

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 23, 2021

Location: St. Louis County Public Works Facility, Virginia, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

McDonald/Musolf moved to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of February 9, 2021
- Professional Services Agreement with LHB, Inc. for Retaining Wall Construction Administration and Inspection on CSAH 61 [21-77]
- Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) Grant Application – Voyageur Country ATV Club Trail Improvements to Various Segments [21-78]
- Sponsoring Agency Requests for Various Township Local Road Improvement Program Projects [21-79]
- Abatement list for Board Approval [21-80]
- Sheriff's Office Mobile Command Center Purchase [21-81]
- CY2021 Grant Acceptance for the COVID-19 Response Vaccine Implementation Grant from the CHB [21-88]

Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved to appoint the following applicants to the Heading Home St. Louis County Governance Board for terms ending December 31, 2023: Education Representative, Elizabeth Sorenson, Cherry, MN, and Bois Forte Representative, Theresa Drift, Tower, MN. The County Board reappoints the following Leadership Council members for terms ending December 31, 2023: Homeless Advocate, David O'Leary, Tower, MN; Faith Community, Nathan Thompson, Virginia, MN, and Corrections, Katy O'Sullivan, Duluth, MN. [21-82]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Administrator Gray clarified that the Committee of the Whole Agenda was amended and the CY2021 Grant Acceptance for the COVID-19 Response Vaccine Implementation Grant from the CHB [21-88] was added to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Nelson requested additional information regarding how the funding was determined.

Public Works & Transportation Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved to award a bid to TNT Construction Group, LLC, Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$373,070 for project CP 0000-564087, Crushing at gravel pits located in Northwest St. Louis County. [21-83]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$1,696,378.14 for project CP 0017-369575, SAP 069-617-005 (Low Prime); CP 0045-544465; CP 0296-507728; CP 0724-369579; CP 0000-533596, SAP 202-111-001; CP 0000-533597, SAP 202-112-001, Bituminous Reclamation and Culvert Replacements at various locations in Southern St. Louis County and Cities of Duluth and Hermantown. [21-84]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Louis Leustek & Sons, Inc., Ely, MN, in the amount of \$388,532 for project CP 0000-564086, Crushing at gravel pits located in Southeast St. Louis County. [21-85]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

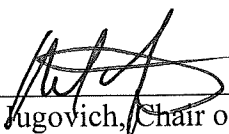
Nelson/McDonald moved to authorize the purchase of 2021 fleet vehicles from the recommended vendors in accordance with the bid specifications (RFB 5665), including sales tax and fees, for a total amount of \$1,688,302.36. [21-86]. Commissioner Nelson noted that 44 of the 56 vehicles were purchased in St. Louis County. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)


Musolf/Nelson moved to approve the 2020 Land and Minerals Department Proceeds Apportionment. [20-87]. Commissioner Musolf commented on the negative impact that the closure of Verso paper mill had on the apportionment proceeds. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Grimm requested that the Board hold a workshop with Essentia and stakeholders relating the lease agreement for a public health and social services facility in the City of Chisholm. Chair Jugovich responded that he has had preliminary discussions with administration regarding workshops and the Board will continue to hold workshops.

At 12:53 p.m., McDonald/Musolf 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