

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

April 26, 2022

Location: Hoyt Lakes City Hall, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

---

## CONSENT AGENDA

Boyle/Musolf moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0) Commissioner Nelson noted that the May 17, 2022, Board Workshop location has changed from Camp Esquagama and said that preregistrations for Camp Esquagama are well ahead of the pace for 2019.

- Minutes of April 12, 2022
- Application for Northland Foundation Systems Change Grant Opportunity [22-191]
- Highway Right-of-way Easements Across State Tax Forfeited Land Proposed for Auction [22-192]
- Acquisition of Right-of-way for CP 0025-572154, SAP 069-625-021 [22-193]
- Acquisition of Right-of-way for CP 0056-493050, SAP 069-656-020 [22-194]
- MnDOT Master Partnership Contract (Agreement No. 1050296) [22-195]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [22-196]
- Reschedule Location for May 17, 2022 County Board Workshop [22-197]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Raati (Non-Homestead) [22-198]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Monson (Non-Homestead) [22-199]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Shipley (Non-Homestead) [22-200]
- Withdrawal of State Tax-Forfeited Land from Memorial Forest Status [22-201]
- Driveway Easement Across State Tax-Forfeited Land to Patrick and Kayla Kaldahl (White Twp 57-15) [22-202]
- Authorize a Street and Utility Easement Across State Tax-Forfeited Land to the City of Duluth (010-3140-04655) [22-203]
- Authorize a Street and Utility Easement Across State Tax-Forfeited Land to the City of Duluth (010-2741-01080) [22-204]

---

## Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board establish a public hearing on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 9:35 a.m. at the Northland Town Hall, 7271 Highway 53, Canyon, MN, 55717, regarding the Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority (CHAA) \$210,000 request to assist Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing, LLC (DDR) construct a 60,000 square-foot addition to the existing operations at the Range Regional Airport (HIB). [22-205]. The motion passed. (7-0)

---

## **Public Works & Transportation Committee**

Musolf/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Purchasing Division to enter into contract with EnviroTech Services, Inc., of Greeley, CO, for 900,000 gallons of 38% liquid calcium chloride delivered and applied for the bid price of \$1.10 per gallon with a total cost of \$990,000, plus \$100,000 for alternates, for a total cost of \$1,090,000. [22-206]. County Administrator Kevin Gray said that the 9% increase compared to last year can be attributed to inflation. The motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Nelson moved to award a bid to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., Gilbert, MN, in the amount of \$135,982 for project CP 0000-561986: ATV Trail Construction, Wuori Township from US Highway 53 to Trillium Road. [22-207]. Commissioner Musolf indicated that the bid was 43% under the estimate because the contractor was able to get a better deal than expected on materials. The motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., Gilbert, MN, in the amount of \$155,490 for project CP 0000-561987: ATV Trail Construction, Township 61-17 from Pfeiffer Lake Forest Road 256 to County Road 361. [22-208]. The motion passed. (7-0)

---

## **Finance & Budget Committee**

Grimm/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the use of \$250,000 of American Rescue Act Plan funding to assist with the construction of the skatepark project; that the Gary New Duluth Development Alliance 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; that should it be possible to utilize funding sources that do not require the Alliance to be considered a sub-recipient, the Board authorizes staff to do so; and further, that the above project be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act revenue loss funds or, if appropriate, Fund 178. [22-209]. Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger said that the request falls under the youth and recreation category; the Board added that category after discussion at a board workshop. Mark Boben, President of the Gary New Duluth Development Alliance, said that the skatepark would draw people to the area and it is more than a park; it is a community center. Commissioner Nelson noted that St. Louis County purchasing rules must be followed since funding is over \$150,000. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Commissioner Grimm briefly stepped out of the meeting from 11:18 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.

Jugovich/Nelson moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the use of \$113,701.74 of American Rescue Act Plan funding for facility improvements necessary for the Move to Wellness program; that the Hibbing Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) 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. Should it be possible to utilize funding sources that do not require the HRA to be considered a sub-recipient, the Board authorizes staff to do so; and further, that the above project be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act revenue loss funds or, if otherwise determined more appropriate, Fund 178. [22-210]. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger said that the funds would be used to renovate a housing unit so that it can be used for public health events. 246 households would have access to the Move to Wellness program. Andrew Jarocki, of the Hibbing Housing and Redevelopment Agency, discussed the

Move to Wellness program. Mr. Jarocki said that approximately 86% of people served by the Hibbing HRA earn less than \$25,000 annually. The program is designed to form relationships to help residents move past the pandemic. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jugovich moved that after an initial review of the Project Eligibility form and other submitted materials, the drinking water manganese reduction project proposed by the City of Cook is eligible under the following categories of the US Treasury Final Rule guidance: The clean water component of the EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the clean water component of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF); that the St. Louis County Board approves the use of \$67,880.25 of American Rescue Act Plan funding to the City for the manganese removal project; that the City 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; and further, that should it be possible to utilize funding sources that do not require the City to be considered a sub-recipient, the Board authorizes staff to do so. The above project be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Funds, or if more appropriate, Fund 178. [22-211]. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger said that funding for the project is eligible under the water and sewer section. The motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board supports maximizing the use of Revenue Loss funds for internal costs and approves the plan to authorize the use of ARPA revenue loss monies; that the Board directs the County Auditor to implement this plan by capturing all Public Safety salary or other operating budget categories for those projects that are identified and which meet the categorical framework identified by the Board to reduce the impacts on those project applicants that would otherwise be considered a sub-recipient; and further, that the Crane Lake Sanitary District (Resolution No. 22-149) and St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association (Resolution No. 21-431) project funding be amended to be funded from Fund 178, Agency 178008 Economic Development Pandemic Response. [22-214]. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger commented that transferring the Revenue Loss funds to the economic development fund will be more user friendly for those seeking funding. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger noted that this is long-term, and the Board should continue to monitor and discuss. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

---

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

Jewell/Grimm moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the reallocation of a vacant 1.0 FTE Parts Room Specialist, position code 0038-003 (Teamsters Unit, \$3,794 at Grade J15B, Step 1) to the Janitor class (Teamsters Unit, \$3,153/mo. at Grade J9B, Step 1) within the Public Works Department, Maintenance Division. [22-212]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board reappointment Lindsay Snustad as a full member to the Civil Service Commission for a three-year term ending May 6, 2025. [22-213]. The motion passed. (7-0)

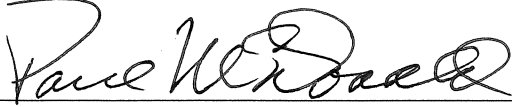
---

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

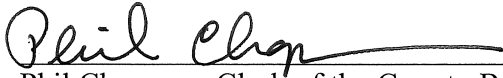
Commissioner Nelson read a letter of recognition from the University of Minnesota for Shirley Lantz; Ms. Lantz has served St. Louis County for 45 years.

Chair McDonald recognized the effort of the St. Louis County Public Works Department. This past weekend there were a number of road washouts and culvert issues caused by recent snow melt and heavy rainfall. Chair McDonald also reminded citizens to call 911 if they come across any road issues.

At 11:47 a.m., Jewell/Jugovich moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul McDonald", written over a horizontal line.

Paul McDonald, Chair of the County Board

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Phil Chapman", written over a horizontal line.

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board