

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 26, 2023

Location: Albion Town Hall, Albion, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of September 12, 2023
- Sauer Foundation Grant Funding Acceptance and Contract Extension [23-386]
- 2024-2025 Minnesota Family Investment Program Biennial Service Agreement Approval, Allocation and Related Contracts [23-387]
- Award of Proposal – Fuel Deliveries of Gasohol and Diesel Fuel [23-388]
- Purchase of 2023-2024 Truck Cutting Edges [23-389]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Gnesen Township) [23-390]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [23-391]
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Duluth Air National Guard Base, 148th Fighter Wing [23-392]
- Contract for the Management and Recycling of Waste Tires with First State Tire Recycling [23-393]

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Item 23-394 pulled from the agenda and returned to Administration.

Commissioner Discussion Items and Reports

Commissioner Harala noted that Item 23-394, dealing with the placement of School Resource Officers, was removed from the agenda because she and Sheriff Ramsay felt additional discussion was necessary before presenting the item to the Board.

Commissioner Musolf thanked the Public Works staff for their work regarding flooding issues last weekend. Commissioner Musolf commented that all county roads were open and none of the investments made after the 2012 flood event were damaged. Commissioner Musolf gave the Board a handout regarding difficulties that a person is having while trying to start a county-wide transportation company and asked that the county look at what can be done to help the individual.

Commissioner Jugovich commented on the ATV MN Ride and Rally event that took place at Giants Ridge last weekend. Commissioner Jugovich noted that 55 ATV club members from Chisholm and

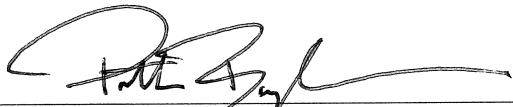
ATV riders from all over the state participated in the event. Commissioner McDonald said that over 200 people participated in the Presidents Ride from Giants Ridge to the Iron Trail Convention Center and over 400 people attended the banquet.

Commissioner McDonald said the recent Ely Marathon was a great event and thanked Public Works for their effort to close several roads during the event.

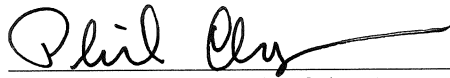
Commissioner Nelson said he is proud of the work that Commissioners McDonald and Jugovich have done regarding ATV trails. Commissioner Nelson noted the importance of School Resource Officers and said law enforcement deserves the support of the Board. Commissioner Nelson said that he was concerned that candidates are running for the Duluth City Council on a defund-the-police platform.

Commissioner Grimm commented that she is not aware of any candidate running on a defund-the-police platform and noted that the City Council just increased the wages for police and firefighters. Commissioner Grimm said she attended a recent ATV meeting and there is some movement for ATV connection trails in West Duluth. Commissioner Grimm noted that there was a good amount of community support during a meeting to discuss a proposed 20-unit transitional housing for people coming out of the Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC).

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board