

# **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

November 24, 2020

Location: Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Olson, McDonald, Musolf, Nelson and Chair Jugovich

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m.

Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle and Beth Olson participated by WebEx.

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

McDonald/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed.  
(6-0, Boyle temporarily absent)

- Minutes of November 10, 2020
- CY 2021-2022 Contract with General Security Services Corporation for Secure Transportation Services [20-403]
- SFY 2021 Mental Health Contract with Accend Services [20-404]
- SFY 2021 Mental Health Contract with Mental Health Resources [20-405]
- SFY 2021 Mental Health Contract with Human Development Center [20-406]
- SFY 2021 Mental Health Contract with Range Mental Health Center [20-407]
- CY 2021 Supervised Visitation and Related Services Agreements [20-408]
- CY 2021 Out-of-Home and Day Treatment Agreements for Services to Families and Children [20-409]
- Application of the Housing Fund for Individuals Experiencing or at Risk of Experiencing Homelessness Award [20-410]
- CY 2021 Life House, Inc. – Safe Harbor/Sol House Group Residential Services & The Loft Emergency Shelter Services [20-411]
- Authorization to Accept Funds from ZERO TO THREE as an ITCP Evaluation Site and Enter into Contracts [20-412]
- Acquisition of Right of Way - Replacement of County Bridge 214 over Bug Creek (Cotton Township) [20-413]
- Acquisition of Right of Way - Replacement of County Bridge 760 over Boulder Creek (Gnesen Township and Unorganized Township 54-14) [20-414]
- Acquisition of Right of Way - Replacement of County Bridge 828 over Bear Trap River (Industrial Township) [20-415]
- Stoney Point Wayside Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application [20-416]
- CSAH 110 Sidewalk Improvements Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application [20-417]
- St. Louis County Courthouse – Virginia Landscape Renewal and Site Improvements [20-418]

- Abatement List for Board Approval [20-419]
- Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation [20-420]

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### **Establishment of Public Hearings**

Nelson/Jugovich moved to establish a public hearing at 9:50 a.m., on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the Virginia Government Services Center, Virginia, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to The Highway 5 Company d/b/a The Highway 5, Unorganized Township 59-21. [20-421]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/McDonald moved to establish a public hearing at 9:55 a.m., on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the Virginia Government Services Center, Virginia, MN, for the purpose of considering the suspension/revocation of liquor license(s) for failure to pay real estate or personal property taxes when due, pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28. [20-422]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Jugovich moved to establish a public hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in the Virginia Government Services Center, Virginia, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen input on a proposed exchange of County Fee owned land for property owned by Biosolids Disposal Site Authority. [20-423]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

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### **Public Works & Transportation Committee**

Musolf/McDonald moved to award a bid to TNT Construction Group, LLC, Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$1,164,000.00 for project CP 0004-366245 (Low); SAP 069-604-079 / CP 0004-366248 (Tied); SAP 069-604-080, Bridge Construction, County Bridge 76 on CSAH 4 & County Bridge 942 on CSAH 4 in Gnesen Township. [20-424]. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. (6-0, Boyle temporarily absent)

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### **Finance & Budget Committee**

Item #1, Delegate Authority to St. Louis County Administration to Appoint Hearing Officers to Adjudicate Alleged Violations of Ordinance 51 [20-425], was removed from the agenda at the request of St. Louis County Administration.

McDonald/Nelson moved that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 373.01 Subdivision (i), the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed conveying a parcel of non-conforming fee land in Alango Township to adjoining owners Richard Erickson and Jeffrey M. Erickson, for the amount of \$1,980, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202, with the grantee responsible for deed tax and recording fees. [20-426R]. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board approves a financial one-time grant contribution in the amount of up to \$68,000 to the Town of Morse to acquire lands, subject to conditions determined by the appropriate County officials to protect the County investment in public lands. If necessary, appropriate County officials are authorized to execute appropriate funding agreement(s), payable from Fund 178, Object 311008 or its designated fund. The funding is contingent upon Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) or other matching funding.

Acquired land is to remain in public use for recreational purposes, and easements are to be provided to the DNR. The St. Louis County Board directs Administration to develop policies related to county involvement in trail development and funding be presented to the County Board for approval at a future meeting. [20-427]. Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger said that the grant funding will be used by Morse Township to acquire four (4) parcels that will be used to continue the Taconite State Trail; easements will be provided to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

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### **Environment & Natural Resources Committee**

Nelson/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to execute and enter into a negotiated 5-year agreement for continuation of services with G-Men Environmental Services for recyclable materials haulage, processing, and marketing and facility operations for the St. Louis County recycling facility in Virginia from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, for an estimated cost of \$957,500.00. [20-428]. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. (7-0)

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### **Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee**

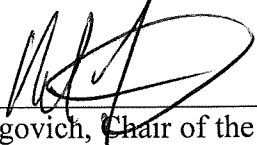
Jewell/Jugovich moved to appoint the following individuals to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Committee with terms expiring April 30, 2023: City of Hermantown Representative, Mr. Jim Rich; City of Rice Lake Representative, Ms. Jayme Heim; Southern Townships Representative, Mr. Paul Buckentin (Midway Township). [20-429]. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. (7-0)


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### **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Nelson congratulated residents of St. Louis County for voter turnout in the 2020 General election. Commissioner Nelson commented that St. Louis County voter turnout was 84.67% and noted that voter turnout for Fayal Township was over 90%.

At 10:10 a.m., McDonald/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed. (7-0)

  
Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board

  
Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board  
Brandon Larson, Deputy Auditor