

# **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

November 10, 2020

Location: Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle and Beth Olson participated telephonically.

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Minutes of November 3, 2020
- County Road 425 – No Parking Zone [20-395]
- Agreement with the City of Duluth for Construction on Lakewood Road [20-396]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 187 over an Unnamed Stream to the Little Whiteface River (Northland Township) [20-397]
- Authorization to Amend the Contract with Kangas Excavating, Inc. for Daily Operations of the Regional Landfill [20-398]
- Authorization to Submit Proposal to the MPCA for FY21 Environmental Assistance Toxicity Reduction Grant for the Regional Landfill Leachate PFAS Reduction Pilot Project [20-399]

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## **Finance & Budget Committee**

Nelson/McDonald moved 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. Any additional sales proceeds that are received after November 10, 2020, will be transferred to the Minnesota State Board of Investment no later than December 31, 2020. [20-400]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

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## **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Jewell commented regarding a letter received by the Commissioner of Health indicating that COVID-19 positivity rate is greater than 5%. With the increased rates, action must be taken to decrease the spread of COVID-19, including compliance with masking requirements, adhering to gathering restrictions, and increased communications with businesses. In addition, we should be encouraging those most at risk to stay home when possible. Administrator Kevin Gray highlighted county messaging and community outreach to get the word out and help curb the spread of COVID-19.

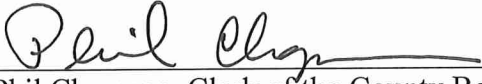
Commissioner Olson requested remote access for all in-person Board meetings so that constituents have a way to participate without having to appear in person. In addition, Commissioner Olson asked that St. Louis County Public Health Division Director Amy Westbrook be available at the next Board meeting to answer questions relating to the pandemic.

At 10:10 a.m., Nelson/Musolf moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)



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Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board