

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

July 7, 2020

St. Louis River Room, Government Services Center, 320 West 2nd Street, Duluth, 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 June 23, 2020.

Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Boyle, Chair

1. Accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$96,191 to serve the local Continuum of Care and its Governance Board for the period September 1, 2019, through August 30, 2020, and authorize agreements with various community partners to deliver services funded by the grant. [20-229]

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner McDonald, Chair

2. Acquisition of necessary right-of-way and easements authorized for the reconstruction of County Road 825 (Rasmussen Road) and replacement of County Bridge #138 spanning the Prairie River in Prairie Lake Township (CP 0825-368349). [20-230]
3. Authorize an additional State Aid funding request from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in the amount of \$5,710,000 for the resurfacing of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 29 (SP 069-629-007), CSAH 56 (SP 069-656-018), CSAH 31 (SAP 069-631-010) and CSAH 120 (SAP 069-720-002). [20-238]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

4. Abatement list for Board approval. [20-231]
5. Certify to the Commissioner of Revenue that the County will spend the aid distributions from the Coronavirus Relief Federal Fund consistent with the requirements of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and direct Administration to develop or expand programs consistent with federal and state guidance and regulations as they become available. [20-239]
6. Workers' compensation report dated June 19, 2020.
7. Application for a Temporary On-sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License by Buyck Volunteer Fire Department, Portage Township, for August 1, 2020.

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Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

8. Adjust the 2020 County Board Meeting Schedule to reschedule the location of the July 14, 2020, meeting from the Brevator Town Hall, Cloquet, MN, to the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth, MN. *[20-232]*
9. Approve the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Assessment Year 2020, Payable 2021 meeting dated June 16, 2020.

Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Olson, Chair

10. Authorize application and acceptance of the 2020 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant funding in the amount of \$285,000 for the period September 2020 through April 2022, to reduce the threat of wildfires in high-risk areas as identified in the St. Louis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. *[20-233]*

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Musolf, Chair

11. Contract in the amount of \$59,645 with Northeast Technical Services, Inc., of Virginia, MN, approved to conduct research and additional treatment of constituents of concern (COC), specifically polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from landfill leachate at the St. Louis County Regional Landfill. *[20-234]*
12. Support a Class “B” land exchange proposal submitted by Deena and William Congdon and authorize the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with equalizing value of all lands involved using the most current county assed land values. *[20-235]*
13. Approve the sale of certain state tax forfeited lands through an online public auction with prohibited purchaser conditions, starting at fair market value, and authorize the County Auditor to reoffer unsold parcels at periodically adjusted prices based on market conditions to the general public until the parcels are sold or withdrawn by the County Auditor. *[20-237]*
14. Appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at a DECORATIVE PRODUCTS SEALED BID AUCTION being held on August 6, 2020.

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 June 23, 2020, are hereby approved.

Acceptance of HUD Planning Grant Funding for the St. Louis County Continuum of Care and Permission to Enter Into Contracts with Partners

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding to St. Louis County through local Continuum of Care (CoC) grant awards for permanent and rapid re-housing to homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, For the current HUD FY2018 funding cycle, 29 projects in St. Louis County received a total of \$3,181,358; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the project awards, there are St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Planning Grant funds in the amount of \$96,191 to conduct countywide planning and systems improvement, and the county will serve as fiscal agent for these pass-through dollars.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) to accept a grant allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$96,191 to serve the local Continuum of Care and its Governance Board for the period September 1, 2019, through August 30, 2020, to be deposited into Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 540309, Grant 23217, Grant Year 2020.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to execute agreements with various community partners to deliver services funded by the grant, to be paid from Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 629900, Grant 23217, Grant Year 2020.

**Acquisition of Right-of-Way: Replacement of County Bridge #138
Over Prairie River (Prairie Lake Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of the Rasmussen Road (County Road 825) and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge #138, State Bridge 93199) spanning the Prairie River in Prairie Lake Township (50-21) (County Project 0825-368349); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the existing 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, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board hereby authorizes the County Auditor to grant the necessary easements for highway purposes over the following tax forfeited parcels:

1. The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of NW1/4), Section 29, Township 50 North, Range 21 West. (Parcel ID No. 515-0010-04540)
2. The South one-half of the Northeast quarter (S 1/2 of NE 1/4), Section 30, Township 50 North, Range 21 West. (Parcel ID No. 515-0010-04660).

Request for 2021 State Aid Advance

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is implementing County State Aid Construction Projects in 2021 which require State Aid funds in excess of those available in its State Aid Regular Construction Account; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said projects through the use of an advance from the County State Aid Construction Fund to supplement the available funds in their State Aid Regular/Municipal Construction Account; and

WHEREAS, The advance is based on the following determination of estimated expenditures:

Project No. SP 069-629-007	\$1,640,000
Project No. SP 069-656-018	\$1,090,000
Project No. SAP 069-631-010	\$1,680,000
<u>Project No. SAP 069-720-002</u>	<u>\$1,300,000</u>
Total 2021 Advance Amount:	\$5,710,000; and

WHEREAS, Repayment of the funds so advanced will be made in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 162.08, Subd. 5 & 7, and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8820; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County acknowledges advance funds are released on a first-come-first-serve basis and this resolution does not guarantee the availability of funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this advance for financing approved County State Aid Highway Projects of St. Louis County in an amount up to \$5,710,000 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 9.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County hereby authorizes repayments from subsequent accruals to the Regular State Aid Construction Account of St. Louis County with repayment from the 2022 year allocation until fully repaid.

Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

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. 61214.

Coronavirus Relief Federal Fund Certification and Directing Staff to Develop Programs to Address Community Needs that may be funded from CARES Act Proceeds

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, On or about March 27, 2020, President Donald J. Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") into law; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota is required to allocate a percentage of the monies received to local units of government; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is estimated to be eligible to receive up to approximately \$24 million from this Program; and

WHEREAS, Local units of government must submit certification that they shall spend the aid distributions consistent with the CARES Act in order to receive such funds from the State; and

WHEREAS, General guidance and regulations have been established on eligible uses for which government portions of the CARES Act funding may be expended as follows:

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for the state government; and
3. Were incurred during the period that begins of March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the County to ensure that it is eligible to receive these significant funds; and

WHEREAS, The Board supports the use of creative solutions and collaborative efforts to identify solutions and opportunities to share aid distributions throughout St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board certifies to the Commissioner of Revenue that it will spend the aid distributions from the Coronavirus Relief Federal Fund consistent with the requirements of the federal CARES Act (Public Law 116-136).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Administrator is directed to develop or expand programs, consistent with federal and state guidance and regulations as they become available, to address community needs that may be funded from CARES Act process for the Board's consideration.

Workers' Compensation Report

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated June 19, 2020, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61199, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

**Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License
(Portage Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the application for a Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61283, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the applicant:

Buyck Volunteer Fire Department, Portage Township, Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License, for August 1, 2020.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent on Minnesota Department of Health approval.

Reschedule Location of July 14, 2020 Board Meeting

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will adjust its 2020 Board Meeting Schedule to reschedule the meeting location of its July 14, 2020 meeting from the Brevator Town Hall, Cloquet, MN, to the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN.

**Official Proceedings of the St. Louis County
Special Board of Appeal and Equalization**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Assessment Year of 2020, Payable 2021 meeting dated June 16, 2020, are hereby approved.

Application and Acceptance of 2020 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant of 2020 specifically includes \$285,000 for reducing the threat of wildfires in high-risk areas as identified in the St. Louis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2008, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 08-443 approving the St. Louis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and this funding is a mechanism to carry out the plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes application and acceptance of the 2020 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant funding in the amount of \$285,000 for the period September 2020 through April 2022, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 132999, Grant 13210, Year 2020.

Landfill Leachate Research and Treatment Study

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County requires a knowledgeable licensed contractor to conduct additional leachate treatment research at the Regional Landfill; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Landfill operating permit will be modified to include limits of emerging constituents of concern (COC), specifically polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) compounds; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Technical Services, Inc., (NTS) of Virginia, MN, is a local environmental firm with the expertise to perform the single source research activities; and

WHEREAS, NTS has been operating leachate treatment system and conducting leachate, groundwater monitoring, and other monitoring at the Regional Landfill satisfactorily since 1993; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County requested NTS provide a proposal for additional specified research and treatment activities for Regional Landfill leachate; and

WHEREAS, NTS will perform the project as outlined in their proposal for a fixed fee of \$59,645 during the 2020 land application season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves a contract in the amount of \$59,645 with Northeast Technical Services, Inc., of Virginia, MN, to conduct research and additional treatment of COC, specifically PFAS compounds in landfill leachate at the St. Louis County Regional Landfill.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials execute such agreement, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, payable from Fund 600, Agency 607002 (Leachate).

**Application for St. Louis County Class “B” Land Exchange by
Deena and William Congdon**

COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 94.344, Subd. 8, a proposal for land exchange has been submitted to the Land and Minerals Department for certain lands being purchased by Deena Congdon and William Congdon; and

WHEREAS, This proposed exchange has been reviewed by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to determine the suitability of lands for exchange; and

WHEREAS, The lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota in trust for the taxing districts will consolidate state tax forfeited ownership and are productive for long-term timber management thereby providing benefit to the tax forfeited trust.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board acknowledges consolidation of productive lands are a benefit to the tax forfeited trust and supports the exchange of state tax forfeited (Class “B”) lands as proposed for lands of equal value.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with equalizing value of all lands involved in the land exchange using the most current county assessed land values proposed by Deena and William Congdon.

Online Auction of State Tax Forfeited Properties

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to offer for sale, as recommended by the Land Commissioner, certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, The parcels described in County Board File No. 61234 have been classified as non-conservation as provided for in Minn. Stat. § 282.01; and

WHEREAS, These parcels are not withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Natural Resources has approved the sale of these lands, as required by Minn. Stat. § 282; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.016(c) authorizes the County Auditor to prohibit persons or entities from becoming a purchaser, either personally or as an agent or attorney for another person or entity, of tax forfeited properties offered for sale if the person or entity owns another property within the county for which there are delinquent taxes owing; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 13, authorizes the County Board, or the County Auditor if the auditor has been delegated such authority, to sell tax forfeited lands through an online auction. When an online auction is used to sell tax forfeited lands, the County Auditor shall post a physical notice of the online auction and shall publish a notice of the online auction on its website not less than ten (10) days before the online auction begins, in addition to any other notice required; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.135 authorizes the County Board to delegate to the County Auditor any authority, power, or responsibility relating generally to the administration of tax forfeited land assigned to the County Board if the County Auditor concurs in the delegation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to sell state tax forfeited lands described in County Board File No. 61234 through an online auction, with prohibited purchaser conditions, starting at a fair market value, in accordance with terms set forth in the Land and Minerals Department policy and in a manner provided for by law where funds from the auction are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to reoffer individual unsold parcels at periodically adjusted prices based on

market conditions to the general public through the online auction until the parcels are sold or withdrawn by the County Auditor.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to send a list of state tax forfeited lands to be offered for sale through an online auction to the County Board for approval in the format of a Board Memo as needed throughout the year to ensure the sale of these lands occurs in a timely manner.

Appraisal Reports for a Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at the DECORATIVE PRODUCTS SEALED BID AUCTION on August 6, 2020, Tracts 1 through 4 (totaling \$59,790.45), as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61210, are approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendations as listed in said appraisal reports.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JUNE 23, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 23rd day of June 2020, at 9:31 a.m., at the Voyageur Lodge, Crane Lake, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Paul McDonald, Keith Nelson, Keith Musolf, and Mike Jugovich - 6. Absent: Commissioner Beth Olson - 1.

Chair Jugovich asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all the innocent victims of violence, for healthcare professionals and all others who are working to keep us safe during the pandemic; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Scott Dane, Executive Director of the Associated Contract Loggers and Truckers of Minnesota, commented on the impacts that COVID-19 has had on the logging industry and encouraged the Board to approve recommendations made by the Land Department. Mr. Dane also discussed a grant regarding the removal of hazardous fuel in the Britt and Ely areas and requested that the logging industry be given an opportunity to bid on the project.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Olson).

Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved that the St. Louis County Board, acting in the capacity of a town board for Unorganized Township 63-15, hereby adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order filed in Board File No. 61103; and further, that the Clerk of the St. Louis County Board shall send a copy of the signed order to the Petitioner and notify in writing each known owner of land over which the cartway passes that there has been a filing and award of damages; pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 164.07, subd. 6, the notice must set forth the date of the award, the amount of damages awarded, any terms or conditions of the award, and must contain an explanation of the requirements for appealing the award of damages. Assistant County Attorney Kim Maki said that this matter is in deliberation and no new evidence should be allowed unless the public hearing is re-opened. Attorney Maki felt there was ample time to submit evidence to the Board. The original public meeting was held on May 26, 2020, and was extended to June 9, 2020. Attorney Maki commented that the platted road was never vacated because there is a specific statutory process to vacate a road and that process was never completed; in addition, the current landowners never owned the road. Finally, Attorney Maki recommended that Commissioner McDonald not engage in deliberation or vote on the matter, because the Board standing rules require that Commissioners attend the public hearing in order to vote on the cartway; Commissioner McDonald was absent during the June 9, 2020 portion of the public hearing. Attorney Scott Neff argued that the Marketable Title Act was in place; because of this, the platted road should be vacated and his clients should be awarded damages. Tim Westby, appearing on behalf of SW2, LLC, said that the property has been owned by three families since 1996 and they never have had a noise complaint or any law enforcement calls to the property. Mr. Westby also commented that the northern route was not

buildable due to the topography. Commissioner Jewell indicated that he was voting “no” because he felt the northern route is the appropriate route. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed; four yeas (Boyle, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich), one nay (Jewell), one abstention (McDonald), one absent (Olson). Resolution No. 20-323.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to remove the cooperative agreement with the United States Forest Service (USFS) for dual designation roads in St. Louis County resolution from the table (tabled from June 9, 2020). The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Olson).

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with the USFS to assign jurisdiction and maintenance responsibilities for dual designation routes in St. Louis County; and further, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to approve any amendments to the list of dual designation routes included in Schedule A of the cooperative agreement. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi commented that for 20-30 years the county has shared responsibility for various roads with the United States Forest Service. After further discussion, the motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Olson). Resolution No. 20-324.

Bruce Beste, Ron Potter and Steve Koch commented on various projects relating to the development of trail systems in the area.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Jim Foldesi, County Engineer/Public Works Director, submitting Drainage Authority Board Letter No. 20-01, Establish Hearing on Partial Abandonment Petitions Submitted by EIP Minnesota, LLC.—61307

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Jim Foldesi, County Engineer/Public Works Director, submitting Drainage Authority Board Letter No. 20-02, Establish Hearing on County Ditch #4 Repair Petition.—61308

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16704B, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and the Salvation Army for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance (FHPAP) increasing the amount of money available for Direct Assistance Prevention, which is allowed by the release of additional COVID-19 related funds by the MHFA.—20-377

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16707A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Head of the Lakes United Way for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance (FHPAP) to reflect changes occurring due to the Greater Twin Cities United Way taking on some of the responsibilities previously included in Contract No. 16707.—20-378

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16880, between St. Louis County and Superior Forensic Consulting, LLC, Duluth, MN, for psychological evaluations and services by Court order in Child(ren) in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) hearings, during the period January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—20-379

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53817, between St. Louis County and A&E Homes, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-380

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53817, between St. Louis County and EBI, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-381

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53825, between St. Louis County and Expanding Horizons, Inc., Hermantown, MN.—20-382

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53833, between St. Louis County and Interim Health Care of Lake Superior, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-383

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53838, between St. Louis County and Kiminki Homes, Inc., Proctor, MN.—20-384

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53840, between St. Louis County and Gayle Koop Foster Care, Duluth, MN.—20-385

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53861, between St. Louis County and Stepping Stones for Living, LLC, Hermantown, MN.—20-386

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53863, between St. Louis County and Taylor SLS, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-387

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53867, between St. Louis County and McCarthy Manor, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-388

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53868, between St. Louis County and Aspen Grove Alternative Senior Living, Hibbing, MN.—20-389

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53869, between St. Louis County and Aspen Grove Assisted Living, Chisholm, MN.—20-390

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53849, between St. Louis County and Northland AFC, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-391

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53827, between St. Louis County and Focus on Living, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-392

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53871, between St. Louis County and New Journey Residence, LLC., Duluth, MN.—20-393

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53845, between St. Louis County and New Life Horizon, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-394

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16939, between St. Louis County and Jeremy Powell, Virginia, MN, for Chore Services during July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—20-395

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16937, between St. Louis County and Jeremy Powell, Virginia, MN, for Chore Services during July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—20-396

Contract for County-State Aid Highway (CSAH) Project between the County of St. Louis and DeAngelo Brothers, Inc., for High Friction Surface Treatment on various CSAHs in St. Louis County.—20-397

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and DeAngelo Brothers, Inc., for High Friction Surface Treatment on various CSAHs in St. Louis County (CP 0000-293138, SP 069-070-036, Federal Project No. HSIP 6920 177).—20-398

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53857, between St. Louis County and Residential Services of NE MN, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-399

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53829, between St. Louis County and Golden Oaks Senior Living of Hermantown, LLC, Richfield, MN.—20-400

Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53830, between St. Louis County and Golden Oaks Senior Living of Proctor, LLC, Richfield, MN.—20-401

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16805A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Marilyn Pershern for Transportation Services increasing the contract maximum to \$15,000.—20-402

Service Agreement, Contract No. 16919A, between St. Louis County and Churches United in Ministry (CHUM), Duluth, MN, for COVID-19 temporary housing for individuals in Isolation and Quarantine (I&Q) during the period June 1, 2020, to July 31, 2020.—20-403

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16942, between St. Louis County and Jeremy Powell, Virginia, MN, for Chore Services during the period July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—20-404

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16944, between St. Louis County and Mark Musakka, Angora, MN, for Chore Services during the period July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—20-405

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15948, between St. Louis County and Jacquelin V. Sebastian, JD, MA, Duluth, MN, for Facilitation of Parallel Protection Process (PPP) Alternative Dispute Resolution Services during the period January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—20-406

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53821, between St. Louis County and Shane Clemens Adult Foster Home, Saginaw, MN.—20-407

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53822, between St. Louis County and Heidi and Katie Cooney, Aurora, MN.—20-408

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53844, between St. Louis County and Roxanne and Jeffrey McMillen, Mountain Iron, MN.—20-409

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53848, between St. Louis County and Beehive Homes of Duluth, Duluth, MN.—20-410

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53850, between St. Louis County and Pack Family Adult Foster Care, Duluth, MN.—20-411

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53852, between St. Louis County and Possibilities Plus, LLC, Proctor, MN.—20-412

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53856, between St. Louis County and Rankin Adult Foster Home, Duluth, MN.—20-413

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53858, between St. Louis County and Schmitt AFC, Duluth, MN.—20-414

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53870, between St. Louis County and Duluth Regional Care Center, Inc., Duluth, MN.—20-415

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53873, between St. Louis County and Wentz Adult Foster Care, Saginaw, MN.—20-416

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53875, between St. Louis County and Wolf Family, Inc. – Lakeview Residence, LTH, Virginia, MN.—20-417

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53876, between St. Louis County and Wolf Family, Inc. – Lakeview Residence, Virginia, MN.—20-418

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53842, between St. Louis County and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.—20-419

Service Contract No. 5580D between the County of St. Louis and Patty Beech Consulting, Inc., Duluth, MN, to complete Homeless Grant Mapping services during the period January 2, 2020, to August 31, 2020.—20-420

Agreement for Services between the County of St. Louis and LHB, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Engineering Services for Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the Chester Creek culvert on Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4) after the culvert is replaced in 2020.—20-421

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and H & R Construction Co., Dalton, MN, for a W-Beam Guardrails on various county highways (CP 0024-523056 Prime).—20-422

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Eveleth for curb & sidewalk and gutter repairs on various County State Aid Highway segments, Municipal State Aid Street segments, and County Roadway segments within the City of Eveleth, St. Louis County, Minnesota (CP 0000-534088 – 2020 & CP 0000-534089 – 2021).—20-423

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16949, between St. Louis County and Daniel Bills, Hibbing, MN, for Transportation Services during the period May 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—20-424

Upon motion by Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Boyle, resolutions numbered 20-320 through 20-322, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER JEWELL:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of June 9, 2020, are hereby approved.

Adopted June 23, 2020. No. 20-320

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated June 5, 2020, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61199, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

Adopted June 23, 2020. No. 20-321

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee for payment of claims and bills against the County of St. Louis, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61230, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

	May 2020	
100	General Fund	7,876,231.98
149	Personal Service Fund	627.85
155	Depot	53,023.48
160	MN Trail Assistance	74,978.67
167	Attorney's Forfeitures	10,000.00
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	1,289.00

169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,937.26
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	17,938.36
176	Revolving Loan Fund	27,587.30
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	41,321.50
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	536.20
180	Law Library	16,914.10
183	City/County Communications	222.91
184	Extension Service	171,493.78
192	Permit to Carry	7,026.34
200	Public Works	3,395,869.33
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	121,695.81
210	Road Maint. – Unorg. Townships	113.92
220	State/Federal Road Aid	280,156.10
230	Public Health & Human Services	8,723,559.65
240	Forfeited Tax	542,359.26
260	CDBG Grant	93,715.39
261	CDBG Program Income	15,637.00
270	HOME Grant	103,424.25
289	ISTS Grant	100,601.70
290	Forest Resources	17,537.82
400	County Facilities	32,663.31
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	33,106.25
405	Public Works Building Const.	354,122.31
407	Public Works – Equipment	750,336.32
445	2018A – Virginia GSC-PW Cook	7,993.60
600	Environmental Services	616,802.33
640	Plat Books	798.22
715	County Garage	93,874.17
720	Property Casualty Liability	267,465.16
730	Workers Compensation	1,301,287.60
740	Medical Dental Insurance	2,844,078.78
770	Retired Employees Health Insurance	397.40

\$27,998,724.41

Adopted June 23, 2020. No. 20-322

BY COMMISSIONER MUSOLF:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 164.08, the St. Louis County Board, acting as the town board for unorganized townships, must consider and act upon petitions for cartways; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board received a petition from SW2, LLC for establishment of a cartway providing access to property it owns in the plat of Birch Grove Lake Vermilion, located in Unorganized Township 63-15; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board held a hearing on the petition and received testimony and other evidence regarding the sufficiency of the petition, various proposed locations of the cartway, and costs and damages to be paid by the petitioner; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board is now prepared to adopt findings of fact and conclusions and issue an order on the SW2, LLC cartway petition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board, acting in the capacity of a town board for Unorganized Township 63-15, hereby adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order filed in Board File No. 61103.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the St. Louis County Board shall send a copy of the signed order to the Petitioner and notify in writing each known owner of land over which the cartway passes that there has been a filing and award of damages; pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 164.07, Subd. 6, the notice must set forth the date of the award, the amount of damages awarded, any terms or conditions of the award, and must contain an explanation of the requirements for appealing the award of damages.

Yeas – Commissioners Boyle, Musolf, Nelson and Chair Jugovich – 4

Nays – Commissioner Jewell – 1

Abstained – Commissioner McDonald – 1

Absent – Commissioner Olson – 1

Adopted June 23, 2020. No. 20-323

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, Dual designation roads are those that have been assigned a road designation by more than one authorized agency; and

WHEREAS, In St. Louis County, these routes have been assigned a Forest Road number as well as either a County or Unorganized Township Road number; and

WHEREAS, Currently there are eight (8) routes in St. Louis County that are considered dual designation routes; and

WHEREAS, The County and the United States Forest Service (USFS) have agreed that all of these routes will be considered under the jurisdiction and maintenance responsibilities of the USFS as they primarily function as forest access routes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with the USFS to assign jurisdiction and maintenance responsibilities for dual designation routes in St. Louis County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to approve any amendments to the list of dual designation routes included in Schedule A of the cooperative agreement.

Unanimously adopted June 23, 2020. No. 20-324

At 10:16 a.m., June 23, 2020, Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Olson).

Mike Jugovich, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:

Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)

6/16/2020
2:57:32PM

Abatements Submitted for Approval by the St. Louis County Board
on 7/7/2020

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<u>PARCEL CODE</u>			<u>AUD NBR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPRAISER</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REDUCTION</u>	
30	0	0	09810	232	HANSEN, RICHARD	P	Ely	Ben Thomas	DOUBLE ASSESSMENT	2020	1,320.00
560	10	420	0	235	LAKE VERMILION HOUSEBO/	R	Vermilion Lake	Patrick Orent	VALUATION	2020	252.00
365	6000	2415	0	234	NOWAKOWSKI, DONALD	P	FREDENBERG	Ryan Sauve	HOMESTEAD	2020	88.00
141	20	3822	0	233	THURMAN, WILLIAM	R	Hibbing	Shannon Cairns	VALUATION	2020	166.00

WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYROLL
PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD OF 06/06/2020 through 06/19/2020

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 (Recovery of OP: \$10.52)	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	26.30	2.0	33.66
45979	730	730001	626150	11-7878	W001854443	Falsani, Balmer, Peterson & Balmer	ATTY	6/6/2020	6/19/2020		2.0	8.42
Chris Jensen Health & Rehab												
05141	730	730001	617700	86-084	W001854202	Helen Bakke	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
081818	730	730001	617700	90-4298	W001854298	Jody Draper (less 20% attorney fees)	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	699.48	2.0	1,119.17
007561	730	730001	626150	90-4298	W001854298	Eric Beyer, Attorney at Law	ATTY	6/6/2020	6/19/2020		2.0	279.79
32020	730	730001	617700	91-418	W001854345	Joana Heinen	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
51396	730	730001	617700	00-098	W001854116	Lou Maples	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	278.45	2.0	556.90
92667	730	730001	617700	76-024	W001854439	Iva Zywicki	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
Environmental Services												
101454	730	730001	617700	17-6721	W002036721	Charles Whight (less 20% attorney fees)	TTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	477.95	2.0	764.72
Nopeming Care Center												
13535	730	730001	617700	90-481	W001854266	Christina DeBlass	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	705.54	2.0	1,411.08
22774	730	730001	617700	92-408	W001854263	Vera Falk	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
15307	730	730001	617700	81-064	W001854074	Audrey Gill	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
61469	730	730001	617700	90-322	W001854459	Lori Pierce	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
86016	730	730001	617700	80-070	W001854662	June Ulvi	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
90459	730	730001	617700	02-096	W001854078	Rebecca Williams	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	338.62	2.0	677.24
Property Management												
017518	730	730001	617700	13-9768	W001879768	Pamela Ruthford	TTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	448.84	2.0	897.68
Public Works - Division #4												
48776	730	730001	617700	19-6127	W002826127	Rickey Lokken	TTD	6/13/2020	6/19/2020	983.36	1.0	983.36
45646	730	730001	617700	19-6648	W002846648	Bruce Markovich	TTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	321.60	2.0	643.20
Public Works - Division #5												
24589	730	730001	617700	91-286	W001854277	Donald Fossum	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
73238	730	730001	617700	91-283	W001854537	James Sandwick	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	715.54	2.0	1,431.08
101677	730	730001	617700	19-3558	W002253558	Scott Sunnarborg	TTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	721.13	2.0	1,442.26
90799	730	730001	617700	90-076	W001854387	Richard Windsor	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
Public Works - Division #6												
49653	730	730001	617700	76-162	W001854433	Richard Luoma	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00

91876	730	730001	617700	93-463	W001854407	Daniel Zaitz	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	689.84	2.0	1,379.68
<u>Public Works - Division #13</u>												
06925	730	730001	617700	85-124	W001854223	Emmett Berens	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
<u>Sheriff/Jail</u>												
5243	730	730001	617700	16-4462	W001854462	Bryon Ball*	TTD	6/6/2020	6/17/2020	895.51	1.6	1,432.82
100021	730	730001	617700	19-7933	W002807933	Troy Fralich	TTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	904.98	2.0	1,760.13
00031990	730	730001	653000	19-7933	W002807933	MN Child Support Payment Center Identifier #001508682301		6/6/2020	6/19/2020		2.0	49.83
19717	730	730001	617700	79-159	W001854389	James Larson	PTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	723.00	2.0	1,446.00
064043	730	730001	617700	14-8375	W001854450	Ryan Paulson	TTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	928.78	2.0	1,540.26
00031990	730	730001	653000	14-8375	W001854450	MN Child Support Payment Center Identifier #001022193501		6/6/2020	6/19/2020		2.0	317.30
000494	730	730001	617700	19-1989	W002841989	Claire Wagner	TTD	6/6/2020	6/19/2020	1,098.54	2.0	2,197.08
* INDICATES FINAL PAYMENT										GRAND TOTAL:	\$36,277.65	

WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS ADDENDUM

VENDOR	FUND	AGENCY	OBJECT	FILE #	NAME	BEN	FROM DATE	TO DATE	COMP RATE	#WKS	TOTAL
<u>Public Works - Div #4</u>											
048776	730	730001	617700	19-6127	Rickey Lokken	TTD	6/8/2020	6/12/2020	983.36	1.0	983.36
										0.0	
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GRAND TOTAL:											\$ 983.36

*Indicates full and final payment

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY SPECIAL BOARD
OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR
OF 2020 PAYABLE 2021**

The meeting of the 2020 St. Louis County Board of Appeal and Equalization (the “Board”) was called to order at 9:54 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, from the St. Louis River Room, Government Services Center (GSC), Duluth, MN, by Phil Chapman, Deputy County Auditor/Clerk of County Board. By Resolution No. 20-272, adopted May 12, 2020, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners appointed the following members to serve on the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization; roll call was taken:

John Vigen	District 1, present (WebEx)
John Doberstein	District 2, present (WebEx)
Sherri Puckett	District 3, present (WebEx)
Leonard Cersine	District 4, present (WebEx)
Tim Peterson	District 5, present (WebEx)
Dawn Cole	District 6, present (WebEx)
Frank Bigelow	District 7, present (WebEx)

Deputy Auditor Chapman said that it has been determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related peacetime emergency declaration made by Governor Walz in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 12. We have ensured that all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony offered at today’s meeting. We have determined it is unfeasible for members of the public to attend the meeting in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but have ensured that members of the public can view and monitor the meeting remotely, in real time, by the use of WebEx. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have determined that it is unfeasible for County Assessor Dave Sipila and members of the Board of Commissioners to be physically present at the St. Louis River Room at the Duluth GSC. All votes will be conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue will be identified and recorded.

The oath of office was administered to each member present by Deputy Auditor Chapman.

Deputy Auditor Chapman asked for nominations for Chair of the 2020 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. Cole/Puckett nominated John Doberstein for Chair; no other nominations were received. Bigelow/Peterson moved to close nominations and declare John Doberstein Chair by unanimous ballot. A roll call vote was taken. (7-0)

Chair Doberstein asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the 2020 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. Bigelow/Puckett nominated Tim Peterson for Vice-Chair; no other nominations were received. Bigelow/Puckett moved to close nominations and declare Tim Peterson Vice-Chair by unanimous ballot. A roll call vote was taken. (7-0)

County Assessor David Sipila was present (WebEx) for all meetings of the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Hearing appeals start time: 10:05 a.m.

Case No. 32A, Rae Ann Hamlin, 5615 Grand Ave., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 010-4510-05780. Roy Hamlin, appearing at the Duluth GSC and speaking on behalf of Rae Ann Hamlin, said that the appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$185,200 due to the age of the building and the current economic downturn. Mr. Hamlin requested that the assessment remain at \$158,600. After further discussion, Vigen/Puckett moved to reduce assessment value by \$13,900; total assessment of \$171,300. A roll call vote was taken. (6-1, Peterson)

Case No. 39A, Ben Funke, 1914 Waverly Ave., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 010-1830-00770. Ben Funke, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$684,200 due to the valuation of the kitchen, percentage of finish being classified as brick rather than stucco, and limitations of the garage. John Doberstein abstained from discussion. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0, Doberstein abstention)

Case No. 49A, Kenneth Aparicio, 2309 E. 1st Street, Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 010-3090-00470, 010-3090-00380, 010-3090-00410 and 010-3090-00450. Kenneth Aparicio, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$998,900 due to the challenges related to keeping the building historically relevant, costs involved in bringing the building up to code, and required ongoing maintenance. Cole/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (7-0)

Case No. 17A, James and Karen Clark, 2262 180th St., Boone, IA, appealing parcels 387-0010-00693 and 387-0010-00692. James Clark, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$577,500 due to the overall condition of the building and the unfinished garage. Doberstein/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (7-0)

Case No. 45L, Robert Ellis, 3017 E. Superior St., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 010-2000-00150. The Assessor's Office indicated that there were multiple requests for additional information from the homeowner that have gone unanswered; because of this, the Assessor's Office is unable to make a determination of value that is different than the value assigned for January 2, 2020. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (7-0)

The Board had a brief discussion regarding challenges of determining value when there are limitations relating to property inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board recessed at 11:52 a.m. At 11:59 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Case No. 07AR-1, Michael Jershe, 2766 Bear Island Rd., Ely, MN, appealing parcel 105-0010-00280. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$18,600 due to the interior of the dwelling being in worse condition than what had been assumed from the previous inspection. In addition, there were various building issues, including basement leaks, flooring issues and rotting of the garage back wall. With the reduction, the total

recommended assessment is \$38,600. Peterson/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 07AR-2, Michael Jershe, 2766 Bear Island Rd., Ely, MN, appealing parcel 105-0080-00981. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce land value by \$4,000. The septic is non-functional and is being removed. In addition, the property classification was erroneously listed as Seasonal and was corrected to Residential Non-Homestead without a dwelling unit. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$13,300. Peterson/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 34A, Joseph Swanson, 16720 51st Place N., Plymouth, MN, appealing parcels 010-4449-00730, 010-4449-00740, 010-4449-00750 and 010-4449-00760. Joseph Swanson, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$667,100 due to comparable sales. The Assessor indicated that interior photos were not available and the valuation is similar to other comparable units. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (7-0)

Case No. 31A, Michael Sylvester, 2111 Minnesota Ave., Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 010-3110-00260 and 010-3120-02340. Michael Sylvester, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$484,300 due to the size of the living space, lack of a yard, location, and valuation compared to nearby properties. The Assessor indicated that a request for interior pictures and a copy of the purchase appraisal was made to confirm square footage; however, neither was received, so the recommendation is no change. Vigen/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (7-0)

The Board recessed at 12:45 p.m. At 2:03 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Case No. 15A, Pete Bertolas, Ski-View Motel, Inc., 903 17th Street North, Virginia, MN, appealing parcel 090-0130-01620. Pete Bertolas, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$59,900 due to the age of the home, basement issues, and comparable sales. Mr. Bertolas requested valuation be set at \$50,000. Puckett/Doberstein moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 36A, Elizabeth Koralia, Blue Skies of Minnesota, LLC, 2316 E. 1st Street, Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 010-3090-00080 and 010-3090-00060. Elizabeth Koralia and Barbara Koralia, appearing by WebEx, said that they disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce the valuation of parcel 010-3090-00080 by \$632,000 and increase the valuation of parcel by 010-3090-00060 by \$88,100 resulting in net reduction of valuation of \$338,100. The appellants felt the valuation was too high because the purchase appraisal included the value of the business. In addition, the appellants felt the valuation was too high compared to other tax valuation of neighboring buildings and ongoing building maintenance issues. Peterson/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation to reduce value by value by \$338,100; total assessment \$730,000. (5-2, Cole, Bigelow)

Case No. 37A, Guy & Michelle Heide, 1812 Chinook Dr., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 010-0315-00170. Guy Heide, appearing in-person at the GSC building in Duluth, disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$544,100 because he felt the assessor has not taken the appropriate oath of office, and due to the lack of uniformity and unequal assessments. After further discussion, Vigen/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommended valuation. (7-0)

Case No. 2A, Timothy Befera, 5404 Cant Rd. S., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 415-0010-03680. Steven and Timothy Befera, appeared in-person at the Duluth GSC. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$345,000 due to the remote location of the property and the fact that he had to build and maintain the road to his property. Chair Doberstein indicated that he worked with Mr. Befera previously; however, no sale was made. The Board felt there was not a conflict of interest. After further discussion, Bigelow/Vigen moved to reduce value by \$13,200 due to location issues; total assessment of \$358,200. (6-1, Cersine)

Case No. 51AR, Michael Brekke, 5952 N. Pike Lake Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 380-0130-00190. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$13,400 based on a fee appraisal and a change in records to reflect the dated interior. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$400,300. Peterson/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 4AR, Kerrie Ann Pelkey, 3609 Midway Rd., Hermantown, MN, appealing parcel 395-0010-09160. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$41,000 due to CAMA adjustments for two large pole sheds. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$571,000. Bigelow/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 5AR, Kim & Merrill Anderson, 7969 White Pine Drive, Canyon, MN, appealing parcel 490-0010-01000. Mr. Anderson is a local board member; therefore, an adjustment was not considered at the local level. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce land value by \$10,000 due to adjustments for site development. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$40,000. Puckett/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-0, Peterson absent)

Tim Peterson was temporarily out of the meeting from 4:09 p.m. to 4:11 p.m.

Case No. 46AR, Jerry Tauer, 22655 Sunrise Rd. NE., Stacy, MN, appealing parcel 320-0010-00850. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$16,300 and land value by \$5,000. Adjustments were made to the quality of land and the degree of site development for the buildings and quality of the construction materials used in the buildings. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$75,800. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 53L, Keith Ludwig, 13612 Partridge Circle, Andover, MN, appealing parcel 205-0040-00280. Mr. Ludwig disagreed with the Assessor's recommended assessment of \$119,501. The appellant disputed that improvements and updated appearance of the dwelling should result in a change in year-built. Peterson/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 48AR, Mary Robinson, 2160 Mace Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 315-0010-02012. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$16,600. Adjustments were made due to the dated interior and floor coverings throughout the dwelling. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$309,900. Vigen/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 25L, Thomas Gavin, 1199 Culligan Lane, Mendota Heights, MN, appealing parcel 010-4045-00030. Mr. Gavin disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$932,900. The appellant was concerned about the fairness, equity, and accuracy with respect to property valuations in Duluth and indicated that he felt valuations seem to disregard actual sale prices. Peterson/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 40L, Robert Fierek, 312 Harbor Point Circle, Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 010-2045-00060. Mr. Gavin disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$114,900 due to the quality of the structure. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$700,900. The appellant felt that the valuation for the land and building was too high because there is a creek full of untreated sewage running along the property. After further discussion, Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

At 4:36 p.m. Chair Doberstein recessed the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

On Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 10:05 a.m. the County Board of Appeal and Equalization reconvened from the Government Services Center, Liz Prebich Room, Virginia, Minnesota. The following members were present by WebEx: John Vigen, Sherri Puckett, Leonard Cersine, Tim Peterson, Dawn Cole, Frank Bigelow, and Chair John Doberstein - 7 Absent: None - 0.

Deputy Auditor Chapman said that it has been determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related peacetime emergency declaration made by Governor Walz in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 12. We have ensured that all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony offered at today's meeting. We have determined it is unfeasible for members of the public to attend the meeting in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but have ensured that members of the public can view and monitor the meeting remotely, in real time, by the use of WebEx. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have determined that it is unfeasible for County Assessor Dave Sipila and members of the Board of Commissioners to be physically present at the Virginia GSC. All votes will be conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue will be identified and recorded.

Case No. 1A, Paul & Carol Knuti, 7727 Sauna Road, Embarrass, MN, appealing parcels 330-0010-01940, 330-0010-01900 and 330-0010-01930. Paul Knuti, appearing by in-person at the Virginia GSC, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessed value of \$327,600 due the valuation compared to other properties he owns in the area and the rate of increase over the past couple of years. Cole/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 26A, Frank and Nancy Spaeth, 307 17th Ave. West, Eveleth, MN, appealing parcel 270-0020-00070. Frank and Nancy Spaeth, appearing in-person at the Virginia GSC, disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$142,600 because the comparable sales used for the valuation were located several miles away from their property. Vigen/Cole moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 57A, Eugene Cornick, 6440 Duncan Rd., Saginaw, MN, appealing parcel 380-0010-04562. Eugene Cornick, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the assessor's recommended

assessment of \$156,200 due to the loss of his land because of the wetland classification for a portion of his land. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 24A, Peter & Rebecca Waldorf, 4174 W. Long Lake Rd., Eveleth, MN, appealing parcels 340-0010-03350 and 340-0010-03160. Peter and Rebecca Waldorf, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$382,900 due to unfinished interior areas, land classification and an easement on the property for an underground gas line. After further discussion, Cole/Doberstein moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-2 Puckett, Bigelow)

The Board recessed at 12:21 p.m. At 1:01 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Case No. 20A, John L. Roskoski, 5409 North Court, Mountain Iron, MN, appealing parcel 175-0010-02500. Edmund Roskoski appearing on behalf of John Roskoski, appeared in-person at the Virginia GSC, disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$2,500; bringing the total assessment to \$37,600. Mr. Roskoski felt the valuation was too high due to the overall condition of the property and proximity of the property to MinnTac. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 10A, Daniel and Mary Monroe, 1484 S. Birch Lake Blvd., White Bear Lake, MN, appealing parcel 510-0030-02140. Daniel and Mary Monroe, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$284,300 due to required maintenance and associated costs for a 2.2-mile private road. Dawn Cole indicated that the appellant previously inquired about appraisal service; however, no services were performed. The appellant and Board did not feel this was a conflict of interest. After further discussion, Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-1, Cersine)

Case No. 50A-1, Douglas and Lois Hoffbauer, 3361 Lindahl Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 450-0020-01730. Douglas and Lois Hoffbauer, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the assessor's property classification of 201/1-Residential Homestead and 111/0-Rural Vacant Land. The appellant argued that the classification should be AG Homestead/Green Acres. Stu Lourey, Government Relations Director for the Minnesota Farmers Union was also present. Discussion took place regarding requirements for the AG Homestead/Green Acres classification; the assessor indicated that the appellant did not meet the 10-acre requirement. After further discussion, Peterson/Puckett moved to table the appeal until the end of the meeting to allow the Assessor's Office time to review further. (7-0)

Case No. 50A-2, Douglas and Lois Hoffbauer, 3361 Lindahl Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 450-0010-01200, 450-0010-01210, 450-0010-01230 and 450-0010-01231. Douglas and Lois Hoffbauer, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the assessor's property classification of 204/0-Residential Non-Homestead and 111/0-Rural Vacant Land. The appellant argued that the classification should be Rural Preserve. Stu Lourey, Government Relations Director for the Minnesota Farmers Union was also present. After further discussion, Peterson/Puckett moved to table the appeal until the end of the meeting to allow the Assessor's Office time to review further. (7-0)

Case No. 58A, Darwin Alar, 929 N. 17th St., Virginia, MN, appealing parcel 387-0010-009900. Daniel Alar, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce land value by \$52,300; bringing the total assessment to \$360,500. Mr. Alar suggested that the

average of sales made on the lake be used to calculate the price per foot of lakefront property. After further discussion, Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 18A, Boyd Carblom, 4416 Shady Lane, Eveleth, MN, appealing parcels 713-0010-00790, 713-0010-00690, 713-0010-00700, 713-0010-00795, 713-0010-00800 and 713-0010-00820. Boyd Carblom, appearing in-person at the Virginia GSC, disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to total value by \$4,300; total assessment of \$309,900. Vigen/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 8AR, Jerry Prosnick, 7820 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL, appealing parcels 090-0092-00010 and 090-0075-00050. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$54,700. Adjustments were made due to analysis of similar properties within the City of Virginia. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$212,300. Dawn Cole abstained from discussion. Peterson/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-0, Cole abstention)

Case No. 23AR, Lawrence & Shirley Potocnik, 307 17th Ave. West, Eveleth, MN, appealing parcel 387-0010-01512. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$14,600. Adjustments were made to take into consideration the correct amount of finished area and square footage of the garage. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$311,800. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 43AR, Robert Becknell, 14N918 Lac Du Beatrice, West Dundee, IL, appealing parcel 381-0150-00180. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$20,000. Adjustments were made to take into consideration the quality of construction of the garage apartment. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$697,800. Vigen/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 9AR, Mark & Rita Barnett, 214 W. Rainbow St., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 698-0085-00060. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce land value by \$22,600 and reduce building value by \$1,200. Adjustments were made to correct the lake frontage amount and to remove the bathroom in the sleeper. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$169,700. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 29AR, Paul & Julie Schwartz, 2140 Otter Lake Drive, White Bear Lake, MN, appealing parcels 387-0035-01903, 387-0035-01900 and 698-0010-01641. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce land value by \$37,000 due to potential development restrictions due to powerline easements, bluff locations, and property line setbacks. With the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$148,100. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 55L, Richard Olson, 5810 Rose Rd., Hermantown, MN, appealing parcel 395-0124-00010. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$359,100. The appellant felt the valuation was too high and questioned the 51% increase in valuation. Peterson/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 47A, Shawn Day, 10357 Morgan Ave. S., Bloomington, MN, appealing parcel 010-1120-00660. Shawn Day, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the assessor's recommended

assessment of \$537,900 due to the age of the building and valuations of comparable properties in the area. Vigen/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation.

Case No. 22A, Robert & Beth Skalko, 5441 Diamond Ln., Mt. Iron, MN, appealing parcel 175-0130-00010. Robert Skalko, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the Assessor's recommended assessment of \$485,000 due to the size and valuation of his property in comparison to properties used in the sales grid. After further discussion, Cole/Bigelow moved to reduce the building value by \$45,700 due to the superadequacy of the property, total assessment of \$439,300. (5-2, Vigen, Puckett)

Case No. 50A-1 (appeal continued from earlier), Douglas and Lois Hoffbauer, 3361 Lindahl Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 450-0020-01730. Douglas and Lois Hoffbauer, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the Assessor's property classification of 201/1-Residential Homestead and 111/0-Rural Vacant Land. The appellant argued that the classification should be AG Homestead/Green Acres. After further discussion, Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommended classification. (5-2, Puckett, Doberstein)

Case No. 50A-2, (appeal continued from earlier), Douglas and Lois Hoffbauer, 3361 Lindahl Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 450-0010-01200, 450-0010-01210, 450-0010-01230 and 450-0010-01231. Douglas and Lois Hoffbauer, appearing by WebEx, disagreed with the Assessor's property classification of 204/0-Residential Non-Homestead and 111/0-Rural Vacant Land. The appellant argued that the classification should be Rural Preserve. County Assessor Sipila indicated an application was required to be considered as Rural Preserve. After further discussion, Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommended classification. (6-1, Doberstein)

Case No. 56L, H & G Development, 3785 Okerstrom Rd., Hermantown, MN, appealing parcels 010-0930-00040, 010-0930-00090 and 010-0930-00095. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$75,000; total assessment of \$535,900. Bigelow/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 38L, Robert Fierek, 312 Harbor Point Circle, Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 010-2746-00312 and 010-2746-00310. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce land value by \$130,100 and building value by \$35,100; total assessment of \$121,000. Adjustments were made to zero out the value of the warehouse due to its condemnation/demolition order, changes in land valuations and land grading. Bigelow/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 33L-1, Douglas Blom, PO Box 965, Sioux City, IA, appealing parcel 010-01480-2430. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$46,600; total assessment of \$350,000. The appellant provided an appraisal of the property and the income and sales comparison approach to value suggests an estimated market value of \$350,000. Peterson/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

Case No. 33L-2, Douglas Blom, PO Box 965, Sioux City, IA, appealing parcel 010-01480-2440. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$48,300; total assessment of \$375,000. The appellant provided an appraisal of the property and the income and sales comparison approach to value suggests an estimated market value of \$375,000. Puckett/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (7-0)

County Assessor Dave Sipila presented a list of appellants who agreed no change was required and withdrew their appeal. Bigelow/Vigen moved to approve the list as presented. (7-0)

County Assessor Dave Sipila presented a spreadsheet of current year assessment changes. Assessor Sipila stated that the changes were due to various reasons. Bigelow/Vigen moved to approve the list as presented. (7-0)

With no further appeals to consider, Bigelow/Vigen moved to approve the following resolution:

COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That the assessment rolls from the several assessment districts of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, for the year 2020, to-wit: Cities of Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Brookston, Buhl, Chisholm, Cook, Duluth, Ely, Eveleth, Floodwood, Gilbert, Hermantown, Hibbing, Hoyt Lakes, Iron Junction, Kinney, Leonidas, McKinley, Meadowlands, Mountain Iron, Orr, Proctor, Rice Lake, Tower, Virginia, and Winton; and Towns of Alango, Alborn, Alden, Angora, Arrowhead, Ault, Balkan, Bassett, Beatty, Biwabik, Breitung, Brevator, Camp 5, Canosia, Cedar Valley, Cherry, Clinton, Colvin, Cotton, Crane Lake, Culver, Duluth, Eagle's Nest, Ellsburg, Elmer, Embarrass, Fayal, Fairbanks, Field, Fine Lakes, Floodwood, Fredenberg, French, Gnesen, Grand Lake, Great Scott, Greenwood, Halden, Industrial, Kabetogama, Kelsey, Kugler, Lakewood, Lavell, Leiding, Linden Grove, McDavitt, Meadowlands, Midway, Morcom, Morse, Ness, New Independence, Normanna, North Star, Northland, Owens, Pequaywan, Pike, Portage, Prairie Lake, Sandy, Solway, Stoney Brook, Sturgeon, Toivola, Van Buren, Vermilion Lake, Waasa, White, Willow Valley, Wuori and all the Unorganized Towns, as returned by the respective assessors and local Boards of Review, are hereby ordered placed upon the tax lists by the County for the year 2020.

YEAS: Vigen, Puckett, Peterson, Cersine, Cole, Bigelow, and Chair Doberstein - 7
NAYS: None - 0
ABSENT: None - 0

At 5:44 p.m., June 18, 2020, Chair Doberstein adjourned the 2020 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. (7-0)

Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the County Board

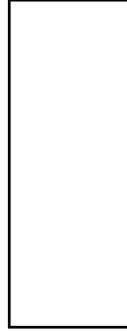


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320 W. 2nd Street, Suite 302
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9:30 A.M.

August 6, 2020



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Land Commissioner's Office
320 West 2nd Street, Ste 302
Duluth, MN 55802
218-726-2606

Pike Lake Area Office
5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway
Duluth, MN 55811
218-625-3700

Virginia Area Office
7820 Highway 135
Virginia, MN 55792
218-742-9898

August 6, 2020

Government Services Center

9:30 A.M.

Due to the COVID -19 situation, public attendance is not possible.

NOTICE OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY DECORATIVE PRODUCTS SEALED BID AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the St. Louis County Auditor shall sell to the highest bidder the designated timber located on the following described parcels of land forfeited to the State for the nonpayment of taxes, which have been classified and appraised as provided by Minnesota Statutes 282.04, Subd. 1(1982) subject, in part, to the following conditions:

1. To be eligible to bid at a St. Louis County Timber auction, a Responsible Operator Application Form must be on file at the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department, 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302, Duluth, MN 55802, at least **2 working days prior** to the auction. An application can be obtained at any Land and Minerals Department Office.
2. The timber will be sold to the highest bidder, but for not less than the total appraised **Tract Value**. A bid value per unit must be indicated for each species listed. This bid value will be applied to each specie. Bid value per unit must meet or exceed the appraised bid value per unit. St. Louis County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
3. All bid forms must be received in the Land Commissioner's Office **by 4:30 P.M. on August 5th**. All bids must be on the official bid form and sealed in an envelope.
4. Due to the COVID-19 situation, public attendance at the bid opening is not possible. Please mail your bids in early. Public access to county buildings is not yet possible. The only option for bid drop-off is the silver drop box in front of the main entrance of the Government Services Center in Duluth. Drop off and receipt of bids must be before the deadline for receiving bids.
5. A \$300 bid bond, i.e. personal check, payable to the **St. Louis County Auditor** is required and must be included in the envelope with the bid form. One bid bond will cover all tracts and will be returned if the bids are not the successful bidder. For a successful bidder, the bid bond will be applied to the down payment on the first tract awarded.
6. Successful bidders will have **10 days** to submit a check, payable to the County Auditor, for the specified down payment of the appraised tract value for each tract awarded. Failure to make any or all of these down payments on time will result in the forfeiture of the bid bond. Successful bidders will be notified by mail.
7. Should the successful bidder not submit the down payment on time, the sale may be awarded to the next highest bidder. In the case of tie bids, the successful bidder will be decided by the toss of a coin by the Auditor.
8. St. Louis County has developed an Environmental Management System to assist it in meeting the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standard and is certified to this standard.
9. Some of the tracts may have special requirements. Prospective bidders should get maps, cutting regulations, contract information and special regulations at the applicable Area Office.

Tracts 1 and 2 contact:

Virginia Area Office
Dave Skurla, Area Land Manager
7820 Highway #135
Virginia, MN 55792

218-742-9898

Tracts 3 and 4 contact:

Pike Lake Area Office
Mark Pannkuk, Area Land Manager
5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway
Duluth, MN 55811

218-625-3700

Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction will be held at:

St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department

Government Services Center

320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302

Duluth, MN 55802

9:30 A.M. - August 6, 2020

St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department does not accept cash payments.

Payment must be made by Check or Money Order.

Published as follows is the list of timber to be offered at public auction sale as announced and advertised in the official newspaper within this county.

St. Louis County August 6, 2020 Decorative Products Auction Listing

Tract #1 Number of Blocks: 1 Sec 1, Twp 62N, Rge 20W
C20-622001 Sale Administrator: Chris Lintula
Linden Grove Township
Virginia Area
ID: C19200067 Sale Expiration: December 31, 2020

SOAV Black Spruce Tops 35,000 pieces @ \$0.30 = **\$10,500.00**

Down Payment Required (25%) = \$2,625.00

Comments: 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.

Tract #2 Number of Blocks: 1 Sec 19, Twp 61N, Rge 15W
E20-611519 Sale Administrator: Jim Simons
Kugler Township
Virginia Area
ID: C19200068 Sale Expiration: December 31, 2020

SOAV Black Spruce Tops 29,700 pieces @ \$0.30 = **\$8,910.00**

Down Payment Required (25%) = \$2,227.50

Comments: 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.

Tract #3 Number of Blocks: 2 Sec 26, Twp 53N, Rge 13W
B20-531326 Sale Administrator: Drake Schroeder
North Star Township
Pike Lake Area
ID: C19200065 Sale Expiration: December 31, 2021

SOAV Black Spruce Tops 127,928 pieces @ \$0.30 = **\$38,378.40**

Down Payment Required (25%) = \$9,594.60

Comments: 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.

Tract #4 Number of Blocks: 1 Sec 6, Twp 53N, Rge 16W
K20-531606 Sale Administrator: Erik Anton
Unorganized Township 53 16
Pike Lake Area
ID: C19200066 Sale Expiration: December 31, 2020

SOAV Balsam Fir Boughs 8,470 pieces @ \$0.05 = \$423.50
Norway Pine Boughs 29,838 pieces @ \$0.05 = \$1,491.90
White Pine Boughs 1,733 pieces @ \$0.05 = \$86.65

= **\$2,002.05**

Down Payment Required (25%) = \$500.51

Comments: Purchaser is required to completely prune all lowest boughs of crop trees to a maximum of half the total height of the tree. The bole of the tree must remain undamaged with branch stubs of no longer than 1 inch allowed on pruned trees. 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.