

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 7, 2022

Location: Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Boyle

Convened: Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Musolf/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

- Minutes of May 24, 2022
- Abatement List for Board Approval [22-256]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Greenwood Township) [22-257]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Unorganized Township 60-18) [22-258]
- Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (010-0500-00980, -01000) [22-259]
- Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (010-3580-01000, -01010) [22-260]
- Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (010-3850-04420, -04430) [22-261]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Ostlund/Westlund (Homestead) [22-262]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Waschbisch (Non-Homestead) [22-263]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 9:35 A.M., at the Town of Kabetogama, 9707 Gamma Rd., Kabetogama, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the established priorities and funding recommendations included in the 2022 Action Plan. [22-264]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Health & Human Services Committee

McDonald/Grimm moved that the St. Louis County Board appoints Rose St. John to the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee for a term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2025. [22-265]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Musolf/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of two John Deere agricultural tractors from Minnesota Equipment, Inc., of Rogers, MN, at the Sourcewell price of

\$546,032. Commissioner Musolf amended the resolution with the following change to the third Whereas: “Minnesota Equipment, Inc., of Rogers, MN, responded with the Sourcewell price of \$546,032 for two John Deere agricultural tractors.” [22-266]. The motion as amended passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board hereby authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute contracts, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, with Max Gray Construction, Lenci Enterprises, Inc., Kaski, Inc., and Amendola Builders, Inc., to provide carpentry services on an as-needed basis to facilities throughout St. Louis County for projects estimated to be less than \$75,000.00 per service project and a not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year for each contractor, in accordance with the specifications of Request for Qualifications No. 1000003, services to be paid from budgeted departmental operating funds. [22-267]. Commissioner Musolf requested that the resolution be moved without recommendation and asked that the recommended contractors be vetted further by the county. The motion passed without recommendation. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Musolf moved that the St. Louis County Board establishes an Absentee Ballot Board that shall consist of a sufficient number of election judges and may include deputy auditors to perform the duties required in Minn. Stat. § 203B; and further, appoints Absentee Ballot Board judges, as listed on a handout to the Committee, for the 2022 Primary and General Elections at a rate of \$12 per hour with funding available from Auditor/Elections, Fund 100, Agency 127001, Object 635300. [22-268]. Commissioner Grimm asked if there was a reason why all the recommended judges were from the Duluth area. Clerk Chapman commented that judges were appointed using the party lists and location was a consideration because the Absentee Board meets regularly in the Duluth Courthouse. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Jewell/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board will convene in a closed meeting of the Committee of the Whole after the County Board meeting held on June 7, 2022, in the Government Services Center, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13D.03. No other pending public business will be discussed at this closed session. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)


COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson noted that the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum in Eveleth is turning 50 this year and said that he intends to bring a resolution to the next Board meeting to recognize the milestone.

Chair McDonald provided an update on the flooding in St. Louis County and said that the long-range forecast looks promising.

Commissioner Jewell said that production of a new film (Merry Kiss Cam), a hockey-themed romantic comedy, has begun in Duluth; Commissioners have been invited to visit the set this Thursday.

At 10:39 a.m., Jugovich/Nelson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

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Paul McDonald, Chair of the County Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Chapman", written over a horizontal line.

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board