

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, at 9:32 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.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved that the St. Louis County Board proclaims the week of January 24<sup>th</sup> through January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as Frontline Workers Appreciation Week in St. Louis County, Minnesota; Commissioner Boyle read the proclamation. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Administrator Kevin Gray thanked healthcare workers and county workers for their work and dedication during the pandemic. County Auditor Nancy Nilsen thanked the Service Center and Elections staff for their work throughout the pandemic. Auditor Nilsen commented that Service Center staff assists hundreds of people daily; staff has been diligent in providing customer service even though the number of people allowed in the facility is limited due to the pandemic. Environmental Services Director Mark St. Lawrence recognized the Environmental Service staff and the private sector for providing uninterrupted solid waste services during the pandemic. Director St. Lawrence noted that field staff has completed over 200,000 transactions since the onset of the pandemic. Public Health and Human Services Director Linnea Mirsch thanked the Board for recognizing public health employees. Commissioner Jewell thanked all healthcare workers for their work during the pandemic. Sheriff Ross Litman thanked the Sheriff's Office staff for their work and recognized the work of the Safety and Risk Management Department, specifically Joe Austin and Brian Poppenberg, for assisting with the implementation of policies, procedures, and safety protocols during the pandemic. Human Resources and Administrator Director Jim Gottschald expressed appreciation for the work of behind the scenes workers. Director Gottschald highlighted efforts by the Property Management department to improve air quality and by the Information Technology department to support remote workers.

Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to reconsider resolution No. 20-48. The resolution was originally considered (Musolf/Boyle) and adopted by the Board on January 12, 2021, by unanimous vote. Commissioner Musolf indicated that he would like to strike the "Relative to construction projects equal to or exceeding \$25,000" language in the first bullet point under the Prevailing Wage and Other Requirements heading in the Film Production Incentive Program guidelines. At 9:57 a.m., the Board took a short break to allow county administration to forward a copy of the proposed change to members who were participating remotely. At 10:06 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present. A roll call vote was taken, the motion to reconsider passed; six yeas, one nay (Grimm). Commissioner Grimm indicated that she voted against

reconsidering the resolution because she would like more time to review the proposed change. Commissioner Musolf commented that he felt workers should be paid the prevailing wage regardless of the cost of the construction project. After further discussion, Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to strike the "Relative to construction projects equal to or exceeding \$25,000" language in the first bullet point under the Prevailing Wage and Other Requirements heading. A roll call vote was taken, the motion to strike the wording passed; seven yeas, zero nays. A roll call vote was taken, the resolution passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Chair Jugovich stated that citizens will be allowed to address the Board regarding items not on the agenda. For items listed on the Board agenda or Committee of the Whole agenda, citizens will be allowed to address the Board at the time a motion is on the floor. Madeline Cook, of Duluth, stated that she would like to comment regarding board letter 21-53 (Committee of the Whole agenda). Ms. Cook was informed that she could comment on that item when it was on the floor for consideration. Jackson Leon, of Duluth, stated that he would like to comment regarding board letter 21-53 (Committee of the Whole agenda). Mr. Leone was informed that he could comment on that item when it was on the floor for consideration. Calib Rouse-Zittler, of Duluth, said that he originally called to discuss board letter 21-53; however, he is now using his time to express his disappointment that citizens who rescheduled work or school had to wait for the motion to be on the floor to provide comments. Commissioner Grimm said that citizens could email comments to her and she would read the comments during discussion of board letter 21-53. At 10:31 a.m., Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger indicated that there were no further callers on the line.

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

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved that the St. Louis County Board will convene in a closed meeting of the Committee of the Whole on January 26, 2021, for the purpose of discussing the proposed settlement and litigation strategy related 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. 21-75.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Jerry Hall, Interim Property Management Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-13, Special Legislation for the Return of Small Non-Conforming County Fee Parcels to the Adjoining Owners and Tax Rolls.—61418

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-25, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Crane Lake Township).—61419

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Matt Johnson, Planning & Community Development Director, and Mark St. Lawrence, Environmental Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-29, Election of Ash River Sanitary District Board of Managers.—61420

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, and Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-22, Classification of November 6, 2020 Forfeitures (Non-Conservation).—61421

Kevin Gray, County Administration, Jason Meyer, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, James Foldesi, Public Works/Highway Engineer Director, Jerry Hall, Property Management Interim Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-23, Proposed Land Exchange of State Tax Forfeited for St. Louis County Owned Fee Lands.—61422

Proclamation: Frontline Workers Appreciation Week – January 24, 2021 to January 30, 2021.—61423

Closed session of the Committee of the Whole for litigation purposes.—61424

Claims and accounts reports approved during CY 2021.—61425

Agreement between the Township of Canosia and the County of St. Louis for Crack Sealing on various paved roads (CP 0000-447571 Crack Seal).—21-46

Amendment #1, Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Hermantown to perform improvements on Airbase Road CSAH (County State Aid Highway) 17/Swan Lake Road, and Sundby Road in Hermantown, St. Louis County, MN. (CP 0017-369575/SAP 069-617-005) increasing the lump sum fee from \$25,000 to \$31,100 for the design, plan preparation, and construction administration.—21-47

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17036, between St. Louis County and Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault, Inc., Duluth, MN, to provide Direct Support, Education and Advocacy Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-48

Minnesota Department of Health Grant Agreement, SWIFT Contract No. 185533, between the Commissioner of the Department of Health and St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services, for Center for Disease Control and Prevention funds, in the amount of \$51,108 for Influenza Vaccine Projects through June 30, 2021.—21-49

2021 Letter of Agreement for the Delivery of Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) from Prairie Community Services, Inc., Fresh Start – PCS, Duluth, MN, for the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-50

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Training Contract No. 17088, between St. Louis County and OutFront Minnesota, Skye Vang, Minneapolis, MN, for one (1) 1.5 hour training called “Queering Our Liberation: LGBTQ+ Oppression and the impact of White Supremacy” on December 17, 2020 via Zoom.—21-51

Service Agreement No. 17089 between St. Louis County and Churches United in Ministry (CHUM), Duluth, MN, for Priority Populations COVID-19 Testing services at Steve O'Neil Apartments during the period December 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021.—21-52

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Contract No. 17072 between St. Louis County and Generations Health Care Initiatives, Inc., Duluth, MN, for fiscal host services to manage the basic functions of the Bridging Health Duluth Coalition budget during the period November 1, 2020, to November 18, 2021.—21-53

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17033, between St. Louis County and Jeremy Powell, Virginia, MN, for chore services during the period January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.—21-54

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17063, between St. Louis County and Accend Services, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Mental Health – Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM) for Adults and Integrative Services for Adults during the period January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.—21-55

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53993, between St. Louis County and Elysian Senior Homes, LLC, Duluth, MN.—21-56

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53995, between St. Louis County and Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia, MN.—21-57

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17073, between St. Louis County and Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Detoxification and Hold Transportation Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-58

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17049A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Life House, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Ongoing Housing and Housing Related Services, replacing pages to update payment and reporting language.—21-59

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17085, between St. Louis County and Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-60

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17053A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), Virginia, MN, for Ongoing Housing and Housing Related Services, replacing pages to update payment and reporting language.—21-61

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17086, between St. Louis County and Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Detoxification and Hold Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-62

Grant Project Agreement for Child and Teen Checkup (C&TC) Administrative Outreach Services, Contract CFDA #93.778, between the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board and

St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services for January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2023.—21-63

Purchase of Service Addendum, Contract No. 16875A, between St. Louis County and Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs (DAIP), Duluth, MN, for alternative forms of family contact under Child Protective Services and Court-Ordered Supervised Visitation and Related Services due to COVID-19, parental incarceration, the physical distance between the child and parent, a safety reason, or other approved reason, during the period May 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, amending the period to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, and replacing the rates of services.—21-64

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17061, between St. Louis County and Human Development Center, Duluth, MN, for Mental Health – Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM) for Adults and Integrative Services for Adults, during the period January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.—21-65

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17064, between St. Louis County and Mental Health Resources, Inc., St. Paul, MN, for Mental Health – Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM) for Adults and Integrative Services for Adults, during the period January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.—21-66

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17067, between St. Louis County and Occupational Development Center, Inc., Thief River Falls, MN, for Adult Mental Health Integrated Fund Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-67

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53996, between St. Louis County and Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia, MN.—21-68

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 30179B, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Jensina Rosen, Cloquet, MN, for Training and Onboarding of Homeless and Housing Program Specialists Position, extending the contract end date to December 31, 2021.—21-69

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17087, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Inc., Virginia, MN, for Detoxification and Hold Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-70

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17083, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Inc., Virginia, MN, for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-71

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17081, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Inc., Virginia, MN, for Adult Integrative Mental Health Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-72

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17074, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Inc., Virginia, MN, for Detoxification and Hold Transportation Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-73

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17066, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Inc., Virginia, MN, for Adult Mental Health Integrated Fund Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-74

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17062, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Virginia, MN, for Mental Health – Targeted Case Management (MH-TCM) for Adults and Integrative Services for Adults during the period January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.—21-75

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17076, between St. Louis County and Recovery Alliance Duluth (RAD), Duluth, MN, to serve as an official evaluation site for the implementation and sustainability of the Safe Babies Court Team™ approach as a critical component of the Plan of Safe Care for prenatal substance use exposure during the period September 30, 2020, to September 29, 2021.—21-76

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17075, between St. Louis County and Human Development Center (HDC), Duluth, MN, to serve as an official evaluation site for the implementation and sustainability of the Safe Babies Court Team™ approach as a critical component of the Plan of Safe Care for prenatal substance use exposure during the period September 30, 2020, to September 29, 2021.—21-77

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17080, between St. Louis County and Marcus Walker, Duluth, MN, as a Research & Analytics Consultant for the Safe Babies Court Team™ for implementation of a Plan of Safe Care for prenatal substance use exposure during the period September 30, 2020, to September 29, 2021.—21-78

Purchase of Service Agreement Addendum, Contract No. 16861A, between St. Louis County and Northwood Children's Home Society dba Northwood Children's Services, Duluth, MN, for Children's Residential Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-79

Purchase of Service Agreement Addendum, Contract No. 16862A, between St. Louis County and The Hills Youth and Family Services (THE HILLS) dba Woodland Hills and Cambia Hills, Duluth, MN, for Children Residential Treatment services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-80

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16858A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and City of Duluth Workforce Development (CDWD), Duluth, MN, for Employment Services, updating the combined aggregate of all St. Louis County CY 2020 MFIP DWP contracts, and increasing Provider budget by \$55,154.—21-81

Service Agreement, Contract No. 17041, between St. Louis County and the College of St. Scholastica (CSS), Duluth, MN, for nursing student assistance and supervision for community

vaccination clinics and mobile COVID-19 testing during the period November 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021.—21-82

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17070, between St. Louis County and American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO), Duluth, MN, to provide Indigenous Foods System Change through planning, implementation and evaluation of Minnesota Department of Health's Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Community Healthy Eating Strategies during the period November 1, 2020, to October 31, 2021.—21-83

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17084, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Center, Inc., Virginia, MN, for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-84

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17065, between St. Louis County and Human Development Center, Duluth, MN, for Adult Mental Health Integrated Fund Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-85

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17035, between St. Louis County and Lake Superior Community Health Center, Duluth, MN, for Medical, Behavioral and Mental Health Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-86

Service Agreement Addendum No. 16922A between St. Louis County and WebMed Mental Health Services (WebMed), Duluth, MN, for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services for COVID-19 affected individuals in Isolation and Quarantine (I&Q) temporary housing during the period May 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.—21-87

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17069, between St. Louis County and Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community, Duluth, MN, for Active Living Coordinator responsible for planning, implementation, and evaluation of Minnesota Department of Health's Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Community Active Living Strategies during the period November 1, 2020, to October 31, 2021.—21-88

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17038, between St. Louis County and Safe Haven Shelter for Battered Women, Duluth, MN, for Support and Educational Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-89

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17093, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), Virginia, MN, for Statewide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Employment Services and Diversionary Work Program Services (DWP) during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-90

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17050, between St. Louis County and Churches United in Ministry (CHUM), Duluth, MN, for Ongoing Housing and Housing Related Services during the period November 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.—21-91

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17098, between St. Louis County and Northeast Office of Job Training, Virginia, MN, for Statewide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

Employment Services and Diversionary Work Program Services (DWP) during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-92

Service Contract No. 5653 between the County of St. Louis and G-Men Environmental Services, Inc., Ely, MN, for recyclable materials haulage, processing marketing and facility operations during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2025.—21-93

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2018-012513, Amendment No. 1 2019-013344, between the County of St. Louis and Kangas Excavating, Inc., Ely, MN, for service and equipment to haul and unload Mixed Solid Waste from four (4) County Environmental Services Department Transfer Stations to the Regional Landfill in Virginia, MN, extending the contract to January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-94

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17054, between St. Louis County and Safe Haven Shelter for Battered Women, Duluth, MN, for Ongoing Housing and Housing Related Services during the period November 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.—21-95

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and City of Hermantown for 2021 Maintenance Striping Project (CP 0000-369585).—21-96

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and City of Virginia for 2021 Maintenance Striping Project (CP 0000-360585).—21-97

Agreement between the City of Proctor and the County of St. Louis for 2021 Chip Seal Project (CP 0000-513155).—21-98

Agreement between the Township of Morse and the County of St. Louis for 2021 Crack Seal Project (CP 0000-477571).—21-99

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Duluth related to Construction on Swan Lake Road (CSAH 734) between Airbase Road and Hain Road in Hermantown (CP 0724-369579 & CP 0000-533596).—21-100

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2020-013909, between the County of St. Louis and SRF Consulting Group, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, for Engineering Services for Design Services for the replacement of County Bridge No. 138 (State Bridge No. 93199) on CR 825 (Rasmussen Road), CP 0825-368349, amending the fee to not to exceed \$46,950.—21-101

Agreement between the City of Chisholm and the County of St. Louis for 2021 Scrub Seal Project (CP 0000-578341).—21-102

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16950A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and REM Arrowhead, Inc., for Semi-Independent Living Services, updating the Program Implementation Language.—21-103

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17099, between St. Louis County and SOAR Career Solutions, Duluth, MN, for Statewide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Employment

Services and Diversionary Work Program Services (DWP) during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-104

Agreement between the City of Cook and the County of St. Louis for 2021 Crack Seal (CP 0000-477571).—21-105

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion 2019-013184, between the County of St. Louis and Chisholm – Hibbing Airport Authority (CHAA), Hibbing, MN, authorizing the use of the remainder of the financial assistance allowed in the Original Contract.—21-106

Quit Claim Deed from the County of St. Louis to Gordon A. Granmoe and Kathleen M. Granmoe as Joint Tenants, for the NE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 19, Township 51, Range 20 West (parcel code 360-0010-03190).—21-107

Easement between Brandon E. Stone and Tracy C. Stone (Grantor) and the County of St. Louis (Grantee), over the NW ¼ of SW ¼, except the Sly 530.00 feet thereof, section 14, Township 51 North of Range 13 West of Fourth Principal Meridian (County Project 0692-189123).—21-108

Easement between Mark D. Peterson, Steven E. Mueller, David W. Mueller and Gina A. Mueller, (Grantor) and the County of St. Louis (Grantee), over the SW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 1, Township 52 North, Range 12 West (County Project 0041-368455, State Aid Project 069-641-005).—21-109

Agreement for Services between the County of St. Louis and Bolton & Menk, Inc., Burnsville, MN, for Engineering Services for Left Turn Lane Designs on Midway Road (CSAH 13) (CP 0013-458864/SP 069-070-052) through December 31, 2023.—21-110

State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and Saint Louis County Cooperative Construction Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1044883, in the amount of \$75,526.02 for grading and bituminous surfacing construction and project lighting on Trunk Highway No. 53 (SP 6917-147, SP 069-070-040).—21-111

Minnesota Department of Transportation Joint Powers Contract, MnDOT Contract No. 1044755, for professional and technical services for a reduced conflict intersection at the junction of TH 33 and CSAH 7 (SP 069-070-056, CP 0007-369674).—21-112

Upon motion by Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, resolutions numbered 21-49 through 21-73, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

**BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:**

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of January 12, 2021, are hereby approved.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-49

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Lands and Minerals Department is preparing plans to offer a number of tax forfeited tracts of land for public auction or sale in February 2021; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department has reviewed the list of parcels proposed to be offered for sale at said auction and identified 14 parcels that are presently encumbered with only prescriptive easements over the course of existing county highways located on those parcels; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the County to secure and to record permanent highway easements for these highways prior to any sale or other conveyance of the property into private ownership.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Sub. 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. Gov Lot 1, Section 1, Township 61 North, Range 18 West  
(parcel ID No. 215-0010-00010)
2. Part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 10, Township 54 North, Range 17 West  
(parcel ID No. 305-0020-01740 & 305-0020-01750)
3. SE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 12, Township 55 North, Range 17 West  
(parcel ID No. 320-0020-01900)
4. Gov Lot 2, Section 19, Township 61 North, Range 18 West  
(parcel ID No. 215-0010-03250)
5. Part of NE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 25, Township 60 North, Range 15 West  
(parcel ID No. 330-0010-03935)
6. SW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 24, Township 62 North, Range 20 West  
(parcel ID No. 430-0010-03920)
7. NE ¼ of NW ¼, Section 7, Township 61 North, Range 18 West  
(parcel ID No. 215-0010-01090)
8. NE ¼ of NW ¼, Section 19, Township 61 North, Range 18 West  
(parcel ID No. 215-0010-03230)
9. Part of Gov Lot 1, Section 19, Township 60 North, Range 16 West  
(parcel ID No. 505-0015-02675)
10. S ½ of SE ¼ of SE ¼, Section 13, Township 60 North, Range 14 West  
(parcel ID No. 565-0010-02060)
11. Lots 6 and 7, Plat of Ely  
(parcel ID No. 030-0010-02800)
12. Outlots 4 & 5, Plat of Balliets Addition to Cook  
(parcel ID No. 120-0030-01510)
13. Lot 4a, Plat of Clover Point  
(parcel ID No. 387-0110-00100)
14. Part of W ½ of SW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 20, Township 49 North, Range 15 West  
(parcel ID No. 450-0010-03452)

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-50

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway 101 and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 500, State Bridge 7759) over the East Two River in the city of Mountain Iron (County Project 0101-235499, State Project 069-701-007); 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, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001, and further authorizes the board chair and county auditor to sign easements as may become necessary on behalf of the county.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-51

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0021-300205; SAP 069-621-036; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on January 7, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Redstone Construction, LLC	2183 Hwy. 65 North Mora, MN 55051	\$1,403,788.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0021-300205; SAP 069-621-036

Fund 220, Agency 220609, Object 652700 – \$376,065.75

Fund 449, Agency 449004, Object 652806 – \$1,027,722.25

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-52

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0081-493052 (Low Prime) Tied with 13 Others; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on January 7, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	PO Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$1,494,600.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0081-493052 (Low Prime) Tied with 13 Others

Fund 200, Agency 203603, Object 652805 - \$547,256.85 (GRIP)

Fund 200, Agency 203603, Object 652800 - \$947,343.15 (Local Construction);

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

City of Hibbing, Fund 200, Agency 203603, Object 551504 - \$14,258.00.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-53

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following tied project:

CP 0005-475803 (Low); SAP 069-605-054/CP 0027-475811 (Tied); SAP 069-627-010; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on January 7, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	PO Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$924,500.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0005-475803 (Low); SAP 069-605-054

Fund 449, Agency 449008, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Bond Funds; \$538,257.33

CP 0027-475811 (Tied); SAP 069-627-010

Fund 449, Agency 449009, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Bond Funds; \$386,242.67

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-54

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has approximately fifty-two (52) small parcels of land in fee ownership that are not needed and could be returned to the adjacent and surrounding owners; and

WHEREAS, These parcels have little to no development opportunity and currently provide no property tax benefit to local taxing jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 373.01 currently restricts the County's opportunity to return these parcels to a productive use; and

WHEREAS, The County believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers of St. Louis County to see these properties returned to private ownership; and

WHEREAS, The Property Management Department Team has developed an addition to Minn. Stat. § 373.01 which would allow St. Louis County to implement a program to convey most or all of these small parcels to the adjoining / surrounding owners where said proposed statutory language is included in County Board File No. 61418.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board supports the pursuit of legislation for the addition of a provision to Minn. Stat. § 373.01 which would return small non-conforming County fee parcels to the adjoining owners tax rolls.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That staff be directed to include this legislation as part of the County's 2021 Legislative Priorities.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-55

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 471.38, Subdivision 3a, used to only require school boards to annually delegate authority to a designated business administrator or chief financial officer or the officer's designee(s) to make electronic funds transfers; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 471.38, Subdivision 3a, has now been updated to require all local governing boards to annually delegate authority to a designated business administrator or chief financial officer or the officer's designee(s) to make electronic funds transfers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby delegates authority to the County Auditor and Auditor designees to make Electronic Funds Transfers during 2021.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-56

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 January 26, 2021. No. 21-57

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, in the St. Louis County Public Works large conference room, Virginia, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Bell Resorts, Inc. dba Voyageaire Lodge & Houseboats.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-58

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. 61425, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

**November 2020**

100	General Fund	7,754,263.00
149	Personal Service Fund	1,738.95
155	Depot	67,298.14
167	Attorney's Forfeitures	10,000.00
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	657.00
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,629.00
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	22,959.47
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	265,105.05
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	1,381.24
180	Law Library	30,285.40
183	City/County Communications	98.88
184	Extension Service	51,140.49
192	Permit to Carry	8,662.24
200	Public Works	3,473,628.41
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	942,779.94
220	State/Federal Road Aid	1,880,060.76
230	Public Health & Human Services	7,930,726.71
238	HHS Conference	20,060.16

239	Pandemic Response Fund	8,152,316.91
240	Forfeited Tax	450,247.80
250	St. Louis County HRA	200,220.00
260	CDBG Grant	207,986.40
270	HOME Grant	92,394.36
285	Septic Loans – MPCA	46.00
286	Septic Loans – SSTS/BWSR	46,550.00
288	Septic Loans – Env Trust Fund	280.00
289	ISTS Grant	64,693.84
290	Forest Resources	174,235.48
331	2020B Refunding 2013D&2014A	34,893.46
400	County Facilities	130,893.00
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	47,298.85
405	Public Works Building Const.	50,925.00
407	Public Works – Equipment	98,839.69
600	Environmental Services	633,714.82
640	Plat Books	1,402.07
715	County Garage	115,535.82
720	Property Casualty Liability	8,801.79
730	Workers Compensation	250,936.95
740	Medical Dental Insurance	2,132,156.47
770	Retired Employees Health Insurance	876.60
		<u>\$35,357,786.12</u>

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-59

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated January 15, 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 January 26, 2021. No. 21-60

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 applications for permit authorizing the consumption and display of intoxicating liquor is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61409:

Melrude Whistle Stop, LLC dba Melrude Whistle Stop, LLC, Ellsburg Township, renewal;  
Wilkins Pine Aire Resort, Inc. dba Pine Aire Resort, Kabetogama Township, renewal.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-61

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has established a Section 125 Flexible Spending Program for its employees; and

WHEREAS, On December 21, 2020, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) which provides temporary flexibility for participants under a Section 125 cafeteria plan during 2020 and 2021 plan years; and

WHEREAS, The county's Flex Spending Plan Document currently provides for a 2-1/2 month grace period following the end of the plan year to incur expenses against any unused balance from the previous plan year; and

WHEREAS, The CCA changes are intended to help employers respond to changes in their employees' financial needs as a result of the COVID-19 public health pandemic; and

WHEREAS, A Plan document amendment is required to allow for the temporary modifications.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That an amendment to the St. Louis County Flexible Spending Program to extend the grace period for the 2020 plan year through December 31, 2021, is approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an amendment to the St. Louis County Flexible Spending Program to extend the grace period for the 2021 plan year through December 31, 2022, is approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an amendment to extend the age limit from age 13 to 14 for qualifying children under the dependent care program for 2020, including any unspent 2020 funds that are available during the extended grace period, is approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an amendment to allow participant election changes during the 2021 plan year without regard to any change of status requirements so that participants can prospectively revoke their elections, increase or decrease existing elections, or make new elections regardless of whether they satisfy existing mid-year election change rules is approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements required by the third party plan administrator, SuperiorUSA Corporation, to amend the Plan document as described above.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-62

WHEREAS, St. Louis County continues to engage in labor negotiations with two of eleven remaining bargaining units for labor contracts expiring at the end of 2019; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County currently has a contract with Madden Galanter Hansen, LLC for labor negotiation services, grievance arbitration and interest arbitration proceedings through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Susan Hansen of Madden Galanter Hansen, LLC has valuable knowledge and experience from previous negotiations that will assist the county in resolution of its labor contracts and representation in grievance and interest arbitrations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute an extension of the agreement with Madden Galanter Hansen, LLC to act as the exclusive labor negotiator for St. Louis County, effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022, at the hourly fee of \$185 for labor negotiations and at the hourly fee of \$195 for grievance and interest arbitration proceedings, payable from Fund 100, Agency 107001, Object 629900.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-63

WHEREAS, Ash River is located in Unorganized Townships 68-19 and 69-19 and is represented by the St. Louis County Board; and

WHEREAS, County Board Resolution No.18-463 authorized the Environmental Services Department to prepare and submit a petition to the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings for the creation of the Ash River Sanitary District; and

WHEREAS, An order creating the Ash River Sanitary District was signed by a Chief Administrative Law Judge on June 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Per Minn. Stat. § 442A.14, the County Board's role following the district's creation was to elect a five (5) member District Board of Managers, which occurred on October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The terms of the first board members shall be staggered so as to expire on the first business day in January as follows:

- (1) The terms of two members in the second calendar year after the year in which they were elected (expires January 2021); and
- (2) The terms of two other members in the third calendar year after the year in which they were elected (expires January 2022); and
- (3) The term of the remaining member in the fourth calendar year after the year in which the member was elected (expires January 2023); and

WHEREAS, The County Board is required to fill subsequent sanitary district board vacancies for as long as Ash River is represented by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, On November 2, 2020, the Clerk of the County Board sent a letter and application to the voters residing within the Ash River Sanitary District seeking candidates for the district board's two (2) vacancies and identifying Friday, November 20, 2020, as the application deadline; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners were provided an opportunity to review the applications submitted through Board Memo 20-48, dated December 7, 2020:

- Heather Ebel 10255 Ash River Trail
- Mark Hraban 10253 Ash River Trail
- Timothy Trounce 10458 Ash River Trail.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board elects, from the list of candidates identified above, Heather Ebel and Mark Hraban to the Ash River Sanitary District Board of Managers, with terms expiring the first business day in January 2024.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That upon electing the board members, the Chair of the County Board and the Clerk of the County Board shall certify the election results to the County Auditor.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the County Board shall include written notice of the election results to the board members along with their election certificates.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That in the situation where any current member of the District Board of Managers is unable to complete their appointed term of office, Timothy Trounce be appointed as an alternate member of the Board with a term of service consistent with the vacating Board member.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-64

WHEREAS, The current fourteen year-old version of the St. Louis County Jail Management System for inmate records and tracking is approaching the end of its serviceable life; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Jail would like to upgrade our current server based JMS system to a web-based platform that would integrate software enhancements that would best serve jail facility needs as well as our criminal justice partners and the courts; and

WHEREAS, This enhancement would also build in a powerful new ad hoc forms and reports software (seal reporting) that will also be shared with web-based Shield on the law enforcement side; and

WHEREAS, Guardian RFID will provide Corrections Officers the ability to automatically log inmate well-being checks, cell counts, easily record medication distribution, meal delivery, and log inmate behaviors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the

appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with Equivant CJS Systems, Inc., for the upgrade to the Jail Management System web-based server in the amount of \$122,323.50, payable from Fund 100, Agency 137002, Object 634801.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of seal reporting enhancements with recurring annual support (\$6,664.00/yr.) in the amount of \$60,385.00, payable from Fund 875, Agency 875002, Object 634801.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of Guardian RFID Inmate Management System in the amount of \$59,258.00 and an additional interface cost of \$43,765.00, payable from 100, Agency 137002, Object 634801.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-65

WHEREAS, Inmate contraband is a nation-wide problem that poses the greatest threat to the safety and security of staff as well as inmates; and

WHEREAS, Recent legislative changes now enable county jails to obtain inmate full body scanning equipment; and

WHEREAS, The Tek84 Intercept Whole Body Security Scanning System would help eliminate potential contraband issues at the St. Louis County Jail.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of a Tek84 Intercept Whole Body Security Scanning System in the amount of \$169,950.00, payable from Fund 100, Agency 137002, Object 665900.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-66

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2015, the St. Louis County Board approved Resolution No. 15-125 to allow a contract with MENd Correctional Care, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff and Jail Administration have recently identified the need for additional Administrative Assistant support services and Registered Nurse services; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will be responsible to pay \$36,400.00 annually for these additional Administrative Assistant contracted services; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will be billed \$100,500.00 annually for the additional Registered Nursing contracted services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute an amendment to the current contract with MENd Correctional Care, LLC to provide additional Administrative Assistant support services, payable from Fund 100, Agency 137002, Object 629900, and Registered Nursing services at the County Jail, in the amount of \$100,500.00 annually, payable from the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Grant, Fund 100, Agency 137999, Object 610000, Grant 13702, Year 2020.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-67

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.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-68

WHEREAS, The parcels described in County Board File No. 61421 forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 6, 2020, for nonpayment of real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The goals of classification are to encourage the most economical and efficient use of the property, reduce local and state government expenses, conserve and develop the state's natural resources, and encourage economic development; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has recommended that these parcels be classified as non-conservation after considering many factors including the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, the suitability or desirability for particular uses and the suitability of the forest resources on the land for multiple use and sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS, The forfeited parcels may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that notice of the classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board classifies the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61421 as non-conservation, and a notice of the classification shall be transmitted by the Land and Minerals Department to the clerks of the municipalities or towns in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the classification of the forfeited parcels will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerks of the municipalities or towns in which the parcels are located.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-69

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has proposed an expedited land exchange involving state tax forfeited lands administered by the Land and Minerals Department for St. Louis County lands owned in fee title in accordance with the provisions in Minnesota Statutes § 94.3495; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is proposing to exchange 1400.72 acres of Class 2 lands owned by the State of Minnesota in trust of the taxing districts for 1429.08 acres of Class 3 lands owned in fee title by St. Louis County as described in County Board File No. 61422; and

WHEREAS, The state tax forfeited lands involved are suited for a wetland mitigation project being pursued by the county and includes aggregate resources and land for future maintenance facilities for the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, The county owned fee lands involved are rural forest lands which will consolidate state tax forfeited ownership and are well suited for forest management; and

WHEREAS, In an exchange of Class 2 land for Class 3 land, the value of all the land shall be determined by the county board of the county in which the land lies, but the governmental subdivision of the state must approve the value determined for the Class 3 land; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has valued the parcels involved using the most current county assessment schedules for similar land types from the county assessor, and said valuation indicates that the Class 2 land to be transferred from the state tax forfeited trust to St. Louis County is valued at \$905,255, and the Class 3 land to be transferred from St. Louis County to the state tax forfeited trust is valued at \$1,015,311.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the values determined for both the Class 2 and Class 3 lands and recommends approval of an expedited

exchange of lands described in County Board File No. 61422 by the State Land Exchange Board in accordance with the provisions in Minnesota Statutes § 94.3495, subject to verification of good title of the lands being offered to the State of Minnesota by the St. Louis County Attorney's Office.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to waive the difference in value between the Class 2 and Class 3 lands.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Land and Minerals Department to make minor changes to the exchange including removing certain parcels, if necessary, upon final title review and to modify legal descriptions and land values to correct errors and ensure accuracy for the Class 2 and Class 3 lands involved in the land exchange.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-70

WHEREAS, John Nabergall II, Scott Nabergall, Lee A. Luis, and Lynn Skaggs have requested a 16-foot wide non-exclusive right-of-way 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, 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 John Nabergall II, Scott Nabergall, Lee A. Luis, and Lynn Skaggs 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 in the amount of \$440 land use fee, \$300 administration fee, plus \$46 recording fee, for a total of \$786 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-71

RESOLVED, That the appraisal report for sale of timber, numbered C19210031 as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the Office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61414, is approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendation as listed in said appraisal report.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-72

RESOLVED, That the appraisal report for sale of timber, numbered C19210032 as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the Office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61414, is approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendation as listed in said appraisal report.

Adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-73

**BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:**

***-Proclamation-  
Frontline Workers Appreciation Week  
January 24-30, 2021***

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease that has resulted in a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, numerous people have continued to work tirelessly even when their jobs put them in direct, in-person contact with the public, and thus at increased risk for contracting the virus; and

WHEREAS, by showing up to work in potentially dangerous conditions, they have demonstrated great spirit and resolve in helping to combat the global pandemic and ensuring the health, well-being and safety of the citizens of St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, these roles include healthcare, EMS and first responders, law enforcement and corrections, school teachers and staff; as well as grocery store workers, delivery drivers and many more – all working to assure that we continue to receive vital supplies and services during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County's own staff includes dedicated frontline employees, and all of these workers have not only tirelessly performed their duties but also have often had to adjust schedules and find new and innovative ways to deliver services to protect the health and safety of all; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Public Health is a partner with 10 other county and tribal health departments in the Arrowhead Region, and this group has organized Project Blue Light, encouraging people, businesses and government entities to display blue lights the week of January 24-30 in appreciation of frontline workers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board hereby extends its utmost appreciation, gratitude, and most importantly, our sincere thanks to all of these individuals and professionals courageously working during the pandemic to serve the citizens of St. Louis County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board hereby proclaims the week of January 24-30, 2021 as Frontline Workers Appreciation Week in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Unanimously adopted January 26, 2021. No. 21-74

**BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:**

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

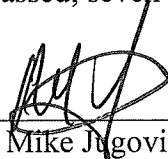
WHEREAS, A closed session would benefit the public because potential financial liability could result in the expenditure of public funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will convene in a closed meeting of the Committee of the Whole on January 26, 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 January 26, 2021. No. 21-75

At 10:33 a.m., January 26, 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.

  
Mike Jugovich, Chair of the Board  
of County Commissioners

Attest:



*Phil Chapman*  
Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor - *Deputy*  
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board  
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)