

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

June 1, 2021

Government Services Center, Lake Superior Room, 320 W. 2nd Street, Duluth, Minnesota

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or noncontroversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Minutes for May 25, 2021.

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner McDonald, Chair

1. Authorize an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT Agreement No. 1046104) to accept Local Bridge Replacement Program grant funds and reimbursements in connection to the reconstruction of County Bridge 159 (State Bridge 69A76) located on County Road (CR) 186 (Savannah Road) over the Savannah River in Halden Township (**SAP 069-598-068, CP 0186-300190**). [21-224]
2. Authorize acquisition of right-of-way and temporary easements necessary for the reconstruction of a short segment of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 65 and replacement of County Bridge 631 (State Bridge 92104) located over the Sturgeon River in Unorganized Township 60-20 (**CP 0065-494348, SP 069-665-009**). [21-225]
3. Authorize acquisition of right-of-way and temporary easements necessary for the reconstruction of a short segment of CSAH 51 (Prairie Lake Road) and replacement of County Bridge 136 (State Bridge 7717) located over the Prairie River in Fine Lakes Township (**CP 0051-368343, SP 069-651-003**). [21-226]
4. Bid awarded to **KGM Contractors, Inc.**, Angora, MN, in the amount of **\$293,799** for culvert replacement projects located on CR 734 (Shipley Road) in New Independence Township and CR 868 (McArthur Road) in Industrial Township (**CP 0734-432192 Low Prime**). [21-241]
5. Authorize purchase of ten (10) 2021 Mack Granite tandem trucks from Twin Cities Mack and Volvo Trucks of Roseville, MN, for a total cost of \$1,354,572. [21-242]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

6. Application for a Premise Permit for the Virginia Elks, Virginia, MN, to operate lawful gambling out of the Britt Lounge Bar and Grill, LLC, Unorganized Township 60-18, new. [21-227]

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7. Abatement list for Board approval. *[21-228]*
8. Dedicate to the public, permanent highway easements and rights-of-way over certain county fee owned properties prior to sale of said adjacent properties. *[21-229]*
9. Approve a one-time grant contribution in the amount of \$60,000 to the Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community to support the Duluth Superior Film Festival in Duluth on August 19-22, 2021, and the Northland Film Schools in Chisholm and Duluth. *[21-243]*
10. Sale of non-conforming county fee land described as 1 acre within the SE ¼ of SE ¼, Section 26, Township 50 North, Range 18 West (Stoney Brook Township) to adjoining property owners Harvey A. Jarvis, Jr., and Bruce D. Jarvis, for an amount of \$1,080 plus deed tax and recording fees. *[21-244]*
11. Application for a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License by Lake 14 & Lake Leander Club, Unorganized Township 60-19, for July 3, 2021 (rain date July 4, 2021), new.
12. Application for an On-Sale Wine with Authorization to Sell Strong Beer at On-Sale License by Glenwood Lodge, Inc., dba Glenwood Lodge, Unorganized Township 63-15, new.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

13. Approve the creation of a new Internal Audit Analyst class and a new Internal Audit Analyst Senior class, and the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II position to the new job classification series in the Auditor's Office. *[21-245]*
14. Approve the reappointment of the following citizens as representatives to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Committee for terms ending April 30, 2024: John Klarich – Small Cities; Terry Samsa – Chisholm; Margaret Taylor – At Large; and Robert Wilmunen – Ely; and further, authorize the County Auditor to advertise and accept applications through July 31, 2021, for one (1) vacant At-Large position with a term to expire April 30, 2024. *[21-246]*

Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Grimm, Chair

15. Authorize additional grant funds in the amount of \$30,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$105,000, for the extended contract with Dovetail Partners, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, to manage Firewise projects on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. *[21-230]*

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Musolf, Chair

16. Evergreen contract authorized with Waste Wood Recyclers, LLC, Duluth, MN, in the estimated annual amount of \$40,000 for brush grinding, hauling and disposal. *[21-231]*

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17. Authorize a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota for a project to collect Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)-derived Plot Based Inventory (PBI) forest data on St. Louis County administered lands and approve a budget transfer of \$50,000 from the Memorial Forest Fund. *[21-232]*
18. Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (non-homestead) by 116 Duluth, LLC, Falcon Heights, MN (parcel code 010-1140-01680). *[21-233]*
19. Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (homestead) by Robert Lewis Bagley, Duluth, MN (parcel code 415-0010-01446). *[21-234]*
20. Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (non-homestead) by Shawn Francis Mortensen, Brookston, MN (parcel code 110-0010-01810). *[21-235]*
21. Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (non-homestead) by Leslie Ann Homer, Boise, ID (parcel codes 465-0113-00020, 465-0113-00070). *[21-236]*
22. Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (non-homestead) by Loren Rey Kamunen, Meadowlands, MN (parcel code 550-0020-01650). *[21-237]*
23. Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (homestead) by David Scott McArthur, Mountain Home, ID, and Michael Patrick McArthur, Duluth, MN (parcel code 520-0240-00210). *[21-238]*
24. Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (homestead) by Joseph Richard Moreland, Ely, MN (parcel code 030-0010-03380). *[21-239]*
25. Special sale of state tax forfeited land described as the NE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 4, Township 48, Range 15, to the City of Duluth for the price of \$34,100 plus fees, for a total of \$35,306.53, to be used for economic development (parcel code 010-2730-00460). *[21-240]*

Official Proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of May 25, 2021, are hereby approved.

**Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to Accept LBRP
Grant Funds and Authorize Reimbursements for County Bridge 159
Reconstruction Project**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department has programmed County Bridge 159 (State Bridge 69A76) to be replaced in year 2021 due to bridge components being in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has applied to the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for the construction of project SAP 069-598-068 (CP 0186-300190) associated with County Bridge 159 (State Bridge 69A76); and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available and the project has been selected to receive LBRP funding support through the State Transportation Fund (Bridge Bonds); and

WHEREAS, The amount of the grant has been determined to be \$679,676.34 by reason of the lowest responsible bid and shall be deposited into Fund 220, Agency 220622, Object 530401; and

WHEREAS, The bridge replacement project low bid came in at \$885,228.39 and will be funded by a combination of LBRP Funds (Acct #347- \$679,676.34) and local funds (TST- \$205,552.05).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the proper county officials are authorized to execute a grant agreement (MnDOT Agreement No. 1046104), and any amendments thereto, with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minn. Stat. § 174.50 and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required.

LBRP Funds (Acct #347)	\$679,676.34
<u>County Local Funds</u>	<u>\$205,552.05</u>
TOTAL	\$885,228.39

**Acquisition of Right-of-Way: Replacement of County Bridge 631 over the
Sturgeon River (Unorganized Township 60-20)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway 65 and to replace the existing crossing structure (County Bridge 631, State Bridge 92104) over the Sturgeon River in Unorganized Township 60 North, Range 20 West (County Project 0065-494348, State Project 069-665-009); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing crossing structure at its existing location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute, on behalf of the county, any easement documents as may become necessary. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

**Acquisition of Right-of-Way: Replacement of County Bridge 136 over the
Prairie River (Fine Lakes Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway 51 (Prairie Lake Road) and to replace the existing crossing structure (County Bridge 136, State Bridge 7717) over the Prairie River in Fine Lakes Township (Township 50 North, Range 20 West) (County Project 0051-368343, State Project 069-651-003); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing crossing structure at its existing location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute, on behalf of the county, any easement documents as may become necessary. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

**Award of Bid: Culvert Replacements Project –
County Road 734 and County Road 868 (Industrial Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

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

CP 0734-432192 (Low Prime); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on May 13, 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>
KGM Contractors, Inc.	9211 HWY 53 Angora, MN 55703	\$293,799.00

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 0734-432192 (Low Prime):

Fund 200, Agency 203620, Object 652800 – St. Louis County Local Levy Construction Funds - \$293,799.00.

State Contract Purchase of Tandem Axle Diesel Trucks

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department's equipment budget includes replacement of tandem trucks for snow and ice control, and gravel hauling; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested State of Minnesota contract pricing for the Mack Granite, due to its quality, department experience, savings in inventory, and mechanic familiarity; and

WHEREAS, Due to a lag time between when the trucks are ordered and when they are delivered of about 10 months, the Public Works Department will order and encumber the trucks in 2021 and will ultimately pay using 2022 funds; and

WHEREAS, Twin Cities Mack & Volvo of Roseville, MN, responded with the state contract price for ten (10) Mack Granite tandem trucks of \$1,271,710, plus 6.5% state sales tax of \$ 82,662.00, plus vehicle excise tax of \$200.00, for a total cost of \$1,354,572.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of ten (10) 2021 Mack Granite tandem trucks from Twin Cities Mack and Volvo Trucks of Roseville, MN, for a total cost of \$1,354,572.00, originally encumbered in 2021 in Fund 407, Agency 999999, Object 112100, and payable in 2022 from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666300.

**Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling
(Unorganized Township 60-18)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

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:

Virginia Elks, Virginia, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Britt Lounge Bar and Grill, LLC, Unorganized Township 60-18, 7301 Britt Bypass, Britt, MN, new.

Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 61426.

Dedication of Permanent Highway Easements over County Fee Owned Property

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County owns property which is being considered for sale;
and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the County Board to reserve additional highway rights-of-way necessary to construct and maintain said segments of road when the County owned parcels are sold or transferred.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 163.11, the St. Louis County Board hereby dedicates to the public the permanent highway easements attached and described in County Board File No. _____.

**Support Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community for the
2021 Duluth Superior Film Festival and Northland Film Schools**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Zeitgeist was originally formed in 2005 as the Zeppa Foundation and today operates as the Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community as a non-profit 501c3 organization; and

WHEREAS, Zeitgeist promotes creativity, inclusivity and sustainability, and operates the Zeitgeist Arts Cafe, Zinema 2.0 movie theater, the Renegade Theater Company, the Teatro Zuccone performance theater, and a number of community development initiatives across Duluth; and

WHEREAS, Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community is requesting the County to consider funding assistance to Zeitgeist to support the Duluth Superior Film Festival and Northland Film Schools; and

WHEREAS, The Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community feels that it can provide economic benefit, training and educational opportunities to assist the growth of the film industry in St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The County has previously identified economic development as a strategic priority; and

WHEREAS, Under Minn. Stat. § 375.83, the County may appropriate money to be paid to an organization that will use the money to promote, advertise, improve, or develop the economic resources of the county; and

WHEREAS, Funding is available through Economic Development funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves a one-time grant contribution in the amount of \$60,000 to the Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community to support the Duluth Superior Film Festival and Northland Film Schools.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if necessary, appropriate county officials are authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions and execute appropriate grant/funding agreement(s) with the Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community, payable from Fund 178, Object 311008 or its designated fund.

**Sale of Non-Conforming County Fee Land to Adjoining Property Owner
(Stoney Brook Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, A request to purchase county fee land, described in County Board File No. _____, was submitted by Harvey A. Jarvis, Jr., and Bruce D. Jarvis; and

WHEREAS, Harvey A. Jarvis, Jr., and Bruce D. Jarvis have agreed to pay \$1,080 for the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, Subdivision 5(i), the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed conveying the above listed property to Harvey A. Jarvis, Jr., and Bruce D. Jarvis, for the amount of \$1,080, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202. The grantee(s) are also responsible for deed tax and recording fees.

**Application for Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor
(Unorganized Township 60-19)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

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 Intoxicating Liquor License is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61408:

Lake 14 & Lake Leander Club, Unorganized Township 60-19, Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, for the date of July 3, 2021 (rain date July 4, 2021), new.

**Application for On-Sale Wine with Authorization to Sell Strong Beer at On-Sale
(Unorganized Township 63-15)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

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 On-Sale Wine with Authorization to Sell Strong Beer at On-Sale is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61449.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due and proof of liquor liability insurance.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fee to the license holder.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license shall be effective through June 30, 2022:

Glenwood Lodge, Inc. dba Glenwood Lodge, Unorganized Township 63-15,
new.

**New Internal Audit Analyst/Internal Audit Analyst Senior Job Classes and
Reallocation of 1.0 FTE Position**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Auditor's office is requesting the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE to assist with the county-wide workload increase of the Internal Audit function; and

WHEREAS, Human Resources has created new Internal Audit Analyst and Internal Audit Analyst Senior job classes for the Auditor's Office and the Civil Service Commission approved the new class specifications on April 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Human Resources Department determined that Internal Audit Analyst should be allocated to Grade B21 of the Civil Service Basic Unit pay plan and Internal Audit Analyst Senior should be allocated to Grade B23 of the Civil Service Basic Unit pay plan; the bargaining unit has agreed to the pay grade assignments; and

WHEREAS, Reallocation of an Information Specialist II (position 0421-011) to the new Internal Audit Analyst will result in an additional estimated cost of \$15,180 for that position; however, no additional funding is being requested as the Office will utilize existing funds associated with position 0421-011 and funds available from the remaining portion of position 0415-002, which was reassigned in part by Board Resolution No. 19-720.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the Internal Audit Analyst job classification allocated to Grade B21: \$50,832 - \$70,644 (annual steps and longevities through twenty-four years of service - 2021 salary rates), and the Internal Audit Analyst Senior job classification allocated to Grade B23: \$54,636 - \$76,212 (annual steps and longevities through twenty-four years of service -2021 salary rates), both in the Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves reallocation of a vacant 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II (position 0421-011) to the Internal Audit Analyst job classification series, payable from Fund 100, Agency 115011 in the Auditor's Office.

**Reappointments and Advertisement of Positions to the
CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee**

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners appoints citizens to serve on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Four (4) citizen members are eligible to serve another term on the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee and have requested reappointment; and

WHEREAS, There is one (1) vacancy on this committee to be filled through an advertised application process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board reappoints John Klarich – Small Cities; Terry Samsa – Chisholm; Margaret Taylor – At Large; and Robert Wilmunen – Ely, as representatives to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee for terms ending April 30, 2024.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor advertise and accept applications through July 31, 2021, for one (1) vacant position on the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee as an At Large representative with a term to expire April 30, 2024.

Reauthorize Funding for Dovetail Partners, Inc., Contract

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office currently has a Service Agreement Contract with Dovetail Partners, Inc., previously approved by the Board under Resolution No. 20-434; and

WHEREAS, Dovetail Partners, Inc., has not been able to complete the scope of services previously agreed upon due to staffing shortages; and

WHEREAS, Dovetail Partners, Inc., currently has the capacity to complete the previously agreed upon work with the Title III grant funding but is unable to do so because of their current \$75,000 annual professional contract; and

WHEREAS, There were \$30,000 in previously encumbered funds that can be used to complete this work; and

WHEREAS, Dovetail Partners, Inc., has the time, expertise and desire to manage the Firewise projects on behalf of the Sheriff's Office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes additional grant funds for the extended contract with Dovetail Partners, Inc., of Minneapolis, MN, expiring September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$30,000.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$105,000 to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 135999, Object 629900, Grant 13503, across multiple grant years.

**Agreement with Waste Wood Recyclers, LLC for
Brush Grinding, Hauling and Disposal**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Environmental Services accepts residential and commercial brush, branch and tree waste at eight (8) locations throughout the County's Solid Waste Management Area; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Services has contracted with Waste Wood Recyclers, LLC, located at 5077 Jean Duluth Road, Duluth, MN, to grind, haul and dispose of the waste as a biomass fuel; and

WHEREAS, Waste Wood Recyclers, LLC has demonstrated efficient and effective services and has delivered the services under budget for the duration of their contract term; and

WHEREAS, The current brush grinding services contract has expired as of March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Per Minn. Stat. § 383C.807, Subd. 1, St. Louis County may contract for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or management operation of solid waste facilities or property or property rights for solid waste facilities by any means available and in any manner determined by the St. Louis County Board, with or without advertisement for bids; and

WHEREAS, Purchasing brush grinding services by use of an evergreen agreement from Waste Wood Recyclers, LLC will continue to provide standardization, reliability, efficiencies, and cost savings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an evergreen contract with Waste Wood Recyclers, LLC, 5077 Jean Duluth Road, Duluth, MN, to purchase brush grinding services for Environmental Services pursuant to Board Resolution No. 19-549 adopted September 10, 2019, and in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 383C.807, Subd. 1, for an estimated annual value of \$40,000.00 from funding source Fund 600, Agency 607001, Object 629901.

Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) provides foundational data to support plot based field data collection and produce stand level inventory for forest management purposes at a much lower cost than traditional field inventory methods; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota is in need of partnerships with local units of government to collect LIDAR derived Plot Based Inventory (PBI) data within current and future LIDAR Acquisition Blocks; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will serve as fiscal agent, provide training, oversee contractors and analyze datasets to create a stand level inventory; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department is proposing to contribute \$50,000 in 2021 for PBI data collection on St. Louis County administered lands; and

WHEREAS, The PBI data collection for \$50,000 was not included in the budget for 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Deputy Land and Minerals Director to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, with approval by the County Attorney as to form and execution, to collect LIDAR derived PBI data on St. Louis County administered lands.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a \$50,000 budget transfer from the Memorial Forest Fund to Fund 290001, Agency 629900 (Forest Development Account) in 2021 for PBI data collection.

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – 116 Duluth, LLC
(Non-Homestead)**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, 116 Duluth, LLC of Falcon Heights, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH

South 60 feet of Lot 384, Block 76, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION

Parcel code: 10-1140-01680; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was 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 116 Duluth, LLC of Falcon Heights, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$19,585.91, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$64.63, recording fee of \$46, and maintenance costs of \$10, for a total of \$19,731.54 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.

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Bagley
(Homestead)**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, Robert Lewis Bagley of Duluth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF LAKEWOOD
E 1/4 of S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4
Section 5, Township 51 North, Range 13 West
Parcel code: 415-0010-01446; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was 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 ten-year contract for deed 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 Robert Lewis Bagley of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$5,989.48, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$19.77, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$6,080.25 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.

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Mortensen
(Non-Homestead)**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, Shawn Francis Mortensen of Brookston, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF BROOKSTON

Lots 9 through 12, Block 8, INCLUDING part of vacated alley adjacent.

BROOKSTON

Parcel code: 110-0010-01810; and

WHEREAS, The applicant is an heir to 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 pay in full 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 Shawn Francis Mortensen of Brookston, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$673.36, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$746.01 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.

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Homer
(Non-Homestead)**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, Leslie Ann Homer of Boise, ID, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF MORSE

Lot 1, Block 2, AND Outlot A, HOMERS LOTS FIRST ADDITION

Parcel codes: 465-0113-00020 and 465-0113-00070; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was 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 Leslie Ann Homer of Boise, ID, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$13,220.48, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$43.63, and recording fee of \$66, for a total of \$13,355.11 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.

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Kamunen
(Non-Homestead)**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, Loren Rey Kamunen of Meadowlands, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF TOIVOLA

East 275 feet of West 459 feet of North 275 feet of South 441 feet of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4

Section 10, Township 54 North, Range 20 West

Parcel code: 550-0020-01650; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was 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 Loren Rey Kamunen of Meadowlands, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454 subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$3,616.08, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$11.93, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$3,699.01 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.

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – McArthur
(Homestead)**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicants, David Scott McArthur of Mountain Home, ID, and Michael Patrick McArthur of Duluth, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF RICE LAKE
N 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 2, SUBDIVISION OF NE ¼, SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 51
NORTH OF RANGE 14 WEST
Parcel code: 520-0240-00210; and

WHEREAS, The applicants are heirs to the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and are 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 applicants shall either pay in full or enter into a ten-year contract for deed 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 David Scott McArthur of Mountain Home, ID, and Michael Patrick McArthur of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$4,334.13, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$14.30, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$4,419.43 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.

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Moreland
(Homestead)**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, Joseph Richard Moreland of Ely, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF ELY

North 31 3/12 feet of the South 62 1/2 feet of Lots 1 through 4, Block 29, ELY
Parcel code: 030-0010-03380; and

WHEREAS, The applicant is 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 ten-year contract for deed 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 Joseph Richard Moreland of Ely, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$1,432.03, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, recording fee of \$46, and maintenance costs of \$168, for a total of \$1,672.68 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.

Special Sale to the City of Duluth

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth has requested to purchase the following described state tax forfeited land for the price of \$34,100, plus fees, for the purpose of economic development:

Legal: NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4,
SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 48 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST
Parcel Code: 010-2730-00460
Acres: 40
LDKey: 102671; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(b), allows for non-conservation tax forfeited lands to be sold by the county board, for their market value as determined by the county board, to an organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has been classified as 'non-conservation' land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has not been 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of state tax forfeited land, as described, to the City of Duluth for the price of \$34,100 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$1,023, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$112.53, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$35,306.53 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor may offer for sale at public auction the state tax forfeited land described here if the City of Duluth does not purchase the land by December 1, 2021.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON MAY 25, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 25th day of May 2021, at 9:32 a.m., at the Grand Lake Town Hall, Saginaw, 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.

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 Jewell commented on gun violence and noted that a shooting occurred last Sunday near his home. A young man was murdered by a seventeen year old who had been carrying guns, wandering the neighborhood, and shooting at people over the last two years.

The Board proclaimed May 25, 2021, as Walter Beckman Day in St. Louis County, Minnesota. Commissioner Nelson commented that Mr. Beckman has spent his entire life in public service and has set an example when dealing with adversity in his life. Commissioner Nelson noted that even though Mr. Beckman has two prosthetic legs, he continues to cut and split wood. Mr. Beckman thanked the Board for the recognition and commented that the doctor was amazed at how far he was able to walk when he received his first prosthetic leg.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda, and no one came forth.

At 9:45 a.m., a public hearing was conducted pursuant to Resolution No. 21-296, adopted May 11, 2021, to solicit public input prior to considering a request for tax abatement financing to the City of Duluth to assist the ST Paper 1, LLC plan to purchase and convert the existing Verso paper mill facility into a new manufacturing plant. St. Louis County Planning & Community Development Deputy Director Darren Jablonsky said that ST Paper 1, LLC is proposing to convert the existing Verso Paper mill facility into a tissue paper manufacturing plant. The total project investment will be in excess of \$42 million. The current annual real estate taxes paid to St. Louis County is over \$912,000 annually, with estimated annual gross sales of approximately \$84.6 million. City of Duluth Planning and Economic Development Director Chris Fleege said that the City of Duluth approved a \$600,000 tax abatement a few weeks ago and project labor agreements are in place. Ron Thiry, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of ST Paper, LLC, commented that ST Paper, LLC operates other facilities in Oconto Falls, WI, and Franklin, VA. Mr. Thiry said that the plant will employ approximately 80 full-time employees once the facility is operational. Chair Jugovich asked if there were any opponents or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action, and no one came forth. At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes up to \$600,000 tax abatement financing to the City of Duluth, payable from Fund 100, Agency 178001, Object 500900 or its designated fund; and further, that the St. Louis County Board waives applicable provisions of the Board's Tax Abatement Financing Policy to allow this project to proceed and application fees. Provided all required documentation is submitted by the City of Duluth, the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a tax abatement agreement with the City of Duluth and execute any other related documents after review and approval by a representative of the County Attorney's Office. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 21-315.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to consider a resolution to authorize an Architect & Engineer Services Agreement with DSGW Architects, Inc., of Virginia and Duluth, MN, for the Clarity Center for Wellbeing project; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a services contract with DSGW Architects, Inc., of Virginia and Duluth, MN, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney's Office, for the site selection, predesign, design, construction and bid documents, project administration, and project commissioning and close out for the Clarity Center for Wellbeing project in an amount of \$359,500, payable from Capital Project Fund, Fund 400, Agency 400001. Reimbursement for all funds expended on these design services will come from State general obligation bond proceeds authorized in 2018 and 2020 for this purpose. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 21-316.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Jason Meyer, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-217, Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation.—61484

Final approvals for Plats & Surveys submitted during CY 2021.—61485

Proclamation: Walter Beckman Day – May 25, 2021.—61486

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Linnea Mirsch, Public Health & Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-223, Architect & Engineer Services Agreement – Clarity Center for Wellbeing.—61487

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 90269A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Legacy Group, LLC, for Motivational Interview Trainings, adding a 6th set of Motivational Interview 2-part trainings.—21-378

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16235C, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and The Salvation Army for Housing Navigation Services, changing the date included on the signature page of 16235B to August 31, 2022.—21-379

Contract for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Redstone Construction, LLC, Mora, MN, for CP 0186-300190: Bridge 69A76 (County Bridge 159) and Approach Grading; CP 0825-368349: Grading, Aggregate Surfacing, Bridge 69A79 (County Bridge 138, Guardrail, Traffic Control, Turf Establishment, Erosion Control, and Signing; CP 0860-554930: Bridge 69A80 (County Bridge 147) and Approach Grading located on CSAHs 186, 825 and 860.—21-380

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 2021 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Patrol Grant Contract Agreement in the amount of \$22,625 for the term May 14, 2021, to September 6, 2021.—21-381

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2018-012502, between the County of St. Louis and Superior Forestry Service, Inc., Tilly, AR, for tree planting services in accordance with RFB #5489, extending the terms of the original contract an additional two (2) year term effective June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2023, and amend the minimum acres to 600 acres in the Spring of 2022 and 600 acres in the Spring of 2023.—21-382

Service Contract No. 5678A between the County of St. Louis and TNT Timber, Duluth, MN, to reduce fire risk in wildland-urban interface areas through December 31, 2021.—21-383

St. Louis County On-Line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis and Isaac Mooney, Saint Paul, MN.—21-384

Upon motion by Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner McDonald, resolutions numbered 21-304 through 21-314, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of May 11, 2021, are hereby approved.

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-304

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services has made available grant funds to counties to implement a plan to improve system access and service delivery by engaging individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless or exiting institutions who have complex needs and face high barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Continuum of Care Leadership Team has reviewed this opportunity and it meets unique needs of the homeless population in St. Louis County and systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS, Community partners are willing to continue to engage in this work and the Bois Forte Tribe will be included as project partner.

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

Health and Human Services Department to accept a grant amendment award in the amount of \$172,000 for Housing Supports for Adults with Serious Mental Illness extending the 2019-2021 grant cycle for one year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022), with St. Louis County serving as the fiscal agent for the grant.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the 2021 revenue and expenditure budgets be increased as follows with any adjustments to be made in the 2021 and 2022 budgets accordingly if there are any unspent funds or overspent funds not to exceed the grant amendment funding of \$172,000.

Budget Reference:

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 629900, Grant 23269, Grant Year 2021

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 633100, Grant 23269, Grant Year 2021

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 530674, Grant 23269, Grant Year 2021

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-305

WHEREAS, Pandemic vaccination planning is a combined state and local responsibility that requires close collaboration between public health, health care, external agencies, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has made funding available to Community Health Boards or counties within their local jurisdictions for resources necessary for COVID-19 response efforts based on jurisdictional priorities and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and MDH guidance; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department (PHHS) has been allocated additional COVID-19 Response Vaccine Implementation funding from MDH through our local Carlton-Cook-Lake-St Louis County Community Health Board (CHB); and

WHEREAS, PHHS wishes to accept the COVID-19 Response Vaccine Implementation funding from the MDH through the CHB in an amount up to \$915,148 to support COVID-19 response efforts, supporting vaccination administration and promoting vaccine confidence and increasing vaccination uptake, for time period of April 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That PHHS accept grant funding from the MDH through a contract with our local CHB to focus on COVID-19 response efforts, supporting vaccination administration, promoting vaccine confidence, and increasing vaccination uptake based on jurisdictional priorities and CDC and MDH guidance, in an amount up to \$915,148 for the time period of April 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That PHHS utilize the funding to support staffing, the purchase of supplies and necessary equipment, and enter into subcontracts for vaccine administration and services with local partners as necessary.

BUDGET: 230-233999-540285-23379-99999999-2021

230-233999-610000-23379-99999999-2021

230-233999-640900-23379-99999999-2021

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-306

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning a road construction project over 0.32 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 141 within the City of Eveleth; and

WHEREAS, The project begins at the intersection of CSAH 141 (Douglas Avenue) and Garfield Street and extends northerly approximately 0.32 miles to the intersection of Temple Place and CSAH 142 (Grant Street); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of grading, aggregate base, replacement of drainage structures, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and bituminous surfacing 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 said 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 County Project 0141-493350 and to execute the easement documents as may become necessary on behalf of the county. Right-of-way is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant highway easements across tax forfeited lands necessary for the project.

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-307

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning a road construction project over 0.26 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 145 within the City of Eveleth; and

WHEREAS, The project begins at the intersection of CSAH 145 (Roosevelt Avenue) and CSAH 101 (Fayal Road) and extends northerly approximately 0.26 miles to the intersection with Jackson Street; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of grading, aggregate base, replacement of drainage structures, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and bituminous surfacing 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 said 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 County Project 0145-493352 and to execute the easement documents as may become necessary on behalf of the county. Right-of-way is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant highway easements across tax forfeited lands necessary for the project.

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-308

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board elects to reappoint James T. Foldesi as the St. Louis County Highway Engineer/Public Works Director for a four-year term effective May 1, 2021, and ending May 2025 at his current biweekly compensation rate of \$6,558 (Pay Plan A, Grade A33, Step M5) of the Management Compensation Plan, with all benefits at his current level and as provided in the St. Louis County Management Compensation Plan.

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-309

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 May 25, 2021. No. 21-310

WHEREAS, A request to purchase county fee land was submitted by Craig William

DuMarce and said property is described in County Board File No. 61407; and

WHEREAS, Craig William DuMarce has agreed to pay \$5,400 for the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, Subdivision 5(i), the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed conveying the above listed property to Craig William DuMarce for the amount of \$5,400, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202, where the grantee is also responsible for deed tax and recording fees.

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-311

WHEREAS, A request to purchase county fee land was submitted by KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN and said property is described in County Board File No. 61407; and

WHEREAS, KGM Contractors, Inc., has agreed to pay \$9,720 for the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01 Subdivision 5(i), the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed, conveying the above listed property to KGM Contractors, Inc., for the amount of \$9,720, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202 where the grantee is also responsible for deed tax and recording fees.

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-312

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 or reclassified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 94.344, Subd. 2, Class B lands must be classified for sale before given in exchange for any privately owned land; and

WHEREAS, The parcels listed in County Board File No. 61484 forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has recommended that these parcels be reclassified as non-conservation after considering, among other things, 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, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land are located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be approved by the governing body of the municipality or town; and

WHEREAS, The town or municipality is considered to have approved the classification or reclassification and sale of these parcels if the county board is not notified of the disapproval of the classification or reclassification and sale within 60 days of the date the request for approval was transmitted to the town or municipality in which the parcels are located.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61484 shall be reclassified as non-conservation, and the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the reclassification of these parcels will be deemed approved if the county board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the

clerk of the municipality or town.

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-313

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the preliminary plat of Annieland on December 10, 2020, and granted preliminary approval for the plat; and

WHEREAS, The final prints of Annieland have been submitted and conform with the requirements set forth by the Planning Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board grants final approval to the plat of Annieland located in SW ¼ of NW ¼ EX 2 acres in NW corner and NW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 35, Township 61 North, Range 13 West (Unorganized).

Adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-314

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 469.1812 through 469.1815, Abatement Authority, requires that a public hearing be conducted prior to granting tax abatement financing; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 116J.993 through 116J.995, Business Subsidy Law, requires that a public hearing be conducted prior to granting any business subsidy in an amount greater than \$150,000 in value; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth has requested St. Louis County to consider up to \$600,000 in tax abatement financing for the ST Paper 1, LLC plan to convert the existing Verso paper mill facility into a new tissue paper manufacturing plant and associated site development costs for a site located at 100 N. Central Ave., Duluth, MN, 55807; and

WHEREAS, The specific parcels to be included in the tax abatement are as follows:

010-0130-00170; 010-2700-00514; 010-2806-00010; 010-2806-00020; 010-2806-00030; 010-2806-00040; 010-4470-04220; 010-4470-04225; 010-4470-04230; 010-4470-04240; 010-4470-04250; 010-4470-05330; 010-4470-05480; 010-4470-05640; 010-4470-05650; 010-4470-05660; 010-4470-05670; 010-4470-05680; 010-4470-05700; 010-4470-05710; 010-4470-05720; 010-4470-05730; 010-4470-05740; 010-4470-05750; 010-4470-05760; 010-4470-05770; 010-4470-05780; 010-4490-00010; 010-4490-00040; 010-4490-00050; 010-4490-00060; 010-4490-00070; 010-4490-00080; 010-4490-00090; 010-4490-00100; 010-4490-00110; 010-4490-00120; 010-4490-00130; 010-4490-00135; 010-4490-00185; 010-4490-00215; 010-4490-00285; 010-4490-00505; 010-4490-02735; 010-4490-02862; 010-4490-07220; and 010-4490-07400; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 9:35 A.M. at the Grand Lake Town Hall, 5297 Highway 53, Saginaw, MN, to solicit public input prior to considering the proposed tax abatement request; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board determines that the public benefits gained by the creation of new full-time jobs, new potential spin-off development and support services, develop unused or underutilized real property, and other benefits exceeds the costs of the tax abatement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes up to \$600,000 tax abatement financing to the City of Duluth payable from Fund 100, Agency 178001, Object 500900 or its designated fund.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board waives applicable provisions of the Board's Tax Abatement Financing Policy to allow this project to proceed and application fees.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That provided all required documentation is submitted by the City of Duluth, the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a tax abatement agreement with the City of Duluth and execute any other related documents after review and approval by a representative of the County Attorney's Office.

Unanimously adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-315

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

WHEREAS, St. Louis County plans to build a new regional behavioral health/mental health services building in Duluth, MN, in response to a growing need for these services; and

WHEREAS, State general obligation bond funds authorized in 2018 and 2020 totaling \$5 million along with County and private funds will be used to finance the project; and

WHEREAS, This facility will be utilized by community partners specializing in behavioral health and mental health services for all age groups from child to adult. The building will be owned and maintained by the County. Service providers will be required to sign user agreements with the County and pay rent, which will include a contribution to ongoing maintenance, to occupy space in the facility; and

WHEREAS, County Purchasing issued a Request for Proposals for Contract #5708 for architect engineer services. DSGW Architects, Inc., of Virginia and Duluth, MN, was evaluated as providing the best overall proposal, project concept, qualifications, presentation and price for the project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a services contract with DSGW Architects, Inc., of Virginia and Duluth, MN, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney's Office, for the site selection, predesign, design, construction and bid documents, project administration, and project commissioning and close out for the Clarity Center for Wellbeing project in an amount of \$359,500, payable from Capital Project Fund, Fund 400, Agency 400001. Reimbursement for all funds expended on these design services will come from State general obligation bond proceeds authorized in 2018 and 2020 for this purpose.

Unanimously adopted May 25, 2021. No. 21-316

At 10:15 a.m., May 25, 2021, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Mike Jugovich, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:

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

(Seal of the County Auditor)