

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

June 28, 2022

Culver Town Hall, 5292 Highway 31, Brookston, 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 June 14, 2022.

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Musolf, Chair

1. Agreement with the City of Duluth for the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 56 (Morris Thomas Road) between Haines Road and Piedmont Avenue (**CP 0056-493050, SAP 069-656-020**). [22-272]
2. Bid awarded to **KGM Contractors, Inc.**, Angora, MN, in the amount of **\$676,771.71** for a bridge construction project (County Bridge 500) located on CSAH 101 in Mountain Iron (**CP 0101-235499, SP 069-701-007**). [22-278]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

3. Abatement list for Board approval. [22-273]
4. Public hearing established for 9:40 a.m., July 12, 2022, at the Kabetogama Town Hall, 9707 Gamma Road, Kabetogama, MN, to consider the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to The Lake Effect Restaurant, Inc., dba Lake Effect Restaurant & Bar, Gnesen Township. [22-275]
5. Public hearing established for 9:45 a.m., July 12, 2022, at the Kabetogama Town Hall, 9707 Gamma Road, Kabetogama, MN, to consider the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to KDRS, LLC dba The Breeze Inn, Lakewood Township. [22-276]
6. Application to the St. Louis County Broadband Infrastructure Grant program by Paul Bunyan Communications in the amount of up to \$101,250 for a broadband public infrastructure construction project for the Ash Lake Area (Unorganized Township 66-20) funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. [22-279]
7. Approve the use of up to \$108,534 of Economic Development/American Rescue Plan Act funding for the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Duluth Spirit Valley Facility Repairs project. [22-280]

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8. Application for license to sell tobacco products at retail by Chaulkin Enterprises, Inc. dba The Natural Choice, City of Cook, new.
9. Claims and accounts for May 2022.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

10. Support continued participation in the Minnesota State Auditor's Performance Measurement Program; continue to report the results to the citizens; and further, approve submission of the 2022 St. Louis County Performance Measures Report. [22-274]
11. Public hearing established for 9:35 a.m., July 26, 2022, at the Rice Lake City Hall, 4107 Beyer Road, Duluth, MN, to hear the cartway petition of Michael Clement to establish a cartway over property located in the NW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 9, and the SW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 9, both in Township 56 North, Range 16 West (Unorganized Township 56-16). [22-277]
12. Appoint Brittney Jacobson as a regular member of the Civil Service Commission for a three-year term ending June 28, 2025. [22-281]

Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Grimm, Chair

13. Rescind Resolution No. 84-674, approve an amended Rural Ambulance Run Reimbursement Policy and authorize associated contracts. [22-282R]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Jugovich, Chair

14. Appraisal reports for a Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction being held on August 4, 2022.

Official Proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of June 14, 2022, are hereby approved.

Agreement with the City of Duluth for CP 0056-493050, SAP 069-656-020

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department currently has a reconstruction project (CP 0056-493050, SAP 069-656-020) in design for construction on Morris Thomas Road scheduled for construction in 2023; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth has proposed improvements to their utility system and has agreed to pay the non-participating local share items; and

WHEREAS, An agreement which outlines the responsibilities of both St. Louis County and the City of Duluth needs to be authorized to deliver the project to completion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, with the City of Duluth for CP 0056-493050, SAP 069-656-020 with funds from the City of Duluth receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220595, Object 551501.

**Award of Bid: Bridge Construction Project (CP 0101-235499, SP 069-701-007)
Mountain Iron**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for project CP 0101-235499, SP 069-701-007; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on May 26, 2022, and the low responsible bid was 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	\$676,771.71

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 Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 652700 – Municipal State Aid, Motor Vehicle Lease Sales Tax and Federal Funds - \$676,771.71.

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. 61635.

**Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License
(Gnesen Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on July 12, 2022, in the Kabetogama Town Hall, 9707 Gamma Road, Kabetogama, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for The Lake Effect Restaurant, Inc. dba Lake Effect Restaurant & Bar, Gnesen Township.

**Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License
(Lakewood Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:45 a.m., on July 12, 2022, in the Kabetogama Town Hall, 9707 Gamma Road, Kabetogama, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for KDRS LLC dba The Breeze Inn, Lakewood Township.

**Approval of a Broadband Infrastructure Grant – Paul Bunyan Communications (PBC)
(Unorganized Township 66-20)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, High-speed internet broadband service has become vital to St. Louis County's economy and is an important public infrastructure for all residents, businesses, and public facilities within St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, There are unserved and underserved broadband service areas in St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The County has allocated funding through St. Louis County's Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program which is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, The Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program is designed to assist communities with financing broadband public infrastructure to expand investment in high-speed broadband initiatives in their communities to unserved or underserved areas in St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The County has received an application from Paul Bunyan Communications (PBC) to St. Louis County's Broadband Infrastructure Grant program in the amount up to \$101,250 for a broadband public infrastructure construction project for the Ash Lake Area, which is in Unorganized Township 66-20; and

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

WHEREAS, The County has statutory authority through Minn. Stat. §375.83 to make such a contribution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That after the review of the project application and associated materials, the project proposed has been determined to be eligible under the Broadband Infrastructure Component of the Final Rule of the American Rescue Act Plan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the Broadband Infrastructure Grant program request in the amount up to \$101,250 to be used for a broadband public infrastructure construction project in the Ash Lake Area.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into and execute any funding agreement(s) and associated documents as necessary to administer the program, comply with the American Rescue Plan Act and fund projects, payable from Fund 239, Object 239054 or its designated fund.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the applicant shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation, and reporting materials required by the County, State or US Treasury to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions required under the American Rescue Plan Act.

YWCA Duluth Spirit Valley Facility Repairs, Economic Development/ARPA Funds

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency
- Top address its negative economic impacts
- To serve the hardest hit
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, The County Board recently adopted Resolution No. 22-267, supporting the utilization of revenue loss dollars to maximize opportunities to work with a variety of providers on projects identified by the Board and consistent with the ARPA framework adopted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA Duluth has identified a project to complete deferred repairs and maintenance to its Spirit Valley location which will assist a group of individuals and a community disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA Duluth has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$108,534 from the County's ARPA funds to support the proposed facility repairs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That after an initial review of the Project Eligibility form, application and other submitted materials, the project proposed has been determined to be eligible as it is considered an enumerated use within a disproportionately impacted community by the pandemic.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of \$108,534 of Economic Development/ARPA funding for the YWCA Duluth (Spirit Valley Facility Repairs Project).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the YWCA Duluth shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County, State or US Treasury to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the American Rescue Plan Act or by the County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the above project be payable from either Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act or if more appropriate, Fund 178, Agency 178008.

Application for License to Sell Tobacco Products at Retail – New

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, as amended, the application for license to sell tobacco products at retail, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61624, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the following establishment:

Chaulklin Enterprises Inc. dba The Natural Choice, City of Cook, new.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed 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.

Claims and Accounts for May 2022

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee for payment of claims and bills against the County of St. Louis, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61626, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

100	General Fund	7,614,649.67
149	Personal Service Fund	730.67
155	Depot	73,594.08
160	MN Trail Assistance	17,439.54
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,680.95
170	Boundary Waters – Forfeiture	5,000.00
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	78,392.01
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	76,962.80
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	644.40
180	Law Library	12,398.70
183	City/County Communications	301.74
184	Extension Service	45,333.85
192	Permit to Carry	5,022.67
200	Public Works	3,027,273.34
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	156,544.18
215	Ditching	13,508.25
220	State/Federal Road Aid	1,874,977.39
230	Public Health & Human Services	8,009,021.08
238	PHHS Conference	6,250.81
239	Pandemic Response Fund	573,008.91
240	Forfeited Tax	452,138.38
260	CDBG Grant	208,308.58
270	HOME Grant	39,313.02
288	Septic Loans – Env Trust Fund	47,361.00
289	ISTS Grant	67,885.96
290	Forest Resources	72,552.16
400	County Facilities	101,403.10
405	Public Works Building Const.	1,839.42
407	Public Works – Equipment	8,988.30
449	2020A – TST Bond	62,825.95
450	2021A – Capital Improvement	3,000.00
600	Environmental Services	686,981.15

715	County Garage	92,037.91
720	Property Casualty Liability	9,278.94
730	Workers Compensation	189,756.53
740	Medical Dental Insurance	1,419,942.44
770	Retired Employees Health Ins.	486.74
		<u>\$25,056,900.59</u>
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Minnesota State Auditor's 2022 Performance Measurement Program Report

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Benefits to St. Louis County for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in Minn. Stat. § 6.91 and include eligibility for a reimbursement as set by state statute; and

WHEREAS, Any city/county participating in the comprehensive performance measurement program is also exempt from levy limits for taxes, if levy limits are in effect; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board has adopted and implemented ten of the performance measures, as developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, and a system to use this information to help plan, budget, manage and evaluate programs and processes for optimal future outcomes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board supports continued participation in the Minnesota State Auditor's Performance Measurement Program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year through publication, direct mailing, posting on the city's/county's website, or through a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input allowed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves submission of the 2022 St. Louis County Performance Measures Report found in County Board File No. _____.

**Establish Public Hearing for Michael Clement Cartway Petition
(Unorganized Township 56-16)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, A cartway petition has been presented to the St. Louis County Board by, Michael Clement, the owner of property described as E ½ of SE ¼ of NE ¼ and NE ¼ of SE ¼, Section 8, Township 56N, Range 16W, containing at least five (5) acres of land which has no established access to it, except over the lands of others, to connect the petitioners land to a public road.

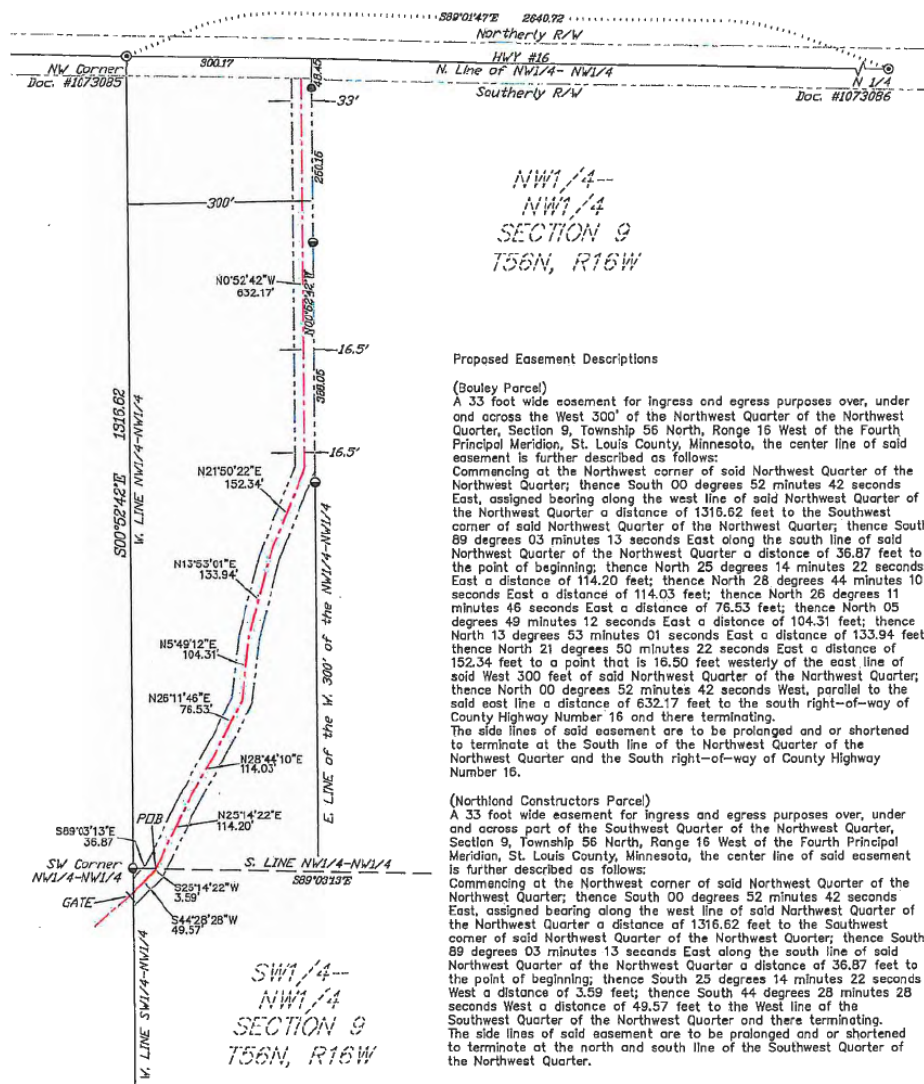
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 164.08, Subd. 2, a public hearing shall be held at 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at the Rice Lake City Hall, 4107 Beyer Rd., Rice Lake, MN, 55803, to hear the cartway petition of Michael Clement to establish a cartway over the property of Roberta Bouley and Northland Constructors of Duluth, private owners, described as West 300 feet of the NW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 9, Township 56N, Range 16W ("Bouley property") and SW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 9, Township 56N, Range 16W and SE ¼ of NW 1/4 , Section 9, Township 56N, Range 16W.

The location of the cartway on these properties is proposed to be as illustrated on "Exhibit A" of the attached Petition and further described in the attached survey from Northern Lights Survey both found in County Board File No. _____.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all affected landowners are entitled to judicial review of damages and need for the cartway, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 164.08, Subd. 7, following a determination to establish the cartway.

EASEMENT DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT

For Michael Clement
Across part of the NW 1/4,
Section 9,
Township 56 North, Range 16 West,
St. Louis County, Minnesota



Proposed Easement Descriptions

(Bouley Parcel)

A 33 foot wide easement for ingress and egress purposes over, under and across the West 300' of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 9, Township 56 North, Range 16 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota, the center line of said easement is further described as follows:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 52 minutes 42 seconds East, assigned bearing along the west line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 1316.62 feet to the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 03 minutes 13 seconds East along the south line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 36.87 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 25 degrees 14 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 114.20 feet; thence North 28 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 114.03 feet; thence North 26 degrees 11 minutes 46 seconds East a distance of 76.53 feet; thence North 05 degrees 49 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 104.31 feet; thence North 13 degrees 53 minutes 01 seconds East a distance of 133.94 feet; thence North 21 degrees 50 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 152.34 feet to a point that is 16.50 feet westerly of the east line of said West 300 feet of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 52 minutes 42 seconds West, parallel to the said east line a distance of 632.17 feet to the south right-of-way of County Highway Number 16 and there terminating.
The side lines of said easement are to be prolonged and or shortened to terminate at the South line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the South right-of-way of County Highway Number 16.

(Northland Constructors Parcel)

A 33 foot wide easement for ingress and egress purposes over, under and across part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 9, Township 56 North, Range 16 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota, the center line of said easement is further described as follows:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 52 minutes 42 seconds East, assigned bearing along the west line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 1316.62 feet to the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 03 minutes 13 seconds East along the south line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 36.87 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 25 degrees 14 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 3.59 feet; thence South 44 degrees 28 minutes 28 seconds West a distance of 49.57 feet to the West line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and there terminating.
The side lines of said easement are to be prolonged and or shortened to terminate at the north and south line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter.



PREPARED FOR
Michael Clement

SECTION: 9
TOWNSHIP: 56 NORTH
RANGE: 16 WEST
COUNTY: St. Louis
DATE: 4/25/2022
DRAWN BY: JDT
JOB NO.: Y2022-027
DRAWING NO.: Y2022027

Bearings are based
on the SLCTH 96
Coordinate System

I hereby certify that this survey, plan, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Chris Mattila
Date: 4-25-22 License No. 51765

0 80 160 320
SCALE IN FEET

LEGEND

- ⊙ Found Brass Capped Pipe
- ⊖ Found Capped Rebar, PLS #10725
- Found 3/4" Rebar

Appointment to the Civil Service Commission

BY COMMISSIONER_____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints Brittney Jacobson as a regular member of the Civil Service Commission for a three-year term ending June 28, 2025.

Amended Rural Ambulance Run Reimbursement Policy

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, On October 9, 1984, the St. Louis County Board approved Resolution No. 84-674 establishing a policy that reflects rates for the Rural Ambulance Run Reimbursement Policy; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office has recently identified a need to revise and increase this aged resolution as an incentive for agencies to continue providing emergency ambulance services within rural St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, A multi-year analysis was done, and it is recommended that the rate of \$16.00 per emergency run be increased to \$23.00 and the \$0.22 mileage rate remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will continue to require the same reporting criteria as stated; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 383C.201 provides that "[t]he Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County may contract with the owner, owners, or operators of a licensed ambulance upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between them for the use of ambulance service in the county," and that "[t]he board may appropriate all money necessary to carry out the provisions of this section."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the amended Rural Ambulance Run Reimbursement Policy including an emergency run rate of \$23.00 per run and \$0.22 mileage rate.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board rescinds Resolution No. 84-674.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to negotiate and execute ambulance-service contracts that are consistent with the amended policy pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 383C.201.

Appraisal Reports for a Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at DECORATIVE PRODUCTS SEALED BID AUCTION, Tracts 1 through 7 (totaling \$73,646.30), as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61625, are approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendations as listed in said appraisal reports.



Land and Minerals Department
Government Services Center
320 W. 2nd Street, Suite 302
Duluth, MN 55802

9:30 A.M.

August 4, 2022



Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction—Government Services Center, Suite 302, Duluth, MN



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Government Services Center, 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302, Duluth, MN 55802
August 4, 2022 stlouiscountymn.gov

Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction



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

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

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

August 4, 2022

Government Services Center

9:30 A.M.

NOTICE OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY DECORATIVE PRODUCTS SEALED BID AUCTION

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

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

Tracts 1, 2 and 3 contact:
Virginia Area Office
Dave Skurla, Area Land Manager
7820 Highway #135
Virginia, MN 55792

218-742-9898

Tracts 4, 5, 6 and 7 contact:
Pike Lake Area Office
Mark Pannkuk, Area Land Manager
5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway
Duluth, MN 55811

218-625-3700

Decorative Products Sealed Bid Auction will be held at:

St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department

Government Services Center

320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302

Duluth, MN 55802

9:30 A.M. - August 4, 2022

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

Payment must be made by Check or Money Order.

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

St. Louis County August 4, 2022 Decorative Products Auction Listing

Tract #1 Number of Blocks: 2 Secs 24,25, Twp 62N, Rge 19W
C22-621925 Sale Administrator: Brandon Pierzina
Field Township
Virginia Area
ID: C19220054 Sale Expiration: December 31, 2023

SOAV Black Spruce Tops 47,213 pieces @ \$0.15 = **\$7,081.95**

Down Payment Required (25%) = \$1,770.49

Comments: Sale requirements involve cutting Tamarack with a self-directed thinning of Black Spruce (see sale harvest provisions for details). 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed. Black Spruce trees average 6 ft tall, 1,936 trees per acre in Block 1 and 1,887 trees per acre in Block 2. Tamarack averages 1 inch diameter, 6.5 ft tall, 277 trees per acre in Block 1 and 413 trees per acre in Block 2. Access to this Black Spruce Top sale will be from Ralph Road, about 1.3 miles south of Cook, MN.

Tract #2 Number of Blocks: 1 Sec 19, Twp 61N, Rge 15W
E22-611519 Sale Administrator: Robert Cozzo
Kugler Township
Virginia Area
ID: C19220055 Sale Expiration: December 31, 2023

SOAV Black Spruce Tops 31,824 pieces @ \$0.15 = **\$4,773.60**

Down Payment Required (25%) = \$1,193.40

Comments: Sale requirements involve cutting Tamarack with a self-directed thinning of Black Spruce (see sale harvest provisions for details). 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed. Tamarack to be removed is 6 ft tall and 950 trees per acre. Black Spruce to be harvested is 4 ft tall and 2,720 trees per acre.

Tract #3 Number of Blocks: 1 Sec 29, Twp 58N, Rge 15W
V22-581529 Sale Administrator: Karl Rudstrom
White Township
Virginia Area
ID: C19220056 Sale Expiration: December 31, 2023

SOAV Black Spruce Tops 3,234 pieces @ \$0.15 = **\$485.10**

Down Payment Required (25%) = \$121.28

Comments: Sale requirements involve cutting Tamarack and Aspen with a self-directed thinning of Black Spruce (see sale harvest provisions for details). 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed. The average size of Tamarack and Aspen to be cut is 7-9 ft tall at 600 trees per acre total. Black Spruce to be cut averages 4-7 ft tall and 1,129 trees per acre.

Tract #4 Number of Blocks: 1 Sec 12, Twp 54N, Rge 14W
B22-541412 Sale Administrator: Robert Benson
Unorganized 54 14
Pike Lake Area
ID: C19220057 Sale Expiration: December 31, 2023

SOAV Birch Stems 3,083 pieces @ \$0.25 = **\$770.75**

Down Payment Required (25%) = \$192.69

Comments: Sale requirements allow removal of all birch stems under 4" diameter at the stump (see sale harvest provisions for details). 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.

SOAV Black Spruce Tops 63,513 pieces @ \$0.30 = **\$19,053.90**

Down Payment Required (25%) = \$4,763.48

Comments: Black spruce top removal (see sale harvest provisions for details). 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.

SOAV	Black Spruce Tops	65,630 pieces @ \$0.30 =	<u>\$19,689.00</u>
Down Payment Required (25%) = \$4,922.25			
Comments: Black spruce top removal (see sale harvest provisions for details). 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.			

SOAV	Birch Stems	87,168 pieces @ \$0.25 = <u>\$21,792.00</u>
Down Payment Required (25%) = \$5,448.00		
Comments: Sale requirements involve a self-directed thinning of birch (see sale harvest provisions for details). 25% down payment will be held until satisfactory completion of the sale. No extensions allowed.		

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JUNE 14, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 14th day of June, 2022, at 9:36 a.m., at the Duluth Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich, and Chair Paul McDonald - 7. Absent: None - 0.

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

The St. Louis County Board proclaimed June 18, 2022, as United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum Day in St. Louis County, Minnesota. Chair McDonald read the proclamation. U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Executive Director Doug Palazzari said that the Hall is starting its fiftieth year of operation and will be hosting an open house this Saturday. Cal Cossalter, U.S. Hockey Executive Board member, noted that the City of Eveleth has the most Hall of Fame inductees.

Chair McDonald opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Clayton Cich, Fredenberg Township Supervisor, said that Fredenberg Township has not had gravel pit inspections since 2008 and requested that the township gravel pits be inspected with the appropriate paperwork.

At 9:52 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-304, adopted May 24, 2022, to receive comments on the funding recommendations included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Round 3 Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan. St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director Matthew Johnson said that the Board is requested to revise CARES Act Round 2 awards, approve submission of an amendment to the St. Louis County 2020 Action Plan to award the remaining CARES ACT funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and to authorize the Planning and Community Development Director and the County Attorney's Office to execute 2020 CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Round 3 agency agreements. Director Johnson noted that Round 3 provides \$271,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding and \$415,000 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding. Chair McDonald asked if there were any governmental entities, supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 9:58 a.m., Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the amendment to the 2020 Action Plan reducing the award of CDBG-CV to the United Way of NE Minnesota by \$150,000, canceling the award of ESG-CV to Range Transitional Housing in the amount of \$415,976 and recycling this funding to respective CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Programs for award in the CARES Act Round 3 process and authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director to prepare and submit the Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan 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 amendment, and to act in connection with its submission and subsequent activity, and to provide

such additional information as may be required. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-348.

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

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to consider a resolution to rescind Resolution No. 22-319, adopted June 7, 2022; accept a Department of Human Services (DHS) Housing and Support and Services Grant; authorize an additional 1.0 FTE position; and further, authorize contracts with community-based providers; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to accept a grant award in the amount of \$986,175 from the DHS Housing and Supports and Services Division for the 2022-2024 grant cycle and then funding to be included in the base Minnesota state budget; authorizes one (1) additional grant-funded FTE position, a 1.0 FTE Social Worker; and further, authorizes PHHS to enter into contracts with community-based providers. This position will be designated with grant funding and will be eliminated if/when the funding is discontinued. Further, the St. Louis County Board rescinds Board Resolution No. 22-319 authorizing acceptance of the Minnesota Department of Human Services Housing and Support and Services grant award. County Administrator Kevin Gray said that a technical correction was made to the resolution to give authorization to the Public Health and Human Services Director to enter into contracts with community providers. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-349.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board hereby authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute contracts, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, with Max Gray Construction, Lenci Enterprises, Inc., Kaski, Inc., and Amendola Builders, Inc., to provide carpentry services on an as-needed basis to facilities throughout St. Louis County for projects estimated to be less than \$75,000.00 per service project and a not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year for each contractor, in accordance with the specifications of Request for Qualifications No. 1000003 with services to be paid from budgeted departmental operating funds. Administrator Gray asked that the Board to make a motion to send the item back to Administration. They are working on contract management programming and feel that there might be a better option for the proposal. Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, withdrew their original motion and moved that the item be returned to county administration for further review. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to consider a resolution to establish a public hearing for 9:35 a.m., June 28, 2022, at the Culver Town Hall, 5292 Highway 31, Brookston, MN, for input on proposed Tax Abatement Financing for the City of Hermantown to assist Oppidan's plan to develop The Pillars of Hermantown, a senior living housing community; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 9:35 A.M., at the Culver Town Hall, 5292 Highway 31, Brookston, MN, for input on proposed Tax Abatement Financing (TAF) for the City of Hermantown to assist Oppidan's plan to develop The Pillars of Hermantown located at 5097 Maple

Grove Road that will consist of a three-story, 105-unit senior living housing community. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-350.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health and Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-265, Vacancy Appointment to the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee.—61727

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-264, Establish a Public Hearing on the 2022 Action Plan for CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding.—61728

Applications for 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor Licenses approved during CY 2022.—61729

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-268, Establishment of St. Louis County Absentee Ballot Board.—61730

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-259, Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (010-0500-00980, 010-0500-01000).—61731

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-260, Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (010-3580-01000, 010-3850-01010).—61732

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-261, Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (010-3850-04420, 010-3850-04430).—61733

Proclamation: United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum Day – June 18, 2022.—61734

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health and Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-270, Rescind County Board Resolution No. 22-319 and Request to Accept DHS Housing and Support and Services Grant to Develop Community Living Infrastructure, Authorize Additional 1.0 FTE Position, and Enter into Contracts with Community-Based Providers.—61735

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Jerry Hall, Property Management Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-267, Agreements for Miscellaneous Carpentry Services.—61736

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-271, Establish a Public Hearing to Consider Tax Abatement for the City of Hermantown – Oppidan.—61737

2022 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract Agreement No. 212988 in the amount of \$134,361 between the Department of Natural Resources and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office for the term January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.—22-334

Northeast Minnesota Home Consortium Joint Powers Agreement to provide the Town of Kinghurst, Itasca County, consortium membership and HOME Program eligibility, effective for the federal calendar years 2023 – 2025.—22-335

State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, Master Partnership Contract No. 1050296 for the purpose of maintaining and improving the trunk highway system through June 30, 2027.—22-336

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Hermantown to perform improvements on the frontage road in the platted right-of-way on the west side of Haines Road (County State Aid Highway 91) serving parcel ID numbers 395-0093-00055, 395-0093-00060 and 395-0093-00070 (CP 0091-681361).—22-337

St. Louis County On-line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis Auditor's Office and Minnesota Title & Abstract, LLC, International Falls, MN.—22-338

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, resolutions numbered 22-330 through 22-347, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting dated June 7, 2022, are hereby approved.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-330

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee is to seek input about the Public Health and Human Services delivery system and make recommendations to the St. Louis County Board and the Department relative to the service needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, The County Board previously posted and solicited applications for vacancies on the Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, The County Board appointed Mary Kirsling to District 3 representation as a result of the solicitation and since that time she informed the County she is no longer able to serve; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing the original applications the Board has considered all other applicants for the District 3 vacancy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board appoints Rose St. John, to the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee for a term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2025.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-331

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department 2022 budget includes the purchase of two (2) tractor-mowers for roadside mowing, brushing, and snow blowing operations; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested pricing for tractor-mowers equipped with mowing, brushing, and snow blowing equipment, based on the Department's needs; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Equipment, Inc., of Rogers, MN, responded with the Sourcewell price of \$546,032 for two (2) John Deere agricultural tractors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of two (2) John Deere agricultural tractors from Minnesota Equipment, Inc., of Rogers, MN, at the Sourcewell price of \$546,032 payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666400.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-332

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. 61635.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-333

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. 61634, for the following organization:

CC Riders Snowmobile Club, Cotton, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Tavern in the Bay LLC, Greenwood Township, 2007 County Road. 77, Tower, MN, new.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-334

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. 61634 for the following organization:

CC Riders Snowmobile Club, Cotton, 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.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-335

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a consolidated application process for entitlement funds under its Department of Community Planning and Development programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has prepared the draft 2022 Action Plan required by HUD; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a thirty-day comment period on the Action Plan after which a public hearing be conducted to allow citizen input prior to Plan submittal; and

WHEREAS, The Action Plan will be available electronically through posting to the St. Louis County web site on the Community Development – CDBG page and also through citizen contact with the Planning and Community Development Department offices in Duluth and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The 30-day comment period begins June 10, 2022, and will be completed July 10, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 9:35 A.M., at the Town of Kabetogama, 9707 Gamma Rd., Kabetogama, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the established priorities and funding recommendations included in the 2022 Action Plan.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-336

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to K & E Enterprises, Inc., dba The Munger Tavern & Grill, Solway

Township, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the dates of June 22 – 24, 2022, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61636.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-337

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 permit authorizing the consumption and display of intoxicating liquor is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61645.

Wayne Phillip Hidy, Jr. dba Floodwood Lake Resort, Cedar Valley Township, new.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-338

RESOLVED, 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 3.2 percent malt liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61729.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due.

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, 2023:

Wayne Phillip Hidy, Jr. dba Floodwood Lake Resort, Cedar Valley Township, new.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-339

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following applications for an intoxicating liquor license are hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61636.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said licenses are approved contingent upon license holders paying real estate or personal property taxes when due.

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 licenses shall be effective through June 30, 2023:

Voyageurs Hospitality and Adventures, LLC dba Sandy Point Lodge and Resort, Kabetogama Township, On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, transfer; The Lake Effect Restaurant, Inc. dba Lake Effect Restaurant & Bar, Gnesen Township, transfer;

KDRS, LLC dba The Breeze Inn, Lakewood Township, transfer.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-340

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee for payment of claims and bills against the County of St. Louis, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61626, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

April 2022

100	General Fund	8,193,263.07
149	Personal Service Fund	536.15
155	Depot	62,329.22
160	MN Trail Assistance	60,281.54
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	200.00
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,949.55
170	Boundary Waters – Forfeiture	2,000.00
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	138,133.68
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	81,927.50
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	396.35
180	Law Library	20,062.07
183	City/County Communications	319.70
184	Extension Service	142,834.57
190	Sheriff Explorers	1,425.00
192	Permit to Carry	14,114.25
200	Public Works	3,184,295.16
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	32,727.80
215	Ditching	17,665.75
220	State/Federal Road Aid	141,702.41
230	Public Health & Human Services	9,068,898.47
238	HHS Conference	13,348.98
239	Pandemic Response Fund	232,737.04
240	Forfeited Tax	524,503.27
250	St. Louis County HRA	137,180.00
260	CDBG Grant	139,680.03
270	HOME Grant	95,635.06
280	Federal Septic Loan – EPA Fund	672.22
288	Septic Loans – Env Trust Fund	19,560.00
289	ISTS Grant	83,432.18
290	Forest Resources	66,795.44
400	County Facilities	65,000.71
405	Public Works Building Const.	8,450.00
407	Public Works – Equipment	981.00
450	2021A – Capital Improvement	75,500.00
600	Environmental Services	672,710.47
640	Plat Books	64.06
715	County Garage	57,149.98
720	Property Casualty Liability	10,484.61
730	Workers Compensation	172,588.30
740	Medical Dental Insurance	2,541,523.63
770	Retired Employees Health Ins.	422.00
		<u>\$26,083,547.19</u>

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-341

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is required by Minn. Stat. § 203B.121, Subd. 1, to establish an Absentee Ballot Board; and

WHEREAS, This board will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting, counting and

rejecting returned absentee ballots in St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes an Absentee Ballot Board that shall consist of a sufficient number of election judges and may include deputy auditors to perform the duties required in Minn. Stat. § 203B.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board appoints the Absentee Ballot Board judges, as on file in Board File No. 61730, for the 2022 Primary and General Elections at a rate of \$12 per hour with funding available from Auditor/Elections, Fund 100, Agency 127001, Object 635300.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-342

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(e), upon the favorable recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax-forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use without monetary compensation or consideration; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth wishes to acquire the following tax-forfeited property for the authorized public use of a community garden park:

Legal: CITY OF DULUTH

LOT 10 and ELY 1/2 of LOT 11, BLOCK 6,

CHESTER PARK DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel Codes: 010-0500-00980 and 010-0500-01000

LDKeys: 117370 and 100363; and

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

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 282.01.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the above-described state tax-forfeited land to the City of Duluth subject to payment of a \$250 Department of Revenue fee, a \$250 administrative fee, a \$1.65 deed tax, a \$25 deed fee, and a \$46 recording fee; for a total sum of \$572.65.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-343

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(e), upon the favorable recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax-forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use without monetary compensation or consideration; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth wishes to acquire the following tax-forfeited property for the authorized public use of a community garden park:

Legal: CITY OF DULUTH

Lot 12 AND Lot 13, Block 126, PORTLAND DIVISION OF TOWN OF DULUTH

Parcel Codes: 010-3850-01000 and 010-3850-01010

LDKeys: 103742 and 103743; and

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

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 282.01.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the above-described state tax-forfeited land to the City of Duluth

subject to payment of a \$250 Department of Revenue fee, a \$250 administrative fee, a \$1.65 deed tax, a \$25 deed fee, and a \$92 recording fee; for a total sum of \$618.65.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-344

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(e), upon the favorable recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax-forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use without monetary compensation or consideration; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth wishes to acquire the following tax-forfeited property for the authorized public use of a community garden park:

Legal: CITY OF DULUTH
LOT 15 and LOT 16, BLOCK 145,
PORTLAND DIVISION OF TOWN OF DULUTH
Parcel Codes: 010-3850-04420 and 010-3850-04430
LDKeys: 103747 and 103748; and

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

WHEREAS, Parcel 010-3850-04420 has been classified as non-conservation land and parcel 010-3850-04430 has been classified as conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 282.01; and

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

WHEREAS, This parcel is located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town, and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that notice of the classification or reclassification of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body; and

WHEREAS, The reclassification will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the conservation state tax-forfeited parcels described herein 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 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.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the above-described state tax-forfeited land to the City of Duluth subject to payment of a \$250 Department of Revenue fee, a \$250 administrative fee, a \$1.65 deed tax, a \$25 deed fee, and a \$46 recording fee, for a total sum of \$572.65.

Adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-345

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage,

or other agreement, subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Loretta Faye Westlund, taxpayer, of Aurora, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF AURORA

Lot 8, Block 2, ZUPONCIC ACRES 1ST ADD TO AURORA

Parcel code: 100-0077-00310; and

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under section 281.23, which was James K. Ostlund; and

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

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either (a) pay in full all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241; or (b) enter into a ten-year contract for deed, satisfying same, 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 Loretta Faye Westlund of Aurora, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61662, to James K. Ostlund, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$143.13, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$215.78, to be deposited into Fund 240 (the State Tax-Forfeited Land 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 June 14, 2022. No. 22-346

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, Steven John Waschbisch of Aurora, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF AURORA

Lot 14, Block 2, AURORA 1ST DIVISION

100-0020-00300

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 outstanding county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either (a) pay in full all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241; or (b) enter into a four-year contract for deed, satisfying same, 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 Steven John Waschbisch of Aurora, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61662, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$8,046.65, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$26.55, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$8,144.20, to be deposited into Fund 240 (State

Tax-Forfeited Land 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 June 14, 2022. No. 22-347

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, 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) notified St. Louis County of special allocations of funding to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) programs from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to carry out activities using CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding to assist communities, agencies, and residents of St. Louis County through an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board provided a public review period and conducted a public hearing on June 14, 2022, at 9:35 a.m., regarding an amendment to the 2020 Action Plan as required by HUD.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the amendment to the 2020 Action Plan reducing the award of CDBG-CV to the United Way of NE Minnesota by \$150,000, canceling the award of ESG-CV to Range Transitional Housing in the amount of \$415,976 and recycling this funding to respective CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Programs for award in the CARES Act Round 3 process.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director to prepare and submit the Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan 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 amendment as described in County Board File No. 61721, and to act in connection with its submission and subsequent activity, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board allocates funding from the entitlement grants to CDBG-CV and ESG-CV projects and authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director and a representative of the County Attorney to execute agency agreements for these projects. Disbursements related to the CDBG-CV subrecipient agreements will be made from CDBG-CV Fund 260 and ESG-CV agreements from ESG-CV Fund 173 according to the specific 2020 projects included in the County Board File No. 61721, or as required by the County Auditor.

Unanimously adopted June 14, 2022. No. 22-348

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has made available grant funds to counties to implement a plan to improve system access to increase and improve opportunities for Minnesotans with disabling conditions to live in the community; and

WHEREAS, The goals merge the collective efforts outlined in Minnesota's Olmstead Plan and Minnesota's Plan to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, DHS is providing funding to streamline/monitor/administrate the Housing Support Program formerly known as Group Residential Housing (GRH); and

WHEREAS, Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Behavioral Health and the PHHS Housing and Homeless Programs Team applied for and were awarded funds to increase support in order meet the unique needs of people with disabilities facing significant barriers in transitioning into community living from institutions, corrections, licensed facilities, or homelessness as a result of minimal or bad rental history, criminal background, and behavioral issues;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to accept a grant award in the amount of \$986,175 from the DHS Housing and Supports and Services Division for the 2022-2024 grant cycle and then funding to be included in the base Minnesota state budget.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes one additional grant-funded FTE position, a 1.0 FTE Social Worker.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to enter into contracts with community-based providers.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this position will be designated with grant funding and will be eliminated if/when the funding is discontinued.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board rescinds Board Resolution No. 22-319 authorizing acceptance of the Minnesota Department of Human Services Housing and Support and Services grant award.

Budget Reference:

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object, 610100, Grant 23286, Grant Year 2022

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Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object, 633100, Grant 23286, Grant Year 2022

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object, 624300, Grant 23286, Grant Year 2022

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object, 530714, Grant 23286, Grant Year 2022

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BY COMMISSIONER MUSOLF:

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 469.1812 through § 469.1815, Abatement Authority, require that a public hearing be conducted prior to approving a tax abatement; 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 Hermantown, MN, has requested St. Louis County to consider up to \$300,000 in tax abatement to assist the City of Hermantown – Oppidan’s plan to construct the 105-unit senior living community; and

WHEREAS, The specific parcel to be included in the tax abatement request is 395-0010-04210.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 9:45 A.M., at the Culver Town Hall, 5292 Highway 31, Brookston, MN, for input on proposed Tax Abatement Financing (TAF) for the City of Hermantown to assist Oppidan’s plan to develop The Pillars of Hermantown, located at 5097 Maple Grove Road that will consist of a three-story, 105-unit senior living housing community.

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At 10:05 a.m., June 14, 2022, Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Paul McDonald, 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)