000.00)
13	192	192001	640300			20,000.00	
	192	999999	311062				(20,000.00)
14	250	251005	699700			176,585.00	
	250	999999	311061				(176,585.00)
15	230	233001	629900			81,500.00	
	230	999999	311409				(81,500.00)
REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET CHANGE							
16	100	115999	532753	11503	2023		(39,362.83)
	100	115999	629900	11503	2023	39,362.83	
17	100	124999	531402	12403	2023		(17,500.00)
	100	124999	624300	12403	2023	17,500.00	
18	100	129999	540710	12917	2023		(5,000.00)
	100	129999	610300	12917	2023	5,000.00	
	100	129999	540701	12952	2023		(4,500.00)
	100	129999	610300	12952	2023	4,500.00	
	100	129999	540709	12953	2023		(9,300.00)
	100	129999	610300	12953	2023	9,300.00	
19	179	179001	521301				(157,808.94)
	179	179001	634801			157,808.94	
20	228	228001	657206				(6,265.12)
	228	228002	540958				(45,734.12)
	228	228012	540958				(8,178.75)
	228	228002	531020				(1,483.80)
	228	228007	531020				(13,720.24)
	228	228012	531020				(3,731.10)
	228	228003	531020				(441.70)
	228	228005	531020				(504.89)
	228	228004	531020				(4,364.91)
	228	228009	531020				(3,349.51)
21	230	233999	545173	23387	2023		(1,402.00)
	230	233999	624300	23387	2023	1,402.00	
22	239	239097	571000				(587,347.52)
	239	239097	637900			587,347.52	
23	298	298001	571000				(47,786.40)
	298	298001	629900			47,786.40	
24	405	405194	552600				(535,440.76)
	405	405194	630900			535,440.76	
25	405	405198	552600				(218,585.50)
	405	405198	652700			218,585.50	
26	405	405199	629900			28,580.00	
	405	405199	552600				(28,580.00)
	405	405199	552600				(44,500.00)
	405	405199	630900			44,500.00	
27	450	450001	661100			146,163.12	
	450	450001	571000				(146,163.12)

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-601

WHEREAS, In a State Supervised County Administered government for Social Services, Minnesota DHS/MNIT provides the major systems (MAXIS, METS, MMIS, MEC², PRISM, SSIS, MnCHOICES, SMI) that county workers use every day to deliver services to residents; mission-critical systems capture data, automate complex program policies, and provide functionality to support human services administration; and

WHEREAS, Many of these systems are aging (e.g., MAXIS, SSIS, PRISM and SMI are 20+ years old) and have not been fully modernized while some are newer (e.g., METS, MnCHOICES, MEC²) but lack basic functionality needed to meet user need; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties also invest heavily in technologies that support, extend, and fills gaps in and around state systems; and Counties achieve maximum functionality including interfaces with DHS systems and implementation of DHS live forms when banding together to leverage access; and

WHEREAS, Since 2008 NCT CaseWorks has been the primary social service system provider in Minnesota, and in 2023, over 55 counties utilize CaseWorks for Social Service and Economic Assistance programming; and

WHEREAS, One-time funds are available for implementation and ongoing maintenance costs will be moderated by increased reimbursement and reductions in Information Technology (IT) programming expenses as well as the cost avoidance for future IT needs in St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Information Technology Department, with use of State of Minnesota Contract 128340/NASPO Agreement AR2472, to purchase implementation services, CaseWorks software subscription, and ongoing maintenance from Carahsoft Technology, Corp. - Reston, Virginia, the distributor of Next Chapter Technology, Inc. (NCT) for a 5-year term commencing December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2028, for an initial contract price not to exceed \$2,754,699.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That it is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the Information Technology Department to renew the county's subscription term for one or more additional terms in the future, provided that the total cost associated with the renewal is not \$175,000 more than the total cost stated above.

BUDGET REFERENCE: 230-230038-629900-99999-999999999-9999
230-232008-530728-99999-999999999-9999
230-232008-540235-99999-999999999-9999
230-999999-311401-99999-999999999-9999

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-602

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 402A, the "State-County Results, Accountability and Service Delivery Redesign Act", allows counties to enter into voluntary service delivery agreements to redesign delivery of all or some essential human services; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County, Aitkin County, Carlton County, Cook County, Itasca County, Koochiching County, and Lake County entered into a Charter Agreement governing participation in a seven-county Region 3 Human Service Redesign Project for Electronic Document Management of Income Maintenance Programs in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The technology available to counties to further their efficiencies and effectiveness continues to expand, and participating counties are in agreement of a required amendment that allows for the contemplated termination of the current Charter Agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the amendment to the Charter Agreement governing participation in a seven-county Region 3 Human Service Redesign Project for Electronic Document Management of Income Maintenance Programs in 2013.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to amend this agreement.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-603

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a \$100 per diem rate for citizen Cooperative Extension Committee members for each meeting attended, in addition to the existing reimbursement for round-trip mileage at the applicable rate authorized by the County Board, payable from Fund 184, Agency 184001, Object 635300.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-604

WHEREAS, The Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires each polling place to be equipped with an accessible voting system for individuals with disabilities for all federal elections;

and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been utilizing Election Systems & Software, LLC (ES&S) AutoMark machines since 2006 and a total of 150 AutoMark machines are used throughout the county for elections; and

WHEREAS, The OmniBallot Tablet is certified for election use by the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office; the total cost to replace all 150 AutoMark machines used throughout the county is \$688,419; and

WHEREAS, On April 5, 2022, by Resolution No. 22-196, the County Board authorized the purchase of ninety-nine (99) OmniBallots for a total cost of \$454,224; and

WHEREAS, An additional fifty-one (51) OmniBallot tablets at a cost of \$234,195 are needed to ensure all polling places in St. Louis County are equipped with an accessible voting system for individuals with disabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor's Office to purchase fifty-one (51) OmniBallot Tablets from SeaChange Election Services, LLC for a total of up to \$234,195, payable from Fund 100, Agency 104005, Object 629900.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-605

RESOLVED, That pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, as amended, the application for license to sell tobacco products at retail, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61857, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the following establishments:

Wayside Corner Store, Inc. dba Wayside Corner Store, New Independence Township;

The Highway 5 Company dba The Highway 5, Unorganized Township 59-21.

The following license holders were issued a tobacco violation citation on the dates as stated:

Minno-ette, Inc. dba Minno-ette, Inc., Fredenberg Township, August 7, 2021;

Thirsty Moose Bar & Grill, Inc. dba Thirsty Moose Bar & Grill, Cherry Township, October 17, 2020.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fee to the license holder.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-606

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board reappoints Susan Schumacher to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-607

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to carry out the HUD entitlement programs, including CDBG (Community Development Block Grant), HOME (HOME Investment Partnership), and ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) and the projects identified in the 2023 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board, via Board Resolution No. 23-234, approved the 2023 Action Plan and the Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan on April 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Northeast Minnesota HOME Consortium conducted a second round of funding to allocate the remaining \$386,090 set aside in the Housing Development Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Northeast Minnesota HOME Consortium convened on September 22, 2023, and formulated funding recommendations to the St. Louis County Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the following 2023 HOME Program Round 2 projects:

2023 HOME Program – Round 2 Recommendations Northeast Minnesota HOME Consortium				
Project	Objective	Outcome	Indicator	Amount
Cook County HRA: Energy Improvement Pilot	Decent Housing	Affordability	1 unit	50,000
Lake County HRA: Lakeview Apartments Rehab	Decent Housing	Affordability	13 units	79,400
Moses Residence: Rehab	Decent Housing	Availability	1 unit	80,000
One Roof Community Housing	Decent Housing	Availability	2 units	176,690
Total				386,090

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Economic and Community Development Director and a representative of the County Attorney to execute the grant agreements on behalf of St. Louis County, along with all the necessary forms, attachments, addendums, certifications, and subsequent forms to implement the programs and complete the agreements between St. Louis County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That disbursements related to the HOME agreements are to be made from HOME Fund 270, or its designated fund.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-608

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth has received the 2024 Toward Zero Deaths grant; and

WHEREAS, The Toward Zero Deaths Grant is in its eighth year of providing law enforcement with financial support to increase the number of “high visibility” patrols to reduce deaths and injuries; and

WHEREAS, The grant is intended for several governmental units to participate in the grant’s activity and funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the agreement with the City of Duluth to participate in the 2024 Toward Zero Deaths Grant in the amount of \$20,844.00 to be accounted for in the following:

\$11,450.00 Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12902, Year 2024
 \$7,650.00 Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12922, Year 2024
 \$1,744.00 Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12951, Year 2024.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-609

WHEREAS, The Federal Government, through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, has made available \$35,020 in funding from the Justice Assistance Grant for approved prevention and controlling of crime; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office will appropriate \$12,000 to the First Witness Child Advocacy Center and, in addition, the remaining \$23,020 will be utilized by the Duluth Police Department to support efforts to attract and retain an all-inclusive, diverse, expert, and accountable law enforcement workforce, with a focus on gender and racial diversity; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Justice Assistance requires a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Duluth for the acceptance of the Justice Assistance Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves a Memorandum of Understanding to partner with the City of Duluth and accept funding from the 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-610

WHEREAS, St. Louis County accepted awarded funding of \$1,299,760 over a three-year period (from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025) through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice by Board Resolution No. 22-553; and

WHEREAS, Nasal Narcan kits for the St. Louis County Jail were to be funded using approximately \$150,000 of grant funds over this three-year period; and

WHEREAS, In the 2023 legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature mandated the carrying of naloxone hydrochloride for various groups, including Corrections (Minn. Stat. § 241.021, subd. 1) and Law Enforcement (Minn. Stat. § 151.37, subd. 12), making nasal Narcan free for these groups.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of these funds to support Rule 20 (mental competency assessment) prescreen services from November 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$99,900 plus grant year 1 carryover funds of \$26,860.72, for a total of \$126,760.72.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board authorizes COSSAP 2022 grant funds to support the contract with Dr. Jacqueline Buffington for Rule 20 prescreen services at the St. Louis County Jail from November 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025, for up to \$126,760.72, payable from Fund 100, Agency 137999, Grant 13703, Year 2022.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-611

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office has utilized Axon Enterprises, Inc. since 2019 for Fleet Cameras and Body Worn Cameras; and

WHEREAS, Axon and the Sheriff's Office have negotiated a bundling of these contracts, including payment plans, discounts, and incentives over a five-year contract which will result in total levy savings of \$199,475; and

WHEREAS, Consolidating these contracts ensures our personnel and squad cars continue to have access to body worn camera and high quality fleet camera evidence, which helps to protect the deputies themselves, increase evidence quality, reduce civilian complaints, reduce agency liability, continue to help with community transparency, accountability regarding deputy/citizen interactions and ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, This would also ensure clarity in invoices and contracts, as well as continue to keep our fleet camera systems operational in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Sheriff's Office to consolidate the Axon Enterprises, Inc. Fleet and Body Worn Camera contracts in the amount of \$1,823,560.57, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 642700, 643200, 634800, and 665900, over a five-year period.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-612

WHEREAS, Hallett Dock 7, LLC, has requested a 99-year access lease over State of Minnesota tax-forfeited lands for adjacent dock access and construction-improvement purposes; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property, and exercising the lease will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, The County's authority to execute the lease is directly granted under Laws of Minnesota 2023, Chapter 60, Article 6, Section 22.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a 99-year access lease across State of Minnesota tax forfeited lands to Hallett Dock 7, LLC, as further described in County Board File No. 62057.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this lease is conditioned upon payment of an initial lease payment of \$6,531.54 and an administration fee of \$150.00, for a total of \$6,681.54, with the full amount of \$6,681.54 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That subsequent annual lease payments shall be 9 percent of the Estimated Market Value (EMV), as calculated and shown by the records of the St. Louis County Assessor.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That EMV will be calculated by February of each year and the annual amount paid on or before the anniversary of the effective date each year, with funds deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund), as may be amended or directed by the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-613

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board held a public hearing at 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at the City of Leonidas, Eveleth, MN, to receive comment and consider the adoption of the Fee Schedule for various county services for the year 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board adopts the 2024 Fee Schedule on file in County Board File No. 62022.

Unanimously adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-614

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Auditor has received a petition signed by residents of the Namakan Lake area in support of naming a point located on the south shore of Namakan Lake in Unorganized Township 69-17, Section 29, Township 69, Range 17, to "Whiskey Point", and at least fifteen (15) of the petition signers have been verified as legal voters in St. Louis County by the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, The petitioners have provided the following information in support of the name of the point:

"This point of land, located on the southeast shore of Namakan Lake, has been known locally as "Whiskey Point" since the 1960's, having been named then by the property owners - the Maddison and Zikmund families - with signage posted at that time and maintained since. The point is on a common navigation path between entry points on Crane Lake and Kabetogama Lake, as well as routes to common tourist attractions such as Kettle Falls and commonly used fishing grounds. As such, it is a common landmark referred to when directing people to various locations in the area. Having the name appear on official maps would aid in this usage and provide a reference point for visitors. St. Louis County also recognizes this usage when establishing addressing in the area."; and

WHEREAS, The County Attorney has contacted Peter Boulay, State Climatology Office, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Waters, about the proposed name where "Whiskey Point" in Unorganized Township 69-17 should be far enough away from other similar landmarks to avoid confusion; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 83A.06, Subd. 1, requires that the County Board conduct a public

hearing on any petition to request the naming or renaming of state geological features and waterways; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:40 a.m. in the City of Leonidas Community Center, to consider naming a point located on the south shore of Namakan Lake in Unorganized Township 69-17, Section 29, Township 69, Range 17, as “Whiskey Point”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the naming a point located on the south shore of Namakan Lake in Unorganized Township 69-17, Section 29, Township 69, Range 17, as “Whiskey Point”.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources approve this name change.

Unanimously adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-615

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints Nadine Wells as the St. Louis County Veteran Services Director (County Veterans Service Officer pursuant to Minn. Stat. §197.60, Subd. 1), effective November 28, 2023, at the annual salary rate of \$82,139 (Pay Plan A1, Grade 20A, Step M4, of the St. Louis County Management Compensation Plan) with benefits as provided by the Management Compensation Plan, payable from Fund 100, Agency 124001, Object 610100.

Unanimously adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-616

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board has discussed and established its legislative priorities for the 2024 State legislative session; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to meet with the St. Louis County legislative delegation to discuss and share those priorities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the necessary steps to schedule the date of the 2024 legislative delegation dinner meeting as follows: December 13, 2023, Virginia Courthouse, Jury Lounge – Lower Level, Virginia, MN – 5:30 p.m.

Unanimously adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-617

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, The County Board is the governing body for all unorganized territories located within St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, As governing body, the County Board is responsible for designating polling places for state and county elections in unorganized territories; and

WHEREAS, Polling place changes must take place prior to December 6, 2023, for the 2024 calendar year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board designates Sand Lake Chapel, 9038 Biss Road, Britt, MN, as the polling place for Unorganized Precinct #16 (T60-R19).

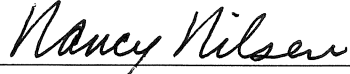
Unanimously adopted November 28, 2023. No. 23-618

At 10:29 a.m., November 28, 2023, Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Patrick Boyle, 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)

