

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 2nd day of August 2022, at 9:32 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Paul McDonald - 6. Absent: Commissioner Frank Jewell - 1.

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

Chair McDonald opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Rob Irving, of Duluth, said he had an issue with the recording of the Roanoke plat; if the plat gets recorded as is, they will lose access to their cabin and power. Mr. Irving asked that the Board table approval of the plat to allow for more discussion with Minnesota Power. Bruce Anderson, of Duluth, commented that the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued to LTI should be voided. Mr. Anderson reviewed timelines relating to the issuance of the CUP. Melissa Bell, of Duluth, said the CUP that was issued to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road is invalid. Ms. Bell requested a formal investigation of the St. Louis County Planning Department and that the Commissioner appointed to the Planning Commission be removed during the investigation. Ms. Bell expressed concern regarding the accuracy of paperwork the Commission is receiving from the Planning Department. Clayton Cich, of the Fredenberg Township Board, requested that all gravel pits in the township be inspected. Mr. Cich said he was told that inspections have been completed; however, the written reports are not available. Ron Heim, President Emeritus of the St. Louis County Historical Society, thanked Commissioner Grimm for researching potential storage areas and Chair McDonald for encouraging them to purchase a building rather than leasing a space. Chad Walsh, of Duluth, asked that the agreement authorizing St. Luke's Hospital to provide medical services at the St. Louis County jail facilities be pulled down from the consent agenda. Christina Woods, of Duluth, thanked Commissioner Grimm for listening to the Duluth Art Institute's concerns with the Depot Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Ms. Woods asked why the RFP process had to be implemented at this point and commented that the Duluth Art Institute proposed a lower rental rate because the RFP process came down too fast and many of the spaces the institute are in are easement spaces. James Stunkart, of Floodwood, commented that the costs for reengineering of the Ditch 4 project should not be passed on to taxpayers. Jim Walzak, of Elmer, asked that the Board not abandon the portion of Ditch 4 that is north of his property because they farm about 600 acres in Elmer Township and is pertinent to their feed lot. Ken Buehler, Executive Director of the Lake Superior Railroad Museum, said the Depot RFP process came at their busiest time of year and said the museum would like the underground space for the Seacrest model; however, the space was allocated to a different entity. Mr. Buehler said the exhibit is fully funded and the underground room is the only space that can house the majority of the exhibit. Mr. Buehler asked for more time to make their case and have the space reconsidered for the model. Oly Olson, of Fredenberg, said the CUP issued to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road should be rescinded; however, there has not been any response and it is expected that guidelines are followed throughout the process. Dan Streu, President of St. Louis County Historical Society, commented that over the past 100 years, they have collected thousands of artifacts and now the county is asking them to move out of their space when they need more. Mr. Streu asked that the Board to allow the Historical Society to remain in their space.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #2, Professional Services Agreement with Alliant Engineering, Inc., and Item #10, Authorization of an Agreement with St. Luke's Hospital to Provide Medical Services at the St. Louis County Jail Facilities, was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Jewell).

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes a professional services agreement with Alliant Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$229,000, for design engineering services for reduced conflict intersections located at US 169 at CSAH 25 in Great Scott Township and US 169 at CSAH 103/CSAH 109 in the City of Mountain Iron (SP 069-070-067, CP 0025-590637 for US 169 at CSAH 25 (Hwy 25) and SP 069-070-073, CP 0103-677359 for US 169 at CSAH 103/CSAH 109) with funds payable from Fund 220, Agencies 220648 (SP 069-070-067) and 220452 (SP 069-070-073), Object 626600. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray said the resolution was revised to include the amount of the agreement. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Jewell). Resolution No. 22-423.

Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement with St. Luke's Hospital of Duluth, MN, to provide medical services including but not limited to risk assessment, urgent care services and limited diagnostic services for inmates located within St. Louis County Jail facilities, for an initial contract term of November 1, 2022, through December 31, 2028, with the option to extend for two (2) additional two-year terms. Estimated compensation and fees for 16/7 services provided the first year of service this contract is \$1,715,000 payable from Fund 100, Agency 137002, Object 626400. Medical services provided under this contract will transition from the 16/7 RN Model to the 24/7 RN Model effective January 1, 2024, resulting in estimated compensation and fees of \$2,054,850, with 3% annual increases effective January 1 of each year. Commissioner Nelson commented that the RFP process was not fair and a 3% add-on annually is a lot of money for a long-term contract; the Board will be putting the next Sheriff in a situation where they are locked in to a long-term contract. Commissioner Grimm commented that MEnD is run by a man who had his medical license pulled and the care provided by MEnD is dangerous. Commissioner Boyle asked if Sheriff Litman or Jail Administrator Pete were available to discuss the agreement. A point of personal privilege was taken at 10:34 a.m. At 10:46 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Commissioner Jewell. St. Louis County Undersheriff Jason Lukovsky commented that the three bids received were comparable and costs increased because mental health care increased by 40 hours a week and nursing services also increased. Chad Walsh, of Duluth, said that he has a problem with the length of the contract, it should be 2 years, not 6 years. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to amend the resolution and change the contract to a 2-year contract with a termination date of January 1, 2025; the motion failed due to lack of support. Undersheriff Lukovsky commented that standard language in the contract gives either party the ability to exit the agreement. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to table the resolution until the August 9, 2022 Board meeting; the motion failed due to lack of support. Commissioner Boyle called the question. The motion passed; five yeas, one nay (Nelson), one absent (Jewell). Resolution No. 22-431.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Tedd Ells, County Veterans Service Officer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-331, Acceptance of County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant.—61765

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Ross Litman, Sheriff's Office, submitting Board Letter No. 22-333, Application and Acceptance of the 2023 DWI Officer Grant and Addition of 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff.—61766

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Ross Litman, Sheriff, submitting Board Letter No. 22-340, Contract with St. Luke's Hospital to Provide Inmate Medical Services for the Sheriff's Office Jail Division.—61767

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-336, Reclassification of State Tax-Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation.—61768

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-341, Proposed Land Exchange between St. Louis County and the State of Minnesota.—61769

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17363, between St. Louis County and Range Transitional Housing, Virginia, MN, for Housing Emergency Funds and Assistance Accessing Housing during the period July 1, 2022, to February 29, 2024.—22-351

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17398, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), Virginia, MN, for Ongoing Housing and Housing Related Services during the period July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.—22-352

Contract for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Project between the County of St. Louis and KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, to Construct Bridge 69L03 (County Bridge 500) and Approaches over East Two River and Within the City Limits of Mountain Iron, MN (CP 0101-345499 BR 500, SP 069-701-007, BROS 6922(178)).—22-353

State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement, SWIFT Contract No. 213429, Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force Program, between the Commissioner of Public Safety and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.—22-354

Upon motion by Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Grimm, resolutions numbered 22-421, 22-422, 22-424 through 22-430 and 22-432 through 22-435, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously approved as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of July 26, 2022, are hereby approved.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-421

WHEREAS, The County has programmed the reconstruction of State Bridge 7759 (County Bridge 500) to be completed in year 2022; and

WHEREAS, The County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund (Bridge Bonds) for reconstruction of State Bridge 7759 (County Bridge 500); and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, The amount of the grant has been determined to be \$104,955.09 by reason of the lowest responsible bid and shall be deposited into Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 530401; and

WHEREAS, The construction low bid came in at \$676,771.71 and will be funded by a combination of the following funds:

- Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP, Bridge Bonds) Funds (\$104,955.09),
- 2022 Federal Bridge Off-System (2022 BROS) Funds (\$541,417.37),
- Municipal State Aid Funds (\$30,399.25); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will pay any part of the cost or expense of the work that exceeds the bid.

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes LBRP Grant agreement (MnDOT Agreement No. 1050051), and any amendments authorized by the Commissioner of Transportation, receipted to the following funds:

- Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP, Bridge Bonds) Funds - Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 530401,
- Federal Bridge Off-System (2022 BROS) Funds - Fund 220, Agency 220706 Object 540702, and
- Municipal State Aid Funds - Fund 220, Agency 220706, Object 521605.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-422

WHEREAS, During the 2013 Legislative Session, the structure of the County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant program was modified and state funding increased to provide an annual base grant to all 87 Minnesota counties in the amount of \$7,500, plus an additional allocation based on each counties' veterans population to be used for the purpose of enhancing the benefits programs and services provided to Minnesota veterans; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2022, St. Louis County received notice from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) that the County Veterans Office Operational Enhancement Grant was allocated in the amount of a \$7,500 base grant and an additional \$10,000 based upon the estimated veterans population residing in the county; and

WHEREAS, Counties have until June 30, 2023, to spend the allocated money on qualified items, and by that date the funds must be spent, documentation of the qualified expenditures received by the MDVA, and any unused funds returned; and

WHEREAS, In order to access the grant funding, a certified County Board Resolution and signed Grant Contract must be received by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a grant contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs to accept the County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant, in the amount of \$17,500.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the

operations of the County Veterans Service Office, as specified in Minn. Stat. § 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 12, Article 1, Section 37, Subd. 2, and that this Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Veterans Service Office 2022 adopted budget is amended to include receipt of \$17,500 from the MNDVA, with funds deposited into Fund 100, Agency 124999, Grant 12403, Year 2022.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-424

WHEREAS, Significant rains during the Spring of 2022 have created emergency conditions involving flooding and related damages to private and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County, through its Environmental Services Department, operates a network of waste collection sites including sites in the flood affected area; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County can assist residents currently challenged with responding to flood impacts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the waiver of tipping fees for flood-related waste at its Kabetogama, Ash River Trail, and Portage Canister Sites for the week of July 25, 2022, through July 31, 2022, with the option of an additional one-week extension at the discretion of the Director.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Environmental Services Department is directed to take other steps as needed to ensure that residents are provided an opportunity to properly manage other flood-related wastes.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-425

WHEREAS, The St Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the Depot) needs significant capital repairs; and

WHEREAS, State of Minnesota bond funding of \$1.5 million was received in the November 2020 legislative special session for Depot capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, The County is proceeding with prioritized Depot repairs and improvements utilizing the 2020 State bonding funds; and

WHEREAS, The existing Simplex fire alarm system at the Depot is obsolete and replacement parts are increasingly difficult to obtain and a new central control panel, smoke/heat detectors, duct detectors for air handling units, notification speaker strobes and lights-only strobes will be installed at prescribed locations within the building per code requirements; and

WHEREAS, Planned improvements will provide state-of-the-art fire safety protection for staff, tenants and visitors to the Depot; and

WHEREAS, Siemens Industry, Inc., of Duluth, MN, provided a fixed price quote for \$352,634 for standardized fire alarm system equipment, installation, documentation, and staff training meeting county requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the quote from Siemens Industry, Inc., of Duluth, MN, for \$352,634 for the Depot fire alarm system improvements and authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into and execute any funding agreement(s) and associated documents as necessary with funds available from Fund 400, Agency 400024 to be reimbursed by state bond fund proceeds approved in the November 2020 legislative session.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-426

WHEREAS, Upgrades to the existing St. Louis County Regional Landfill (Landfill) leachate treatment system are required to meet new regulated parametric loading and groundwater permit standards; and

WHEREAS, The Landfill is the only mixed municipal solid waste "MSW" landfill in northeastern Minnesota, providing MSW disposal to the County's Solid Waste Management Area; and

WHEREAS, Landfill capacity is projected to last another twenty-five years, based on current fill rates, and potentially an additional fifty years based on Landfill expansion options currently being evaluated; and

WHEREAS, The Landfill's Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)-issued permit requires landfill leachate be collected, pumped and stored in two High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) lined ponds where it is aerated, de-nitrified and land applied on a 60-acre sprayfield; and

WHEREAS, The MPCA has recently identified Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as one of its emerging water contaminants of concern resulting in landfill leachate coming under increased scrutiny and management requirements; and

WHEREAS, The County conducted an assessment to meet recent and anticipated MPCA leachate management requirements for PFAS and other contaminants of concern, and concluded it will be more cost effective to construct a new system versus the retrofit of the existing system; and

WHEREAS, US Treasury guidance has identified clean water and landfill improvements to provide clean water as an eligible use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds; and

WHEREAS, The County Board adopted Resolution No. 21-642 on November 16, 2021, to invest and distribute up to \$10 million in ARPA funds to support clean water and authorize the pre-design, design, land acquisition and construction of new and upgraded leachate treatment systems within the County's solid waste management area; and

WHEREAS, The Department, under Minn. Stat. § 400, Subd. 4, which grants the county authority to negotiate and sole source for solid waste-related services, requested and received a detailed proposal from Northeast Technical Services, Inc., to provide environmental engineering, hydrogeologic evaluation, landfill permit major modification application preparation, and related project management services for the new and upgraded Regional Landfill Leachate Treatment System Project funded by 2021-2024 ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, The Department has evaluated the proposal finds it fair and justified.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with Northeast Technical Services, Inc., of Virginia, MN, ending December 31, 2024, for \$468,322 to provide environmental engineering, hydrogeologic evaluation, landfill permit major modification application preparation, and related project management services for the new and upgraded Regional Landfill Leachate Treatment System Project funded by 2021-2024 American Rescue Plan Act funds payable from Fund 239, Agency 239200.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if necessary, Northeast Technical Services, Inc., 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.

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 with Northeast Technical Services, Inc., as necessary to administer the program and comply with the American Rescue Plan Act.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-427

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:

June 2022

100	General Fund	\$7,188,851.10
149	Personal Service Fund	2,587.75
155	Depot	80,436.74
160	MN Trail Assistance	33,179.37
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	400.00
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,560.27
170	Boundary Waters – Forfeiture	1,303.93
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	9,170.63
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	918,307.29
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	35,280.00
180	Law Library	18,474.37
183	City/County Communications	315.76
184	Extension Service	62,077.16
192	Permit to Carry	4,633.75
200	Public Works	3,622,514.40
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	888,030.88
215	Ditching	8,625.00
220	State/Federal Road Aid	3,546,404.61
230	Public Health & Human Services	8,604,714.96
238	HHS Conference	20,720.00
239	Pandemic Response Fund	63,066.70
240	Forfeited Tax	431,480.26
260	CDBG Grant	152,023.15
270	HOME Grant	101,150.00
281	SLC Septic Loans	300.00
289	ISTS Grant	60,818.31
290	Forest Resources	24,535.64
320	2014A ARC Capital Improve Bond	48,459.38
324	2015B – refunding 316-2008B	28,125.00
325	2015C – Capital Improve Bond	442,828.13
326	2015A – Capital Improve Bond	272,893.75
327	2016B – Refunding 318-2013A	229,375.01
328	2018A – Capital Improve Bond	483,665.63
329	2018B – Capital Improve Bond	273,925.00
330	2020A – TST Capital Improve Bond	228,068.76
331	2020B Refunding 2013D & 2014A	43,653.75
332	2021A – Capital Improvement	340,526.87
400	County Facilities	56,867.90
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	1,695.00
403	Emergency Repairs	106.03
405	Public Works Building Const.	3,593.40
407	Public Works – Equipment	679,313.75
449	2020A – TST Bond	71,489.36
450	2021A – Capital Improvement	188,750.00
600	Environmental Services	1,107,188.80
715	County Garage	65,663.12
720	Property Casualty Liability	9,871.09

730	Workers Compensation	336,933.13
740	Medical Dental Insurance	3,420,681.90
770	Retired Employees Health Ins.	1,471.10
		\$34,216,173.86

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-428

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to Dawghouse Bar & Grill, LLC dba Dawghouse Bar & Grill, Northland Township, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the dates of August 26-28, 2022, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61636.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-429

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has a mandate to promote the safety of those who use public roadways; and

WHEREAS, Federal guidelines require this money be spent on projects designed to reduce DWI incidents; and

WHEREAS, The DWI officer will work the required peak nights and times when drinking and driving occurs; and

WHEREAS, The DWI Officer Grant requires the addition of a 1.0 Deputy Sheriff FTE that will be eliminated at the end of the grant period.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application and acceptance of the 2023 DWI Officer Grant in the amount of \$92,586.33 as well as the additional hiring of 1.0 Deputy Sheriff FTE position to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12954, Year 2023.

RESOLVED FURTHER, The grant funded position will be eliminated upon completion of the 2023 DWI Officer Grant if no other funding source is identified.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-430

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, Matthew Paul Caya of Duluth, Minnesota, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Northerly 35 feet of Lot 304, Block 71, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION
Parcel ID No: 010-1140-00150

LDKey: 125328; and

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

WHEREAS, Resolution of any 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 Matthew Paul Caya of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No.

61662, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$5,895.80, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$19.46, recording fee of \$46, and unlawful detainer action fee of \$305, for a total of \$6,291.26 to be deposited into Fund 240 (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 August 2, 2022. No. 22-432

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified or reclassified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The parcels described in in County Board File No. 61768 forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has recommended that the parcels be reclassified as non-conservation after considering, among other things, the present use of adjacent lands, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, utilities and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

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

WHEREAS, The town or municipality is considered to have approved the reclassification and sale of these parcels unless, within 60 days of the date the request for approval was transmitted to the town or municipality, the county board is notified of the town or municipality's disapproval of the proposed reclassification.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax-forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61768 shall be reclassified as non-conservation, and the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

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

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-433

WHEREAS, The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, Minnesota, has requested to purchase the following described state tax-forfeited land for the price of \$2,780, plus fees:

Legal: Lots 5 and 6, Block 13, CLINTON PLACE ADDITION TO DULUTH

Parcel ID No: 010-0580-02100

LDKey: 123592; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(d), allows for non-conservation tax-forfeited land to be sold to a governmental subdivision for less than market value if a reduced price will provide incentive to correct blighted conditions or will lead to the development of affordable housing; and

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

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8; and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax-forfeited lands from sale.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of

state tax-forfeited land, as described, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, MN, for the price of \$2,780 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$83.40, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$2,936.05, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor may offer for sale at public auction the state tax-forfeited land described here if the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, Minnesota does not purchase the land by February 2, 2023.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-434

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has been working with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on two land exchanges: one with DNR Forestry and the other with DNR Fisheries in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Strategic Land Asset Management Program (SLAM); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 17-196 supported the proposed exchange of state tax-forfeited lands for lands of equal value owned by the State of Minnesota and authorized the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with the valuation of all lands involved in the proposed land exchange using county assessed values for similar land types from the St. Louis County Assessor; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 94.3495 and St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 17-196, the lands involved in the DNR Forestry exchange have been equalized as to value using county assessed values for similar land types from the St. Louis County Assessor; and

WHEREAS, The DNR Forestry land exchange would convey approximately 6,736 acres of state tax-forfeited (Class 2) land valued at \$4,312,180.00 for approximately 6,140 acres of state owned (Class 1) land valued at \$4,304,192.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the value of \$4,312,180.00 determined for approximately 6,736 acres of state tax-forfeited (Class 2) lands involved in the St. Louis County and State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forestry land exchange as listed in County Board File No. 61769.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board recommends approval of an expedited exchange of lands described in County Board File No. 61769 by the State Land Exchange Board in accordance with the provisions in Minn. Stat. § 94.3495, and subject to verification of marketable title of the lands involved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Land and Minerals Department to make minor changes to the proposed land exchange, if necessary, including realigning certain parcels upon final title review and modifying legal descriptions, acreages, and land values for the purpose of correcting errors and ensuring accuracy.

Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-435

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, The County Road Safety Plan (CRSP) ranked the intersections of US 169 at County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 25 (Highway 25) and US 169 at CSAH 103 (Mud Lake Road)/CSAH 109 (Nichols Avenue) in the top 4% of intersections by risk; and

WHEREAS, For the intersection of US 169 at CSAH 25, the observed fatal and serious injury crash rate was statistically greater than the statewide average for similar intersections; and

WHEREAS, For the intersection of US 169 at CSAH 103 (Mud Lake Road)/CSAH 109 (Nichols Ave), the observed crash rate was statistically greater than the statewide average for similar intersections; and

WHEREAS, The CRSP recommends a reduced conflict intersection be constructed at both intersections; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota experience has shown that reduced conflict intersections have eliminated (100% reduction) fatal and serious injury right-angle crashes which supports the Minnesota Towards Zero Deaths vision; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation were awarded federal funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program to construct reduced conflict intersections at both intersections; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department selected Alliant Engineering, Inc., to provide design engineering services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a professional services agreement with Alliant Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$229,000, for design engineering services for reduced conflict intersections located at US 169 at CSAH 25 in Great Scott Township and US 169 at CSAH 103/CSAH 109 in the City of Mountain Iron (SP 069-070-067, CP 0025-590637 for US 169 at CSAH 25, and SP 069-070-073, CP 0103-677359 for US 169 at CSAH 103/CSAH 109) with funds payable from Fund 220, Agencies 220648 (SP 069-070-067) and 220452 (SP 069-070-073), Object 626600.

Yeas – Commissioners Boyle, Grimm, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich and Chair McDonald – 6
Nays – None

Absent – Commissioner Jewell – 1

Unanimously adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-423

BY COMMISSIONER GRIMM:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Jail identified a need to re-evaluate its medical provider and options associated with providing inmate medical services; and

WHEREAS, Jail Administration, in close partnership with Purchasing and the Attorney's Office, developed and successfully solicited Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 5811 seeking inmate medical services; and

WHEREAS, The four proposals received were read and evaluated by an evaluation team comprised of diverse professional backgrounds and experience, resulting in interviews for the three top scoring responders on Friday, June 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Careful consideration of all evaluating factors including the ability of each provider's ability to provide all contract requirements as outlined in the scope of work requirements, without interruptions or delays, and capability to meet the public needs associated with correctional care, the evaluation committee unanimously agreed to recommend St. Luke's Hospital of Duluth, MN, for contract award.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement with St. Luke's Hospital of Duluth, MN, to provide medical services including but not limited to risk assessment, urgent care services and limited diagnostic services for inmates located within St. Louis County jail facilities, for an initial contract term of November 1, 2022, through December 31, 2028, with the option to extend for two (2) additional two-year terms.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That estimated compensation and fees for 16/7 services provided the first year of service this contract \$1,715,000 payable from Fund 100, Agency 137002, Object 626400.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That medical services provided under this contract will transition from the 16/7 RN Model to the 24/7 RN Model effective January 1, 2024, resulting in estimated compensation and fees of \$2,054,850, with 3% annual increases effective January 1 of each year, payable from Fund 100, Agency 137002, Object 626400.

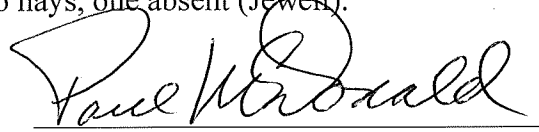
Yeas – Commissioners Boyle, Grimm, Musolf, Jugovich and Chair McDonald – 5

Nays – Commissioner Nelson – 1

Absent – Commissioner Jewell – 1

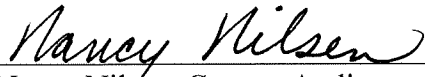
Adopted August 2, 2022. No. 22-431

At 11:04 a.m., July 26, 2022, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Jewell).



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)