

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

June 2, 2020

Location: Government Services Center, St. Louis River Room, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 9:51 a.m.

Note: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Beth Olson and Paul McDonald participated by WebEx.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of May 26, 2020
- Cooperative Agreement with the United States Forest Service for Dual Designation Roads [20-206]
- Cooperative Agreement with Carlton County and Itasca County for the 2021 Joint 6-inch Wet
- Reflective Edgeline Pavement Marking Project [20-207]
- Contracts and Cooperative Agreement for Court Appointed Attorneys in Civil Commitment Proceedings [20-208]
- Section 125 Flexible Spending Program Plan Document Amendment [20-209]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited land – Beltramo [20-210]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Bradley (Non-Homestead) [20-211]

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## Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Jugovich/Jewell moved that the St. Louis County Board shall add parcel 040-0206-00075 to a list of tax forfeited lands to be filed with the County Auditor to be withheld from repurchase for one year because the Board is of the opinion that the property may be acquired by the City of Eveleth. [20-212]. The following citizen was given the opportunity to address the Board using a phone line set up due to the COVID-19 pandemic: Deja Weber, of Hutchinson, commented that the children of Mr. Zuponic have committed to paying all taxes and fees and asked the Board to allow the owner to repurchase. Herman Zuponic, of Cook, said that the building would be shut down and indicated that he had two buyers lined up to purchase the building. City of Eveleth Mayor Vlaisavljevich expressed concern regarding the type of business located in Industrial Park and safety of the business in relation to the school. Administrator Kevin Gray suggested that the Board return the resolution to Administration for additional information. After further discussion, Commissioner Jugovich withdrew his motion and the resolution was sent to Administration for further review.

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## COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Boyle wished Commissioner Olson a happy belated birthday.

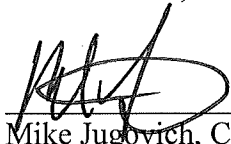
Commissioner Jewell commented on a letter of response from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and noted that that drinking water was safe.

Commissioner McDonald wished a happy birthday to Commissioner Olson and Commissioner Jugovich's dad, who turned 83 today.

Commissioner Nelson urged Commissioners to read the letter of response from the MPCA and commented on regarding concerns of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water.


Commissioner Musolf thanked the 911 Emergency Response Team, Cotton First Responders, and the Meadowlands Ambulance Service; all assisted his dad who recently had complications due to a major surgery.

At 10:41 a.m., Chair Jugovich adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting.



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Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board