

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 1, 2022

Location: Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Jugovich/Musolf moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of February 22, 2022
- 2022 Re-establishment of St. Louis County Unorganized Territory Precinct Boundaries and Polling Places [22-100]
- Authorization to Apply for a GreenCorps Member via a MPCA Grant [22-101]
- Free Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Chisholm [22-102]
- Special Sale to the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) for Affordable Housing [22-103]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:35 a.m., on April 26, 2022, in the Hoyt Lakes City Hall, Hoyt Lakes, MN, for the purpose of considering adoption of the 2022 County Commissioner Redistricting Plan, and that the Auditor's Office is authorized to publish three weeks prior notice of the public hearing and notice of intent to adopt the redistricting plan in the county's official newspaper of record, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §375.025, Subd. 1. [22-104]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Musolf/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Hoover Construction Company, Virginia, MN, in the amount of \$199,200 for project CP 0000-649272 (2022 North Crushing): Gravel Pits in Northern St. Louis County. [22-105]. Commissioner Nelson disclosed to the Board that a family member works for Hoover Construction Company and that he did not have any financial interest in the business; no Commissioners felt that there was a conflict of interest. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Musolf/McDonald moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$3,294,900 for project CP 0002-369573 (LOW PRIME), consisting of nine projects: Reclaim and Overlay, Mill and Overlay, Culvert: Various Locations in southern St. Louis County. [22-106]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

McDonald/Jugovich moved that after an initial review of the Project Eligibility form and other submitted materials, the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project proposed by the Crane Lake Water & Sewer District (District) is eligible under the following categories of the US Treasury Final Rule guidance: The clean water component of the EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF); The clean water component of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF); further, that the St. Louis County Board approves the use of \$200,000 of American Rescue Act Plan funding to the District for the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant subject to the District securing the additional \$250,000 necessary to complete the project; and further, that the District shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County, State or US Treasury to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the American Rescue Plan Act. The above project be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Funds. [22-107]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Information Technology (IT) Department to purchase data infrastructure hardware, software, professional services, and maintenance from Insight Public Sector with use of the State of Minnesota NASPO (National Association of State Procurement Officials) PC Hardware (#MNWNC-121/97232) cooperative agreement and the Omnia Partners (#4400006644-61001284) cooperative agreement with an estimated one-time cost of \$298,233.93 from Fund 100, Agency 117051, Object 634802, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139. [22-108]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

McDonald/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board amends its 2022 legislative priorities to include the planning, funding and development of a state-of-the-art integrated waste management campus in New Independence Township. [22-109]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jugovich encouraged citizens to be patient with the condition of the roads. Public Works will begin repairing roads once the frost comes out of the ground.

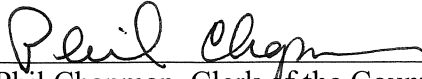
Chair McDonald commented on the passing of Gene Goodsky who was the Bois Forte Spiritual Advisor. Mr. Goodsky was a proud Veteran and an advocate for Native American Veterans. Chair McDonald noted that Senator David Tomassoni will be holding an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) event to help raise funds for ALS research.

Commissioner Nelson commented on the bravery in which Senator Tomassoni is serving his term.

At 10:10 a.m., Jugovich/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

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Paul McDonald, Chair of the County Board

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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board