

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2023**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, at 9:33 a.m., at the Beatty Town Hall, Cook, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Patrick Boyle - 6. Absent: Commissioner Keith Musolf - 1.

Chair Boyle asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Jugovich introduced Beatty Township Supervisor Earl Grano. Mr. Grano commented that Beatty Township is one of the largest townships in the state; the township has 15 roads and is 78 square miles. The population of the township triples in the summer when seasonal residents and tourists visit. Mr. Grano said the township is actively involved in the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT), and the entire Township Board typically attends MAT training sessions.

Chair Boyle opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda; no one requested the opportunity to speak.

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

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

Margaret Schley, Bass Lake Road, Gilbert, MN, thanking Public Works crews for their quick response to the September 6<sup>th</sup> storm damage in the area. (Copies given to Administration, Commissioners and Public Works Director.)—62030

James Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-397, Application to Enroll as a Partner to the Monarch Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA).—62031

Donna Viskoe, Purchasing Director, submitting Request for Board Action No. 23-402, Adopt St. Louis County Purchasing Rules & Regulations and Rescind Board Resolution No. 19-106 and Any Prior Ancillary Amendments.—62032

Upon motion by Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Grimm, resolutions numbered 23-512 through 23-518, 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 October 3, 2023, are hereby approved.

Adopted October 10, 2023. No. 23-512

WHEREAS, The Monarch Butterfly is a candidate species for listing as a threatened or endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), with a listing decision expected in 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Monarch Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) was developed by more than 40 organizations from the energy and transportation sectors to help avoid costly delays and last-minute disruptions to construction and maintenance activities if the Monarch is listed; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2021, the County Board gave verbal indication that Public Works staff should proceed with the application process to become an enrolled partner in the Nationwide Candidate Conservation Agreement for Monarch Butterfly on Energy and Transportation Lands; and

WHEREAS, Public Works staff has been monitoring related requirements and timing of the listing decision and has determined it is an appropriate time to apply for enrollment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to apply to enroll St. Louis County as a partner in the Monarch Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the costs associated with this enrollment are estimated to be \$28,000 initially, with an estimated annual cost of \$10,000, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001, Object 624500.

Adopted October 10, 2023. No. 23-513

WHEREAS, Quotes have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0024-734771R (Quote); and

WHEREAS, Quotes were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on September 21, 2023, and the low responsible quote was determined.

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

<u>QUOTE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Redstone Construction, LLC	PO Box 218 Mora, MN 55051	\$149,833.00

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 0024-734771R (Quote)

Fund 228, Agency 228012, Object 652700 – FEMA & HSEM Funds

Fund 200, Agency 203675, Object 652800 – Local Funds

Adopted October 10, 2023. No. 23-514

WHEREAS, As part of the Purchasing Rules and Regulations Review Committee, it was decided in addition to the changes brought forth in that meeting, it would be wise and beneficial to collect, and review, requested changes from all county offices; and

WHEREAS, The committee collected and reviewed requested changes from all county offices served by these Rules, and

WHEREAS, The adoption of these Rules will assist all county offices in the necessary steps for completion of procurement in its variety of methods.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board adopts the new St. Louis County Purchasing Rules & Regulations and rescinds County Board Resolution No. 19-106 and any prior ancillary Amendments relevant, as requested by the St. Louis County Purchasing Rules and Regulations Committee.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the new Rules will be effective upon adoption of this

resolution.

Adopted October 10, 2023. No. 23-515

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded funding of \$750,000 through the 2023 Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, The Reentry Grant is designed to coordinate and provide comprehensive treatment, recovery, and other supportive reentry services to people experiencing mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders who are currently involved in the criminal justice system or were formerly involved.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acceptance of the 2023 Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program Grant of \$750,000 over a three-year grant period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, to support a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, an Information Specialist III (or similar position), and a Community Coordinator to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 137999, Grant 13705, Year 2023.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board authorizes an agreement with St. Luke's for a 0.60 to 1.0 FTE Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) to perform diagnostic assessments in the St. Louis County Jail.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board authorizes the addition of 1.0 FTE Information Specialist III (or similar position) in the St. Louis County Jail to serve as an internal conductor for the re-entry team.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the positions listed above shall be eliminated upon completion of the three-year term of the Reentry Grant if no other funding source is identified.

Adopted October 10, 2023. No. 23-516

WHEREAS, Matthew Nordby has requested a non-exclusive, perpetual, 33-foot-wide right-of-way and utility 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 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, perpetual, 33-foot-wide right-of-way and utility easement to Matthew Nordby across state tax-forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 61882.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon receipt of payment in the amount of a \$158.50 land use fee, a \$150 administration fee, and a \$46 recording fee, for a sum total of \$354.50, all to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted October 10, 2023. No. 23-517

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

WHEREAS, The applicants, Linda S. Mattson and Gregory S. Mattson, of Duluth, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 13, Block 24, CLINTON PLACE ADDITION TO DULUTH

Parcel ID No: 010-0580-04190

LDKey: 123099; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owners of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which were Linda S. Mattson and Gregory S. Mattson; and

WHEREAS, The applicants have made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the 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 Linda S. Mattson and Gregory S. Mattson of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61911, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$1,727.63, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$1,800.28, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Adopted October 10, 2023. No. 23-518

At 9:39 a.m., October 10, 2023, Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Musolf).



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the Board  
of County Commissioners

Attest:



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

(Seal of the County Auditor)