

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 1st day of February 2022, at 9:31 a.m., at the Duluth Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Paul McDonald - 6. Absent: Commissioner Keith Musolf - 1.

Chair McDonald asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chair McDonald opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Nancy Watkins, of Rice, Minnesota, said that she is taking over as Co-Chair of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) division of the Vermilion Lake Association and thanked the Board for their support.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #13, Request for Sponsorship of Pathblazers Snowmobile Club Trail Grooming Equipment Purchase was pulled for separate consideration. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Musolf).

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) to contract with SISU Healthcare IT Solutions for the time period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, for up to \$450,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to support the increased capacity of skilled registered nurses to assist PHHS with the COVID-19 response efforts, to coordinate with regional facilities, evaluate and assess facilities for risk, provide training for the prevention and control of COVID-19, and provide direct clinical services to St. Louis County residents, to be paid from 239-239050-629900. Deputy County Administrator Brian Fritsinger requested that the Board consider an amendment to change the time period of the contract to February 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022; the Board indicated that was acceptable. Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to amend the resolution; funds for the first \$225,000 for this program will be payable from American Rescue Plan Act monies to be paid from 237-239050-629900 and the remaining, not to exceed \$225,000, from the Public Health Initiative fund balance account. Commissioner Nelson said that he requested the amendment to stretch COVID funds as far as we can. Commissioner Boyle indicated that he was not supportive of the amendment because he believes that use of American Rescue Plan Act funds is appropriate, not Public Health Initiative funds. Public Health and Human Services Director Linnea Mirsch provided the Board with a handout detailing funding for public health COVID response and recovery expenses and gave the Board an overview of funding streams that are managed by Public Health. After further discussion, Commissioner Nelson said that he would like to withdraw the amendment and table discussion until all Commissioners are present to vote. Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to table the resolution. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion to table failed; three yeas (Nelson, Jugovich, McDonald), three nays (Jewell, Boyle, Grimm), one absent (Musolf). Commissioner Nelson commented that he would ask Commissioner Musolf to reconsider the resolution at the next Board meeting, since he was unable to vote due to his absence from the meeting. Commissioner Jewell commented that only a Commissioner on the prevailing side could request reconsideration at the next meeting; Commissioner Musolf could not

request reconsideration of the resolution just because he was absent from the meeting. Commissioner Nelson requested a point of order and asked County Attorney Kim Maki if a Commissioner could request reconsideration of a resolution if they were absent from a meeting. A break was taken at 10:12 a.m. At 10:19 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Commissioner Musolf. Chair McDonald stated they were at the point of voting on the amendment. Commissioner Nelson stated that he withdrew the amendment. Attorney Maki stated that to withdrawal of a motion can be done if there is unanimous consent of the Board; otherwise, a vote must be taken. There were no objections by Board members, so the amendment was withdrawn. A roll-call was taken and the original motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Musolf). Resolution No. 22-98.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved that St. Louis County agrees to make application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreation Trail Program and to sponsor the purchase of snowmobile trail grooming equipment on behalf of the Pathblazers Snowmobile Club at no cost to the County; that if St. Louis County is awarded a grant, the County agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project; that the appropriate county officials are authorized to sign grant applications, agreements, and reimbursement claims to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for purchase of the snowmobile trail grooming equipment; that St. Louis County and/or Pathblazers Snowmobile Club will comply with the Federal Purchasing Requirements as set forth in the 2022 Manual for Equipment Grants of the Federal Recreational Trails Program published by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; that St. Louis County Board names the fiscal agent, authorized to sign all easements, licenses, or other instruments associated with the purchase, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, for St. Louis County for this project as: Nancy J. Nilsen, County Auditor, 100 N. 5th Ave. W. #214, Duluth, MN, 55802; that this Resolution is contingent upon the Pathblazers Snowmobile Club remaining individually named as an insured on the general liability policy covering St. Louis County sponsored State Grant-in-Aid Trails; and further, that St. Louis County assures the brushing-maintenance equipment acquired through this grant will be maintained for no less than twenty (20) years as required by the Federal Recreational Trail Grant Program or until such time as appropriate disposition actions are approved by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger said that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requested that the resolution identify the county as the applicant and sponsor; the change was made on the replacement resolution. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Musolf). Resolution No. 95.

The following Board and contract files were created from documents received by this Board:

Mary Garness, Public Records and Property Valuation Director, submitting report of all business transacted and monies received as County Recorder and Registrar of Titles for and during CY 2021.—61656

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-57, Per Diem Rate Increase Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment.—61657

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Ross Litman, Sheriff, submitting Board Letter No. 22-51, FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant.—61658

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health & Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-53, Distribution of American Rescue Plan Act Funds, St. Louis County, SISU Healthcare IT Solutions Contract for COVID-19 Response Efforts.—61659

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-50R, Request for Sponsorship of Pathblazers Snowmobile Club Trail Grooming Equipment Purchase.—61660

Service Contract No. 5565J between the County of St. Louis and McConkey-Greene Law Office, PLLC, Duluth, MN, to provide parent representation for Children in Need of Protection (CHIPS), Termination of Parental Rights (TPR), transfer of legal and physical custody, permanent custody to the agency, temporary legal custody to the agency and Long Term Foster Care (LTFC) placement, extending the terms for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.—22-97

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Ayres Associates, Inc., St. Paul, MN, for the Virginia Courthouse Emergency Generator Feasibility Study.—22-98

St. Louis County On-line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Virginia, MN.—22-99

Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board Grant Award, Contract No. 21035, Amendment No. 1 – COVID-19 Response and Vaccine Implementation Grant Project Agreement – Federal in the amount of \$823,616 for the period April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.—22-100

State of Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1048779, between St. Louis County and the State of Minnesota for Federal Participation in Advance Construction for the MnDOT/Saint Louis County Bridge Bundle Partnership (SP 069-070-055, CHBP 6922(250)).—22-101

Service Contract No. 5737, Revision 2, between the County of St. Louis and St. Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System, Duluth, MN, for provide biometric screenings for eligible participants as part of the County's Total Wellness Program for the period October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.—22-102

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, for Culvert Replacement, Aggregate Base Class 5, Plant Mixed Bituminous Patches, Grading and Aggregate Base on CSAH 22, CSAH 115 and CR 912 (CP 0022-565325 Low Prime; CP 0115-604839; CP 0912-539747).—22-103

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17269, between St. Louis County and Human Development Center, Duluth, MN, for Statewide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Employment Services and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) Services during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-104

Service Agreement, Contract No. 17259, between St. Louis County and Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community, Duluth, MN, for COVID-19 Response and Recovery and Community Engagement services during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-105

Service Agreement, Contract No. 17258, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, Duluth, MN, for COVID-19 Response and Recovery and Community Engagement services during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-106

Service Addendum, Contract No. 17257A, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc., Virginia, MN, for COVID-19 Response and Recovery and Community Engagement services updating language and terms of the contract.—22-107

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17268, between St. Louis County and First Call for Help, Grand Rapids, MN, for After Hours Answering services during the period February 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-108

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17272, between St. Louis County and Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-109

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17312, between St. Louis County and Lutheran Social Services of MN (LSS), St. Paul, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services (High-Fidelity Wraparound Services) during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-110

Purchase of Service Addendum, Contract No. 17152A, between St. Louis County and Technical Resource Management, LLC dba Cordant Health Solutions (CORDANT), for Drug Testing services during the period December 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022, expanding the available services to include Instant Device Testing and extending the dates of service.—22-111

Public Health & Human Services Agreement, Contract No. 17321, between St. Louis County and Generations Health Care Initiatives, Inc., Duluth, MN, for management of the Bridging Health Duluth Coalition budget during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-112

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17311, between St. Louis County and Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative (LPCFC), Duluth, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services (High-Fidelity Wraparound Services) during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-11

Service Agreement, Contract No. 17276, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), Duluth, MN, for Chronic Disease Prevention Services during the period November 1, 2021, to October 31, 2022.—22-114

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17278, between St. Louis County and Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota (LSS), St. Paul, MN, for services to address behavioral, emotional, chemical, and mental health needs in the form of Children's Residential Services, Crisis Shelter, during the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.—22-115

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17064C, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Mental Health Resources, for Mental Health – Targeted Case Management (MH – TCM) for Adults, correcting the Adult Mental Health TCM Rate to \$764, effective July 1, 2021.—22-116

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17171C, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Northland Counseling Center, Inc., for Mental Health – Targeted Case

Management (MH – TCM) for Adults, correcting the Adult Mental Health TCM Rate to \$764, effective July 1, 2021.—22-117

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17279, between St. Louis County and Northwood Children's Home Society dba Northwood Children's Services, Duluth, MN, for services to address behavioral, emotional, chemical and mental health needs during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-118

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17280, between St. Louis County and Life House, Inc., Duluth, MN, for children's services furnished by The Loft and Sol House during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-119

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17263, between St. Louis County and the City of Duluth dba City of Duluth Workforce Development, Duluth, MN, for Statewide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Employment Services and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) Services during the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-120

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Community Settings, Contract No. 54204, between St. Louis County and Center City Housing San Marco, Duluth, MN.—22-121

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Community Settings, Contract No. 54211, between St. Louis County and Range Development Company of Chisholm, Inc., Hibbing, MN.—22-122

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Community Settings, Contract No. 54213, between St. Louis County and Range Transitional Housing, Virginia, MN.—22-123

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Community Settings, Contract No. 54212, between St. Louis County and Grace Place, Duluth, MN.—22-124

St. Louis County Safety & Risk Management Training Contract between St. Louis County and Forrest Co., LLC, Duluth, MN, for *CPR/AED* classes between February 8, 2022 and March 22, 2022.—22-125

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Grimm, resolutions numbered 22-82 through 22-94, and 22-96 through 22-97, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of January 25, 2022, are hereby approved.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-82

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board previously authorized the development of a fund balance account titled Public Health Innovation to strategically direct savings resulting from the Public Health budget to Community Needs Assessment priorities; and

WHEREAS, On October 27, 2020, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 20-492 in support of the Public Health Division's Community Health Priorities Community Based Innovation Projects that directly addresses one or more health priorities resulting from its Community Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) entered into contracts with identified community partners for one year and received reporting of deliverables met showing a wide impact within St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The multi-disciplinary team of individuals in PHHS assigned to manage these projects unanimously support the continuance of these partnerships and valued services through an additional year of funding with the Public Health Innovation fund balance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a transfer of \$362,797.00 from the Public Health Innovation fund balance account to fund community-based projects that address Public Health's strategic health priorities from the Community Needs Assessment.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to enter into contracts with the following community partners for an additional year of services, not to exceed \$362,797.00 for all contracts combined:

ORGANIZATION/ PARTNERSHIP	AMOUNT	HEALTH PRIORITY/ PRIORITIES	PRIMARY IMPACT AREA
Stone Soup Partnership: Ecolibrium 3, Duluth Community Garden Program, Community Action Duluth, Duluth Children's Museum	\$90,000.00	Food Insecurity/ Mental Wellness	Morgan Park, West Duluth, Lincoln Park, and Hillside neighborhoods of Duluth
American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO)	\$75,000.00	Food Insecurity	Duluth & St. Louis County
Range Mental Health & Virginia Fire Dept.	\$85,451.00	Mental Health/Youth Substance Abuse/ Food Insecurity	Northern St. Louis County
Mesabi Range College - Addiction Studies Department	\$52,122.00	Youth Substance Abuse	St. Louis County
ORGANIZATION/ PARTNERSHIP	AMOUNT	HEALTH PRIORITY/ PRIORITIES	PRIMARY IMPACT AREA
Recovery Alliance Duluth	\$60,224.00	Mental Wellness/ Mental Health Support/Substance Abuse	Northern St. Louis County
TOTAL	\$362,797.00		

Budget Reference: 230-999999-311409-99999-999999999-9999
230-233001-629900-99999-999999999-9999

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department has scheduled the bridge bundling project to begin construction in 2022 and shall be completed in year 2024 as further described in the table below;

CP 0000-543287, SP 069-070-055, SP 8821-336

Row #	Const. Year	Recon-struction Type	Old State Bridge #	New State Bridge #	SLC Bridge #	Individual State Project #	Individual County Project #	Amount	Fund	Agency	Object
1	2022	Culvert	L4189	69K98	97	069-638-002	0038-494728	\$37,136.00	204	204205	626600
2	2022	Culvert	7787	69K91	130	069-606-029	0006-494709	\$39,763.00	204	204200	626600
3	2022	Culvert	7780	69K92	187	069-733-030	0133-494721	\$40,369.00	204	204210	626600
4	2022	Culvert	7659	69K95	214	069-615-013	0015-494515	\$40,750.00	204	204203	626600
5	2022	Culvert	L1037	69K99	288	069-670-011	0070-366244	\$52,729.00	204	204209	626600
6	2022	Culvert	7823	69K93	602	069-598-074	0592-494722	\$39,426.00	204	204212	626600
7	2022	Culvert	7680	69K97	649	069-622-025	0022-494727	\$43,458.00	204	204204	626600
8	2022	Culvert	7644	69K94	695	069-605-051	0005-397796	\$43,812.00	204	204199	626600
9	2022	Culvert	7715	69K96	760	069-649-003	0049-494726	\$37,652.00	204	204206	626600
10	2022	Culvert	7648	69K90	828	069-607-056	0007-494517	\$39,799.00	204	204201	626600
11	2023	Bridge	7717	69A81	136	069-651-003	0051-368343	\$146,839.00	204	204207	626600
12	2023	Bridge	92104	69A83	631	069-665-009	0065-494348	\$130,630.00	204	204208	626600
13	2023	Bridge	69502	69A82	195	069-733-029	0133-314071	\$135,331.00	204	204211	626600
14	2023	Bridge	7770	69A86	842	069-598-071	0666-494349	\$125,064.00	204	204213	626600
15	2023	Bridge	88767	69A85	872	069-598-073	0666-494514	\$145,149.00	204	204215	626600
16	2023	Bridge	69845	69A74	918	069-614-023	0014-300230	\$139,777.00	204	204202	626600
17	2023	Culvert	6290	09X06	N/A	0915-09X06	N/A	\$60,145.00	220	220649	626600
18	2023	Culvert	6292	09X07	N/A	0915-09X07	N/A	\$60,339.00	220	220650	626600
19	2023	Culvert	6293	09X08	N/A	0914-09X08	N/A	\$60,355.00	220	220651	626600
20	2023	Culvert	6294	09X05	N/A	0914-09X05	N/A	\$60,640.00	220	220652	626600
21	2024	Bridge	7769	69A84	844	069-598-072	0666-494350	\$165,783.00	204	204214	626600

Total \$1,644,946.00

; and

WHEREAS, The project construction administration and inspection services team will be comprised of LHB, Inc., Erickson Engineering, and Braun Intertec.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement, and approves any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, whereby the County will purchase the services of LHB, Inc., for construction administration and inspection services of the bridge bundling project. The total cost of these services is \$1,644,946 payable from transportation sales tax (TST) funds (\$1,403,467) and MnDOT funds (\$241,479) with additional revenue budgeted for expense in Fund 220, Agencies 220649-220652, Object 532304, in the amount of \$241,479.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-84

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of Township Road 5642 (Beckman Road) and to replace County Bridge 177 over the Sullivan Creek in Grand Lake Township (CP 5642-602781); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute, on behalf of the county, any easement documents as may become necessary, with funds payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-85

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning an intersection improvement project (CP 0142-592214) and extension of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 142 at the intersection of CSAH 142, Progress Parkway and Highway 53; and

WHEREAS, The improvement consists of grading, aggregate base, and bituminous surfacing in said roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for said construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for CP 0142-592214 and the execution of any easement documents as may become necessary, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant highway easements across tax forfeited lands necessary for the project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requested to provide St. Louis County with an easement across State of Minnesota lands located in Section 33, Township 58 North, Range 17 West, with a complete description of the easement area to be provided to the State of Minnesota prior to formal easement application.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-86

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County Road 851 (Pine Drive) and to replace County Bridge 257 over an unnamed tributary flowing to the Stoney Brook River in Arrowhead Township (CP 0851-570567); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements, from adjacent private property, from property held in Trust by the United States of America for the Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa, and from property that is currently tax forfeited.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute, on behalf of the County, any easement documents as may become necessary with the right of way acquisition payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board hereby authorizes the County Auditor to grant the necessary easements for highway purposes over the following parcels of tax forfeited lands:

1. Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 31, Township 50 North, Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian. (P.I.N. 535-0010-04940)
2. The Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter (SW 1/4 of SE 1/4), Section 25, Township 50 North of Range 19 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian. (P.I.N. 225-0010-04030)

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-87

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has a project planned for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 141 (Douglas Avenue and Temple Place) from Garfield Street to CSAH 142 (Grant Avenue) and a project planned for CSAH 145 (Roosevelt Avenue) from CSAH 101 (Fayal Road) to Jackson Street located in the City of Eveleth for 2022 (CP 0141-493350 and CP 0145-493352); and

WHEREAS, The City of Eveleth will replace sanitary sewer, sanitary sewer services, watermain and water services along CSAH 141 and CSAH 145 during the scope of this project; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost of the CSAH 141 and CSAH 145 roadway and storm sewer reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eveleth will be responsible for 100 percent of the sanitary sewer and watermain reconstruction on CSAH 141 and CSAH 145, which are estimated to be \$750,000 in total.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Eveleth to reconstruct CSAH 141 from Garfield Street to CSAH 142 including storm sewer, sanitary sewer and watermain and to reconstruct CSAH 145 from CSAH 101 to Jackson Street including storm sewer, sanitary sewer and watermain.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds for this project will be payable from CP 0141-493350 (Low): Fund 220, Agency 220686, Object 652700; CP 0145-493352 (Tied): Fund 220, Agency 220688, Object 652700, while revenue received from the City of Eveleth for this project will be receipted into CP 0141-493350 (Low): Fund 220, Agency 220686, Object 551519; CP 0145-493352 (Tied): Fund 220, Agency 220688, Object 551519.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-88

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0874-368350 (Bridge 142); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex in Duluth, MN, on January 13, 2022, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Casper Construction, Inc.	212 SE 10th St. Grand Rapids, MN 55744	\$379,330

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds as well as the contract for the above listed project payable from Fund 204, Agency 204223, Object 652806 – TST Funds.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-89

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0098-538875, SAP 069-698-015, SP 6908-70; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on January 13, 2022, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award of CP 0098-538875, SAP 069-698-015, SP 6908-70 to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	PO Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$689,921.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for CP0098-538875, SAP 069-698-015, SP 6908-70, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220591, Object 652800 – MNDOT Local Partnership Program Funds - \$689,921, with additional revenue budgeted for expenses from MNDOT Local Partnership Program, Fund 220, Agency 220591, Object 532306 in the amount of \$689,921.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-90

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0000-477572 (2022 Crack Sealing); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on January 13, 2022, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Allied Blacktop Company	10503 89th Ave. N. Maple Grove, MN 55369	\$449,641.46

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract payable from:

CP 0000-477572 (2022 Crack Sealing)

Fund 200, Agency 201104, Object 653300 - St. Louis County Local Levy Construction Funds - \$429,669.62

Fund 200, Agency 201104, Object 653300 - City of Chisholm, City of Rice Lake and Town of Morse Funds - \$19,971.84

With additional revenue budgeted for expenses from:

City of Chisholm, Fund 200, Agency 201104, Object 551530	\$8,956.88
City of Rice Lake, Fund 200, Agency 201104, Object 551521	\$9,331.20
Town of Morse, Fund 200, Agency 201104, Object 551572	\$1,683.76

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-91

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 61635.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-92

WHEREAS, On or about August 20, 2021, Koochiching County, Lake County and St. Louis County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) creating the Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the agreement provides that the St. Louis County Auditor will be the fiscal agent for the Board and shall accept and disburse funds on behalf of the Board and shall perform all accounting and bookkeeping activities as required by the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Director and Deputy Administrator have reviewed the request and this agreement will increase the workload for both staff in the Auditors Finance Office as well as the

Purchasing Department and as a result a nominal charge of \$3,000 will be charged to the JPA Board; and

WHEREAS, The term of the agreement is January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2031.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor and the Purchasing Department to enter into an agreement with the Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board in order for St. Louis County to act as fiscal agent for the joint powers board.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-93

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee for payment of claims and bills against the County of St. Louis, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61626, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

December 2021

100	General Fund	7,377,382.35
145	Ditching	20,503.48
149	Personal Service Fund	1,170.34
155	Depot	75,180.66
167	Attorney's Forfeitures	4,799.84
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	509.75
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,534.68
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	39,262.45
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	370,322.02
180	Law Library	15,975.68
183	City/County Communications	191.25
184	Extension Service	50,175.48
192	Permit to Carry	5,520.68
200	Public Works	2,986,354.13
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	722,316.71
220	State/Federal Road Aid	997,370.13
230	Public Health & Human Services	8,165,192.37
238	HHS Conference	3,500.00
239	Pandemic Response Fund	38,124.51
240	Forfeited Tax	413,076.25
260	CDBG Grant	613,165.52
261	CDBG Program Income	6,883.00
270	HOME Grant	2,450.00
288	Septic Loans – Env. Trust Fund	50,247.00
289	ISTS Grant	88,087.49
290	Forest Resources	13,741.55
318	2013A Capital Improve Bond	15,892,792.50
320	2014A ARC Capital Improve Bond	403,709.38
322	2013D Refunding 2010A	2,654,137.50
324	2015B – Refunding 316-2008B	936,550.00
325	2015C – Capital Improve Bond	2,836,203.13
326	2016A – Capital Improve Bond	1,677,143.75
327	2016B Refunding 318-2013A	229,375.01
328	2018A Capital Improve Bond	1,503,665.63

329	2018B Capital Improve Bond	806,925.00
330	2020A TST Capital Improve Bond	1,268,243.76
331	2020B Refunding 2013D&2014A	43,653.75
400	County Facilities	63,306.00
403	Emergency Repairs	4,640.00
405	Public Works Building Const.	24,828.45
407	Public Works – Equipment	2,250,343.78
449	2020A – TST Bond	1,131,777.32
450	2021A – Capital Improvement	94,818.38
600	Environmental Services	563,861.48
715	County Garage	80,967.35
720	Property Casualty Liability	46,802.00
730	Workers Compensation	205,593.34
740	Medical Dental Insurance	2,905,932.50
		<u>\$57,688,373.30</u>

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-94

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board reviews and adjusts meeting per diem rates paid to St. Louis County Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment members; and

WHEREAS, The \$75 per diem rate has not been adjusted for the Planning Commission since March 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The \$75 per diem rate has not been adjusted for the Board of Adjustment since February 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The requested increase to the per diem rate is \$100 for each meeting attended.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an increase to the per diem rate for the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment members from \$75 to \$100 for each meeting attended and reimbursement for round-trip mileage at the applicable rate authorized by the County Board.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-96

WHEREAS, The Emergency Management Division of the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office receives the State of Minnesota Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) each year to assist the County's emergency management program; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has made \$77,332 available through the EMPG to assist the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office for local emergency management programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application and acceptance of the 2021 EMPG in the amount of \$77,332 to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 132999, Grant 13203.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents.

Adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-97

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for COVID response, recovery, revenue replacement and infrastructure expenses for the period beginning March 3, 2021, through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the pandemic, a critical role of Public Health and Human Services

(PHHS) has been COVID-19 response efforts, coordinate with regional facilities, evaluate and assess facilities for risk, provide training for the prevention and control of COVID-19, and provide direct clinical services to St. Louis County residents; and

WHEREAS, The County Board approved a framework for St. Louis County's ARPA funds including up to \$5,000,000 for the Public Health COVID response requirements including these ongoing nurse services in October of 2021 (Resolution No. 21-582); and

WHEREAS, Public Health COVID response activities are clearly eligible expenses in the U.S. Treasury guidance; and

WHEREAS, SISU Healthcare IT Solutions has registered nurse positions and has been a partner in COVID-19 response efforts since August 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorize PHHS to contract with SISU Healthcare IT Solutions for the time period of February 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, for up to \$450,000 in American Rescue Act Plan funding to support the increased capacity of skilled registered nurses to assist PHHS with the COVID-19 response efforts, to coordinate with regional facilities, evaluate and assess facilities for risk, provide training for the prevention and control of COVID-19, and provide direct clinical services to St. Louis County residents, to be paid from 239-239050-629900.

Unanimously adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-98

BY COMMISSIONER JUGOVICH:

WHEREAS, St. Louis County serves as the sponsor of various winter recreational trails that are part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System; and

WHEREAS, The construction and maintenance of these trails are funded through the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Grants issued with the approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, The Pathblazers Snowmobile Club has requested that St. Louis County make application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreation Trail Program, and that it serve as the local government sponsor for the purchase of snowmobile trail grooming equipment, to be funded by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreational Trail Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County agrees to make application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreation Trail Program and to sponsor said purchase of snowmobile trail grooming equipment on behalf of the Pathblazers Snowmobile Club at no cost to the County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if St. Louis County is awarded a grant, the County agrees to accept the grant award and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to sign grant applications, agreements, and reimbursement claims to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for purchase of the snowmobile trail grooming equipment.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County and/or Pathblazers Snowmobile Club will comply with the Federal Purchasing Requirements as set forth in the 2022 Manual for Equipment Grants of the Federal Recreational Trails Program published by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

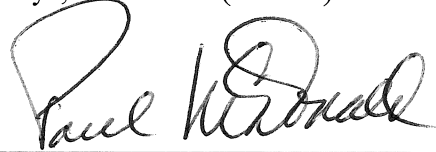
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board names the fiscal agent, authorized to sign all easements, licenses, or other instruments associated with the purchase, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, for St. Louis County for this project as: Nancy J. Nilsen, County Auditor, 100 N. 5th Ave. W. #214, Duluth, MN, 55802.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this Resolution is contingent upon the Pathblazers Snowmobile Club remaining individually named as an insured on the general liability policy covering St. Louis County sponsored State Grant-in-Aid Trails.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County assures the brushing-maintenance equipment acquired through this grant will be maintained for no less than twenty (20) years as required by the Federal Recreational Trail Grant Program or until such time as appropriate disposition actions are approved by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

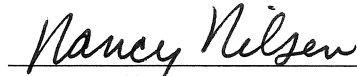
Unanimously adopted February 1, 2022. No. 22-95

At 10:20 a.m., February 1, 2022, Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Musolf).



Paul McDonald, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:



Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)