

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

March 10, 2020

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Olson/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of February 25, 2020
- Subgrant Agreement with South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District for Morris Thomas Road Project [20-80]
- Agreement with MnDOT for Advance Construction for Federal Aid Participation on the French River Wayside and Bridge Replacement Project [20-81]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Turn Lanes and Realignment Project on CSAH 56 (Hermantown) [20-82]
- Local Road Improvement Program Grant Agreement – MnDOT [20-83]
- Cooperative Agreement with Lake County - GRIP Project on the Cloquet Line Road (County Road 990) [20-84]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Duluth Township) [20-85]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Gnesen Township) [20-86]
- Dedication of Permanent Highway Easement Over County Fee Owned Property (St. Louis County Jail – Duluth) [20-87]
- Public Auction of Earthen Material on State Tax Forfeited Land (McDavitt Township) [20-88]
- Authorizing a Donation of Tree Seedlings and Planting Labor [20-89]
- Joint Funding Agreement between the U.S. Geologic Survey and St. Louis County [20-90]
- 2020 Legislation for the Conveyance of Conservation Easements and Leases on State Tax Forfeited Lands [20-91]

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## **Establishment of Public Hearings**

Nelson/Olson moved that the St. Louis County Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 9:40 A.M., at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth, Minnesota, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the established priorities and funding recommendations included in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan. [20-92]. The motion passed. (7-0)

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## **Public Works & Transportation Committee**

Musolf/Olson moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$4,072,366.46, for Reconstruction and Bridge No. 69K79, project CP 0004-342005, SAP 069-604-078, located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 4 (Rice Lake Road) between CSAH 32 (West Arrowhead Road) 941 feet South of Krueger Road in the City of Duluth. [20-93]. St. Louis County Public Works and Transportation Director Jim Foldesi said that approximately \$1M of the project was funded using Local Road Improvement Project funding. The motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Olson moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$2,397,925.00, for Culvert Repairs, Culvert Replacement, Remove Bituminous Pavement, Mill Bituminous Surface, Full Depth Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Base Stabilization (Base One), Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, Recycled Aggregate Surfacing, Recycled Aggregate Shouldering, and Aggregate Shouldering, project CP 0043-275802, SAP 069-643-016(Low Prime), located on various roads in five (5) southern St. Louis County locations. [20-93]. The motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jugovich moved to authorize the purchase order for the installation of twelve (12) Dump Bodies with Hydraulic Systems and Snow Removal Equipment from Towmaster, Inc., of Litchfield, MN, for \$1,168,936.00. [20-94]. The motion passed. (7-0)

At 11:33 a.m., Chair Commissioner Jugovich commented that he was exiting the meeting to speak at a sexual assault conference. Chair Commissioner Jugovich turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Commissioner Olson.

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## **Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee**

Jewell/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board reallocate a vacant 1.0 FTE IT Support Specialist, position #0543-001 (Civil Service Basic, Pay Grade B16 Step 1) to a vacant 1.0 FTE IT Unit Supervisor (Civil Service Supervisory, Pay Grade E28 Step 1), which will result in an approximate annual budget increase of \$23,244 within Fund 100 Agency 117001. The St. Louis County Board approve the transfer of an Information Specialist II, position #0432-050 (Civil Service Basic, Pay Grade B10 Step 1) from the Sheriff's Office, Fund 100, Agency 129003 to the IT Department, Fund 100, Agency 117001 and reallocate the position to the Application Developer Associate (Civil Service Basic, Pay Grade B20 Step 1), which will result in an approximate annual budget increase of \$12,968. [20-95]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jugovich absent)

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## **Public Safety & Corrections Committee**

Olson/Musolf moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute an agreement with Johnson-Wilson Construction, Duluth, MN, for the construction of the Sheriff's Office Training and Emergency Operations Center expansion in the amount of \$609,393; authorizes a fund transfer in the amount of \$100,000 from the St. Louis County Jail, Fund 100, Agency 137002, Object 635300, to the Capital Improvement Fund, Fund 400, Agency 400005, Object 663100; and further, authorizes a fund transfer in the amount of \$100,000 from Fund 400, Agency 400023, Object 663100, to Fund 400, Agency 400005, Object 663100. [20-96]. St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman said that the expansion will help alleviate training space issues for local law enforcement. St. Louis County Undersheriff Dave Phillips commented that the expansion is approximately 2,400 square feet. At the recommendation of Property Management, the project was re-bid 6-months ago, which

resulted in a project cost savings of approximately \$200,000. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jugovich absent)

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### **Environment & Natural Resources Committee**

Olson/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board endorses the St. Louis River Public Lands Project proposed by the City of Duluth and supports the City's application to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for funding to purchase up to 535 acres of tax forfeited land in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(h), and that the Land and Minerals Department will seek County Board approval to sell tax forfeited parcels that are classified as conservation and are suitable to be sold for conservation purposes to the City of Duluth at a price of twenty (20) percent of the estimated market value as established by the St. Louis County Assessor in 2020, or twenty (20) percent of the actual appraised value, whichever is greater. [20-97]. St. Louis County Land and Minerals Director Mark Weber said that the Land and Minerals Department will review the list of properties before bringing the list to the Board for consideration. City of Duluth Director of Public Administration Jim Filby Williams commented that the plan would include approximately 535 acres of mostly wetland areas. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jugovich absent)

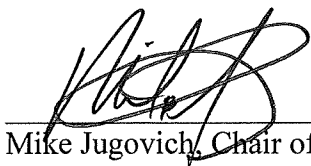
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### **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Jewell felt there was a positive discussion regarding the Park Point erosion problem during a recent National Association of Counties meeting and noted that Representative Pete Stauber attended the meeting. Commissioner Jewell said that he hoped that one of the Board members who voted to table the refugee resolution would remove the resolution from the table so that the Board could vote.

Commissioner Boyle mentioned the tragic event at Fond du Lac. Commissioner Boyle reminded everyone that March 17, 2020 is St. Louis County / Duluth days at the Capital.

At 12:37 p.m., Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (6-0, Jugovich absent)



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Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board