

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 2, 2021

Location: Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, and Ashley Grimm participated by WebEx.

At 9:44 a.m., the Committee convened in a closed session for the purpose of discussing the proposed settlement and litigation strategy relating to *Doherty v. County of St. Louis*, Case No. 20-CV-385 (ECT/LIB), in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(b). At 9:50 a.m., the closed session concluded.

At 9:55 a.m., the Committee of the Whole meeting convened with all members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of February 23, 2021
- Rescind County Board Resolution No. 20-607 and CY 2021-22 Family-Based Counseling, Life Management Skills, Community Education and Prevention Services, Foster Care Licensing and Placement for American Indian Families and Children [21-89]
- Agreement with FHWA-Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, Minnesota Department of Administration, Minnesota Department of Transportation for Improvements to a Segment of CSAH 116 in Morse Township [21-90]
- Agreement with the Depot Foundation [21-91]
- Transfer of County Fee Land to the City of Floodwood [21-92]
- Acceptance of the Amended 2020 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant [21-93]
- Right of Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Scott and Carla Ann Seele, Mindy Rae Roux, Amy Marie Strane (Cedar Valley Twp 54-21) [21-94]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Weisz Homestead [21-95]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

McDonald/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Redstone Construction, LLC, Mora, MN, in the amount of \$1,105,943.65 for project CP 0065-300202; SP 069-665-008, Bridge Construction, County Bridge 633 located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 65 located 0.5 miles west of junction with CSAH 5 in French Township. [21-96]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Nelson moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$3,554,090.97 for project CP 0120-276152 (Low), SAP 069-720-002; CP 0404-299095 (Tied); CP

0404-531168 (Tied); CP 0803-299097 (Tied); CP 8211-465046 (Tied), Reclaim and Overlay, CSAH 120 from CSAH 21 to Trunk Highway 1; County Road (CR) 404 from Trunk Highway 169 to Township Road 4577; CR 404 from intersection of CSAH 88 West to Termini; CR 803 from CSAH 116 to end of bituminous at boat landing; and Unorganized Township Road 8211 from CSAH 116 to end of bituminous. [21-97]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Nelson moved to award a bid to Traffic Marking Service, Maple Lake, MN, in the amount of \$571,480.60 for project CP 0000-369585, Maintenance Striping, Various County Highways in Lake County and St. Louis County, and Various City Streets in the City of Hermantown and City of Virginia. [21-98]. Commissioner McDonald noted that there was a new bidder this year and that no local contractors provide this type of service. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Nelson moved to award a bid to Mattison Contractors, Knapp, WI, in the amount of \$374,616.23 for project CP 0004-557164 (Prime), W-Beam Guardrail, Various County Highways within St. Louis County. [21-99]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that the project would replace the barrel-style end treatments with a much safer and better performing material. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Jugovich/Nelson moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$1,570,464.00 for project CP 0199-369580 (Low Prime); CP 0029-512408; CP 0052-512194; CP 0229-369581; CP 0817-512391, Reclaim and Overlay on CR 199, CSAH 29, CSAH 52, CR 229 and CR 817. [21-100R]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jewell moved to award a bid to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation, Saint Cloud, MN, in the amount of \$626,754.00 for project CP 0000-477571, Crack Sealing, Various County State Aid Highways and Local Roads within St. Louis County. [21-101]. Commissioner Musolf inquired as to whether or not the Public Works projects approved today include project labor agreements. In response, St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that approximately \$7.9 million in projects were approved today. A total of \$1.2 million will be approved for crack sealing and striping projects. Those projects do not require project labor agreements because they are specialized work and considered preventative maintenance; however, they have prevailing wage requirements. The remaining projects are required to have project labor agreements in place. Director Foldesi commented that approximately \$63 million worth of project will be awarded for the year 2021; of which, approximately \$2.8 million will be for striping and crack sealing. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/McDonald moved to approve the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Legal Secretary II position (#0681-013, Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B14) to a 1.0 FTE Legal Secretary Supervisor position (Civil Service Supervisory Unit, Pay Grade E19), in the Attorney's Office, resulting in an increase of \$7,313. [21-102]. Assistant St. Louis County Attorney Kim Maki commented that the supervisor position will be responsible for supervision, scheduling, and work management in the Hibbing office. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jewell commented that they received their first film incentive application yesterday and filming will begin on the Iron Range in April. Chair Jugovich asked that in the future, written correspondence also be sent to Commissioners.

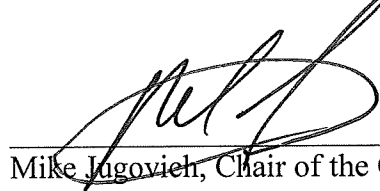
Commissioner Nelson commented that Grandma's Marathon will be held this year and noted that the event is expensive for the St. Louis County Public Works Department. Commissioner Nelson suggested that the county conduct a review of costs involved relating to the event.

Commissioner Jewell said that Grandma's Marathon is impactful throughout the region. If the county is reviewing funding for events, we should be fair and look at funding for all events throughout the county.

Chair Jugovich mentioned that he recently had a discussion with Senator Gazelka and there have been discussions at the state level regarding a film incentive program; perhaps there will be something soon.

Commissioner Musolf commented that during last week's Board meeting a fellow Commissioner accused him of not talking enough during the meetings. In response, Commissioner Musolf said that he has no problem talking; however, he is here to get work done for the county and not to get involved in petty Commissioner battles.

At 10:36 a.m., Nelson/McDonald moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)



Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board