

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 2024

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 11:29 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Boyle/Harala moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #6, Reclassification of State Tax-Forfeited Lands to Conservation [24-149] was removed from the consent agenda by Administration. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of March 26, 2024
- Request to Apply and Accept Funds from Sauer Foundation to Extend/Enter into Contracts to Develop Family Resource Centers in St. Louis County [24-144]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Midway Township) – Buffalo Valley, Inc. dba Buffalo House [24-145]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Midway Township) – Grand View Restaurant LLC dba Grand View Grill and Bar [24-146]
- Final Plat Approval of Otter Cove, Sections 25, 26, and 27, Township 53N, Range 15W (Unorganized Township) [24-147]
- May Oral Timber Auction – Second Quarter 2024 [24-148]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Musolf/Harala moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, a Division of Mathy Construction Company, Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$3,139,400 for project ((CP 0009-565027, SP 069-609- 050, STBG-CRP 6934(139)), Mill Bituminous Surface, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk Spot Replacement, Storm Sewer, Concrete Medians, Widening for Bus Pull-Offs, and Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 9 (Woodland Ave.) between CSAH 37 (Snively Rd.) and Anoka St. in the City of Duluth. [24-150]. The motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, in the amount of \$2,696,380 for project (CP 0025-509653, SAP 069-625-022), Grading, Aggregate Base, Curb and Gutter, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surfacing, Sidewalks and Storm Sewer located on CSAH 25 (Vermilion Drive) between US 53 and CSAH 24 (2nd St. SE) in the City of Cook. [24-151]. Commissioner McDonald noted that the Pavement Quality Index (PQI) is 1.4 and commented that the project is much needed. The motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Redstone Construction, LLC., of Mora, in the amount of \$1,336,575.10 for project (CP 0958-529517, SP 069-598-069, BROS 6924(012) (Br 674)), Bridge 69A88 (County Bridge 674) Construction and Approach Grading located on CR 958 between 1.1 mile W. of Jct. CR 914 and 0.7 mile E. of Jct. CSAH 25 in the Township of Field. [24-152]. County Administrator Kevin Gray noted that over \$1 million of the project cost is being funded using Federal Bridge Bond funds. The motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Harala/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Information Technology Department, with use of State of Minnesota Contract 128340 / NASPO Agreement AR2472, to purchase implementation services, CaseWorks software subscription, and ongoing maintenance from Carahsoft Technology, Corp. of Reston, Virginia, the distributor of Next Chapter Technology, Inc. (NCT), for a 5-year term commencing December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2028, for an initial contract price not to exceed \$3,167,250.68; and further, authorizes the Information Technology Department to renew the county's subscription term for one or more additional terms in the future, provided that the total cost associated with the renewal is not \$175,000 more than the total cost stated. [24-153]. Public Health and Human Services Director Linnea Mirsch commented that next week is the go-live timeframe for phase 1 and noted that all regional partners are moving to CaseWorks. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Information Technology Department to enter into a contract with Black Box, sourced with use of cooperative agreement #120122-MBS, offered through Sourcewell for the hardware, software, and services for the purchase of a new St. Louis County phone system for a total of \$1,367,522.28 payable from Fund 100, Agency 117501, Object 634800, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139; and further, authorizes the ongoing software maintenance and support costs estimated to be \$100,000 annually to be budgeted in the Information Technology Budget in future years. [24-154]. Commissioner Harala read comments from Director Craker, who was unable to attend the meeting. Chair Nelson commented on the limitations of the current system and requested that northern facilities be a priority during implementation of the phone system. The motion passed. (7-0)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

McDonald/Harala moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Work Plan, Plan and Budget, allowing the Parties to execute the implementation of the work plan categories and identified projects, practices and goals of the Plan. [24-155]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Boyle invited Board members to tour recently renovated Room 104 in the Duluth Government Services Center.

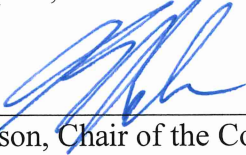
Commissioner Musolf noted that the Amsoil Snocross National event will be taking place for the first time since 2019 at Spirit Mountain this weekend.

Commissioner McDonald said many constituents have been inquiring about recent changes in legislation regarding School Resource Officers (SROs) and asked that County Administration provide an update to the Board regarding the status SROs in St. Louis County.

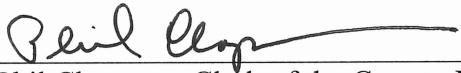
Commissioner Harala thanked County Extension for their work hosting the Spring Gardening Spectacular at the St. Louis County Depot. Commissioner Harala noted that there have been many diverse and successful events held at the Depot.

Chair Nelson noted that the Spring Gardening Spectacular held at the Mtn. Iron Community Center was also a huge success. Chair Nelson said he challenged everyone at the Spring Gardening Spectacular to involve kids when gardening.

At 12:11 p.m., Harala/Grimm moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Keith Nelson, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board