

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JUNE 14, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 14th day of June, 2022, at 9:36 a.m., at the Duluth Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich, and Chair Paul McDonald - 7. Absent: None - 0.

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

The St. Louis County Board proclaimed June 18, 2022, as United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum Day in St. Louis County, Minnesota. Chair McDonald read the proclamation. U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Executive Director Doug Palazzari said that the Hall is starting its fiftieth year of operation and will be hosting an open house this Saturday. Cal Cossalter, U.S. Hockey Executive Board member, noted that the City of Eveleth has the most Hall of Fame inductees.

Chair McDonald opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Clayton Cich, Fredenberg Township Supervisor, said that Fredenberg Township has not had gravel pit inspections since 2008 and requested that the township gravel pits be inspected with the appropriate paperwork.

At 9:52 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-304, adopted May 24, 2022, to receive comments on the funding recommendations included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Round 3 Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan. St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director Matthew Johnson said that the Board is requested to revise CARES Act Round 2 awards, approve submission of an amendment to the St. Louis County 2020 Action Plan to award the remaining CARES ACT funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and to authorize the Planning and Community Development Director and the County Attorney's Office to execute 2020 CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Round 3 agency agreements. Director Johnson noted that Round 3 provides \$271,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding and \$415,000 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding. Chair McDonald asked if there were any governmental entities, supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 9:58 a.m., Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the amendment to the 2020 Action Plan reducing the award of CDBG-CV to the United Way of NE Minnesota by \$150,000, canceling the award of ESG-CV to Range Transitional Housing in the amount of \$415,976 and recycling this funding to respective CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Programs for award in the CARES Act Round 3 process and authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director to prepare and submit the Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan and all assurances and understanding contained therein, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for those projects and corresponding funding levels as set forth in the amendment, and to act in connection with its submission and subsequent activity, and to provide

such additional information as may be required. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-348.

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

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to consider a resolution to rescind Resolution No. 22-319, adopted June 7, 2022; accept a Department of Human Services (DHS) Housing and Support and Services Grant; authorize an additional 1.0 FTE position; and further, authorize contracts with community-based providers; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to accept a grant award in the amount of \$986,175 from the DHS Housing and Supports and Services Division for the 2022-2024 grant cycle and then funding to be included in the base Minnesota state budget; authorizes one (1) additional grant-funded FTE position, a 1.0 FTE Social Worker; and further, authorizes PHHS to enter into contracts with community-based providers. This position will be designated with grant funding and will be eliminated if/when the funding is discontinued. Further, the St. Louis County Board rescinds Board Resolution No. 22-319 authorizing acceptance of the Minnesota Department of Human Services Housing and Support and Services grant award. County Administrator Kevin Gray said that a technical correction was made to the resolution to give authorization to the Public Health and Human Services Director to enter into contracts with community providers. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-349.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board hereby authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute contracts, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, with Max Gray Construction, Lenci Enterprises, Inc., Kaski, Inc., and Amendola Builders, Inc., to provide carpentry services on an as-needed basis to facilities throughout St. Louis County for projects estimated to be less than \$75,000.00 per service project and a not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year for each contractor, in accordance with the specifications of Request for Qualifications No. 1000003 with services to be paid from budgeted departmental operating funds. Administrator Gray asked that the Board to make a motion to send the item back to Administration. They are working on contract management programming and feel that there might be a better option for the proposal. Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, withdrew their original motion and moved that the item be returned to county administration for further review. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to consider a resolution to establish a public hearing for 9:35 a.m., June 28, 2022, at the Culver Town Hall, 5292 Highway 31, Brookston, MN, for input on proposed Tax Abatement Financing for the City of Hermantown to assist Oppidan's plan to develop The Pillars of Hermantown, a senior living housing community; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 9:35 A.M., at the Culver Town Hall, 5292 Highway 31, Brookston, MN, for input on proposed Tax Abatement Financing (TAF) for the City of Hermantown to assist Oppidan's plan to develop The Pillars of Hermantown located at 5097 Maple

Grove Road that will consist of a three-story, 105-unit senior living housing community. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-350.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health and Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-265, Vacancy Appointment to the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee.—61727

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-264, Establish a Public Hearing on the 2022 Action Plan for CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding.—61728

Applications for 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor Licenses approved during CY 2022.—61729

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-268, Establishment of St. Louis County Absentee Ballot Board.—61730

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-259, Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (010-0500-00980, 010-0500-01000).—61731

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-260, Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (010-3580-01000, 010-3850-01010).—61732

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-261, Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (010-3850-04420, 010-3850-04430).—61733

Proclamation: United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum Day – June 18, 2022.—61734

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health and Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-270, Rescind County Board Resolution No. 22-319 and Request to Accept DHS Housing and Support and Services Grant to Develop Community Living Infrastructure, Authorize Additional 1.0 FTE Position, and Enter into Contracts with Community-Based Providers.—61735

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Jerry Hall, Property Management Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-267, Agreements for Miscellaneous Carpentry Services.—61736

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-271, Establish a Public Hearing to Consider Tax Abatement for the City of Hermantown – Oppidan.—61737

2022 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract Agreement No. 212988 in the amount of \$134,361 between the Department of Natural Resources and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office for the term January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.—22-334

Northeast Minnesota Home Consortium Joint Powers Agreement to provide the Town of Kinghurst, Itasca County, consortium membership and HOME Program eligibility, effective for the federal calendar years 2023 – 2025.—22-335

State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, Master Partnership Contract No. 1050296 for the purpose of maintaining and improving the trunk highway system through June 30, 2027.—22-336

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Hermantown to perform improvements on the frontage road in the platted right-of-way on the west side of Haines Road (County State Aid Highway 91) serving parcel ID numbers 395-0093-00055, 395-0093-00060 and 395-0093-00070 (CP 0091-681361).—22-337

St. Louis County On-line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis Auditor's Office and Minnesota Title & Abstract, LLC, International Falls, MN.—22-338

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, resolutions numbered 22-330 through 22-347, 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 dated June 7, 2022, are hereby approved.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-330

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee is to seek input about the Public Health and Human Services delivery system and make recommendations to the St. Louis County Board and the Department relative to the service needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, The County Board previously posted and solicited applications for vacancies on the Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, The County Board appointed Mary Kirsling to District 3 representation as a result of the solicitation and since that time she informed the County she is no longer able to serve; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing the original applications the Board has considered all other applicants for the District 3 vacancy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board appoints Rose St. John, to the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee for a term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2025.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-331

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department 2022 budget includes the purchase of two (2) tractor-mowers for roadside mowing, brushing, and snow blowing operations; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested pricing for tractor-mowers equipped with mowing, brushing, and snow blowing equipment, based on the Department's needs; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Equipment, Inc., of Rogers, MN, responded with the Sourcewell price of \$546,032 for two (2) John Deere agricultural tractors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of two (2) John Deere agricultural tractors from Minnesota Equipment, Inc., of Rogers, MN, at the Sourcewell price of \$546,032 payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666400.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-332

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

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-333

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Premise Permit Application, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61634, for the following organization:

CC Riders Snowmobile Club, Cotton, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Tavern in the Bay LLC, Greenwood Township, 2007 County Road. 77, Tower, MN, new.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-334

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Premise Permit Application, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61634 for the following organization:

CC Riders Snowmobile Club, Cotton, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Britt Lounge Bar and Grill, LLC, Unorganized Township 60-18, 7301 Britt Bypass, Britt, MN, new.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-335

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a consolidated application process for entitlement funds under its Department of Community Planning and Development programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has prepared the draft 2022 Action Plan required by HUD; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a thirty-day comment period on the Action Plan after which a public hearing be conducted to allow citizen input prior to Plan submittal; and

WHEREAS, The Action Plan will be available electronically through posting to the St. Louis County web site on the Community Development – CDBG page and also through citizen contact with the Planning and Community Development Department offices in Duluth and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The 30-day comment period begins June 10, 2022, and will be completed July 10, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 9:35 A.M., at the Town of Kabetogama, 9707 Gamma Rd., Kabetogama, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the established priorities and funding recommendations included in the 2022 Action Plan.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-336

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to K & E Enterprises, Inc., dba The Munger Tavern & Grill, Solway

Township, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the dates of June 22 – 24, 2022, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61636.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-337

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 permit authorizing the consumption and display of intoxicating liquor is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61645.

Wayne Phillip Hidy, Jr. dba Floodwood Lake Resort, Cedar Valley Township, new.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-338

RESOLVED, 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 3.2 percent malt liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61729.

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 shall be effective through June 30, 2023:

Wayne Phillip Hidy, Jr. dba Floodwood Lake Resort, Cedar Valley Township, new.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-339

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 applications for an intoxicating liquor license are hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61636.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said licenses are approved contingent upon license holders 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 licenses shall be effective through June 30, 2023:

Voyageurs Hospitality and Adventures, LLC dba Sandy Point Lodge and Resort, Kabetogama Township, On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, transfer;
The Lake Effect Restaurant, Inc. dba Lake Effect Restaurant & Bar, Gnesen Township, transfer;

KDRS, LLC dba The Breeze Inn, Lakewood Township, transfer.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-340

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. 61626, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

April 2022

100	General Fund	8,193,263.07
149	Personal Service Fund	536.15
155	Depot	62,329.22
160	MN Trail Assistance	60,281.54
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	200.00
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,949.55
170	Boundary Waters – Forfeiture	2,000.00
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	138,133.68
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	81,927.50
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	396.35
180	Law Library	20,062.07
183	City/County Communications	319.70
184	Extension Service	142,834.57
190	Sheriff Explorers	1,425.00
192	Permit to Carry	14,114.25
200	Public Works	3,184,295.16
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	32,727.80
215	Ditching	17,665.75
220	State/Federal Road Aid	141,702.41
230	Public Health & Human Services	9,068,898.47
238	HHS Conference	13,348.98
239	Pandemic Response Fund	232,737.04
240	Forfeited Tax	524,503.27
250	St. Louis County HRA	137,180.00
260	CDBG Grant	139,680.03
270	HOME Grant	95,635.06
280	Federal Septic Loan – EPA Fund	672.22
288	Septic Loans – Env Trust Fund	19,560.00
289	ISTS Grant	83,432.18
290	Forest Resources	66,795.44
400	County Facilities	65,000.71
405	Public Works Building Const.	8,450.00
407	Public Works – Equipment	981.00
450	2021A – Capital Improvement	75,500.00
600	Environmental Services	672,710.47
640	Plat Books	64.06
715	County Garage	57,149.98
720	Property Casualty Liability	10,484.61
730	Workers Compensation	172,588.30
740	Medical Dental Insurance	2,541,523.63
770	Retired Employees Health Ins.	422.00

\$26,083,547.19

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-341

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is required by Minn. Stat. § 203B.121, Subd. 1, to establish an Absentee Ballot Board; and

WHEREAS, This board will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting, counting and

rejecting returned absentee ballots in St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes an Absentee Ballot Board that shall consist of a sufficient number of election judges and may include deputy auditors to perform the duties required in Minn. Stat. § 203B.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board appoints the Absentee Ballot Board judges, as on file in Board File No. 61730, for the 2022 Primary and General Elections at a rate of \$12 per hour with funding available from Auditor/Elections, Fund 100, Agency 127001, Object 635300.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-342

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(e), upon the favorable recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax-forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use without monetary compensation or consideration; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth wishes to acquire the following tax-forfeited property for the authorized public use of a community garden park:

Legal: CITY OF DULUTH

LOT 10 and ELY 1/2 of LOT 11, BLOCK 6,

CHESTER PARK DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel Codes: 010-0500-00980 and 010-0500-01000

LDKeys: 117370 and 100363; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subd. 8, 282.018, or other statutes that require the withholding of state tax-forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 282.01.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the above-described state tax-forfeited land to the City of Duluth subject to payment of a \$250 Department of Revenue fee, a \$250 administrative fee, a \$1.65 deed tax, a \$25 deed fee, and a \$46 recording fee; for a total sum of \$572.65.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-343

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(e), upon the favorable recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax-forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use without monetary compensation or consideration; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth wishes to acquire the following tax-forfeited property for the authorized public use of a community garden park:

Legal: CITY OF DULUTH

Lot 12 AND Lot 13, Block 126, PORTLAND DIVISION OF TOWN OF DULUTH

Parcel Codes: 010-3850-01000 and 010-3850-01010

LDKeys: 103742 and 103743; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subd. 8, 282.018, or other statutes that require the withholding of state tax-forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 282.01.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the above-described state tax-forfeited land to the City of Duluth

subject to payment of a \$250 Department of Revenue fee, a \$250 administrative fee, a \$1.65 deed tax, a \$25 deed fee, and a \$92 recording fee; for a total sum of \$618.65.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-344

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(e), upon the favorable recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax-forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use without monetary compensation or consideration; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth wishes to acquire the following tax-forfeited property for the authorized public use of a community garden park:

Legal: CITY OF DULUTH

LOT 15 and LOT 16, BLOCK 145,

PORTLAND DIVISION OF TOWN OF DULUTH

Parcel Codes: 010-3850-04420 and 010-3850-04430

LDKeys: 103747 and 103748; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subd. 8, 282.018, or other statutes that require the withholding of state tax-forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, Parcel 010-3850-04420 has been classified as non-conservation land and parcel 010-3850-04430 has been classified as conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 282.01; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department recommends that the parcel currently classified as conservation be reclassified as non-conservation after considering many factors, including the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, the suitability or desirability for particular uses, and the suitability of the forest resources on the land for multiple use and sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS, This parcel is located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town, and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that notice of the classification or reclassification of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body; and

WHEREAS, The reclassification will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the conservation state tax-forfeited parcels described herein shall be reclassified as non-conservation, and the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the reclassification will be deemed approved if the county board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the above-described state tax-forfeited land to the City of Duluth subject to payment of a \$250 Department of Revenue fee, a \$250 administrative fee, a \$1.65 deed tax, a \$25 deed fee, and a \$46 recording fee, for a total sum of \$572.65.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-345

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage,

or other agreement, subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Loretta Faye Westlund, taxpayer, of Aurora, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF AURORA

Lot 8, Block 2, ZUPONCIC ACRES 1ST ADD TO AURORA

Parcel code: 100-0077-00310; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the taxpayer of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under section 281.23, which was James K. Ostlund; and

WHEREAS, Resolution of any outstanding county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either (a) pay in full all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241; or (b) enter into a ten-year contract for deed, satisfying same, to repurchase the homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Loretta Faye Westlund of Aurora, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61662, to James K. Ostlund, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$143.13, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$215.78, to be deposited into Fund 240 (the State Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-346

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Steven John Waschbisch of Aurora, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF AURORA

Lot 14, Block 2, AURORA 1ST DIVISION

100-0020-00300

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Resolution of any outstanding county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either (a) pay in full all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241; or (b) enter into a four-year contract for deed, satisfying same, to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Steven John Waschbisch of Aurora, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61662, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$8,046.65, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$26.55, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$8,144.20, to be deposited into Fund 240 (State

Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-347

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, establishes the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for the purpose of developing viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding community opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, Subtitle B of Title IV of McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended and reauthorized under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, establishes homeless assistance programs including the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program for purposes of providing homeless prevention and rapid re-housing assistance to homeless families; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified St. Louis County of special allocations of funding to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) programs from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to carry out activities using CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding to assist communities, agencies, and residents of St. Louis County through an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board provided a public review period and conducted a public hearing on June 14, 2022, at 9:35 a.m., regarding an amendment to the 2020 Action Plan as required by HUD.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the amendment to the 2020 Action Plan reducing the award of CDBG-CV to the United Way of NE Minnesota by \$150,000, canceling the award of ESG-CV to Range Transitional Housing in the amount of \$415,976 and recycling this funding to respective CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Programs for award in the CARES Act Round 3 process.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director to prepare and submit the Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan and all assurances and understanding contained therein, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for those projects and corresponding funding levels as set forth in the amendment as described in County Board File No. 61721, and to act in connection with its submission and subsequent activity, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board allocates funding from the entitlement grants to CDBG-CV and ESG-CV projects and authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director and a representative of the County Attorney to execute agency agreements for these projects. Disbursements related to the CDBG-CV subrecipient agreements will be made from CDBG-CV Fund 260 and ESG-CV agreements from ESG-CV Fund 173 according to the specific 2020 projects included in the County Board File No. 61721, or as required by the County Auditor.

Unanimously adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-348

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has made available grant funds to counties to implement a plan to improve system access to increase and improve opportunities for Minnesotans with disabling conditions to live in the community; and

WHEREAS, The goals merge the collective efforts outlined in Minnesota's Olmstead Plan and Minnesota's Plan to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, DHS is providing funding to streamline/monitor/administrate the Housing Support Program formerly known as Group Residential Housing (GRH); and

WHEREAS, Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Behavioral Health and the PHHS Housing and Homeless Programs Team applied for and were awarded funds to increase support in order meet the unique needs of people with disabilities facing significant barriers in transitioning into community living from institutions, corrections, licensed facilities, or homelessness as a result of minimal or bad rental history, criminal background, and behavioral issues;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to accept a grant award in the amount of \$986,175 from the DHS Housing and Supports and Services Division for the 2022-2024 grant cycle and then funding to be included in the base Minnesota state budget.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes one additional grant-funded FTE position, a 1.0 FTE Social Worker.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to enter into contracts with community-based providers.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this position will be designated with grant funding and will be eliminated if/when the funding is discontinued.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board rescinds Board Resolution No. 22-319 authorizing acceptance of the Minnesota Department of Human Services Housing and Support and Services grant award.

Budget Reference:

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object, 610100, Grant 23286, Grant Year 2022

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Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object, 633100, Grant 23286, Grant Year 2022

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object, 624300, Grant 23286, Grant Year 2022

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object, 530714, Grant 23286, Grant Year 2022

Unanimously adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-349

BY COMMISSIONER MUSOLF:

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 469.1812 through § 469.1815, Abatement Authority, require that a public hearing be conducted prior to approving a tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 116J.993 through § 116J.995, Business Subsidy Law, requires that a public hearing be conducted prior to granting any business subsidy in an amount greater than \$150,000 in value; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown, MN, has requested St. Louis County to consider up to \$300,000 in tax abatement to assist the City of Hermantown – Oppidan’s plan to construct the 105-unit senior living community; and

WHEREAS, The specific parcel to be included in the tax abatement request is 395-0010-04210.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 9:45 A.M., at the Culver Town Hall, 5292 Highway 31, Brookston, MN, for input on proposed Tax Abatement Financing (TAF) for the City of Hermantown to assist Oppidan’s plan to develop The Pillars of Hermantown, located at 5097 Maple Grove Road that will consist of a three-story, 105-unit senior living housing community.

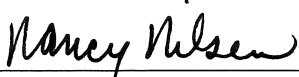
Unanimously adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-350

At 10:05 a.m., June 14, 2022, Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

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Paul McDonald, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nancy Nilsen", written over a horizontal line.

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

(Seal of the County Auditor)