

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**FOR THE MEETING**  
**OF**  
**ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**February 23, 2021**

**St. Louis County Public Works Facility – Virginia  
Training Center  
7823 Highway 135, Virginia, MN**

**All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or noncontroversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:**

**Minutes for February 9, 2021.**

**Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Boyle, Chair**

1. Authorize application and acceptance of funds in the amount of \$100,000 from The Victory Fund to support development of the Community Paramedic Team through funding of one (1) FTE Mental Health Practitioner employed by the Human Development Center for the period March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022, as a one-year pilot. [21-67]

**Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner McDonald, Chair**

2. Cooperative agreement authorized with the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority for the construction of the Palo Tia segment of the Mesabi Trail from County Road 558 (Soini Road) to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 21 in Embarrass Township (CP 0000-552411). [21-68]
3. Authorize an advanced construction agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT Contract No. 1046004) to complete the improvements on CSAH 116 in Morse Township (SP 069-716-012; CP 0116-299084). [21-69]
4. Authorize an advanced construction agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT Contract No. 1046018) to complete improvements on CSAH 5 in Hibbing (SP 069-605-049; CP 0005-348220). [21-70]
5. Agree to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Project identified as gravel road improvements on Township Road 4550 (Koski Road) in Vermilion Lake Township. [21-71]

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6. Agree to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Project identified as the rehabilitation project on Township Road 6517 (Trigstad Road) in White Township. *[21-71]*
7. Agree to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Project identified as the reconstruction of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Proctor. *[21-71]*
8. Agree to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Project identified as the rehabilitation of East Cook Lake Road (Township Road 5542), Wood Duck Drive, and West Island Lake Road in Fredenberg Township. *[21-71]*
9. Agree to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Project identified as the construction of 1,800' of new roadway and road reconstruction within the market place of Hermantown on Richard – Lindgren Roads in the City of Hermantown. *[21-71]*
10. Agree to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Project identified as the reconditioning of Ugstad Road (MSA 101) from CSAH 6 (Maple Grove Road) to Trunk Highway 53 and Arrowhead Road from Hawk Circle Drive to Thileke Circle in the City of Hermantown. *[21-71]*
11. Agree to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Project identified as a rehabilitation project on Township Road 5842 (Aerie Lake Road) in Alborn Township. *[21-71]*
12. Agree to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Project identified as a rehabilitation project on Township Road 4136 (Birch Point Road) in Greenwood Township. *[21-71]*
13. Agree to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Project identified as the rehabilitation of various roadways within Romberg Acres in Morse Township. *[21-71]*
14. Authorize the lease of twelve (12) John Deere Model 672GP motor graders from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, for five (5) years with an extended five-year warranty and a one dollar (\$1) purchase option at the end of the lease, for the annual cost of \$54,350 per machine; annual total cost of \$652,200; grand total cost of \$3,261,000. *[21-74]*
15. Authorize the purchase of twelve (12) Walk n Rollers from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, for a total cost of \$438,480. *[21-75]*

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**Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair**

16. Authorize an agreement with Crane Lake Township in order for St. Louis County to act as fiscal agent for the Township's 2020 and 2021 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) grants for a proposed campground and visitor's center project. *[21-72R]*
17. Public hearing established for 9:40 a.m., March 9, 2021, at the Government Services Center in Duluth, MN, to consider the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Neighbor's BBQ, LLC dba Neighbor's BBQ, Vermilion Lake Township. *[21-73]*
18. Application for a Special Event Liquor License to temporarily expand the designated sale/service area of the County On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License by Elephant Lake Lodge, Inc., dba Melgeorge's Elephant Lake Lodge, Camp 5 Township, for March 13, 2021.
19. Workers' compensation report dated February 12, 2021.

**Official Proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of February 9, 2021, are hereby approved.

**Application and Acceptance of Community Paramedic Team Funds**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, A medical professional (Community Paramedic), in conjunction with a Mental Health Professional and in partnership with the currently operating Mental Health Unit (MHU), will more fully be able to respond to the needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, The addition of a Community Paramedic Team is vital to addressing the medical aspect to directly support the reduction in 911 calls for the chronic consumers currently served by the MHU; and

WHEREAS, The Victory Fund has made available grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 to support the development of a Community Paramedic Team by funding the addition of one (1) FTE Mental Health Practitioner employed by the Human Development Center, for March 01, 2021, through February 28, 2022, for a one-year pilot to assess the Community Paramedic co-response impact on real time response and desired outcomes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to apply for and accept funds from The Victory Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to support the development of the Community Paramedic Team through funding the addition of one (1) FTE Mental Health Practitioner employed by the Human Development Center, for March 01, 2021, through February 28, 2022, for a one-year pilot to assess the Community Paramedic co-response impact on real time response and desired outcomes.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Public Health and Human Services Department is authorized to enter into a contract with the Human Development Center to employ the Mental Health Practitioner.

**BUDGET REFERENCE:**

Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 545165, Grant 23282, Year 2021

Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 629900, Grant 23282, Year 2021

**Cooperative Agreement with the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority for the Palo Tia Segment of the Mesabi Trail**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority (RRA) has secured funding for the construction of the Palo Tia segment of the Mesabi Trail from County Road (CR) 558 (Soini Road) to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 21 located in Embarrass Township, St. Louis County, hereafter referred to as the "Project" (CP 0000-552411); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County, at their cost, will replace the existing culverts beneath the Palo Tia Road (CR 558) in advance of the Project, which will include extending the culverts and aprons to accommodate the construction of the Palo Tia segment of the Mesabi Trail; and

WHEREAS, The RRA, at their cost, shall prepare a plan for construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, The RRA, at their cost, will construct the Mesabi Trail either as one-way paved shoulders or a two-way trail at the appropriate setback from the existing edge of shoulder along Palo Tia Road (CR 558); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County shall be responsible for the maintenance of the culverts beneath Palo Tia Road (CR 558); and

WHEREAS, The RRA shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Palo Tia segment of the Mesabi Trail, which includes the paved shoulders of Palo Tia Road (CR 558).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to enter into a cooperative agreement, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, with the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority for the construction of the Palo Tia segment of the Mesabi Trail from CR 558 (Soini Road) to CSAH 21 located in Embarrass Township. Funds from the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220620, Object 583100.

**Agreement for Advanced Construction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Improvements to a Segment of CSAH 116 (Morse Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has prepared plans to complete improvements on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 116 from CSAH 88 to 0.5 mile North of County Road 803 (Passi Road) in Morse Township, hereinafter referred to as the "Project" (SP 069-716-012; CP 0116-299084); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has received \$600,000 of Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) need to enter into an agreement for advanced construction, which allows for 1) MnDOT to act as the agent in accepting the federal aid in connection with the project and 2) the construction of the project in 2021, prior to the year it is designated in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of St. Louis County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board Chair, Public Works Director and Assistant County Attorney are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of St. Louis County to execute and enter into an Agreement, and any amendments to the Agreement, with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in MnDOT Contract Number 1046004, a copy of which said Agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds for this project will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220518, Object 540702.

**Agreement for Advanced Construction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Improvements to a Segment of CSAH 5 (Hibbing)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has prepared plans to complete improvements on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 from 1.2 miles North of TH 73 to CSAH 81 (Conners Road) in Hibbing, hereinafter referred to as the "Project (SP 069-605-049; CP 0005-348220); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has received \$1,100,000 of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) need to enter into an agreement for advanced construction, which allows for 1) MnDOT to act as the agent in accepting the federal aid in connection with the project and 2) the construction of the project in 2021, prior to the year it is designated in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of St. Louis County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board Chair, Public Works Director and Assistant County Attorney are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of St. Louis County to execute and enter into an Agreement, and any amendments to the Agreement, with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in MnDOT Contract Number 1046018, a copy of which said Agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds for this project will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220621, Object 540702.



**Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application –  
Vermilion Lake Township Koski Road Project**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Lake Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for gravel road improvements on Township Road 4550 (Koski Road); and

WHEREAS, For Vermilion Lake Township to receive LRIP funding, it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Lake Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Lake Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as gravel road improvements on Township Road 4550 (Koski Road) in Vermilion Lake Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application –  
White Township Trigstad Road Project**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, White Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for a rehabilitation project on Township Road 6517 (Trigstad Road) as authorized by Township Resolution 2021-001; and

WHEREAS, For White Township to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$1,250,000; and

WHEREAS, White Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, White Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as a rehabilitation project on Township Road 6517 (Trigstad Road) in White Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application –  
City of Proctor 2nd Street Project**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor is intending to submit an LRIP application for the reconstruction of 2nd Street from 5th Avenue to 9th Avenue in the City of Proctor; and

WHEREAS, For the City of Proctor to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$1,250,000; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the reconstruction of 2nd Street from 5th Avenue to 9th Avenue in the City of Proctor, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application –  
Fredenberg Township**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Fredenberg is intending to submit an LRIP application for the rehabilitation of East Cook Lake Road (Township Road 5542), Wood Duck Drive, and West Island Lake Road in Fredenberg Township; and

WHEREAS, For the Township of Fredenberg to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$660,000; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Fredenberg will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Fredenberg has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the rehabilitation of East Cook Lake Road (Township Road 5542), Wood Duck Drive, and West Island Lake Road in Fredenberg Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application – City of Hermantown  
Richard – Lindgren Roads**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown is intending to submit an LRIP application for the construction of 1,800' of new roadway and road reconstruction within the market place of Hermantown on Richard – Lindgren Roads; and

WHEREAS, For the City of Hermantown to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the construction of 1,800' of new roadway and road reconstruction within the market place of Hermantown on Richard - Lindgren Roads, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application – City of Hermantown  
Ugstad Road**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown is intending to submit an LRIP application for the reconditioning of Ugstad Road (MSA 101) from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 6 (Maple Grove Road) to Trunk Highway 53 and Arrowhead Road from Hawk Circle Drive to Thileke Circle; and

WHEREAS, For the City of Hermantown to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the reconditioning of Ugstad Road (MSA 101) from CSAH 6 (Maple Grove Road) to Trunk Highway 53 and Arrowhead Road from Hawk Circle Drive to Thileke Circle, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application – Alborn Township  
Aerie Lake Road Project**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Alborn Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for a rehabilitation project on Township Road 5842 (Aerie Lake Road) as authorized by Township Resolution 02012021-R; and

WHEREAS, For Alborn Township to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The estimated funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, Alborn Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, Alborn Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as a rehabilitation project on Township Road 5842 (Aerie Lake Road) in Alborn Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application –  
Greenwood Township Birch Point Road Project**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for a rehabilitation project on Township Road 4136 (Birch Point Road); and

WHEREAS, For Greenwood Township to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$380,000; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as a rehabilitation project on Township Road 4136 (Birch Point Road) in Greenwood Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.



**Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Application –  
Morse Township Romberg Acres Road Project**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Morse Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for the rehabilitation of various roadways within Romberg Acres in Morse Township; and

WHEREAS, For Morse Township to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$450,000; and

WHEREAS, Morse Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, Morse Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the rehabilitation of various roadways within Romberg Acres in Morse Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Lease Agreement for Twelve Motor Graders**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Departments' budget includes the lease of twelve (12) motor graders for maintenance operations; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested pricing for twelve (12) motor graders, based on the department's needs; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department requested a five-year lease with an extended five (5) year warranty and a one (\$1) dollar purchase option at the end of the lease in order to fit budgetary needs; and

WHEREAS, McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, responded with the lowest price for a lease of twelve (12) motor graders for five (5) years with an extended five (5) year warranty and a one dollar (\$1) purchase option at the end of the lease of \$3,261,000.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the lease of twelve (12) John Deere Model 672GP motor graders for five (5) years with an extended five (5) year warranty and a one dollar (\$1) purchase option at the end of the lease, from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, at the annual per machine cost of \$54,350.00, for an annual total cost of \$652,200.00 and a grand total cost of \$3,261,000.00, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666400.

**Purchase of Twelve Walk n Rollers**

BY COMMISSIONER\_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department's budget includes the purchase of twelve (12) Walk n Rollers for maintenance operations; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested pricing for twelve (12) Walk n Rollers based on the department's needs; and

WHEREAS, McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, responded with the lowest price for twelve (12) Walk n Rollers of \$438,480.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of twelve (12) Walk n Rollers from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, for a total cost of \$438,480.00, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666400.

**Request for St. Louis County to Act as Fiscal Agent for Crane Lake Township's  
2020 and 2021 LCCMR Grants**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Crane Lake Township (Township) applied for two Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) grants; and

WHEREAS, The proposed campground and visitor's center project has been recommended for funding in the amount of \$3.1 million in 2020 and \$2.7 million in 2021 contingent upon the Township finding a fiscal agent for the project; and

WHEREAS, The LCCMR grants are reimbursement based and the Township does not have the financial resources to front the cash or the staff to handle the purchasing and accounting functions required of these grants; and

WHEREAS, The Township has approached St. Louis County and is requesting the County to act as the fiscal agent for the Township's 2020 and 2021 LCCMR grants; and

WHEREAS, In order for the County's costs to be eligible for reimbursement under this grant the County must time record and bill the Township for our actual costs; and

WHEREAS, Once this grant is approved, the County will begin to bill the Township monthly for the costs associated with this grant and the Township will then need to approve the expenditure for it to become an eligible reimbursement under this grant.

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 Crane Lake Township in order for St. Louis County to act as fiscal agent for the Crane Lake Township's 2020 and 2021 LCCMR grants.

**Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License  
(Vermilion Lake Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in the Duluth Government Services Center, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Neighbor's BBQ, LLC dba Neighbor's BBQ, Vermilion Lake Township.

**Application for Special Event Liquor License to Temporarily Expand the  
Designated Sale/Service Area of the County On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License  
(Camp 5 Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to Elephant Lake Lodge, Inc. dba Melgeorge's Elephant Lake Lodge, Camp 5 Township, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the date of March 13, 2021, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61408.

**Workers' Compensation Report**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, February 12, 2021, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61404, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021, at 9:38 a.m., at the St. Louis County Public Works Facility, Virginia, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson and Chair Mike Jugovich - 7. Absent: None - 0.

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

Chair Jugovich asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chair Jugovich acknowledged the effort and sacrifices that frontline workers have made during the pandemic.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Deborah Roach, of Duluth, asked for the Board's assistance with limiting the number of gravel pits in the Fredenberg Township area. Ms. Roach said that there are currently twelve gravel pits within a one and a half mile radius; the latest permit was issued in proximity to 17 homes and within three hundred feet of a lake.

At 9:46 a.m., a public hearing was conducted pursuant to Resolution No. 21-58, adopted January 26, 2021, to consider the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Bell Resorts, Inc. d/b/a Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats, Crane Lake Township. Assistant County Attorney Nick Campanario gave the initial presentation and submitted a packet that included documentation of required notices, minutes from the Liquor Licensing Committee meeting, proof of paid property taxes, and required documents for the license to the Clerk of the County Board. Commissioner Nelson asked Stuart Bell, of Bell Resorts, Inc., who was participating by WebEx, if he had read all liquor license requirements and if he will abide by them; Mr. Bell responded yes. In addition, William Bernard, Attorney, and Gina Odle, General Manager, were on the call. Ms. Odle also indicated that she read the liquor license requirements and will abide by them. Chair Jugovich asked if there were any other governmental entities, supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 9:52 a.m., Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to approve granting the off-sale intoxicating liquor license to Bell Resorts, Inc. d/b/a Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats, Crane Lake Township, located in Area 3, and in accordance with the St. Louis County Fee Schedule the annual fee is \$150.00; that said liquor license shall be effective through June 30, 2021, and is approved contingent upon payment of real estate taxes when due; and further, that if the named license holder sells the licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of license fee to the license holder. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 21-119.



Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to approve the 2021 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Aid and that the appropriate County officials are authorized to execute contracts negotiated by the Planning and Community Development Director and a representative of the County Attorney in order to implement the aid program. Commissioner McDonald thanked everyone who participated in the programs, commended the cooperation of resorts, and mentioned that in recent years programs have been expanded to include Crane Lake, Pelican Lake, and Lake Kabetogama. Commissioner Nelson commented that the program is a reinvestment of St. Louis County money, not state funding. Commissioner Jewell thanked all the volunteers who participated in various programs. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 21-120.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved that the St. Louis County Board will convene in a closed meeting of the Committee of the Whole on February 9, 2021, for the purpose of discussing the proposed settlement and litigation strategy relating to *King v. County of St. Louis*, Case No. 69DU-CV-17-529, immediately following the St. Louis County Board meeting, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(b). No other pending public business will be discussed at this closed session. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 21-121.

The Board recessed at 10:01 a.m.

At 10:36 a.m., the County Board reconvened with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson and Chair Mike Jugovich - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to approve the proposed settlement and authorizes the appropriate county officials to negotiate and execute appropriate settlement documents and to make the settlement payments contemplated by the proposed settlement in *King v. County of St. Louis*, Case No. 69DU-CV-17-527 in the amount of up to \$190,000.00. Commissioner Nelson noted that 96% of St. Louis County taxpayers paid their property tax in a timely manner, even during a tough year. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 21-122.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-64, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid – 2021 Funding Recommendations.—61437

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2019-013054, between the County of St. Louis and Duluth Airport Authority, Duluth, MN, extending the original pledge of \$50,000 and increasing it by \$25,000 for a total pledge amount of \$75,000.—21-148

Amendment No. 6, Original Damion No. 2015-009245, Amendment No. 1 2015-009926, Amendment No. 2 2016-010920, Amendment No. 3 2017-011742, Amendment No. 4 2019-012684, Amendment No. 5 2020-013576, between the County of St. Louis and AmeriPride Linen and Apparel Services, Hibbing, MN, extending the original contract for a temporary term effective February 1, 2021, through March, 31, 2021.—21-149

Agreement No. ST0021-3 between Sonya Renee Taylor (Speaker), Peace is Loud, Inc., New York, NY, and St. Louis County Health & Human Services Conference, Duluth, MN, for a Virtual Speaking Engagement on October 13, 2021.—21-150

State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and St. Louis County Cooperative Construction Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1036720, to construct a left-turn lane on US 2 at County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 56 in Hermantown (SP 069-656-019, CP 0056-431717).—21-151

State of Minnesota Agency Agreement for Federal Participation in Advance Construction, MnDOT Contract No. 1045319, for County Bridge No. 633 Replacement Project located on CSAH 65(SP 069-665-008).—21-152

Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Communications Network, Northeast Minnesota Emergency Communications Board, Grant Contract Agreement No. A-DECN-SECB-2020-NEECB2-4, for the period January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.—21-153

Purchase of Service Addendum, Contract No. 17042A, between St. Louis County and American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO), Duluth, MN, for COVID-19 Priority Populations Testing services during the period November 1, 2020, to May 31, 2021.—21-154

State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and Saint Louis County Cooperative Construction Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1044883, for grading and bituminous surfacing on TH 53 (SP 069-070-040, SP 6917-147).—21-155

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Gausman & Moore Associates, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Building Performance Evaluations for a three-year period.—21-156

Professional Services Agreement between Constellation Justice Systems, Inc., dba Equivant, Canton, OH, and the County of St. Louis, to upgrade to the Jail Management System web-based server.—21-157

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17095, between St. Louis County and Community Action Duluth, Duluth, MN, for Statewide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Employment Services and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-158

Service Agreement No. 17047 between St. Louis County and Mesabi Range College, Virginia, MN, to provide training to substance use professionals in St. Louis County to develop initiatives and/or programs to curb youth substance abuse.—21-159

Purchase of Service Addendum, Contract No. 17071A, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), Virginia, MN, for Minnesota Department of Health's Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Community Healthy Eating Strategies services, updating the scope of work.—21-160

License No. 17126 between St. Louis County and Asbury United Methodist Church, Duluth, MN, to utilize their property to administer COVID-19 testing and vaccines during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, at no fee.—21-161

License Addendum No. 17120A between St. Louis County and AAD Shriners, Shriners International, Hermantown, MN, to utilize their property to administer COVID-19 vaccine, to include compensation for the utilization of said location.—21-162

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17078, between St. Louis County and MN One Stop for Communities (MNSOC), Saint Paul, MN, for Safe Babies Court Team (SBCT) services for implementation of a Plan of Safe Care for prenatal substance use exposure, during the period September 30, 2020, to September 29, 2021.—21-163

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17116, between St. Louis County and Kartta Group, LLC, Duluth, MN, for Specialized Court Order in Child(ren) in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) Psychological Evaluations during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-164

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, resolutions numbered 21-106 through 21-118, 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 February 2, 2021, are hereby approved.

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-106

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, with the City of Duluth for construction of the roundabout on Glenwood Street/Snively Road/Jean Duluth Road (CP 0037-382899/SP 069-637-025/SP 118-162-016/SP 118-163-004), intersection improvements at the intersection of Woodland Avenue/Arrowhead Road and Woodland Avenue/ Snively Road (CP 0009-382898/SP 069-609-047, CP 0037-466143/SP 069-637-026/SP 118-157-023), and Arrowhead Road between Dodge Street and Woodland Avenue (CP 0000-464162/SP 118-160-024), whereby the City of Duluth will pay the "City of Duluth Non-Participating" local share items listed in the plan. The funds from the City of Duluth will be receipted into:

CP 0037-382899/SP 069-637-025/SP 118-162-016/SP 118-163-004,  
Fund 220, Agency 220556, Object 551501;

CP 0009-382898/SP 069-609-047,  
Fund 220, Agency 220590, Object 551501;  
CP 0037-466143/SP 069-637-026/SP 118-157-023,  
Fund 220, Agency 220615, Object 551501;  
CP 0000-464162/SP 118-160-024,  
Fund 220, Agency 220616, Object 551501.

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-107

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway 84 (Highway 84) and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 547, State Bridge L4173) over the Shannon River in Balkan Township (County Project 0084-368342, State Aid Project 069-684-005); 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 Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute any easement documents on behalf of the county as may become necessary. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requested to provide St. Louis County with easement across the following State of Minnesota land located adjacent to the present course of County State Aid Highway 84 in Balkan Township:

1. Government Lot 4, Section 6, Township 58 North, Range 20 West, EXCEPT Railroad Right-of-way of 1.33 acres and EXCEPT 0.25 acre for road.  
(Parcel ID No. 235-0010-00950)

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-108

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County Road 632 (Wilson Road) and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 416, State Bridge 93275) over Water Hen Creek in Colvin Township (County Project 0632-368348); 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 Public Works Director to proceed with 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. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-109

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of Leiding Township Road 7992 (Johnson Road) and to replace the existing bridge (County

Bridge 777, State Bridge L9571) over the Pelican River in Leiding Township (County Project 7992-398713, State Aid Project 069-599-049); 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 Public Works Director to proceed with 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. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-110

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation administers the Highway Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Program which provides funding to improve the safety of at-grade railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County was awarded funding from this program to install gates and signals at the railroad crossing DOT 251911V located on County Road (CR) 880 (Leiste Road) in Solway Township; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation will manage the project and the actual work will be performed by the railroad company.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County (Local Agency) enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Central, Ltd. (Company) and the Commissioner of Transportation (State) for the installation and maintenance of railroad crossing signals at the intersection of CR 880 (Leiste Road) with the tracks of the Company in Solway Township, St. Louis County, MN, and appointing the Commissioner of Transportation (State) agent for the Local Agency to supervise said project and administer available Federal Funds in accordance with Minn. Stat. §161.36. The Local Agency's share of the cost shall be 10% of the total signal cost.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board Chair, Public Works Director and the Assistant County Attorney are hereby authorized to execute said agreement and any amendments thereto for and on behalf of the Local Agency.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That County funds are payable from Fund 200, Agency 203607, Object 652800.

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-111

WHEREAS, The Public Works Departments' budget includes the purchase of one (1) wheel loader for maintenance operations; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested pricing for one (1) wheel loader based on the department's needs; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is committed to environmental stewardship while maintaining a high level of service; and

WHEREAS, McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, responded with the Sourcewell Discount Contract price for one (1) John Deere Model 644LH Loader of \$286,000.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of one (1) John Deere Model 644LH Loader from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, for a total cost of \$286,000.00, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666400.

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-112

WHEREAS, The City of Brookston applied for a Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) grant; and

WHEREAS, The proposed campground, boat launch and outdoor recreation project has been recommended for funding in the amount of \$425,000 contingent upon the City finding a fiscal agent for the project; and

WHEREAS, The LCCMR grants are reimbursement based and the City of Brookston did not have the financial resources to front the cash or the staff to handle the purchasing and accounting functions required of this grant; and

WHEREAS, The City of Brookston has approached St. Louis County and is requesting the County to act as the fiscal agent for the City of Brookston for the 2021 LCCMR grant; 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

WHEREAS, In order for the County's costs to be eligible for reimbursement under this grant the County must time record and bill the City of Brookston for our actual costs; and

WHEREAS, Once this grant is approved, the County will begin to bill the City of Brookston monthly for the costs associated with this grant and the City will then need to approve the expenditure for it to become an eligible reimbursement under this grant.

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 City of Brookston in order for St. Louis County to act as fiscal agent for the City of Brookston's 2021 LCCMR grant.

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-113

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. 61426

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-114

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated January 29, 2021, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61404, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-115

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61408.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fee to the license holder.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license shall be effective through June 30, 2021: Neighbor's BBQ LLC dba Neighbor's BBQ, Vermilion Lake Township, On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, new.

Adopted February 9, 2021. No.21-116

WHEREAS, Big Bear Lake Company has requested a 33-foot wide non-exclusive right-of-way easement across state tax forfeited land to access private property; and

WHEREAS, Acres encumbered by the easement in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 30, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, is 1.33 acres. Acres encumbered by the easement in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 31, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, is .19 acres; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property and exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4a, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive right-of-way easement to Big Bear Lake Company across state tax forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 61411.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$1,523 land use fee, \$150 administration fee, plus \$96 recording fee, for a total of \$1,769 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Adopted February 9, 2021 No. 21-117

WHEREAS, Gregory P. Bulinski has requested a 40 foot-wide non-exclusive right-of-way and utility easement across state tax forfeited land to access private property; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property and exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subdivision 4 and 4a, authorize the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive right-of-way and utility easement to Gregory P. Bulinski across state tax forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 61411.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of a \$1,700 land use fee, \$32 timber damage fee, \$300 administration fee, plus \$46 recording fee, for a total of \$2,078 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-118

#### **BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:**

WHEREAS, Bell Resorts, Inc., dba Voyageaire Lodge & Houseboats, Crane Lake Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota, has applied for an Off-Sale Intoxicating liquor license; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 340A.405, Subdivision 2(d), requires that a public hearing be held prior to the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating liquor license; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on February 9, 2021, at 9:40 a.m., in the St. Louis County Public Works, Virginia, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the granting of the Off-

Sale Intoxicating Liquor License; and

WHEREAS, With regard to the application for said license, Bell Resorts, Inc., has complied in all respects with the requirements of Minnesota Law and St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28; and

WHEREAS, The Liquor Licensing Committee of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners has considered the nature of the business to be conducted and the propriety of the location and has recommended approval of the application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License shall be issued to Bell Resorts, Inc. dba Voyageur Lodge & Houseboats, Crane Lake Township, located in Area 3, and in accordance with the St. Louis County Fee Schedule the annual fee is \$150.00.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said liquor license shall be effective through June 30, 2021.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon payment of real estate taxes when due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells the licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of license fee to the license holder.

Unanimously adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-119

**BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:**

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Minnesota Legislative Session established the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid Program, Minnesota Session Law Ch. 308; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, by Resolution No. 15-284, the St. Louis County Board approved the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and authorized the Planning and Community Development Director to solicit proposals for the use of the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid; and

WHEREAS, Planning and Community Development staff conducted a technical review of the applications; and

WHEREAS, Based on the technical review and other considerations, county staff formulated funding recommendations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the 2021 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid as listed in County Board File No. 61437.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to execute contracts negotiated by the Planning and Community Development Director and a representative of the County Attorney in order to implement the aid program, payable from Fund 100, Agency 109999, Grant 10910, Year 2021.

Unanimously adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-120

**BY COMMISSIONER JEWELL:**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b), the St. Louis County Board may close a meeting as permitted by the attorney-client privilege; and

WHEREAS, The County Attorney requires candid and open discussion to provide legal advice to the St. Louis County Board with respect to a proposed settlement and litigation strategy relating to *King v. County of St. Louis*, Case No. 69DU-CV-17-529, in a closed session of the Committee of the Whole; and

WHEREAS, A closed session would benefit the public because potential financial liability could result in the expenditure of public funds.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will convene in a closed meeting of the Committee of the Whole on February 9, 2021, for the purpose of discussing the proposed settlement and litigation strategy relating to *King v. County of St. Louis*, Case No. 69DU-CV-17-529, immediately following the St. Louis County Board meeting, in accord with Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That no other pending public business will be discussed at this closed session.

Unanimously adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-121

**BY COMMISSIONER JEWELL:**

WHEREAS, An action captioned *King v. County of St. Louis*, Case No. 69DU-CV-17-527, is pending in the State of Minnesota District Court for the Sixth Judicial District in St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The plaintiffs in the action are Paul King, Copasetic, Inc., Eric Ringsred, and Temple Corp Inc., and the defendants are St. Louis County and the Duluth Economic Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, The plaintiffs and the defendants have reached agreement on a proposed settlement of the action that is subject to the approval of the St. Louis County Board; and

WHEREAS, Under the proposed settlement, the plaintiffs will release their claims against St. Louis County and its officers, employees, and agents, and St. Louis County will make settlement payments in the amount of up to \$190,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a portion of this amount will be used to pay the outstanding taxes, assessments, penalties, interest, and costs assessed against the parcel of real property known as the St. Regis Apartments (PIN 010-0950-00870), and the remainder will be used to reimburse the plaintiffs for certain costs incurred in maintaining and repairing the St. Regis Apartments; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board wishes to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the expense and risk associated with further litigation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the proposed settlement and authorizes the appropriate county officials to negotiate and execute appropriate settlement documents and to make the settlement payments contemplated by the proposed settlement in the amount of up to \$190,000.00, with \$11,929.00 payable from Fund 178, Agency 178006, and the rest payable from Fund 720, Agency 720001, Expense Code 636200.

Unanimously adopted February 9, 2021. No. 21-122

At 10:39 a.m., February 9, 2021, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

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Mike Jugovich, Chair of the Board  
of County Commissioners

Attest:

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Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor

and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board  
of County Commissioners  
(Seal of the County Auditor)

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYROLL**  
**PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD OF 01/30/2021 through 02/12/2021**

VENDOR	FUND	AGENCY	OBJECT	FILE #	CLAIM #	NAME	BEN	PAY PERIOD		COMP RATE	# WKS	TOTAL
								FROM DATE	TO DATE			
Auditors												
063206	730	730001	617700	11-7878	W001854443	Pamela Palen (Less recovery of OP: \$12.74)	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	31.84	2.0	40.75
45979	730	730001	626150	11-7878	W001854443	Falsani, Balmer, Peterson & Balmer	ATTY	1/30/2021	2/12/2021		2.0	10.19
Chris Jensen Health & Rehab												
05141	730	730001	617700	86-084	W001854202	Helen Bakke	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
081818	730	730001	617700	90-4298	W001854298	Jody Draper	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	720.04	2.0	1,440.08
32020	730	730001	617700	91-418	W001854345	Joana Heinen	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
51396	730	730001	617700	00-098	W001854116	Lou Maples	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	275.14	2.0	550.28
92667	730	730001	617700	76-024	W001854439	Iva Zywicki	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
Nopeming Care Center												
13535	730	730001	617700	90-481	W001854266	Christina DeBlass	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	726.23	2.0	1,452.46
22774	730	730001	617700	92-408	W001854263	Vera Falk	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
15307	730	730001	617700	81-064	W001854074	Audrey Gill	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
61469	730	730001	617700	90-322	W001854459	Lori Pierce	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
86016	730	730001	617700	80-070	W001854662	June Ulvi	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
90459	730	730001	617700	02-096	W001854078	Rebecca Williams	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	335.66	2.0	671.32
Property Management												
11654	730	730001	617700	07-0025	W001854515	Georgia Cannata*	Retro TTD	10/24/2020	1/31/2021		14.0	151.76
Public Works - Division #4												
100230	730	730001	617700	21-3009	W003363009	Mark Lindell	TTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	745.13	2.0	1,490.26
100229	730	730001	617700	21-2996	W003362996	Kay Lokken	TTD	2/6/2021	2/12/2021	744.27	1.0	744.27
102755	730	730001	617700	19-6648	W002846648	Bruce Markovich	PPD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	321.60	2.0	643.20
							ref w/h atty fees	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	0.00	2.0	314.60
101344	730	730001	617700	20-0269	W003170269	Dean Miller	TTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	676.53	2.0	1,353.06
Public Works - Division #5												
102429	730	730001	617700	20-0096	W003100096	Dwain Ecklund*	TTD	1/30/2021	2/7/2021	853.80	1.0	853.80
24589	730	730001	617700	91-286	W001854277	Donald Fossum	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
29274	730	730001	617700	11-7841	W001854297	Sam Haddad (Recovery of \$112.75)	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	281.87	2.0	450.99
73238	730	730001	617700	91-283	W001854537	James Sandwick	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	736.81	2.0	1,473.62
101677	730	730001	617700	19-3558	W002253558	Scott Sunnarborg	TTD	1/30/2021	2/5/2021	721.13	1.0	721.13
							TTD	2/6/2021	2/12/2021	741.90	1.0	741.90
90799	730	730001	617700	90-076	W001854387	Richard Windsor	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
Public Works - Division #6												
102858	730	730001	617700	20-1082	W003301082	Joseph Fernjack	TTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	687.50	2.0	637.04
00031990	730	730001	653000	20-1082	W003301082	MN Child Support Payment Center Identifier #001018122901		1/30/2021	2/12/2021	0.00	2.0	297.92

00031990	730	730001	653000	20-1082	W003301082	MN Child Support Payment Center Identifier #001418209707		1/30/2021	2/12/2021	0.00	2.0	198.24
00031990	730	730001	653000	20-1082	W003301082	MN Child Support Payment Center Identifier #001012136504		1/30/2021	2/12/2021	0.00	2.0	241.80
102023	730	730001	617700	21-0370	W003350370	Ricky Matteson	TTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	779.53	2.0	1,559.06
91876	730	730001	617700	93-463	W001854407	Daniel Zaitz	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	721.99	2.0	1,443.98
<b><u>Public Works - Division #7</u></b>												
101203	730	730001	617700	21-0686	W003350686	Theodore Autio	TTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	717.33	2.0	1,434.66
101613	730	730001	617700	21-4839	W003364839	Jeffrey Tvedt	TTD	2/6/2021	2/12/2021	691.73	1.0	691.73
<b><u>Public Works - Division #13</u></b>												
06925	730	730001	617700	85-124	W001854223	Emmett Berens	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
<b><u>Sheriff/Jail/911</u></b>												
102334	730	730001	617700	20-0438	W003340438	Derrick Deutsch	TPD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	0.00	2.0	469.32
100021	730	730001	617700	19-7933	W002807933	Troy Fralich	TTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	904.98	2.0	1,755.51
00031990	730	730001	653000	19-7933	W002807933	MN Child Support Payment Center Identifier #001508682301		1/30/2021	2/12/2021		2.0	54.45
19717	730	730001	617700	79-159	W001854389	James Larson	PTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	744.00	2.0	1,488.00
064043	730	730001	617700	14-8375	W001854450	Ryan Paulson	TTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	955.52	2.0	1,646.62
00031990	730	730001	653000	14-8375	W001854450	MN Child Support Payment Center Identifier #001022193501		1/30/2021	2/12/2021		2.0	264.42
000494	730	730001	617700	19-1989	W002841989	Claire Wagner	TTD	1/30/2021	2/12/2021	1,098.54	2.0	2,197.08
90128	730	730001	617700	21-3694	W003363694	Deborah Wiesen	TTD	2/6/2021	2/12/2021	1,166.88	1.0	1,166.88
* INDICATES FINAL PAYMENT										<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$43,530.38</b>

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS  
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VENDOR	FUND	AGENCY	OBJECT	FILE #	NAME	BEN	PAY PERIOD		COMP RATE	#WKS	TOTAL
							FROM DATE	TO DATE			
Public Works - Div #7											
101344	730	730001	617700	21-0686	Theodore Autio	TTD	1/15/2021	1/15/2021	717.33	0.2	143.47
							1/29/2021	1/29/2021	717.33	0.2	143.47
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
GRAND TOTAL:										\$	286.94

\*Indicates full and final payment

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VENDOR	FUND	AGENCY	OBJECT	FILE #	NAME	BEN	PAY PERIOD FROM DATE TO DATE	COMP RATE	#WKS	TOTAL
<u>Public Works - Div #4</u>										
100230	730	730001	617700	21-3009	Mark Lindell	TTD	2/1/2021 2/3/2021	745.13	0.6	447.08
									0.0	
									0.0	
									0.0	
									0.0	
									0.0	
GRAND TOTAL:										\$ 447.08

\*Indicates full and final payment

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VENDOR	FUND	AGENCY	OBJECT	FILE #	NAME	BEN	FROM DATE	TO DATE	COMP RATE	#WKS	TOTAL
<u>Public Works - Div #4</u>											
100229	730	730001	617700	21-2996	Kay Lokken	TTD	1/29/2021	2/5/2021	744.27	1.2	893.12
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
GRAND TOTAL:											\$ 893.12

\*Indicates full and final payment

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VENDOR	FUND	AGENCY	OBJECT	FILE #	NAME	BEN	PAY PERIOD		COMP RATE	#WKS	TOTAL
							FROM DATE	TO DATE			
Public Works - Div #7											
101613	730	730001	617700	21-4839	Jeffrey Tvedt	TPD	2/2/2021	2/2/2021		0.2	121.05
						TTD	2/3/2021	2/5/2021	691.73	0.6	415.04
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
GRAND TOTAL:										\$	536.09

\*Indicates full and final payment



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VENDOR	FUND	AGENCY	OBJECT	FILE #	NAME	BEN	PAY PERIOD		COMP RATE	#WKS	TOTAL
							FROM DATE	TO DATE			
					<u>Sheriff/911</u>						
090128	730	730001	617700	21-3694	Deborah Wiesen	TTD	1/29/2021	2/5/2021	1,166.88	1.2	1,400.26
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
										0.0	
GRAND TOTAL:											\$ 1,400.26

\*Indicates full and final payment