

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

April 2, 2024

St. Louis County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Board Room, 100 N. 5th Ave. West, Duluth, MN

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 March 26, 2024.

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Musolf, Chair

1. Cooperative agreement with the City of Eveleth to complete a roadway exchange. *[24-119]*
2. Cooperative agreement with the Virginia-Eveleth Economic Development Authority to complete the acquisition of Progress Parkway. *[24-120]*
3. Acquisition of necessary rights-of-way and temporary easements for the replacement of County Bridge 405 and approaches located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 44 over Petrell Creek in Fairbanks Township (**CP 0044-556745**). *[24-121]*
4. Professional services agreement with SRF Consulting Group, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, in an amount not to exceed \$249,952.50 to develop a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan (**CP 0000-803757**). *[24-122]*
5. Acquisition of necessary rights-of-way and temporary easements for the replacement of County Bridge 523 and approaches located on County Road 362 (Waisanen Road) located over the Embarrass River in Embarrass Township (**CP 0362-701708**). *[24-123]*
6. Acquisition of necessary rights-of-way and temporary easements for a reclaim and overlay with grade correction project on CSAH 6 (Maple Grove Road) in Solway and Brevator Townships (**CP 0006-554989**). *[24-124]*
7. Bid awarded to **KGM Contractors, Inc**, Angora, MN, in the amount of \$4,944,879.06 for a grading, aggregate base, plant mixed bituminous surface, pipe culverts, storm sewer and concrete curb and gutter project on CSAH 43 (Fish Lake Road) in Fredenberg Township (**CP 0043-139601, SAP 069-643-018**). *[24-138]*
8. Bid awarded to **Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. aka ASTECH Corp.**, St. Cloud, MN, in the amount of \$1,718,162.24 for a crack repair special, scrub seal, fog seal and pavement markings project consisting of 8 projects (**CP 0000-753028, SAP 069-030-066 (2024 Scrub Seal (Prime))**). *[24-139]*

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10. Authorize the purchase, delivery and placement of bulk material wall panels from **Wieser Concrete, LLC** of Maiden Rock, WI, for the total amount of \$431,280 to be used for the separation of salt and sand at the three new campuses for the Public Works Countywide Improvements Project. [24-141]
11. Bid awarded to **Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. aka ASTECH Corp.**, St. Cloud, MN, in the amount of \$2,674,220.77 for a bituminous seal coat, fog seal and pavement markings project at various county locations (**CP 0000-669832 (2024 Chip Seal) (Low) (Prime); CP 0000-814612 (Tied); CP 0000-814287 (Tied)**). [24-142]
12. Bid awarded to **KGM Contractors, Inc.**, Angora, MN, in the amount of \$1,613,777.92 for a bituminous pavement reclamation, aggregate base Class 5, base stabilization, plant mix bituminous and aggregate surfacing project on CSAH 22 in Alango and Angora Townships (**CP 0022-398243, SAP 069-622-023**). [24-143]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Harala, Chair

13. Services agreement with Integrity Employee Benefits, LLC of Hastings, MN, for the development and implementation of a new online employee benefits enrollment system for an annual cost of \$56,000. [24-125]
14. Abatement list for Board approval. [24-126]
15. Application for License to Sell Tobacco Products at Retail by MN Stores L.L.C. dba Snak Atak #45, New Independence Township; new.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner McDonald, Chair

16. Approve the Memorandums of Understanding for the four-day work week pertaining to the Public Works Department Traffic (Sign) Maintenance Divisions – North and South, and the Highway Maintenance Divisions. [24-127]

Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Grimm, Chair

17. Professional services agreement with Matrix, of San Mateo, CA, in the amount of \$126,200 to conduct a staffing study and analysis for the Sheriff's Office. [24-128]
18. Authorize amendment and acceptance of the 2024 State Boat and Water Safety grant in the revised amount of \$186,969 (an increase of \$71,969 from the original amount of \$115,000). [24-129]

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Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Jugovich, Chair

19. Agreement with Embarrass Township to lease property for the operations of the Embarrass Canister Site located in the SW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 22, Township 60 North, Range 15 West, at an annual cost of \$900. *[24-130]*
20. Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited land (homestead) by Kyle Duane Bruun and Lori Ann Bruun, Gilbert, MN (parcel code 060-0033-00060). *[24-131]*
21. Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited land (homestead) by Jon Richard Grabanski, Hibbing, MN (parcel code 141-0020-02923). *[24-132]*
22. Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited land (non-homestead) by Todd Ronald Hart, Mtn. Iron, MN (parcel code 385-0010-02262). *[24-133]*
23. Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited land (non-homestead) by Gabriel Christopher Garcia and Ben Garcia, Virginia, MN (parcel code 090-0010-04800). *[24-134]*
24. Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited land (non-homestead) by Roger Dale Kahtava, Virginia, MN, heir to the Estate of Stanley D. Kahtava (parcel code 300-0010-00920). *[24-135]*
25. Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited lands (non-homestead) by Saransor Properties, LLC, Eden Prairie, MN (parcel codes 010-3540-00440, -00450 & -00730). *[24-136]*
26. Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited land (non-homestead) by Vanderwilder Investment Group, Eveleth, MN (parcel code 090-0060-00340). *[24-137]*

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 March 26, 2024, are hereby approved.

Cooperative Agreement with the City of Eveleth to Complete a Roadway Exchange

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is leading a project to complete certain transportation improvements within the City of Eveleth to improve access to the Rock Ridge School campus which this project is identified as CP 0142-592214; and

WHEREAS, These transportation improvements include the reconstruction of existing roadways and construction of the new Progress Parkway which includes a roundabout and a secondary access to the Rock Ridge School campus; and

WHEREAS, These transportation improvements will require the exchange of certain existing roadways to allow St. Louis County to accept ownership of and designate the new Progress Parkway (total length = 1.42 miles) as a County State Aid Highway; and

WHEREAS, This exchange of existing roadways will transfer jurisdiction of 2.81 miles of existing county roads to the City of Eveleth and 1.40 miles of existing city streets to St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The existing roadways that are transferred to St. Louis County will be designated as County State Aid Highways; and

WHEREAS, The net change in County State Aid Highway mileage within the City of Eveleth after completion of the transportation improvements will be +0.11 mile; and

WHEREAS, The net change in city street mileage for the City of Eveleth after the exchange of existing roadways will be +1.41 miles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to enter into a cooperative agreement, and approve any amendments approved by the County Attorney's Office, with the City of Eveleth to complete a roadway exchange.

**Cooperative Agreement with the Virginia-Eveleth Economic Development Authority to
Complete a Roadway Acquisition of Progress Parkway**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is leading a project to complete certain transportation improvements within the City of Eveleth to improve access to the Rock Ridge School campus which this project is identified as CP 0142-592214; and

WHEREAS, These transportation improvements include the reconstruction of existing roadways and construction of the new Progress Parkway which includes a roundabout and a secondary access to the Rock Ridge School campus; and

WHEREAS, These transportation improvements will require the transfer of ownership of an existing segment of Progress Parkway, beginning at US 53 and ending at a point 0.15 mile east of US 53 for a total length of 0.15 mile, from the Virginia-Eveleth Economic Development Authority to St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will designate this segment of Progress Parkway as County State Aid Highway 142.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to enter into a cooperative agreement, and approve any amendments approved by the County Attorney's Office, with the Virginia-Eveleth Economic Development Authority to complete a roadway acquisition of Progress Parkway beginning at US 53 and ending at a point 0.15 mile east of US 53 for a total length of 0.15 mile.

Acquisition of Right-of-Way for Replacement of County Bridge 405 over Petrell Creek in Fairbanks Township – CP 0044-556745

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 44 and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 405, State Bridge 7706) spanning Petrell Creek in Fairbanks Township, further identified as CP 0044-556745; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Public Works Director, or his designee, 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.

Professional Services Agreement with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to Develop a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan – CP 0000-803757

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County was awarded funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program to develop a Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act established the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program with \$5 billion appropriated over five years, 2022 through 2026, which provides funding for planning and implementation; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County's traffic safety program has been guided by the County Road Safety Plan which has leveraged federal funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program for dedicated traffic safety projects on the county road system and at intersections with state highways; and

WHEREAS, The Safety Action Plan will provide an opportunity to continue the pursuit of innovative methods and strategies that are focused on reducing serious crashes; and

WHEREAS, The Safety Action Plan will be developed under the leadership of an engineering consultant; and

WHEREAS, Proposals were requested and opened on February 28, 2024, and the County received four (4) proposals; and

WHEREAS, SRF Consulting Group, Inc. was selected for the project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a professional services agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to develop a Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan. This project is identified as CP 0000-803757.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the total cost of these professional services shall not exceed \$249,952.50, and will be payable from:

Fund 220, Agency 220748, Object 626600 – Federal Funds - \$199,962.00

Fund 200, Agency 203671, Object 626600 – Local Funds - \$49,990.50

Acquisition of Right-of-Way for Replacement of County Bridge 523 over the Embarrass River in Embarrass Township – CP 0362-701708

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County Road (CR) 362 (Waisanen Road) and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 523, State Bridge 69593) spanning the Embarrass River in Embarrass Township, further identified as CP 0362-701708; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director, or his designee, 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.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requested to provide St. Louis County with easement across the following State of Minnesota land located adjacent to the present course of County Road # 362 (Waisanen Road) in Embarrass Township:

1. That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) lying southeasterly of the Embarrass River, Section 35, Township 60 North, Range 15 West. (parcel ID No. 330-0010-05520)

Acquisition of Right-of-way for a Reclaim and Overlay with Grade Corrections Project on Maple Grove Road (CSAH 6) from US Hwy. 2 to State Hwy. 33 - CP 0006-554989

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning a reclaim and overlay with grade corrections project on a 3.5-mile segment of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 6 (Maple Grove Road) between US Hwy. 2 and State Hwy. 33 in Solway and Brevator Townships, further identified as CP 0006-554989; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of 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, or his designee, 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: Grading, Aggregate Base, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, Pipe Culverts,
Storm Sewer and Concrete Curb & Gutter Project (CP 0043-139601, SAP 069-643-018)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0043-139601, SAP 069-643-018; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 7, 2024, 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	\$4,944,879.06

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 0043-139601, SAP 069-643-018

Fund 204, Agency 204271, Object 652806 – Transportation Sales Tax Funds

**Award of Bid: Crack Repair Special, Scrub Seal, Fog Seal, and Pavement Markings
Project (CP 0000-753028, SAP 069-030-066 (2024 Scrub Seal)(Prime) consisting of 8
Projects)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0000-753028, SAP 069-030-066 (2024 Scrub Seal)(Prime) consisting of 8 projects; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 7, 2024, 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>
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation (aka ASTECH Corp)	PO Box 1025 Saint Cloud, MN 56302	\$1,718,162.24

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 0000-753028, SAP 069-030-066 (2024 Scrub Seal)(Prime) consisting of 8 projects
Fund 220, Agency 220779, Object 652700 – Regular and Municipal State Aid, and City of Chisholm Funds - \$1,552,754.27
Fund 200, Agency 203688, Object 652800 – Local Construction Funds - \$165,407.97

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:
City of Chisholm, Fund 220, Agency 220779, Object 551530 - \$51,558.83

Award of Bid: Micro-Surfacing Project (CP 0004-778336, SAP 069-604-088 (Low); CP 0008-788475, SAP 069-608-007 (Tied); CP 0133-788474, SAP 069-733-032 (Tied); CP 0000-823811 (Tied))

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0004-778336, SAP 069-604-088 (Low); CP 0008-788475, SAP 069-608-007 (Tied); CP 0133-788474, SAP 069-733-032 (Tied); CP 0000-823811 (Tied); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 7, 2024, 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>
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation (aka ASTECH Corp.)	PO Box 1025 Saint Cloud, MN 56302	\$1,636,972.47

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 0004-778336, SAP 069-604-088 (Low);
Fund 220, Agency 220775, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$251,987.10

CP 0008-788475, SAP 069-608-007 (Tied);
Fund 220, Agency 220776, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$243,856.35

CP 0133-788474, SAP 069-733-032 (Tied);
Fund 220, Agency 220777, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$893,032.55

CP 0000-823811 (Tied)
Fund 220, Agency 220778, Object 652700 – State Aid and City of Hermantown Funds - \$248,096.47

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:
City of Hermantown – Fund 220, Agency 220778, Object 551503 - \$248,096.47

Purchase of Bulk Material Wall Panels – Countywide Improvement Project

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County requested quotes from known suppliers in the region for the manufacturing, delivery and placement of bulk material wall panels used to separate salt and sand for the three new Public Works campuses being constructed for the Public Works Countywide Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, Two quotes were received, with the low quote being from Wieser Concrete in the amount of \$431,280.00; and

WHEREAS, The administrative decision was made to invoke emergency purchasing to expedite the production and delivery of the wall panels to ensure that these facilities are ready to be utilized for road salt storage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of bulk material wall panels from Wieser Concrete, LLC of Maiden Rock, WI, for a total cost of \$431,280.00, payable from:

Fund 405, Agency 405191, Object 661100 – Culver (WO #541866) - \$149,054.00

Fund 405, Agency 405192, Object 661100 – Kugler (WO #621901) - \$155,614.00

Fund 405, Agency 405193, Object 661100 – Whiteface (WO #604324) - \$126,612.00

**Award of Bid: Bitumionus Seal Coat, Fog Seal, and Pavement Markings Project
(CP 0000-669832, SAP 069-030-060 (2024 Chip Seal)(Low)(Prime); CP 0000-814612 (Tied);
CP 0000-814287 (Tied))**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0000-669832, SAP 069-030-060 (2024 Chip Seal)(Low)(Prime); CP 0000-814612 (Tied); CP 0000-814287 (Tied); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 14, 2024, 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>
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation (aka ASTECH Corp)	PO Box 1025 Saint Cloud, MN 56302	\$2,674,220.77

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 0000-669832, SAP 069-030-060 (2024 Chip Seal)(Low)(Prime);

Fund 220, Agency 220752, Object 652700 – State Aid and City of Proctor Funds - \$2,105,014.44

Fund 200, Agency 203689, Object 652800 – Local Funds - \$331,852.36

CP 0000-814612 (Tied)

Fund 220, Agency 220780, Object 652700 – Lake County Funds - \$56,131.48

CP 0000-814287 (Tied)

Fund 220, Agency 220781, Object 652700 – City of Duluth Funds - \$181,222.49

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

City of Proctor – Fund 220, Agency 220752, Object 551502 - \$78,605.78

Lake County – Fund 220, Agency 220780, Object 551508 - \$56,131.48

City of Duluth – Fund 220, Agency 220781, Object 551501 - \$181,222.49

Award of Bid: Bituminous Pavement Reclamation, Aggregate Base Class 5, Base Stabilization, Plant Mix Bituminous and Aggregate Surfacing Project (CP 0022-398243, SAP 069-622-023)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0022-398243, SAP 069-622-023; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 14, 2024, 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	\$1,613,777.92

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 0022-398243, SAP 069-622-023

Fund 220, Agency 220782, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds

Online Employee Benefits Enrollment System Development and Implementation System

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The County Auditor's Office and Human Resources Department have identified a need to streamline and modernize the process for employees to enroll in benefits associated with their county employment, which has historically been a paper form-based process; and

WHEREAS, The Auditor's Office and Human Resources Department, in coordination with the Purchasing Division, issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking a business partner to develop, implement, and train county staff associated with implementing an online benefits enrollment platform; and

WHEREAS, An evaluation committee has recommended Integrity Employee Benefits, LLC and the platform BenefitsConnect for contract award in accordance with this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a services contract with Employee Benefits, LLC for the development and implementation of a new St. Louis County online employee benefits enrollment system for an annual subscription, software maintenance and support cost of \$56,000 payable from Fund 100, Agency 117001, Object 634800, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139.

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. 62102.

Application for License to Sell Tobacco Products at Retail - New

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, 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. _____, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the following establishment:

MN Stores L.L.C. dba Snak Atak #45, New Independence Township, new.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if 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.

Memorandum of Understanding for Four Day Work Week (Teamsters 2024-2025)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and Teamsters Local 320 have negotiated and entered into a labor agreement for 2023-2025; and

WHEREAS, The agreement details the work schedule for those employees covered by the agreement; and

WHEREAS, The parties have in previous years entered into a supplemental labor agreement allowing for a departure of those terms under which certain divisions of Public Works can work a revised schedule for a portion of the year; and

WHEREAS, The parties have reached an agreement to implement a similar schedule for 2024-2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the Public Works Department four-day work week agreement pertaining to the Traffic (Sign) Maintenance Divisions-North and South, the first full pay period following approval and execution of the supplemental labor agreement and ending September 20, 2024, and effective March 22, 2025, and ending September 19, 2025, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. _____.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board approves the Public Works Department four-day work agreement pertaining to the Highway Maintenance Divisions, effective April 20, 2024, or the first full pay period and ending September 6, 2024, and effective April 19, 2025, and ending September 5, 2025, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. _____.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute Memorandums of Understanding with exclusive bargaining representatives of Teamsters Local 320 to memorialize the agreements on the supplemental four-day work weeks.

Professional Services Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office has worked with the Purchasing Division to solicit for and create a contract with Matrix Consulting Group (Matrix), based out of San Mateo, California; and

WHEREAS, Matrix will provide a staffing study and analysis for the Sheriff's Office (911/Dispatch, Jail, and Law Enforcement divisions); and

WHEREAS, This study will conduct and collect relevant data from the Sheriff's Office to gauge workload and frame the agencies' existing operational approaches; and

WHEREAS, Matrix's services and scope of work will include staffing allocations/deployments, organizational structure, and management systems to meet future staffing needs and anticipated growth within the County; and

WHEREAS, Matrix will provide a summary of the findings and recommendations, which will be presented to the County Board for further consideration; and

WHEREAS, The County was awarded one-time Public Safety Aid from the State of Minnesota and the County Board allocated \$126,200.00 towards this study per County Board Resolution No. 24-155.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a professional service agreement with Matrix, based out of San Mateo, California, to conduct a staffing study and analysis for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$126,200.00, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 629900.

Accept the amended 2024 State Boat and Water Safety Grant

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2023, the Board authorized the acceptance of the 2024 State Boat and Water Safety grant in the amount of \$115,000 with Resolution No. 23-673; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office was recently notified they have been awarded an additional \$71,969.00; and

WHEREAS, The State Boat and Water Safety grant enables the Sheriff to patrol St. Louis County waterways, to enforce the boat and water safety rules, to inspect watercraft, to provide search and rescue operations, and to conduct accident investigation as needed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the amendment and acceptance of the 2024 State Boat and Water Safety grant in the revised amount of \$186,969 (an increase of \$71,969 from the originally adopted amount of \$115,000) to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 130999, Grant 13001, Year 2024.

Embarrass Township Canister Site Lease Agreement

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is committed to providing waste disposal options and maintain positive working relationships with townships within our solid waste service area; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, the county has been leasing the property located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 60, Range 15 West, from Embarrass Township under the terms of an existing annually renewing agreement; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that it is in the best interest of the county and township to continue to provide a canister site to the residents in this area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Environmental Services Department to enter into an agreement with Embarrass Township to lease the above parcel to operate a solid waste canister site at the cost of \$900 per year, payable from Fund 600, Agency 603009, Object 634600.

Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Bruun (Homestead)

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicants, Kyle Duane Bruun and Lori Ann Bruun of Gilbert, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lots 6 and 7, Block 1, GILBERT 3RD ADDITION
Parcel ID No: 060-0033-00060
LDKey: 130629

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owners of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which were Kyle D. Bruun and Lori A. Bruun; and

WHEREAS, The applicants have made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the homestead property; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Kyle Duane Bruun and Lori Ann Bruun of Gilbert, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, to Kyle D. Bruun and Lori A. Bruun, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$223.21, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$295.86, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Grabanski (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, Jon Richard Grabanski of Hibbing, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: That part of the NW1/4 of NE1/4 described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said NW1/4 of NE1/4; thence West along the South line for a distance of 300 feet; thence North parallel to the East line of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 to the North line; thence East along the North line of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 for a distance of 300 feet to the Northeast corner of said NW1/4 of NE1/4; thence South along the East line of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 to the Point of Beginning.
Section 23, Township 57 North, Range 20 West
Parcel ID No: 141-0020-02923
LDKey: 130653; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner 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 § 281.23, which was Jon Richard Grabanski; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the homestead property; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Jon Richard Grabanski of Hibbing, MN, on file in County Board File No._____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$4,417.73, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$14.58, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$4,503.31, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Hart (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, Todd Ronald Hart of Mtn. Iron, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: NW1/4 of NW1/4 EXCEPT that part lying North of Old Highway #169
AND EXCEPT the West 600 feet, Section 24, Township 58 North, Range 19 West
Parcel ID No: 385-0010-02262
LDKey: 130679; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner 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 § 281.23, which was Todd R. Hart; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 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 Todd Ronald Hart of Mtn. Iron, MN, on file in County Board File No._____, to Todd R. Hart, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$868.59, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$941.24, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

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

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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

WHEREAS, The applicants, Gabriel Christopher Garcia and Ben Garcia of Virginia, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 29, Block 21, VIRGINIA
Parcel ID No: 090-0010-04800
LDKey: 130631; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The applicants have made satisfactory downpayment to enter into a four-year contract for deed to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 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 Gabriel Christopher Garcia and Ben Garcia of Virginia, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, to Gabriel C. Garcia and Ben C. Garcia, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$5,286.11, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$17.44, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$5,374.55, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Kahtava (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, Roger Dale Kahtava of Virginia, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 6, Township 56 North, Range 15 West
Parcel ID No: 300-0010-00920
LDKey: 130664; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the heir to the owner 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 § 281.23, which was Stanley D. Kahtava; and

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Kahtava is deceased, and Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 2, provides that the deed must name the record owner's estate as grantee if a record owner is deceased.; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 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 Roger Dale Kahtava of Virginia, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, to the Estate of Stanley D. Kahtava, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$2,381.37, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$2,454.02, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Saransor Properties, 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, Saransor Properties, LLC of Eden Prairie, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 9, Block 2, NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel ID No: 010-3540-00440

LDKey: 130608

AND

Legal: Lot 10, Block 2, NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel ID No: 010-3540-00450

LDKey: 130609

AND

Legal: Lot 38 AND N1/2 of Lots 39 thru 44, Block 2, NORTONS STEEL
PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel ID No: 010-3540-00730

LDKey: 130610; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner 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 § 281.23, which was Saransor Properties, LLC; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 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 Saransor Properties, LLC of Eden Prairie, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$15,631.14, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$51.58, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$15,753.72, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Vanderwilder Investment Group
(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, Vanderwilder Investment Group of Eveleth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 7 and W1/2 of Lot 8, Block 3, ANDERSONS 3RD ADDITION TO VIRGINIA
Parcel ID No: 090-0060-00340
LDKey: 130632; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner 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 § 281.23, which was Vanderwilder Investment Group; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 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 Vanderwilder Investment Group of Eveleth, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$5,156.49, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$17.02, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$5,244.51, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON MARCH 26, 2024**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 26th day of March 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Buhl Kinney Senior Center, Buhl, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Mike Jugovich and Chair Keith Nelson - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Chair Nelson asked for a moment of silence to honor those men and women who serve and protect this great nation and for those individuals adversely affected by conflict or violence both here and abroad; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Jugovich introduced City of Buhl Administrator Tony Jeffries. Administrator Jeffries commented that the City of Buhl is experiencing a renaissance and is expanding and growing and thanked the Board for helping to fund a youth center.

As part of Chair Nelson's initiative to recognize citizens throughout St. Louis County, County Attorney Kim Maki posthumously recognized Pat Molick of Britt. Attorney Maki commented that Mr. Molick connected people around Lake Leander and even though he didn't formally serve, he was a public servant. Mr. Molick's wife (Linda) and sister (Mary) accepted the award.

The Board recognized the Cherry Boys High School basketball team for winning the Class A state championship. Members of the team and Head Coach Jordan Christianson were present.

At 10:25 a.m., the Board took a short break. At 10:33 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

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

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to consider a resolution to establish a public hearing to consider an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License application from DRRY Ventures, LLC dba Sportsmen's Inn, Gnesen Township; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved that the St. Louis County Board establish a public hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 10:10 a.m. at the Duluth Courthouse, County Board Room, 100 N. 5th Avenue West, Duluth, MN, regarding the application for an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for DRRY Ventures, LLC dba Sportsmen's Inn, Gnesen Township. Resolution No. 24-170.

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

Rolf Weberg, PhD, Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota Duluth, presentation regarding The Energy Transition and the Opportunities for Integrated Industrial Decarbonization (presented to the Committee of the Whole on March 12, 2024).—62146

Julie Marinucci, Land & Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-114, Land Donation from Northern Waters Land Trust.—62147

St. Louis County Canvassing Board minutes dated March 8, 2024, for the Canvass of the March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Results.—62148

Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-118, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Gnesen Township).—62149

Upon motion by Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Grimm, resolutions numbered 24-156 through 24-169, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of March 12, 2024, are hereby approved.

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-156

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) awards grant funds to counties to fund services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has applied for and received funding from the MHFA Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) consistently since the 1995-1997 biennium to fund services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, MHFA recently announced another request for proposals with the availability of up to \$27.5M in FHPAP funding to provide supportive services and direct financial assistance to help households who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness to retain their housing or obtain housing; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Department is requesting to apply for up to \$500,000 in funding that will address known gaps with current sub-grantees (direct assistance, supportive services/staffing and coordinated entry support) as well as additional administrative funding to identify, measure and address racial disparities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to apply for up to \$500,000 in MHFA FHPAP grant funding.

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-157

WHEREAS, In 2023 St. Louis County entered into a “Good Neighbor Agreement” with the United States Forest Service (USFS) (FS Agreement No. 23-GN-11090900-038) to remonument the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) in the north half of Township 58 North, Range 13 West; and

WHEREAS, To complete the project, the Public Works Department, in tandem with the Purchasing division, prepared a solicitation for surveying services for the recovery, restoration and perpetuation of corners of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) in the north half of Township 58 North, Range 13 West; and

WHEREAS, Proposals were requested and let on February 23, 2024, and the County received four (4) proposals; and

WHEREAS, Northern Lights Surveying Services was determined to have the necessary training, experience, and knowledge to successfully complete the contract.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by

the County Attorney, with Northern Lights Surveying Services to provide surveying services for the recovery, restoration, and perpetuation of corners of the Public Land Survey System.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the total cost of these surveying services will be \$194,210.00 and will be funded in accordance with the “Good Neighbor Agreement” (FS Agreement No. 23-GN-11090900-038), payable from Fund 220, Agency 220753, Object 626600.

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-158

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning a reclaim & overlay and a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) water access improvement project on County Road 655 (South White Iron Road) in Morse Township, further identified as CP 0655-556175; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of reclaiming the existing roadway, grading, aggregate base, curb, gutter, bituminous surfacing, 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, or his designee, 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.

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. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-159

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0000-677357, SP 069-070-071, HSIP 6924(182); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on February 29, 2024, 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>
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	2800 Mecca Dr Plover, WI 54467	\$467,768.43

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 0000-677357, SP 069-070-071, HSIP 6924(182)

Fund 220, Agency 220773, Object 652700 – State Aid and Federal Funds

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-160

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0025-555607, SAP 069-625-023 (Br 679); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on February 29, 2024, 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>
Northland Constructors of Duluth, a Division of Mathy Construction Company	4843 Rice Lake Road Duluth, MN 55803	\$1,423,140.00

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 0025-555607, SAP 069-625-023 (Br 679)

Fund 204, Agency 204197, Object 652806 – Transportation Sales Tax Funds

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-161

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
- To 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 has allocated up to \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds to be used for youth recreation/park projects; and

WHEREAS, Pike Township has identified a project to improve its recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Township has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$10,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to support its project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$10,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for the Pike Township Recreation Equipment Upgrade Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Pike Township shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with the Township for this project with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Action Revenue Loss.

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-162

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
- To 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's adopted ARPA framework included \$50,000 for the Hull Rust Mine View project and the relocation of the "The Hill of Three Waters" mural; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hibbing has identified a project to relocate and construct a new mine view site in the City of Hibbing adjacent to the Hull Rust Mine; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hibbing has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$50,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to support its project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$50,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for the Hibbing Mine View Relocation Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the City of Hibbing shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with the City for this project with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Action Revenue Loss.

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-163

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 an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 62124.

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, 2024:

DRRY Ventures, LLC dba Sportsmen's Inn, Gnesen Township, On-Sale & Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, transfer.

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-164

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. 62085:

Hugo's, Inc. dba Hugo's, Ault Township, renewal.

Adopted March 25, 2024. No. 24-165

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. 62106, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

February 2024

100	General Fund	\$9,098,113.43
149	Personal Service Fund	2,421.48
155	Depot	57,641.43
160	MN Trail Assistance	14,562.94
167	Attorney's Forfeitures	2,600.00
169	Attorney Trust Accounts-VW	1,855.66
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	433,698.50
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	16,185.00
180	Law Library	2,544.95
183	City/County Communications	439.55
184	Extension Service	64,236.53
190	Sheriff Explorers	150.00
191	Recorders Deposit Account	1,448.00
192	Permit to Carry	6,436.91
200	Public Works	3,563,652.73
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	185,628.23
220	State/Federal Road Aid	254,367.30
230	Public Health & Human Services	9,977,095.96
238	HHS Conference	27,265.00
239	Pandemic Response Fund	2,248,673.79
240	Forfeited Tax	495,716.14
250	St. Louis County HRA	16,250.00
260	CDBG Grant	224,571.94
270	Home Grant	129,281.10
280	Federal Septic Loan – EPA Fund	2,001.12
281	SLC Septic Loans	1,656.74
289	On-Site Wastewater	74,813.12
290	Forest Resources	6,879.01
298	Opioid Remediation	98,744.02
400	County Facilities	123,950.23
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	10,045.58
403	Emergency Repairs	43,220.95
405	Public Works Building Construction	1,237,506.96
407	Public Works – Equipment	187,101.59
450	2021A – Capital Improvement	68,312.14
600	Environmental Services	1,128,032.36
715	County Garage	198,529.19
720	Property Casualty Liability	20,677.98
730	Workers Compensation	457,720.62
740	Medical Dental Insurance	4,516,575.63
770	Retired Employees Health Insurance	459.50
		<u>\$35,001,063.31</u>

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-166

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office has worked with the Purchasing and Information Technology Divisions to create a single source contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. (Tyler), based

out of Troy, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Tyler will provide a cloud-based Structures Query Language (SQL) single platform for the Sheriff's Office public safety software, including the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS), Mobile, and Jail Management Systems (JMS) (including, Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC)); and

WHEREAS, Tyler will work in conjunction with leadership to coordinate and assist with implementing this public safety software; and

WHEREAS, Tyler offers comprehensive support and maintenance services, ensuring the stability and functionality of the Sheriff's Office software environment and the software provided by Tyler offers numerous enhancements that will empower the Sheriff's Office officers, dispatchers, records administrators, and potentially expand our services to include social workers; and

WHEREAS, Obtaining Tyler will ensure a unified public safety software to better communicate and data sharing with external partnering agencies, while enhancing interoperability and collaboration and fostering stronger relationships with critical stakeholders.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., based out of Troy, Michigan, in the amount of \$1,017,925, including \$353,517 in annual recurring fees.

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund: 179, Agency: 179001, Objects: 634800, 634801, 634802, & 629900

Fund: 100, Agency: 129003, Objects: 634800, 634801, & 629900

Fund: 100, Agency: 137002, Objects: 634800, 634801, & 629900

Fund: 925, Agency: 926001, Object: 626900

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-167

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy has offered to perform, through donation, forest regeneration and timber stand improvement work on lands managed by the Land and Minerals Department at an estimated monetary value of \$95,000; and

WHEREAS, The Ruffed Grouse Society has offered to provide tree seedlings for planting at an estimated monetary value of \$3,600; and

WHEREAS, No terms or requirements are placed on the lands managed or materials received through acceptance of donations other than placement of an informational sign naming the donating organization and funding source; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat § 465.03 authorizes the county to accept donation of personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Donations of labor and/or materials by The Nature Conservancy and Ruffed Grouse Society for completion of forest regeneration and improvement work would be welcomed and deemed beneficial by the Land and Minerals Department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board accepts donations of labor and/or materials for the completion of forest regeneration and improvement work from The Nature Conservancy at an estimated monetary value of \$95,000.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board accepts donation of tree seedlings from the Ruffed Grouse Society at an estimated monetary value of \$3,600.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Land Commissioner has the authority to enter into the appropriate agreement or issue the permit necessary to allow donated work from the above-named conservation groups, approved as to form and execution by the St. Louis County Attorney's Office.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Land Commissioner will provide an annual report to the county board, via board memo, summarizing the work donated in the preceding year, including an estimated dollar value equivalent, by conservation organization.

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-168

WHEREAS, The Northern Waters Land Trust has proposed to donate approximately 1,000 acres of forest land to St. Louis County purchased with funds obtained through a proposal to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) entitled *Minnesota Heritage Forest - Transition to Public Ownership Program*; and

WHEREAS, The lands received must be held in perpetuity for preserving water quality, wildlife habitat, supporting local timber/recreation-based economies through sustainable forestry practices, and securing public access; and

WHEREAS, No development of additional encumbrances such as roads/trails other than those necessary for forest/wildlife management activities is allowed without approval from the LSOHC; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat § 459.06 states any county, city, or town may, by resolution of its governing body, accept donations of land that the governing body deems to be better adapted for the production of timber and wood than for any other purpose for a forest, and may manage it on forestry principles; and

WHEREAS, The pool of lands considered was reviewed by the Land and Minerals Department and found highly desirable for forest consolidation, preserving water quality, wildlife habitat, and productive as working forestlands; and

WHEREAS, The lands would come to the county as county-fee owned with net revenues benefitting the county's general fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board supports the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council proposal entitled *Minnesota Heritage Forest - Transition to Public Ownership Program* as a potential benefit to the county's forest land base conditioned upon final acceptance of the specific parcels in a future board action.

Adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-169

BY COMMISSIONER MUSOLF:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 10:10 a.m. at the Duluth Courthouse, County Board Room, 100 N. 5th Avenue West, Duluth, MN, regarding the application for an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for DRRY Ventures, LLC dba Sportsmen's Inn, Gnesen Township.

Unanimously adopted March 26, 2024. No. 24-170

At 10:37 a.m., March 26, 2024, Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Keith Nelson, 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)