

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 5, 2020

Location: Government Services Center, St. Louis River Room, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

Note: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Beth Olson and Paul McDonald participated by WebEx.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of April 28, 2020
- Professional Services Agreement with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for Engineering Design Services for the Reduced Conflict Intersection [20-170]
- Acquisition of Right-of-Way – Construction of County Bridge 389 (Ellsburg Township) [20-171]
- Execute 2020 HUD Contracts – CDBG, HOME and ESG Entitlement Grants [20-172]
- Title III Funds for Firewise Communities Activities [20-173]
- Authorization to Apply for Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program Grant [20-174]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Nelson (Homestead) [20-175]
- Non-Exclusive Temporary Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) [20-176]

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Jewell moved that the St. Louis County Board will convene a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 9:40 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to consider the adoption of a fee schedule amendment for various county services including the St. Louis County Heritage, Arts and Culture Center for the year 2020. [20-177]. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. (7-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved to authorize the St. Louis County Purchasing Division to enter into contract with EnviroTech Services, Inc., of Greeley, CO, for 810,000 gallons of 38% liquid calcium chloride delivered and applied for the bid price of \$0.99 cents per gallon for a cost of \$801,900.00 plus \$50,000

for alternates for a total cost of \$851,900.00. [20-178]. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Boyle encouraged County Administration to look for ways to communicate with citizens to ensure their voices are heard if they are unable to attend the County Board meetings in person.

Commissioner Nelson expressed concern that due to the lack of broadband internet service, people in his district and people located in rural areas are at a disadvantage when virtual meetings are held. Commissioner Nelson commented that it is the supervisors' responsibility to ensure that staff completes necessary work in a safe manner.

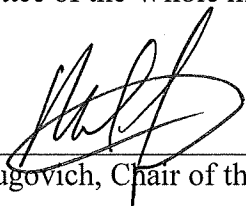
Commissioner Jewell acknowledged the hard work of staff and echoed Commissioner Boyle's concerns regarding ensuring that people are allowed to speak and address the County Board. Administrator Gray assured the Board that the county would continue to explore ways in which citizens can bring their concerns to the Board.

Commissioner McDonald said that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) will be open for day use only. Overnight use will continue to be restricted through May 17, 2020, aligning with Governor Tim Walz extended Stay at Home order.

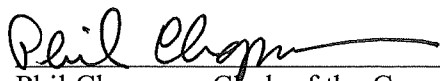
Commissioner Jugovich commented on the Minnesota fishing opener and encouraged people to be safe.

Administrator Gray mentions that he and St. Louis County Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro were writing a letter that could be sent to the St. Louis County governmental delegates regarding disbursement of the Federal Cares Act.

At 10:19 a.m., Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. (7-0)



Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board