

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON APRIL 27, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 27th day of April 2021, at 9:32 a.m., at the Morse Town Hall, Ely, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson and Chair Mike Jugovich - 6. Absent: Commissioner Frank Jewell - 1.

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 McDonald welcomed the Board to Morse Township and introduced Bob Berrini, Morse Township Board Chair, Terry Soderberg, Morse Township Supervisor, and Nick Wognum, Morse Township Clerk.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Jim Woods, of Ely, discussed transportation of bodies to the medical examiner and recommended that the Board award the contract through a bid process. Mr. Woods commented that local funeral homes would provide better service to residents. Mike Bandvetz, of Ely, said that he did not agree with the three commissioners who sent a letter using commissioner letterhead and were not in agreeance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Mr. Bandvetz commented that the entire Board represents him, not three commissioners.

At 9:40 a.m., a public hearing was conducted pursuant to Resolution No. 21-218, adopted March 23, 2021, to receive citizen comments on the established priorities and funding requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs included in the 2021 Action Plan. St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director Matthew Johnson said that \$2.7 million of funding was being distributed throughout St. Louis County. Chair Jugovich asked if there were any other governmental entities, supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 9:47 a.m., Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Jewell).

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director to prepare and submit the fiscal year 2021 Action Plan and amendments thereto, and all assurances and understanding contained therein, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for those projects and corresponding funding levels as set forth in the Plan as described in County Board File No. 61459, and to act in connection with its submission and subsequent activity, and to provide such additional information as may be required; that upon HUD approval of the 2021 Action Plan, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners accepts the 2021 HUD entitlement grants and authorizes the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director and a representative

of the County Attorney to execute the grant agreements on behalf of St. Louis County, along with all the necessary forms, attachments, addendums, certifications, and subsequent forms to implement the programs and complete the agreements between St. Louis County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; that grant funds will be allocated as follows: \$ 1,982,710 CDBG Grant 2021 to Fund 260; \$563,569 HOME Grant 2021 to Fund 270; \$168,854 ESG Grant 2021 to Fund 173; and further, that the St. Louis County Board allocates funding from the entitlement grants and program income to 2021 projects and authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director and a representative of the County Attorney to execute agreements for these projects with disbursements related to the CDBG agreements to be made from CDBG Fund 260, HOME agreements from HOME Fund 270, and ESG agreements from ESG Fund 173, according to the specific 2021 projects included in the County Board File No. 61459. Commissioner Nelson noted that he is a Range Transitional Housing Board member; the Board did not feel that there was a conflict of interest. Commissioner Nelson commented that approximately \$70 million of funding has come to St. Louis County due to the efforts of former St. Louis County Commissioner Liz Prebich. Director Johnson recognized the work of St. Louis County Senior Planner Steve Johnson and the Advisory Board. After further discussion, the motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Jewell). Resolution No. 21-272.

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

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to consider a resolution to accept HUD Planning Grant funding for the St. Louis County Continuum of Care and permission to enter into contracts with partners; the item had not been to committee. The motion passed, six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Jewell).

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to authorize 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 \$104,701 to serve the local Continuum of Care and its Governance Board for the period September 1, 2021, through August 30, 2022, to be deposited into Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 540309, Grant 23217, Grant Year 2021; and 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 2021. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Jewell). Resolution No. 21-273.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-174, Sponsorship of Recreational Trails that are Part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System.—61469

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Ross Litman, County Sheriff, submitting Board Letter No. 21-175, Rescind County Board Resolution No. 21-99 and Authorize Contracts with TNT Timber and Reliable Handyman Services, LLC for the U.S. Forest Service Britt and Ely Project Sites.—61470

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-176, Adjoining Owner Sales.—61471

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Jason Meyer, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-178, Application for St. Louis County Class B Land Exchange.—61472

Sales of State Tax Forfeited Properties approved during CY 2021.—61473

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health & Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-193, Acceptance of HUD Planning Grant Funding for the St. Louis County Continuum of Care and Permission to Enter into Contracts with Partners.—61474

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Louis Leustek & Sons, Inc., Ely, MN, for Crush, Screen and Stockpile Aggregate, Class 5 (Modified) and Rock (3/4) (CP 0000-564086 South Crushing 2021).—21-292

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and TNT Construction Group, LLC, Grand Rapids, MN, for Crush, Screen and Stockpile Aggregate, Class 5 (Modified) and Rock (3/4) (CP 0000-564087 North Crushing 2021).—21-293

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Redstone Construction, LLC, Mora, MN, for Bridge No. 69A72 (County Bridge 633) and Approach Grading on CSAH 65 in French Township (CP 0065-300202 [BR 633], SP 069-665-008, BROS 6921 [013]).—21-294

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Asphalt Surface Tech Corp – ASTECH, St. Cloud, MN, for Chip Sealing, Bituminous Seal Coat, Fog Seal, and Pavement Markings (CP 0000-513155, SAP 069-030-052 [Low] [Prime]; CP 0000-569260 [Tied] tied with 29 others.—21-295

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and AAA Striping Service Co., St. Michael, MN, for Pavement Markings (CP 0000-369584 [Pavement Markings 2021], SAP 069-030-043; SAP 038-030-009).—21-296

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and AAA Striping Service Co., St. Michael, MN, for 6" Wet Reflective Edgeline (CP 0000-347713, SP 088-070-067, HSIP 8821[156]).—21-297

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, for Culvert Replacement, Grading, Aggregate Base, and Plant Mixed Bituminous Patches on CSAH 25, CSAH 82 and County Road (CR) 958 in Alango, Great Scott and Field Townships (CP 0025-367949/SAP 069-625-015 [Low]; CP 0082-539535/SAP 069-682-004 [Tied]; CP 0958-559601 [Tied]).—21-298

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, for Culvert Replacement, Full Depth Reclamation, Mill Gravel Surface, Aggregate Base, Base Stabilization (Base One), Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Surfacing, Remove Bituminous Pavement, and Grading (CP 0199-369580 [Low Prime]; CP 0029-512408; CP 0052-512194; CP 029-369581; CP 0817-512391).—21-299

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, for Bituminous Pavement Reclamation, Mill Bituminous Surface, Base Stabilization, Aggregate Base Class 5, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, and Aggregate Surfacing Class 5 (CP 0116-299084, SP 069-716-012, FLAP 6921[134]).—21-300

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, for Cold In-Place Recycled Bituminous, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, and Aggregate Surfacing on CSAH 5 9CP 0005-348220, SP 069-605-049, STPF 6922[003]).—21-301

Crossing Surface Installation Agreement between St. Louis County and BNSF Railway Company to renew the Crossing Surface at RR Crossing DOT #0651253A on CSAH 27 in Lavelle Township (CP 0027-594213).—21-302

Amendment to Agreement for Reimbursement between St. Louis County and AFSCME Council 5 Representing St. Louis County Civil Service Basic Unit Employees.—21-303

Supplemental Labor Agreement between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Merit System Supervisory Bargaining Unit (St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Department Flexible Work Schedule).—21-304

Lease Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the Arrowhead Chorale for space at the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the Depot) during the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.—21-305

Agreement 5685Q between the County of St. Louis, Nancy Nilsen County Auditor/Treasurer, and the City of Brookston for Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Fiscal Services during the period June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2024.—21-306

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17161, between St. Louis County and Fond du Lac Reservation, Cloquet, MN, for Families First, Family-Based Services, Foster Care, Respite, Licensing & Administration services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-307

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, for Culvert Replacement, Full Depth Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Base Stabilization (Base One), Base Stabilization (Asphalt Emulsion), Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, Mill Gravel Surface, Mill Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Surfacing and Aggregate Shouldering, on CSAHs 8, 31, 46 and 80 in Culver, Albourn, Brevator, Industrial, Solway and Stoney Brook Townships (CP 0031-370139/SAP 069-631-010 Low Prime; CP 0008-370138/SAP 069-608-

006; CP 0031-401110/SAP 069-631-011; CP 0046-326598/SAP 069-646-001; CP 0080-401141/SAP 069-680-001; CP 0570-570699).—21-308

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, for Culverts, Bituminous Milling, Bituminous Reclamation, Base Stabilization, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, and Aggregate Shoulders on CSAH 29 in Van Buren, Ness and Meadowlands Townships (CP 0029-299735, SP 069-629-007 Low Prime; CP 0029-368445).—21-309

Agreement for Services between the County of St. Louis and LHB, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Engineering Services for Retaining Wall Construction Administration and Inspection on CSAH 61 (Scenic 61) (CP 0061-465211/SAP 069-661-021).—21-310

Grant Contract Agreement No. A-EMPG-2020-STLOUICO-074 between the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office/Emergency Management Division, for the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant for the period January 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.—21-311

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17092, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Community Employment, LLC, Duluth, MN, for Semi-independent Living Services during the period November 23, 2020, to June 30, 2021.—21-312

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16703B, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance (FHPAP) Services, updating the Administration and Supportive Services amounts.—21-313

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16989, between St. Louis County and Marty Hendrickson, Aurora, MN, for Chore Services during the period July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.—21-314

License Contract No. 17120 between St. Louis County and AAD Shriners, Shriners International, Hermantown, MN, for use of property located at 5152 Miller Trunk Highway, Hermantown, MN, for the administration of COVID-19 vaccine and COVID-19 testing during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, at no fee.—21-315

Minnesota Department of Human Services, Contract No. 53909, between St. Louis County and Bailey Foster Care, Floodwood, MN.—21-316

License Contract No. 17107 between St. Louis County and the City of Hibbing, Hibbing, MN, for use of the Hibbing Memorial Building for the administration of COVID-19 vaccine and COVID-19 testing during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, at no fee.—21-317

Minnesota Department of Human Services, Contract No. 53999, between St. Louis County and Serving Hart, Inc., dba Serving Hart Assisted Living, Chisholm, MN.—21-318

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Agreement No. 90270 between St. Louis County and Families and Communities Together, Virginia, MN, for facilitating the Circle of Security parenting curriculum and Circle of Parents parenting support groups during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-319

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17023, between St. Louis County and Medical Transportation Management, Inc., Lake St. Louis, MO, for Access Transportation Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-320

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Agreement No. 90269, between St. Louis County and Legacy Group, LLC for Motivational Interview Training during the period February 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.—21-321

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17095, between St. Louis County and Community Action Duluth, Duluth, MN, for Statewide Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Employment Services and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-322

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17050A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Churches United in Ministry, for Ongoing Housing and Housing Related Services, updating the payment and reporting language.—21-323

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17122, between St. Louis County and Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-324

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17114, between St. Louis County and Minnesota One-Stop for Communities, St. Paul, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services during the period December 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021.—21-325

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16580F, between St. Louis County and Human Development Center, Duluth, MN, for Child Mental Health-Targeted Case Management (Child MH-TCM) Services during the period January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.—21-326

Addendum to Purchase of Service Contract, Contract No. 16579E, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Mental Health Center, Virginia, MN, for Child Mental Health-Targeted Case Management (Child MH-TCM) Services during the period January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.—21-327

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17021A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and One Roof Community Housing, Duluth, MN, for COVID-19 Pandemic Related Homelessness Prevention Services, extending the contract terms and updating budget allocations, effective August 24, 2020, to March 15, 2021.—21-328

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17020A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Life House, Inc., Duluth, MN, for COVID-19 Pandemic Related Homelessness

Prevention Services, extending the contract terms and updating budget allocations, effective August 24, 2020, to March 15, 2021.—21-329

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17022A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Duluth, MN, for COVID-19 Pandemic Related Homelessness Prevention Services, extending the contract terms and updating budget allocations, effective August 24, 2020, to March 15, 2021.—21-330

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17018B, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, MN, for COVID-19 Pandemic Related Homelessness Prevention Services, extending the contract terms and updating budget allocations, effective August 24, 2020, to March 15, 2021.—21-331

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17153, between St. Louis County and Churches United in Ministry (CHUM), Duluth, MN, for Shelter and Shelter Related Services during the period November 1, 2020, to April 30, 2021.—21-332

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17133, between St. Louis County and Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative, Duluth, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-333

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16730A, between St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Transitional Housing, Virginia, MN, for Housing Support Navigation Services during the period July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2021, distributing additional funds available for the remaining duration of the contract.—21-334

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17117, between St. Louis County and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet, MN, for Specialized Child(ren) in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) Psychological Evaluations during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-335

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17128, between St. Louis County and Family Rise Together, Duluth, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services during the period February 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-336

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17123, between St. Louis County and Jacquelin V. Sebastian, Duluth, MN, for Facilitation of Parallel Protection Process (PPP) Alternative Dispute Resolution Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-337

Lease Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the Lake Superior Railroad Museum, Duluth, MN, for floor space at the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the Depot) in Duluth, MN, during the period March 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023.—21-338

Lease Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the Depot), Duluth, MN, for floor space at the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the Depot) in Duluth, MN, during the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.—21-339

Cooperative Agreement for Civil Commitment Representation for South St. Louis, Carlton, Lake and Cook Counties, individually and collectively, Damion No. 2020-013704.—21-340

Service Contract No. 5660, Damion No. 2020-14144, between the County of St. Louis and Carleton Companies, Inc., Virginia, MN, to load, haul and unload demolition waste with their own equipment from various County demolition waste collection sites to the designated Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) landfill, during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2023.—21-341

Service Contract No. 5659, Damion No. 2020-14299, between the County of St. Louis and Carleton Companies, Inc., Virginia, MN, to process and recycle appliances and ballast containing special waste materials and to process to market all resulting scrap metal during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-342

Amendment No. 1, Damion No. 20-14145, Original Damion No. 2015-010019, between the County of St. Louis and Kangas Excavating, Inc., Ely, MN, for daily operations of the Regional Landfill in Virginia, MN.—21-343

Joint Power Agreement, Damion No. 2021-14352, between the Sanitary Board of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) and Aitkin County, Carlton County, Koochiching County, Lake County, Cook County, Itasca County and St. Louis County, MN, for the Development of a Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for Northeastern Minnesota.—21-344

Service Contract, Damion No. 2021-14510, between the County of St. Louis and Architectural Resources, Inc., Hibbing, MN, to design a shared space clinic in Chisholm, MN.—21-345

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2019-012890, between the County of St. Louis and LHB, Inc., Duluth, MN, for additional retaining wall design on Boundary Avenue (CP 0014-376295).—21-346

Agreement for Professional Services between St. Louis County and Evergreen Land Services, Richfield, MN, for Relocation Services related to project CP 0009-382898/SP 069-609-047 at the Arrowhead Road/Snively Road intersection in Duluth.—21-347

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17152, between St. Louis County and Technical Resource Management, LLC dba Cordant Health Solutions (CORDANT), Denver, CO, for Drug Testing Services during the period March 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-348

License Contract No. 17167 between St. Louis County and the College of St. Scholastica, Inc., (CSS), Duluth, MN, for use of their Burns Wellness Commons Building for administration of COVID-19 vaccine during the period May 17, 2021 to July 31, 2021, at no fee.—21-349

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53984, between St. Louis County and Kiminki Homes, Inc., Proctor, MN.—21-350

Public Health & Human Services Independent Contractor Agreement, Contract No. 17163, between St. Louis County and Roxanne DeLille, Duluth, MN, for *Blood Memory discussion for Becoming Authentic Allies* via WebEx on March 25, 2021.—21-351

Service Contract No. 5685F between the County of St. Louis and Duluth Family Medicine Clinic, Duluth, MN, for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) during the period October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2023.—21-352

Service Contract No. 5688C between the County of St. Louis and Bois Forte Fire Department, Nett Lake, MN, for Fire Protection Services in Unorganized Townships 64-21 and 63-21 during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-353

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17138, between St. Louis County and Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, Duluth, MN, for Civil Legal Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-354

Minnesota Department of Human Services, Contract No. 53916, between St. Louis County and Johnson Foster Home, Duluth, MN.—21-355

Amendment, Contract No. 16954A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Lana Morrow, Eveleth, MN, to provide Relationships First Initiative Circle of Parent Group Facilitation Services during the period February 1, 2021, to May 31, 2021.—21-356

Minnesota Department of Human Services, Contract No. 54009, between St. Louis County and New Journey Residence, Eveleth, MN.—21-357

Minnesota Department of Human Services, Contract No. 53923, between St. Louis County and Peterson Foster Home, Brookston, MN.—21-358

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, resolutions numbered 21-257 through 21-271, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISISONER NELSON:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of April 13, 2021, are hereby approved.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-257

WHEREAS, The evaluation of the structure of the Public Health and Human Services department (PHHS) is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, PHHS leadership has been evaluating the Economic Services & Supports Division to achieve the structure that will support innovation and subject matter expertise in two distinct areas – Public Assistance & Child Support; and

WHEREAS, PHHS identified a vacant position that can be utilized to make this additional Senior Leadership position possible through a reallocation resulting in no net increase in FTEs; and

WHEREAS, This reallocation was approved by Human Resources on March 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, County Fiscal Policies specify that any position change greater than three pay grades must go to the County Board for approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Collections Services Supervisor II position (Merit Supervisory Pay Plan, Grade FAA Step 1) to a 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant III (Merit Supervisory Pay Plan, Grade

FAC Step 1) in the Public Health and Human Services Department, resulting in an increase of \$12,909 to be accounted for in Fund 230, Agency 231014, 231009, 230022, and/or 230011.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-258

RESOLVED, That the appropriate County Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, whereby the County will purchase the services of LHB, Inc. for construction administration and inspection services of:

County Bridge 159, SAP 069-598-068, CP 0186-300190 (Low);

County Bridge 138, CP 0825-368349 (Tied);

County Bridge 147, CP 0860-554930 (Tied).

The total cost of these services is \$294,504.00 payable from:

County Bridge 159 (SAP 069-598-068, CP 0186-300190 (Low)): St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Funds: Fund 204, Agency 204122, Object 626600 \$97,515.00;

County Bridge 138 (CP 0825-368349 (Tied)): St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Funds: Fund 204, Agency 204191, Object 626600 \$101,155.00;

County Bridge 147 (CP 0860-554930 (Tied)): St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Funds: Fund 204, Agency 204183, Object 626600 \$95,834.00.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-259

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

CP 0186-300190, SAP 069-598-068 (Br 159) (Low); CP 0825-368349 (Br 138) (Tied);

CP 0860-554930 (Br 147) (Tied); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 8, 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	PO Box 218 Mora, MN 55051	\$2,882,485.29

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 0186-300190, SAP 069-598-068 (Br 159) (Low)

Fund 220, Agency 220622, Object 652700 – State Bridge Bond Funds - \$679,676.34,

Fund 204, Agency 204122, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Funds - \$205,552.05;

CP 0825-368349 (Br 138) (Tied)

Fund 204, Agency 204191, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Funds - \$1,026,943.50;

CP 0860-554930 (Br 147) (Tied)

Fund 204, Agency 204183, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Funds - \$970,313.40.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-260

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board approves the following Premise Permit Application, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61435 for the following organization:

Chisholm Lions, Chisholm, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

The Highway 5, Unorganized Township 59-21, 6304 Highway 5, Hibbing, MN, new.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-261

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Premise Permit Application, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61435 for the following organization:

Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association, Hermantown, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Pike Lake Golf & Beach Club, Canosia Township, 4985 East Pike Lake Road, Duluth, MN, new.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-262

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for a Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61449:

Babbitt Lions Club, Embarrass Township, Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License, for the dates of August 27 - 29, 2021, renewal.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-263

WHEREAS, The Property Management Team had identified the following described property as surplus county fee owned land:

The Easterly 500 feet of the Northerly 875 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (Ely 500' of Nly 875' of NE ¼ - NW ¼), Section 11, Township 56 North, Range 18 West, containing 10.04 acres; and

WHEREAS, Said property is subject to a reversion upon termination of the County's use of the property to the adjoining owner as stated in the original deed to St. Louis County in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Doug Ellis and Janet Marie Walters have requested the ownership of this parcel to be reverted to them as directed by document 173686 and subsequent document 735828.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a quit claim deed conveying the above listed property to Doug Ellis and Janet Marie Walters.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-264

WHEREAS, Lake Country Power has requested an easement for the construction and maintenance of overhead electric utility purposes across county owned fee lands; and

WHEREAS, Granting this easement has been reviewed by the Property Management Department and Public Works Department and does not appear to negatively affect county lands; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 373.01, Subd. 1(4), authorizes St. Louis County to sell, lease and

convey real estate owned by the county.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute an easement for utility construction and maintenance, as described in County Board File No. 61411.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of the easement is conditioned upon payment of \$500.00 land use fee, to be deposited in Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-265

WHEREAS, St. Louis County serves as the sponsor of various recreational trails that are part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System; and

WHEREAS, The construction and maintenance of these trails is funded through Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Grants issued with the approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Applications have been prepared for approval of St. Louis County as sponsor of the following existing trails:

Ashawa Cross Country Ski Trail (Ashawa Trail Club)

Aurora to Biwabik ATV Trail (Ranger Snowmobile/ATV Club)

Cook Area Trails (Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club)

East Range Trails (Ranger Snowmobile/ATV Club)

Hawks Trail (Trail Hawks Snowmobile Club)

Hermantown Trail (Over the Hill Night Riders Snowmobile Club)

Iron Ore Trail/Vermilion Access Trail (Vermilion Penguins Snowmobile Club)

Lake Williams Trail (CC Riders Snowmobile Club)

Laurentian Trail (Range Trail Committee, Inc.)

PathBlazers Trails (PathBlazers Snowmobile Club)

Pequaywan Area Trails (Pequaywan Area Trailblazers); and

WHEREAS, These trails are located in St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The DNR has notified the County that it is now required to update its sponsorship resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County agrees to sponsor said trails for a period of five (5) years at no cost to the County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Chairperson of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and/or County Auditor be authorized to sign grant applications, agreements, and reimbursement claims to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for construction, maintenance, and administration of said trails.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Chairperson of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and/or County Auditor are authorized to sign all easements, licenses, or other instruments associated with the trail, subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this Resolution is contingent upon each club subscribing to the general liability policy covering St. Louis County sponsored State Grant-in-Aid Trails, and each club naming as additional insureds on said general liability policy, the landowners over whose lands the trails travel, and St. Louis County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all previously adopted sponsorship resolutions concerning recreational trails that are a part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System are herewith rescinded.

WHEREAS, On July 7, 2020, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 20-335 authorizing acceptance of the Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has worked with the U.S. Forest Service to identify projects that will promote the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant objective, including the Britt and Ely project sites; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Purchasing Division issued RFQ 5678 on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, for fuel reduction projects in the Britt and Ely area to reduce wildfire risk in urban/rural interface areas; and

WHEREAS, TNT Timber, of Duluth, MN, was awarded the projects in the amount of \$118,507.50; and

WHEREAS, Reliable Handyman Services, LLC, of Ely, MN, was awarded the projects in the amount of \$34,922.50.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes contracts with TNT Timber, Duluth, MN (\$118,507.50) and Reliable Handyman Services LLC, Ely, MN (\$34,922.50) for the U.S. Forest Service Britt and Ely project sites, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 132999, Grant 13210, Year 2020.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 21-99 is rescinded.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-267

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, These parcels cannot be improved because they are less than the minimum size, shape, frontage and/or access required by the applicable zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The County Auditor has determined that a non-public sale to adjacent property owners will promote the return of the lands to the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to 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, Minn. Stat. § 282.016(c) authorizes the county auditor to identify any person or entity, or entity controlled by such person, as a prohibited purchaser or bidder if said person or entity is delinquent on real or personal property taxes in St. Louis County. The prohibited purchaser or bidder condition applies to all sales of tax forfeited parcels that are offered at a public auction, adjoining property owner sales, and properties that are on past and future available land lists; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 4(c), authorizes the county board to provide for the listing and sale of individual parcels by other means, including through a real estate broker, notwithstanding the public sale provisions in Minn. Stat. § 282.01 Subd. 7. This subdivision shall be liberally construed to encourage the sale and utilization of tax forfeited land in order to eliminate nuisances and dangerous conditions and to increase compliance with land use ordinances; 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, including developing the necessary policies and procedures to implement the sale of individual

tax forfeited parcels by alternative methods as permitted by Minn. Stat. § 282.01 Subd. 4(c).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of the parcels described in County Board File No. 61471, and the county auditor is authorized to offer the parcels at private sale to the adjacent property owners, with prohibited purchaser and bidder conditions, to encourage return of the parcel to the tax rolls. Funds from the sales are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Land Commissioner shall give at least 30 days' notice of the sales to all adjoining property owners.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-268

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the heirs of the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Lance C. Fondie of Lakeshore, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF WHITE

Lots 4 through 8, Block 14 INCLUDING part of vacated alley adjacent, AND Lots 1 through 4, Block 15 INCLUDING part of vacated alley adjacent AND Lots 28 through 30, Block 15 INCLUDING part of vacated alley adjacent AND Lots 20 through 27, Block 15, INCLUDING part of vacated alley adjacent. AND Lots 6 through 13, Block 18, COTTON TOWN OF WHITE

Parcel codes: 570-0040-02540, 570-0040-02810, 570-0040-03000 and 570-0040-03250; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the heir of the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Lance C. Fondie of Lakeshore, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$20,718.13, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$68.37, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$20,857.50, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), plus a service fee of \$500 to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-269

WHEREAS, In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 94.344, Subd. 8, a proposal for land exchange has been submitted to the Land and Minerals Department for certain lands owned by The Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, The 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 suitable for timber management, thereby providing long term 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 proposed exchange of state tax forfeited (Class B) lands for lands of equal value owned by The Conservation Fund.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with an appraisal of all lands involved in the proposed land exchange in coordination with The Conservation Fund.

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-270

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 as described in County Board File No. 61473 have been classified as non-conservation as provided for in Minn. Stat. Chapter 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. § Chapter 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. 4(c), authorizes the County Board to provide for the listing and sale of individual parcels by other means, including through a real estate broker, notwithstanding the public sale provisions in Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 7; and

WHEREAS, This subdivision, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 4(c), shall be liberally construed to encourage the sale and utilization of tax forfeited land in order to eliminate nuisances and dangerous conditions and to increase compliance with land use ordinances; 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; and

WHEREAS, 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 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, including developing the necessary policies and procedures to implement the sale of individual tax forfeited parcels by alternative methods as permitted by Minn. Stat. § 282.01 Subd. 4(c).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to offer the state tax forfeited lands described in County Board File No. 61473 for sale at a public, online auction with prohibited purchaser and bidder conditions, starting at the fair market value in accordance with terms set forth in the Land and Minerals Department policy, and in a manner provided for by law. Funds from the auction are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited

Tax Fund).

Adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-271

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, establishes the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for the purpose of developing viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding community opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, establishes the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for purposes of expanding the supply of affordable housing units for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, Subtitle B of Title IV of McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended and reauthorized under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, establishes homeless assistance programs including the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program for purposes of providing homeless prevention and rapid re-housing assistance to homeless families; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to make grants to cities and counties to finance local CDBG, HOME and ESG programs, submitted and approved in accordance with the Consolidated Plan regulations; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to carry out the HUD entitlement programs, including CDBG, HOME, and ESG and the projects identified in the fiscal year 2021 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board conducted a public hearing on the fiscal year 2021 Action Plan on April 27, 2021, to receive public comment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director to prepare and submit the fiscal year 2021 Action Plan and amendments thereto, and all assurances and understanding contained therein, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for those projects and corresponding funding levels as set forth in the Plan as described in County Board File No. 61459, and to act in connection with its submission and subsequent activity, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That upon HUD approval of the 2021 Action Plan, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners accepts the 2021 HUD entitlement grants and authorizes the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director and a representative of the County Attorney to execute the grant agreements on behalf of St. Louis County, along with all the necessary forms, attachments, addendums, certifications, and subsequent forms to implement the programs and complete the agreements between St. Louis County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That grant funds will be allocated as follows:

\$ 1,982,710	CDBG Grant 2021 to Fund 260
\$ 563,569	HOME Grant 2021 to Fund 270
\$ 168,854	ESG Grant 2021 to Fund 173

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board allocates funding from the entitlement grants and program income to 2021 projects and authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director and a representative of the County Attorney to execute agreements for these projects with disbursements related to the CDBG agreements to be made from CDBG Fund 260,

HOME agreements from HOME Fund 270, and ESG agreements from ESG Fund 173 according to the specific 2021 projects included in the County Board File No. 61459.

Unanimously adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-272

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

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 funding cycle, 27 projects in St. Louis County received a total of \$3,166,517; and

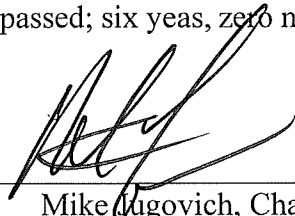
WHEREAS, In addition to the project awards, there are St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Planning Grant funds in the amount of \$104,701 to conduct countywide planning and systems improvement, and the county will serve as fiscal agent for these pass-through dollars.

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 \$104,701 to serve the local Continuum of Care and its Governance Board for the period September 1, 2021, through August 30, 2022, to be deposited into Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 540309, Grant 23217, Grant Year 2021.


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 2021.

Unanimously adopted April 27, 2021. No. 21-273

At 9:53 a.m., April 27, 2021, Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Jewell).


Mike Jugovich, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:


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

(Seal of the County Auditor)