

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

January 9, 2024

Location: Biwabik Town Hall, Gilbert, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Boyle, Grimm, McDonald, Musolf, Jugovich and Vice-Chair Harala

Absent: Chair Nelson

Convened: Vice-Chair Harala called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

---

## CONSENT AGENDA

Musolf/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Nelson absent)

- Minutes of January 2, 2024
- Rescind County Board Resolution No. 23-647 and Authorize Appointment of Additional 2024 PHHS Advisory Committee Members [24-18]
- Authorization to Accept Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) Grant Funds and Terms and Conditions for Construction of Bridge 69L19 (County Bridge 437) (CP 0016-555210, SAP 069-616-059) [24-19]
- Authorization to Accept Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) Grant Funds and Terms and Conditions for Construction of Bridge 69L17 (County Bridge 603) (CP 0592-555606, SAP 069-598-076) [24-20]
- Authorization to Apply for the Active Transportation Program Grant for CSAH 110 (Hoyt Lakes) Sidewalk Improvements Project (CP 0110-642531) [24-21]
- Authorization to Apply for the Active Transportation Program Grant for CSAH 110 (Aurora) Sidewalk Improvements Project (CP 0110-841179) [24-22]
- Authorization to Apply to the Local Partnership Program (LPP) for the MNTH 73 and CSAH 16/CSAH 60 (Town Line Rd) Intersection Improvement Project (CP 0016-839546) [24-23]
- Authorization to Apply to the Local Partnership Program (LPP) for the US 53 and CSAH 68 (Britt Rd/Hwy 68)/CSAH 106 (Britt Bypass) Intersection Improvement Project (CP 0068-39831 and CP 0106-840320) [24-24]
- Engineering Services Agreement with LHB, Inc. for Construction Administration, Inspection, and Construction Staking (CP 0009-689681) [24-25]
- Request for St. Louis County to Provide Purchasing Services for St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority [24-26]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [24-27]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Country Corner Bar, LLC [24-28]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, KDRS LLC [24-29]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, The Highway 5 Company [24-30]

---

**Public Works & Transportation Committee**

Musolf/Boyle moved to award a bid to Johnson Wilson Constructors, Inc., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$406,360 for project CP 0000-807642, Roof Replacement and Access Hatch Installation located at the Pike Lake Lab building. [24-31]. The motion passed. (6-0, Nelson absent)

---

**Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee**

Grimm/Harala moved that the St. Louis County Board eliminate its representation on the St. Louis County Historical Society Board of Directors. [24-32]. Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger said that historically, the County Board had one non-voting and one alternate seat on the Historical Society Board of Directors. In 2023, the Depot Operations Committee requested that the Historical Society consider adding two voting seats to their Board; the Historical Society revised their bylaws to accommodate the request. After discussion by the Depot Operations Committee, concerns were identified regarding objectivity and legal liability of County Board members serving on the Historical Society Board of Directors. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger noted that the County has no statutory or policy requirement to serve on the St. Louis County Historical Society Board of Governors. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Nelson absent)

---

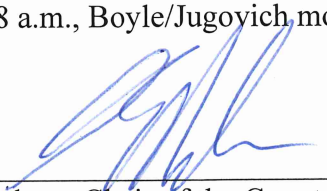
**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Jugovich noted that Jennifer Reyes has been appointed to the Minnesota Council of Latino Affairs.

Commissioner McDonald commented that the Laskiainen Finnish Festival will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Loon Lake Community Center.

Commissioner Harala said she and Commissioner Nelson attended a Federal Rail Authority meeting regarding the Northern Lights Express (NLX) project. Commissioner Harala commented that Chair Nelson would be making appointments to the Tribal Relations Subcommittee at the next Board meeting.

At 10:48 a.m., Boyle/Jugovich moved to adjourn the meeting.



---

Keith Nelson, Chair of the County Board

---

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board