

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 1st day of December 2020, at 9:30 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.

Commissioner Boyle introduced Amy Westbrook, Director of Public Health Division, to give a presentation of three Public Health Achievement awards. Director Westbrook gave praise to all of the St. Louis County Health Department professionals and to the community partners that have aided in the planning and response during the pandemic. The Public Health Achievement Awards honor those individuals and organizations who demonstrate a commitment to improving the health to individuals, families and residents. Director Westbrook presented the first award to Rachel Doherty and Barbara Heinz, members of the Mesabi East Environmental Education Center located in Aurora, MN. The organization educates students on hydroponics and environmental responsibility, as well as establishing community gardens and a local farmers market. Director Westbrook presented the second award to Dr. Jennifer Jones and Dr. Jordan Blessing who have led their major hospital and health care systems to focus on child safety and trauma. They have worked to create systematic change in improving preparedness, wait times, education and treatment for families and children affected by trauma. Director Westbrook presented the third award to the South St. Louis County Veterans Treatment Court. St. Louis County is home to over 16,000 veterans and the Veterans Treatment Court works to promote recovery, treatment and stability through a coordinated response with over 19 federal, state and local agencies. The Court has reduced the number of jail dates and hospital stays and works to improve the overall health of the veterans who are in the program. Judge Dale Harris and Kelsey Ganser, Treatment Coordinator, accepted the award on behalf of the Court.

Director Westbrook then gave a presentation on the status of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Director Westbrook shared the infection rate and hospitalization and fatality rate trends in November of 2020. St. Louis County is providing two isolation sites for residents, one in Duluth and one in Virginia. Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) is currently working with the State of Minnesota and Department of Health on creating a tiered release of an approved vaccine to critical response workers and vulnerable citizens. The main priority will be to work with assisted living facilities as well as to improve education and intervention to prevent further spread. Commissioner Nelson questioned if there would be a definitive timeline for vaccine distribution and what measures were going to be used to communicate and instill confidence with the public regarding the vaccine. Director Westbrook said that the State Health Department is planning on a communication campaign with the public and that there is a Federal Advisory Committee working on developing recommendations to

provide to each state on how to properly plan to distribute the vaccine. Commissioner Nelson encourages PHHS to work with the MN Department of Health to create a plan to educate the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine to the residents of St. Louis County.

Commissioner Boyle asked about the status of our hospitals and the ability to provide beds for those affected. Director Westbrook could not provide exact numbers on our local hospitals, but statewide they are seeing a lot of transfers of patients occurring between medical facilities.

Commissioner Jugovich encouraged residents to continue practicing safety measures to prevent overwhelming our frontline healthcare workers and facilities.

Commissioner Olson asked what lessons PHHS has learned throughout this pandemic. Director Westbrook said that emergency preparedness, planning and response has been challenging but they have been successful in developing a good structure in addition to utilizing local data in order to make decisions. Linnea Mirsch, Director of Public Health and Human Services, said that the success of our response is due to the improved coordination and relationships with community partners.

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 McDonald, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to consider a resolution to consider bids received for the Sale of Surplus Fee Land located in Normanna Township and authorize the sale of the land to the party submitting the highest bid: David H. Carlson and Michelle L. Carlson, for the bid amount of \$28,500 plus deed tax and recording fees. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 20-576.

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.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 20-429, Committee Vacancy Appointments to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee.—61380

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 20-421, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Unorganized Township 59-21).—61381

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 20-422, Establish Public Hearing for Suspension/Revocation of Liquor License(s) for Property Tax Non-Payment.—61382

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Jerry Hall, Interim Property Management Director, and Mark St. Lawrence, Environmental Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 20-423, Establish Public

Hearing for Proposed Land Exchange between St. Louis County and Biosolids Disposal Site Authority.—61383

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Brian Fritsinger, Deputy Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 20-427, Taconite State Trail – Town of Morse.—61384

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Mark Weber, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 20-420, Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation.—61385

Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, HRA Executive Director, submitting HRA Board Letter No. 20-06, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Minnesota City Participation Program.—61386

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2020 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53973, between St. Louis County and The Waterview Woods Assisted Living, Mankato, MN.—20-377

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2020 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53983, between St. Louis County and Homebee Adult Foster Care, Proctor, MN.—20-378

Grant Contract Agreement No. A-OPSG-2019-STLOUICO-010, between the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and St. Louis County in the amount of \$195,000 for the 2019 Operation Stonegarden during the period September 1, 2019, to August 31, 2022.—20-379

Continuity of Operations Agreement between the Duluth Air National Guard Base (DANBG), 148th Fighter Wing (FW), Duluth, MN, and St. Louis County for the use of the St. Louis County Emergency Operations Center as an emergency backup location for the Fighter Wing.—20-380

Minnesota Department of Transportation Joint Powers Contract No. 1044853 for Professional and Technical Services between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County for Final Design of Reduced Conflict Intersection at TH 169 and CSAH 137/CR 661.—20-381

Minnesota Department of Transportation Joint Powers Contract No. 1044755 for Professional and Technical Services between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County for Final Design of Reduced Conflict Intersection at TH 33 and CSAH 7 Junction.—20-382

Fire Protection Services Agreement between the County of St. Louis and Central Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., for services in Unorganized Township 56-17 during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—20-383

Fire Protection Services Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Chisholm for services in part of Unorganized Township 59-21 during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—20-384

Fire Protection Services Agreement between the County of St. Louis and Lakeland Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., for services in Unorganized Township 57-16 during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—20-385

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, resolutions numbered 20-547 through 20-557, 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 24, 2020, are hereby approved.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-547

WHEREAS, General Security Services Corporation (GSSC) was identified as a provider who could meet the unmet need for secure transportation services and has provided those services to St. Louis County in a satisfactory manner; and

WHEREAS, GSSC has in place adequate systems and personnel capacity to continue providing this service to St. Louis County for Calendar Years 2021 and 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to contract with General Security Services Corporation in the amount of \$400,000 for the provision of secure transportation services for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022, to be paid on a monthly basis from Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 604400.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-548

WHEREAS, Accend Services helps adults with mental illness to remain safe and as independent as possible by providing a full range of community mental health services; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 19-701 authorized the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) to enter into a contract with Mental Health Resources for Mental Health-Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM) services for the first time in 2020; and

WHEREAS, PHHS recognizes that Accend Services has been providing MH-TCM services to Managed Care Organization clients for some time; and

WHEREAS, PHHS has determined that Accend Services authorized service provision should be continued for Medical Assistance clients and that this continuation would be allowed under a MH-TCM purchase of service contract with St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, County funds must be set aside to pay the non-federal share of Medical Assistance for mental health services for residents of southern St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a contract for Adult Mental Health-Targeted Case Management with Accend Services for the period January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the rate is determined by the State of Minnesota every July 1 per month per client, 50% of which is the county share of the rate for fee for service clients, payable from Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 604400.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-549

WHEREAS, Mental Health Resources helps adults with mental illness to remain safe and as independent as possible by providing a full range of community mental health services; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) recognizes that Mental Health Resources has been providing Mental Health-Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM) services to clients living in Hennepin, Dakota and Ramsey Counties, counties where St. Louis County clients reside and require services be provided to them; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 20-233 authorized PHHS to enter into a contract with Mental Health Resources for MH-TCM services; and

WHEREAS, County funds must be set aside to pay the non-federal share of Medical Assistance for mental health services for residents of St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a contract for Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management with Mental Health Resources for the period January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the rate is determined by the State of Minnesota every July 1 per month per client, 50% of which is the county share of the rate for fee for service clients, payable from Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 604400.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-550

WHEREAS, The Human Development Center (HDC) helps adults and children with mental illness to remain safe and as independent as possible by providing a full range of community mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Children may be at risk of out-of-home placement, placed out of the home or at risk of placement failure, requiring intensive services for children with emotional disturbances who have significant difficulties in the home, school, or community; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department has contracted with HDC to provide needed community mental health services in southern St. Louis County for many years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the following two (2) Mental Health-Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM) contracted services with the Human Development Center for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021:

1. Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM)
(30 cases per month)
Rate is determined by the State of Minnesota every July 1 per month per client,
50% of which is the county share of the rate.
Fund 230, Agency 232008, Object 601600
2. Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM)
(150 cases per month)
Rate is determined by the State of Minnesota every July 1 per month per client,
50% of which is the county share of the rate.
Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 604400

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-551

WHEREAS, The Range Mental Health Center (RMHC) helps people with mental illness to remain safe and as independent as possible by providing a full range of community mental health services; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) has contracted with to provide needed community mental health services in northern St. Louis County for many years; and

WHEREAS, County funds must be set aside to pay the non-federal share of Medical Assistance for mental health services for residents of northern St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the following contracts with the Range Mental Health Center for the period January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021:

1. Children's Mental Health-Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM) contract
(up to 25 clients per month)
Rate is determined by the State of Minnesota every July 1 per month per client,
50% of which is the county share of the rate.
Fund 230, Agency 232008, Object 601600
2. Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM) contract
(up to 45 clients per month)
Rate is determined by the State of Minnesota every July 1 per month per client,
50% of which is the county share of the rate.
Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 604400

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-552

WHEREAS, St. Louis County provides mandated Child Protection and Intervention and Prevention Programs; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) wishes to enter into the agreements with community partners to promote a safe environment for youth to have access to visitation and with their parents and other family members in a respectful, supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, PHHS wishes to enter into agreements with the following community partners: Lutheran Social Service (LSS), Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs (DAIP) and Lincoln Park Community Collaborative (LPCC) for the provision of supervised visitation and related services for Calendar Year (CY) 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes agreements with the above recommended providers for a variety of supervised visitation and related services and staff transportation to approved off-site locations at a fixed cost basis for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, at the following per diem rates, payable from Fund 230, Agency 232008, Object 60200:

SERVICE:	RATE:	UNIT OF SERVICE:
Safe Exchange	\$20	Hourly
Group/Monitoring	\$25	Hourly
Observation	\$38	Hourly
Coaching	\$45	Hourly
Virtual Observation	\$38	Hourly
Virtual Coaching	\$45	Hourly
Transportation: Mileage	Federal mileage rate	Per Mile

Transportation: Staff Travel Time	\$20	Hourly
No Show	By Service	1 Hour Maximum
Cancellation (under 24 hours)	By Service	1 Hour Maximum
COVID-19 Cleaning	By Service	Up to 15 minutes maximum

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-553

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 (PHHS) has annual agreements for a variety of out-of-home and day treatment agreements for children's services; and

WHEREAS, These agreements are used by PHHS, and also serve as host/lead county agreements, enabling other counties to use the services through the host/lead county agreement; and

WHEREAS, PHHS at times places children in facilities outside of St Louis County, using another county's host/lead county agreement, which establishes the rates and contains other necessary contracting language.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to execute placement agreements for the purchase of out-of-home and day treatment services under another lead county agreement for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-554

WHEREAS, The UCare Foundation has made available grant funds to counties to implement a plan related to behavioral health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Continuum of Care Leadership Team has reviewed this opportunity and it meets unique needs of the homeless population in St. Louis County and systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS, Community partners are willing to continue to engage in this work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to apply for a grant award in the amount of \$100,000 for Housing Fund for Individuals Experiencing or at Risk of Experiencing Homelessness for the 2021-2022 grant cycle, with St. Louis County serving as the fiscal agent for the grant.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-555

WHEREAS, Each year the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) brings forward agreements for Children and Family Services for out-of-home placement and related services, and PHHS has identified a certain population of children in need of these services on an emergency or on-going basis; and

WHEREAS, Life House, Inc., represents they are qualified to provide these services

through their Safe Harbor/Sol House Group Residential Services and The Loft Emergency Shelter Services; 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; and

WHEREAS, PHHS 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorize Purchase of Service Agreements for Children's Group Residential and Emergency Services for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, with Life House, Inc., through their programming and out-of-home placement services as Safe Harbor/Sol House and The Loft, payable from Fund 230, Agency 232008, Object 601200, as follows:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAILY RATE</u>
Sol House	\$173.97/day
The Loft	\$212.03/day

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-556

WHEREAS, On December 17, 2019, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 19-725, authorizing the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) to become an official evaluation site and accept funds from the ZERO TO THREE organization as the Health Resources & Service Administration grantee for the Infant Toddler Court Program through the Safe Babies Court Team™ approach; and

WHEREAS, An initial award acceptance of \$100,000 was granted for the first fiscal year (FY), with the potential for additional funds for the second FY; and

WHEREAS, PHHS has been notified of additional funding totaling \$150,000 for the second FY from the ZERO TO THREE organization to remain an official evaluation site; and

WHEREAS, PHHS is requesting to accept the funds from the ZERO TO THREE organization and enter into contracts with community partners to continue collaborative partnerships for the second FY, to support the implementation and sustainability of the Safe Babies Court Team™ approach as a critical component of the Plan of Safe Care as required by the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016; and

WHEREAS, PHHS wishes to accept the funds in the total amount of \$250,000 for the period September 30, 2019, through September 29, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to continue as an official evaluation site and accept funds from the ZERO TO THREE organization as the Health Resources & Services Administration grantee for the Infant Toddler Court Program, in the total amount of \$250,000 from September 30, 2019, through September 29, 2021, to be accounted for in Fund 230, Agency 232008, Object 629900, Grant 23275, Year 2020, and Fund 230, Agency 232008, Object 545160, Grant 23275, Years 2020-2021.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That, the St. Louis County Board authorizes contracts with specialized community partners to continue collaborative partnerships and support the implementation and sustainability of the Safe Babies Court Team™ approach as a critical component of the Plan of Safe Care.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-557

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway 15 and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 214, State Bridge 7659) over Bug Creek in Cotton Township (Township 54 North, Range 16 West), County Project 0015-494515; 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 December 1, 2020. No. 20-558

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway 49 (Three Lakes Road) and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 760, State Bridge 7715) over Boulder Creek on the town line between Gnesen Township and Unorganized Township 54-14, County Project 0049-494726; 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 December 1, 2020. No. 20-559

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of the Industrial Road (CSAH 7) and to replace the existing crossing structure (County Bridge 828, State Bridge 7648) over the Bear Trap River in Industrial Township, County Project 0007-494517; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing crossing structure at the existing 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.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requested to provide St. Louis County with easement across the following State of Minnesota land located adjacent to the present course of County State Aid Highway 7 in Industrial Township:

1. The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4), Section 16, Township 51 North of Range 17 West.
(parcel ID No. 400-0010-02620),

2. The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 of SE 1/4), Section 16, Township 51 North, Range 17 West.
(parcel ID No. 400-0010-02690).

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-560

WHEREAS, The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) is a federally funded program to fund infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation administers the Transportation Alternatives Program for local agencies in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is working in cooperation with the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council to submit a TAP grant application to perform a rehabilitation of the Stoney Point Wayside parking area on Lake Superior including reconstructing failing retaining walls, parking lot reconstruction, and creating ADA accessible viewing areas; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the Transportation Alternatives Program project identified as CP 0222-283485; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of right-of-way or property ownership acquired without prior approval from the FHWA; and

WHEREAS, Funding is anticipated to be 50% Federal (\$450,000) and 50% St. Louis County local match (\$450,000), payable from Fund 220, Agency 220599, Object 652700.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a "Transportation Alternative" project identified as CP 0222-283485 and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed.

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 St. Louis County, as the sponsoring agency, hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned Transportation Alternatives project.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-561

WHEREAS, The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) is a federally funded program to fund infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation administers the Transportation Alternatives Program for local agencies in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is working in cooperation with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) to submit a TAP grant application to perform sidewalk improvements on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 110 from the intersection of CSAH 100 to the Essentia Health-Northern Pines Hospital in the City of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the sponsoring agency for the Transportation Alternatives Program project; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with federal transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of right-of-way or property ownership acquired without prior approval from the FHWA; and

WHEREAS, Funding is anticipated to be 80% Federal (\$240,000) and 20% St. Louis County local match (\$60,000), payable from Fund 220, Object 652700, in an Agency to be determined upon project set up.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a "Transportation Alternative" project and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed.

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 St. Louis County as the sponsoring agency hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned Transportation Alternatives project.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-562

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following tied project:

CP 0004-366245 (Low); SAP 069-604-079 (BR 76)/CP 0004-366248 (Tied);
SAP 069-604-080 (BR 942); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on November 19, 2020, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
TNT Construction Group, LLC	40 County Road 63 Grand Rapids, MN 55744	\$1,164,000.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0004-366245 (Low); SAP 069-604-079 (BR 76)
Fund 449, Agency 449002, Object 652806 - \$571,416.05
CP 0004-366248 (Tied); SAP 069-604-080 (BR 942)
Fund 449, Agency 449003, Object 652806 - \$592,583.95
CP 0004-366245 (Low); SAP 069-604-079 (BR 76)
Fund 449, Agency 449002, Object 652806 - \$571,416.05
CP 0004-366248 (Tied); SAP 069-604-080 (BR 942)
Fund 449, Agency 449003, Object 652806 - \$592,583.95

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-563

WHEREAS, The building grounds and landscape at the St. Louis County Courthouse are important and integral parts of the architecture and appearance of this historic building in Virginia, MN; and

WHEREAS, The existing building grounds and landscape are in need of repairs and renewal to restore functionality and appearance; and

WHEREAS, Property Management contracted with Architectural Resources, Inc., in 2020 to prepare site improvement plans, landscape installation and maintenance plans, and bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, Bids (RFB #5663) were opened on October 23, 2020, with A Plus Landscaping of Saginaw, MN, providing the lowest qualified bid.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approve authorized County personnel to enter into a contract with A Plus Landscaping of Saginaw, MN, in an amount of \$249,000.00 for building grounds improvements and landscape installation and maintenance at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Virginia. Funds are available from Fund 402, Agency 402011, Object 663100.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-564

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. 61214.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-565

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:50 a.m., on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the Virginia Government Services Center, Virginia, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to The Highway 5 Company d/b/a The Highway 5, Unorganized Township 59-21.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-566

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:55 a.m., on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the Virginia Government Services Center, Virginia, MN, for the purpose of considering the suspension/revocation of liquor license(s) for failure to pay real estate or personal property taxes when due, pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-567

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is proposing a land exchange with Biosolids Disposal Site Authority in order to fulfill the Agreement made between the two parties dated December 16, 2016, to allow the exchange of properties; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 373.01, Sub. 1(5)e, requires that the County Board hold a public hearing on the proposed exchange and post notice in the auditor's office and in the official newspaper of the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establish a public hearing on a land exchange involving County Fee owned land on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Virginia Government Services Center, Virginia, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen input on a proposed exchange of County Fee owned land.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-568

WHEREAS, A request to purchase county fee land was submitted by Richard Erickson and Jeffrey M. Erickson and said property is described in County Board File No. 61223; and

WHEREAS, Richard Erickson and Jeffrey M. Erickson have agreed to pay \$1,980 for the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 373.01, Subdivision (i), the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed conveying the above listed property to Richard Erickson and Jeffrey M. Erickson, for the amount of \$1,980, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202, with the grantee

responsible for deed tax and recording fees.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-569

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages the Taconite State Trail for a variety of recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, A critical portion of the Taconite State Trail is in need of legal easements in the Town of Morse; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Morse has requested one-time financial grant assistance in the amount of up to \$68,000 to acquire land for trail easements and economic development and recreational purposes for the following land:

The South Half (S 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4), AND the West Half (W 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), all in Section 12, Township 62 North, Range 13 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota. (PINS: 465-0030-01930, 465-0030-01931, 465-0030-01940, 465-0030-01941, 465-0030-01960, 465-0030-01961, 465-0030-01970, 465-0030-01971); and

WHEREAS, When easements are provided to the DNR by the Town of Morse, any funds received by Town of Morse for the easements, or any other revenue generating sales, will be transferred to St. Louis County for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, The County has previously identified economic development as a strategic priority; and

WHEREAS, Funding is available through Economic Development funds; and

WHEREAS, The County has statutory authority through Minn. Stat. § 373.39 to make such a contribution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves a financial one-time grant contribution in the amount of up to \$68,000 to the Town of Morse to acquire such lands, subject to conditions determined by the appropriate County officials to protect the County investment in public lands.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if necessary, appropriate County officials are authorized to execute appropriate funding agreement(s), payable from Fund 178, Object 311008 or its designated fund.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the funding is contingent upon Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) or other matching funding; that acquired land remain in public use for recreational purposes; and that easements are provided to the DNR.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board directs Administration to develop policies related to county involvement in trail development and funding to be presented to the County Board for approval at a future meeting.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-570

RESOLVED, That 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 establishment:

Minno-ette Inc. d/b/a Minno-ette Inc., Fredenberg Township, new.

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.

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:

October 2020

100	General Fund	8,131,128.01
149	Personal Service Fund	470.75
155	Depot	69,899.44
161	Missing Heirs	63,220.47
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	1,611.25
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,877.76
170	Boundary Waters-Forfeiture	116.97
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	30,726.94
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	50,907.70
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	1,925.00
180	Law Library	16,744.85
183	City/County Communications	179.64
184	Extension Service	224,838.91
190	Sheriff Explorers	166.00
192	Permit to Carry	16,121.90
200	Public Works	4,290,511.79
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	2,298,957.65
220	State/Federal Road Aid	2,937,636.88
230	Public Health & Human Services	9,222,421.66
238	HHS Conference	6,650.00
239	CARES	5,228,706.60
240	Forfeited Tax	515,718.73
260	CDBG Grant	153,893.83
270	HOME Grant	3,975.00
280	Federal Septic Loan – EPA Fund	23,468.00
285	Septic Loans – MPCA	9,546.00
286	Septic Loans – SSTS/BWSR	27,068.50
288	Septic Loans – Env. Trust Fund	280.00
289	ISTS Grant	73,791.79
290	Forest Resources	110,207.37
321	2013C Refunding 2004A&2005A	3,937.00
331	2020B Refunding 2013D&2014A	4,583.00
400	County Facilities	236,095.17
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	48,130.93
405	Public Works Building Const.	296,627.09
407	Public Works – Equipment	121,256.95
449	2020A – TST Bond	22,667.00
600	Environmental Services	623,741.69

640	Plat Books	18,329.71
715	County Garage	134,353.87
720	Property Casualty Liability	56,131.59
730	Workers Compensation	1,384,961.62
740	Medical Dental Insurance	6,900,068.51
770	Retired Employees Health Insurance	1,546.30
		<u>\$43,365,265.79</u>

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-572

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to serve on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Three individuals applied for vacancies on the committee; and

WHEREAS, The Hermantown and Rice Lake applicants have been endorsed by their respective city councils.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints the following individuals to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee with terms expiring April 30, 2023:

City of Hermantown Representative: Jim Rich

Rice Lake Representative: Jayme Heim

Southern Townships Representative: Paul Buckentin (Midway Township)

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-573

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified or reclassified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The parcels described in the attached County Board File forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has recommended that the parcels be reclassified as non-conservation after considering, among other things, 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, utilities and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be approved by the governing body of the municipality or town; and

WHEREAS, The town or municipality is considered to have approved the classification or reclassification and sale of these parcels if the county board is not notified of the disapproval of the classification or reclassification and sale within 60 days of the date the request for approval was transmitted to the town or municipality in which the parcels are located.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61385, 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 of these parcels 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.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-574

WHEREAS, The County, through its Environmental Services Department, operates a Roll-off Program to provide County residents an opportunity to recycle; and

WHEREAS, The County supports curbside recycling programs in three range cities (Eveleth, Mountain Iron and Virginia) and a staffed recyclables collection site (Hibbing) by funding the processing and marketing of the cities' recycled materials; and

WHEREAS, The County owns a recycling facility in Virginia and contracts with a private firm to facilitate the processing and marketing of recyclable materials generated in the St. Louis County Solid Waste Management Area; and

WHEREAS, The County entered into a contract with G-Men Environmental Services (G-Men) for the period of December 1, 2019, through December 31, 2020, for recyclable materials haulage, processing and marketing, and facility operations for the St. Louis County recycling facility in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The County negotiated a new contract with G-Men in good faith utilizing its statutory authority cited in Minn. Stat. § 400.04, Subd. 4; and

WHEREAS, The County wishes to enter into a five-year agreement with G-Men for continuation of services from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to execute and enter into a negotiated 5-year agreement for continuation of services with G-Men Environmental Services for recyclable materials haulage, processing and marketing, and facility operations for the St. Louis County recycling facility in Virginia from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, for an estimated cost of \$957,500.00, payable from Fund 600, Agency 601004, Object 629901.

Adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-575

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Property Management Team had identified the following described property as surplus county fee owned land and said property was advertised for sale and a bid was received; said property is legally described as follows:

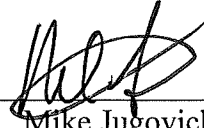
The Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SW ¼ of SE ¼), of Section
Thirty-one (31), Township Fifty-two (52) North of Range Thirteen (13),
West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, according to the United States
Government Survey thereof;
Parcel Code 485-0010-05250; and

WHEREAS, David H. Carlson and Michelle L. Carlson submitted the minimum bid of \$28,500 for said parcel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements of and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, the appropriate County Officials are authorized to execute a quit claim deed, conveying the above listed property to David H. Carlson and Michelle L. Carlson for the bid amount of \$28,500, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202, with the buyer(s) being responsible for deed tax and recording fees.

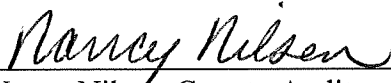
Unanimously adopted December 1, 2020. No. 20-576

At 10:40 a.m., December 1, 2020, Commissioner Nelson, 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)