

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 9, 2021

Location: Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

McDonald/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Nelson applauded the efforts of Commissioner McDonald for his work regarding the proposed land exchange between the City of Ely and St. Louis County. [21-111]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of March 2, 2021
- Acquisition of Right of Way - Replacement of Culvert on County Road 692 [21-105]
- Agreement with the BNSF Railway Company to Renew the Crossing Surface at Railroad Crossing DOT #061253A on CSAH 27 in Lavell Township [21-106]
- Amend the Agreement with LHB Inc. for Retaining Wall Design on County State Aid Highway 61 [21-107]
- Amend the Agreement with WSB & Associates, Inc. to Perform Design Services for Intersection Improvements at Woodland Avenue and Snively Road [21-108]
- Reallocation of Five Information Specialist II Positions to Information Specialist III [21-109]
- Joint Powers Agreement Between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County [21-110]
- Proposed Land Exchange Between the City of Ely and St. Louis County [21-111]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$6,147,181.87 for project CP 0029-299735, SP 069-629-007 (Low Prime); CP 0029-368445, Bituminous Reclamation on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 29 between State Trunk Highway 73 and CSAH 133. [21-112]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jewell moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$1,763,640.87 for project CP 0005-348220, SP 069-605-049, Mill and Overlay on CSAH 5 between 1.2 miles north of Trunk Highway 73 and CSAH 81. [21-113]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi described the Cold In-Place Recycling process. Director Foldesi said that the process is a paving train that grinds the surface material, mixes the materials with binders and rejuvenators, and lays the material down. The process is environmental friendly since it eliminates the need for trucks to haul the material away. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Nelson moved to award a bid to AAA Striping Service, St. Michael, MN, in the amount of \$1,747,576.53 for project CP 0000-369584/SAP 069-030-043/SAP 038-030-009, Pavement Markings on various County State Aid Highways in Lake County and St. Louis County. [21-114]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Astech Corp., St. Cloud, MN, in the amount of \$1,768,762.60 for project CP 0000-513155/SAP 069-030-052 (Low) (Prime); CP 0000-569260 (Tied), Chip Sealing, Bituminous Seal Coat, Fog Seal, and Pavement Markings on various County State Aid Highways and County Roads in southern St. Louis County, the City of Proctor, and the City of Duluth. [21-115]. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray noted that the bid was approximately 23% below the engineer's estimate. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

The Committee had a brief discussion as to whether or not they should start the time specific presentation. St. Louis County Assistant Attorney Kim Maki commented that since this was a presentation and not a public hearing, the Committee could start the presentation prior to 10:30 a.m. if they chose; however, there might be people who are interested in the topic and will be watching at 10:30 a.m. After further discussion, the Committee decided to take a short break prior to the presentation.

A Point of Personal Privilege was requested at 10:23 a.m. At 10:31 a.m., the Committee reconvened with all members present.

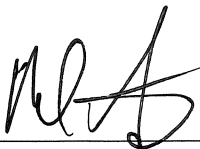
Time Specific Presentation

At 10:32 a.m., St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi gave the Board a presentation regarding Monarch Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA). Director Foldesi said that there has been an 80% decline in the monarch population in the last 20 years. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has determined that listing the monarch butterfly under the Endangered Species Act is warranted, but precluded and the rulemaking deadline is the year 2024. However, restrictions could change prior to 2024. Enrolling in the CCAA program would ensure that there is not major disruptions to projects or maintenance activities.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson noted that today is Township Day; many townships will be holding their annual elections and organizational meetings today.

At 11:15 a.m., Musolf/Jewell 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