

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 24, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020, at 9:35 a.m., at the Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Beth Olson, Keith Musolf, Paul McDonald, Keith Nelson and Chair Mike Jugovich - 7. Absent: None - 0.

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

Chair Jugovich asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic; followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chair Jugovich thanked frontline workers for their hard work to keep the country running during the pandemic.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda, and no one came forth.

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

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to consider a resolution to consider the issuance of an On-Sale Liquor License transfer for The Highway 5 Company d/b/a The Highway 5, Unorganized Township 59-21, and rescind County Board Resolution No. 20-253; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved that pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61215; that said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due; that if the named license holder sells their licensed place of 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; that said license is approved contingent upon proof of MN Department of Health approval; that said license shall be effective through June 30, 2021: The Highway 5 Company d/b/a The Highway 5, Unorganized Township 59-21, On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, transfer; and further, that the St. Louis County Board hereby rescinds Resolution No. 20-523, dated November 10, 2020. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 20-544.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to consider a resolution to authorize acceptance of the Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combating Violent Crime Grant; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed;

seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Attorney's Office to accept a grant award in the amount of \$340,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period of October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2022. St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin commented that the current case management software was implemented in 1992; multiple patches have been necessary to keep the software running. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 20-545.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to declare a Continued State of Local Emergency in St. Louis County and rescind County Board Resolution No. 20-137. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners hereby declares a State of Local Emergency exists and will continue until such time that the Board determines that an emergency no longer exists; that the County Administrator or his designee(s) are directed to request and coordinate all necessary aid from local, state and federal government; that the County Board delegates to the County Administrator, the Deputy County Administrator and/or Director of Human Resources & Administration authority to exercise the emergency powers outlined in Minn. Stat. §12.37, for the duration of this Local Emergency; that all St. Louis County ordinances, rules, and policies that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to COVID-19 are suspended for the duration of the local emergency, in the sole discretion of the St. Louis County Administrator or designee(s); that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375.21, the County Administrator or designee(s) are hereby authorized to immediately enter into contracts as described thereto; and further, that St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 20-137, dated March 18, 2020, is hereby rescinded. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 20-546.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 20-401, On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Unorganized Township 59-21); Rescind County Board Resolution No. 20-523.—61376

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Mark Rubin, County Attorney, submitting Board Letter No. 20-402, Acceptance of Innovative Prosecution Solutions in Combating Violent Crime Grant.—61377

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Brian Fritsinger, Deputy County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 20-430, Rescind County Board Resolution No. 20-137 and Declare a Continued State of Local Emergency in St. Louis County.—61378

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, submitting Board Letter No. 20-395, County Road 425 – No Parking Zone (Crane Lake Township).—61379

Amendment No. 3, Original Damion No. 2015-009882, Amendment No. 1 Damion No. 2018-012540, Amendment No. 2 Damion No. 2019-013259, between the County of St. Louis and Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc., Duluth, MN, for disposal of Class 1 demolition material from the County's designated collection facilities into the Voyageur Landfill in Canyon, extending the contract to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, and increasing the tipping fee by \$0.50/ton for a tipping fee of \$18.75/ton.—20-350

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2017-011068, between the County of St. Louis and Northeast Technical Services, Inc., Virginia, MN, for required landfill monitoring and to operate the landfill's leachate system, extending the contract to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.—20-351

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17018A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency for COVID-19 Pandemic Related Homelessness Prevention Services to disallow Indirect Administration expenditures under this contract.—20-352

Minnesota Department of Health WIC Peer Breastfeeding Support Program Grant Project Agreement Amendment between the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board and St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services extending the term of the grant through December 31, 2021.—20-353

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16585B, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Churches United in Ministry (CHUM) for Warming Center Services, extending the contract through April 30, 2021.—20-354

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16909A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Regents of the University of Minnesota for Naloxone Training, Materials, Marketing and Related Costs, extending the contract through September 29, 2021.—20-355

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16910A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Rural Aids Action Network for Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis, extending the contract through September 29, 2021.—20-356

Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement No. 171866 between the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), Purchasing and Service Delivery Division and the County of St. Louis for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation administrative services, extending the contract through December 31, 2021 and increasing the total obligation of DHS from \$118,760.58 to \$293,760.59.—20-357

Service Agreement, Contract No. 16965, between St. Louis County and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Human Services Division, Cloquet, MN, for COVID-19 related temporary housing for individuals in Isolation and Quarantine during the period June 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—20-358

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17029, between St. Louis County and Servicemaster Cleaning, Eveleth, MN, for chore services during the period October 1, 2020, to November 30, 2020.—20-359

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17030, between St. Louis County and Servicemaster Cleaning, Eveleth, MN, for chore services during the period October 1, 2020, to November 30, 2020.—20-360

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17032, between St. Louis County and Servicemaster Cleaning, Eveleth, MN, for chore services during the period October 1, 2020, to November 30, 2020.—20-361

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Training Contract No. 17031 between St. Louis County and Paradigm, a Veritex Corporation – Midwest Region, for Interpreter/CART Services for the 2020 HHS Conference during the period October 7, 2020, and October 8, 2020.—20-362

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53981, between St. Louis County and Garden House Estates, Ltd., Duluth, MN.—20-363

St. Louis County Housing Support Provider Indemnity and Provider Manual Compliance Agreement, Contract No. 63981, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Garden House Estates, Ltd., Duluth, MN.—20-364

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the County of Lake for 2021 Maintenance Striping Project (CP 0000-369585).—20-365

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the County of Lake for 2021 State Aid Pavement Marking Project (SAP 069-030-043, CP 0000-369584).—20-366

2021 Toward Zero Deaths Enforcement Grant Agreement between the City of Duluth and the Lake Superior Traffic Enforcement Team in the amount of \$265,200 for the term October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021.—20-367

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53988, between Human Development Center, Duluth, MN.—20-368

Minnesota Department of Health Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Grant Project Agreement between the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board and St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services.—20-369

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16898A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Eckmaahs & Associates, LLC, for Motivational Interviewing Clinical Skills Training Services, extending the contract through December 31, 2021.—20-370

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17029A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Servicemaster Cleaning for Chore Services, changing the start date to July 1, 2020.—20-371

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17037, between St. Louis County and Terch and Associates, LLC, d/b/a Applied Professional Services to provide Process Services during the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.—20-372

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17042, between St. Louis County and American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO) for COVID-19 prevention, management, response, and recovery with a focus on priority settings and priority populations during the period November 1, 2020, through December 1, 2020.—20-373

Service Agreement No. 17043 between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Center, Virginia, MN, for COVID-19 prevention, management, response, and recovery with a focus on priority settings and priority populations during the period November 1, 2020, through December 1, 2020.—20-374

St. Louis County On-Line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis and Nancy Hoagland – AFX Research, San Luis Obispo, CA.—20-375

St. Louis County On-Line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis and James J. O’Connell, III, Title Services Direct, LLC, Oak Forest, IL.—20-376

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, resolutions numbered 20-532 through 20-543, 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 November 10, 2020, are hereby approved.

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-532

WHEREAS, Representatives from the Town of Crane Lake requested a no parking zone be authorized on County Road 425 (Handberg Road) located in the Town of Crane Lake, to prohibit overflow parking from the Minnesota Department of Transportation public water access facility; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department worked with the Town of Crane Lake to determine the best layout of this proposed no parking zone; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department approves of the final layout of this proposed no parking zone.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a no parking zone be authorized for County Road 425 (Handberg Road) located in the Town of Crane Lake beginning 1,080 feet south and ending 210 feet north of the driveway serving the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources public water access facility at address number 7128 Handberg Road.

RESOLVED FURTHER, This no parking zone includes both sides of the road and is universal by time of day, day of week and calendar dates.

RESOLVED FURTHER, The Public Works Department will install the appropriate traffic signs identifying this no parking zone.

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-533

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, with the City of Duluth for the construction on Lakewood Road between the Duluth city limits and Pioneer Road (CP 0692-189123) and on Lakewood Road between Superior Street and the Duluth city limits (CP 0000-494178) whereby the City of Duluth will pay the “City of Duluth Non-Participating” local share items listed in the plan. The funds from the City of Duluth will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220598, Object 551501.

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-534

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway 133 and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 187, State Bridge 7780) over an unnamed stream flowing to the Little Whiteface River in Northland Township (Township 53 North, Range 17 West), County Project 0133-494721; 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 authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-535

WHEREAS, On November 1, 2011, the St. Louis County Board directed and authorized the Land and Minerals Department to appraise and offer for sale into private ownership the county’s tax forfeited shoreland leases (County Board Resolution No. 11-559); and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Legislature authorized this sale in the 2012 Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 236, Section 28; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has generated \$522,849.92 in revenue from the sale of these parcels through November 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Statute specifically allows for the reimbursement of related expenses in preparing and closing these sales; and

WHEREAS, The following 2020 amounts are to be reimbursed by the sale proceeds:

Land & Minerals Department	Reimburse costs in 240-241003-610000	\$139.87
	Reimburse costs in 240-246001-610000	\$4,663.81
	Reimburse costs in 240-241008-610000	\$151.35
Land & Minerals Department	Reimburse costs in 290-290003-629900	\$123.00

; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Laws, 2012, Chapter 236, Section 28, specifies that the sale proceeds, after costs, are to be placed in the Environmental Trust Fund/Shoreline Sales (Fund 500), and this Fund is invested with the Minnesota State Board of Investment (MSBI).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the transfer of \$517,771.89 from the Land Department 290-290003-697600 to the Environmental Trust Fund/Shoreline Sales 500-500001-590100.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That any additional sales proceeds that are received after November 10, 2020, will be transferred to the MSBI no later than December 31, 2020.

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-536

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated November 6, 2020, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61199, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-537

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

**July 2020**

100	General Fund	6,841,534.55
148	Volunteer Fire Departments	296,794.73
149	Personal Service Fund	1,126.44
155	Depot	89,964.62
160	MN Trail Assistance	1,150.86
167	Attorney's Forfeitures	5,000.00
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	1,836.50
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,432.36
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	3,008.71
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	141,626.87
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	42,399.00
180	Law Library	54,598.70
183	City/County Communications	170.08
184	Extension Service	155,981.16
192	Permit to Carry	10,535.09
200	Public Works	4,701,972.32
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	4,236,962.16
210	Road Maint. – Unorg. Townships	99,163.29
220	State/Federal Road Aid	9,692,588.24
230	Public Health & Human Services	8,019,087.83
238	HHS Conference	300.00
240	Forfeited Tax	398,360.78
260	CDBG Grant	49,525.32
270	HOME Grant	19,621.00
289	ISTS Grant	59,008.81

290	Forest Resources	249,376.00
400	County Facilities	198,662.21
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	28,965.82
405	Public Works Building Const.	584,277.83
407	Public Works – Equipment	908,170.02
445	2018A – Virginia GSC-PW Cook	7,272.16
600	Environmental Services	596,166.45
715	County Garage	109,928.21
720	Property Casualty Liability	66,361.85
730	Workers Compensation	173,663.28
740	Medical Dental Insurance	3,062,807.48
770	Retired Employees Health Insurance	1,546.30
		<u>\$40,910,947.03</u>

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-538

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

**August 2020**

100	General Fund	6,820,063.33
149	Personal Service Fund	1,492.54
155	Depot	44,099.61
160	MN Trail Assistance	32,286.77
167	Attorney's Forfeitures	3,300.00
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,509.47
171	Controlled Substances	5,064.76
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	4,982.00
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	17,500.75
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	4,000.00
180	Law Library	3,432.15
183	City/County Communications	1,627.16
184	Extension Service	54,570.84
192	Permit to Carry	13,255.90
200	Public Works	4,272,620.82
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	2,264,781.29
220	State/Federal Road Aid	5,176,473.94
230	Public Health & Human Services	7,153,451.83
238	HHS Conference	11,725.00
240	Forfeited Tax	565,790.43
260	CDBG Grant	48,420.95
270	HOME Grant	46,581.00
281	SLC Septic Loans	340.71
285	Septic Loans – MPCA	280.00
286	Septic Loans – SSTS/BWSR	4,115.00



289	ISTS Grant	63,439.44
290	Forest Resources	63,174.82
400	County Facilities	20,622.25
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	32,630.00
405	Public Works Building Const.	343,603.47
407	Public Works – Equipment	325,331.00
445	2018A – Virginia GSC-PW Cook	481,100.17
600	Environmental Services	638,104.31
715	County Garage	482,940.06
720	Property Casualty Liability	493,809.13
730	Workers Compensation	274,667.55
740	Medical Dental Insurance	2,815,226.64
770	Retired Employees Health Insurance	<u>523.30</u>
		\$32,587,004.36

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-539

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

**September 2020**

100	General Fund	11,995,068.01
149	Personal Service Fund	4,050.80
155	Depot	50,318.20
161	Missing Heirs	34,974.91
167	Attorney's Forfeitures	5,000.00
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	836.50
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	2,658.45
170	Boundary Waters-Forfeiture	4,096.51
171	Controlled Substances	466.60
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	12,206.96
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	19,553.25
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	15,874.00
180	Law Library	19,535.42
183	City/County Communications	183.06
184	Extension Service	91,946.23
190	Sheriff Explorers	664.00
192	Permit to Carry	1,410.05
200	Public Works	6,104,681.64
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	1,201,950.16
220	State/Federal Road Aid	7,002,854.73
230	Public Health & Human Services	11,200,231.70
239	CARES	827,052.98
240	Forfeited Tax	654,468.16
260	CDBG Grant	377,151.55

261	CDBG Program Income	16,197.00
270	HOME Grant	68,638.78
286	Septic Loans – SSTS/BWSR	20,608.00
289	ISTS Grant	99,031.48
290	Forest Resources	38,332.82
400	County Facilities	295,899.13
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	12,050.00
405	Public Works Building Const.	492,608.97
407	Public Works – Equipment	705,418.30
445	2018A – Virginia GSC-PW Cook	49,006.30
600	Environmental Services	746,111.95
715	County Garage	317,922.04
720	Property Casualty Liability	52,689.46
730	Workers Compensation	207,287.71
740	Medical Dental Insurance	5,654,829.87
770	Retired Employees Health Insurance	523.30
		<u>\$48,404,454.95</u>

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-540

RESOLVED, Pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, 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. 61237, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the following establishments:

JL Musech, Inc. dba Country Store, City of Cook;  
Hi Banks Resort, Inc. dba Hi Banks Resort, Fredenberg Township;  
Edwards Oil, Inc. dba Hoyt Lakes Lucky Seven, City of Hoyt Lakes;  
Knutson & Son, Inc. dba Jim's Ash Trail Store, Unorganized Township 68-21;  
Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip #117, City of Rice Lake;  
Takeoff, LLC dba The Landing, Beatty Township;  
Timbuktu Marina, LLC dba Timbuktu Marina, Greenwood Township;  
C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. dba Town Line Short Stop, Fayal Township;  
Edwards Oil, Inc. dba Lucky Seven General Store, City of Aurora;  
Leon Polley dba Polley's Resort, Unorganized Township 63-17;  
Jeffrey/Betty Schanche dba Schanche's Side Lake Store, French Township;  
Zupanich Bros., Inc. dba Zup's Food Market of Cook, City of Cook;  
C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. dba Ely Lake Short Stop, Fayal Township;  
Wieber & Associates, Inc. dba Ash Trail Lodge, Unorganized Township 68-19;  
Furry's, Inc. dba Dino's, City of Aurora;  
Belo Enterprises, Inc. dba Crossroads Convenience and Liquor Store, Clinton Township;  
C. C. Campground #717, Inc. dba C. C. Campground #717, Inc., French Township;

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

Caywood Country Store, LLC dba Caywood Country Store, LLC, Brevator Township, September 27, 2016;  
Edwards Oil, Inc. dba Edwards Lucky 7, Ashawa, City of Cook, July 8, 2017, June 20, 2018;  
Family Dollar, Inc. dba Family Dollar #27780, City of Aurora, July 20, 2017;  
Hugo's, Inc. dba Hugo's, Ault Township, August 23, 2017, July 20, 2019;

Kabetogama Outdoors, LLC dba Kab Outdoors, Kabetogama Township, July 8, 2017;  
Susan/Patrick Carey dba Lakeland Store, Biwabik Township, August 14, 2018;  
K & E Enterprises, Inc. dba The Munger Tavern & Grill, Solway Township, October 3, 2020;  
DM Stokke, Inc. dba Stokke's Lakewood Market, Lakewood Township, July 20, 2019;  
Miner's Incorporated dba Super One Foods, Canosia Township, October 10, 2020;  
Super One Liquor, LLC dba Super One Liquor, Canosia Township, July 13, 2019, October 10, 2020;  
Thirsty Moose Bar & Grill, Inc. dba Thirsty Moose Bar & Grill, Cherry Township, June 14, 2017, October 17, 2020;  
Sullivan's Mercantile, Inc. dba Twig General, Grand Lake Township, July 13, 2019;  
Wayside Corner Store, LLC dba Wayside Corner Store, New Independence Township, July 13, 2019;  
Renee L. Padget dba Dick's Head Shop, City of Aurora, August 27, 2016;  
Dawghouse Bar & Grill, Inc. dba Dawghouse Bar & Grill, Northland Township, July 7, 2017;  
Sandra Simek dba Wilbert Café/El Toro Lounge & Liquor, City of Cotton, July 13, 2019;  
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 24, 2020. No. 20-541

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Environmental Services Department operates the Regional Landfill (RLF) in Virginia, Minnesota, that provides mixed municipal solid waste disposal services for the St. Louis County Solid Waste Service Area; and

WHEREAS, Since 1993, the Department has contracted with Kangas Excavating Inc. (Kangas) for landfill operations and Kangas has continued to provided excellent service; and

WHEREAS, The current contract with Kangas expires December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) amended the landfill permit to collect and store demolition material as a separate waste stream within the boundary of the landfill footprint; and

WHEREAS, The Department recommends adding demolition material haulage from the RLF to the daily duties within this existing contract and believes that the most cost effective and efficient option at this time is to amend existing contract 5290 for these services; and

WHEREAS, The Department believes that it has negotiated a reasonable price for all landfill services with Kangas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Environmental Services Department to amend the current contract with Kangas Excavating, Inc., for the operation of the County's Regional Landfill in Virginia.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That under the contract, the Department will pay Kangas \$39,880 per month for basic landfill services, fixed hourly rates for work performed outside of basic landfill services and annual demolition material haulage with 2021 estimated total contract costs for 2021 being \$572,117.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the monthly fee, hourly equipment rates and demolition material haulage will be adjusted annually based on a modified Consumer Price Index, excluding energy. Funding for this contract is available in Fund 600, Agency 607001, Object 629901.

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-542

WHEREAS, Approximately 5.5 million gallons of leachate from the Regional Landfill (Landfill) is collected, pumped and stored annually in two HDPE-lined ponds where it is aerated, denitrified and land applied on a 60 acre sprayfield; and

WHEREAS, The Landfill's Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)-issued permit requires the Department conduct extensive surface and groundwater monitoring to ensure the leachate treatment system performs as intended, allowing the continuation of land application of leachate as the County's preferred leachate treatment option versus transport to a wastewater treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the MPCA (and the Environmental Protection Agency) identified polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as an emerging water contaminant of interest resulting in landfill leachate coming under increased scrutiny and management requirements due to an increased presence of PFAS; and

WHEREAS, In 2019 and 2020, the Department contracted with Northeast Technical Services, Inc. (NTS), the Department's environmental engineer, to construct, maintain, evaluate and replicate the efficacy of a microcosm-scale Engineered Wetland Treatment System (EWTS) designed to remove multiple leachate contaminants of interest, including PFAS; and

WHEREAS, The results from the two-year project were highly encouraging, prompting the Department to continue its research efforts with the microcosm-scale EWTS in 2021 should MPCA Environmental Assistance Toxicity Reduction grant funds be approved for this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The MPCA has issued a Request for Proposal for projects that provide financial assistance for researching, developing or implementing projects and practices related to all aspects of waste management and prevention, including the generation of toxic pollutants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Environmental Services Department to submit a proposal to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a maximum \$50,000 Environmental Assistance Toxicity Reduction grant to fund the continuation of a comprehensive pilot project focusing on development, implementation, and evaluation of a semi-passive, demonstration-scale engineered wetland treatment system with integrated outflow-filtration for reducing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and other Landfill leachate contaminants of interest; Fund 600, Agency 607002, Year 2021.

Adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-543

**BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:**

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61215.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed place of 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.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon proof of MN Department of Health approval.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license shall be effective through June 30, 2021:

The Highway 5 Company d/b/a The Highway 5, Unorganized Township 59-21,

On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, transfer.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board rescinds Resolution No. 20-523,

dated November 10, 2020.

Unanimously adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-544

**BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:**

WHEREAS, On May 20, 2020, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 20-269 authorizing the County Attorney's Office to apply for the Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combating Violent Crime Grant; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combating Violent Crime Program is to provide state, local, and tribal prosecuting authorities with resources to reduce crime and increase public safety; and

WHEREAS, The County Attorney's Office recently received notification of the Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combating Violent Crime Grant in the amount of \$340,000; and

WHEREAS, There is no cost-sharing or match requirement contained in this grant; and

WHEREAS, The County Attorney's Office intends to implement the grant by investing in a new case management software system which is needed to improve its ability to track cases, identify current trends, and address areas in need of programs targeted at reducing violent crime in St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Attorney's Office to accept a grant award in the amount of \$340,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period of October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2022, payable from Fund 100, Agency 113999, Object 540525, Grant 11309, Year 2020.

Unanimously adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-545

**BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:**

WHEREAS, There is an outbreak of respiratory illness, called coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), in a growing number of countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, Federal, state, and local public health authorities have identified the public health threat posed by COVID-19, which may be spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization deemed COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a Presidential National Emergency, and Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency in Minnesota, to authorize any and all necessary resources to be used in support of the response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29 gives authority to the Chair of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners to declare a local emergency in St. Louis County for a period of three days, after which a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be needed to resolve to continue the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, A declaration of local emergency invokes St. Louis County's disaster plans, including response and recovery aspects, and authorizes aid and assistance under those plans, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2020, the St. Louis County Board declared a local emergency, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board finds that the COVID-19 pandemic, the potential for outbreak in St. Louis County, and the need for extraordinary and immediate measures to protect

the health, safety, and welfare of the public and St. Louis County residents and employees will not be resolved in the immediate future; and

WHEREAS, The Federal and State Declaration of emergencies are still active and in place.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners hereby declares a State of Local Emergency exists and will continue until such time that the Board determines that an emergency no longer exists.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Administrator or his designee(s) are directed to request and coordinate all necessary aid from local, state and federal government.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board delegates to the County Administrator, the Deputy County Administrator and/or Director of Human Resources & Administration authority to exercise the emergency powers outlined in Minn. Stat. § 12.37, for the duration of this Local Emergency.

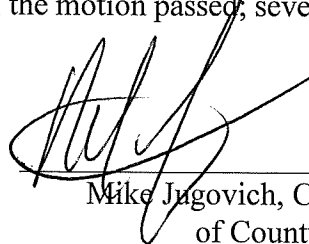
RESOLVED FURTHER, That all St. Louis County ordinances, rules, and policies that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to COVID-19 are suspended for the duration of the local emergency, in the sole discretion of the St. Louis County Administrator or designee(s).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375.21, the County Administrator or designee(s) are hereby authorized to immediately enter into contracts as described thereto.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County Board Resolution No, 20-137, dated March 18, 2020, is hereby rescinded.

Unanimously adopted November 24, 2020. No. 20-546

At 9:44 a.m., November 24, 2020, Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed, seven yeas, zero nays.



Mike Jugovich, Chair of the Board  
of County Commissioners

Attest:



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

(Seal of the County Auditor)