

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, at 9:33 a.m., at the Proctor City Hall, Proctor, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Paul McDonald -7. Absent: None - 0.

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

Proctor Deputy Mayor Troy DeWall welcomed the Board to the City of Proctor and provided the Board with a brief update on the progress of their new salt and sand shed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project, and a One Roof Community Housing project.

Chair McDonald opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Melissa Bell, of Duluth, noted that an Administrative Determination was filed and asked what the timeframe is for a decision. Ms. Bell discussed various issues relating to the inspection process and requested a sit-down meeting with the Planning Department and county commissioners. Clayton Cich, of the Fredenberg Township Board, said he has been appearing before the Board to make sure gravel pits are operating properly and is not in opposition of gravel pits. Bruce Anderson, of Duluth, commented that he is not against all gravel pits; he is just against having gravel pits located in neighborhoods. Oly Olson, of Duluth, said that the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road is invalid and that the criteria was ignored when the CUP was issued.

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

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes entering into a software and support subscription agreement with Arctic Wolf Networks for their real-time, uninterrupted monitoring, detection, analysis, and response services with an estimated annual cost of \$239,580. Commissioner Nelson commented on how expensive it was to ensure data and the county network is protected. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-568.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to consider a resolution for Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED) Grant Application – Crane Lake Township Contamination Cleanup Project; the item has not been to committee. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Chair McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the legal sponsoring agency for the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to be submitted on November 1, 2022, and that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Employment and

Economic Development for funding of this project; that St. Louis County has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration; that the sources and amounts of the local match identified in the application are committed to the project identified; that St. Louis County has not violated any Federal, State, or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice; that upon approval of its application by the state, St. Louis County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project(s), and that St. Louis County certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulation as stated in all contract agreements; and further, that the appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant. Chair McDonald said the township would like to remove old fuel tanks on the property and the county would be the sponsoring agent because the township is ineligible to apply for the grant. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-569.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 22-450, Advertisement to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors.—61816

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-452, Reappointment to the Civil Service Commission.—61817

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Jeremy Craker, Information Technology Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-451, Subscription with Arctic Wolf Networks for Managed Security Services.—61818

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 22-454, Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED) Grant Application – Crane Lake Township Contamination Cleanup.—61819

St. Louis County On-Line Software Subscriber Agreement between the St. Louis County Auditor's Office and Melissa Olson, Princeton, MN.—22-415

Access Road Agreement between Moose Lake Road Association and St. Louis County for across State of Minnesota land located in Section 5, Township 54 North, Range 12 West.—22-416

State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and St. Louis County Detour Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1051579, for Trunk Highway No. 2 Detour (SP 6908-61, SAP 069-646-002).—22-417

State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and St. Louis County Detour Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1051606, for Trunk Highway No. 23 Detour (SP 6910-102).—22-418

First Amendment to the Agreement for Services between St. Louis County and the City of Duluth for FY 2019 Operation Stonegarden, allowing for additional reimbursement funds.—22-419

Upon motion by Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, resolutions numbered 22-560 through 22-567, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

**BY COMMISSIONER MUSOLF:**

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of October 11, 2022, are hereby approved.

Adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-560

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 61635.

Adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-561

WHEREAS, St. Louis County currently utilizes the Cohesity Enterprise Backup solution for the backup and recovery of vital county data; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is currently utilizing 85% of the capacity of this backup disk which is the upgrade threshold recommended by the vendor; and

WHEREAS, The Information Technology Department has calculated that the county will need to increase the backup disk capacity by roughly 70 Terabytes to meet the disk backup requirements of the county in the coming year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the purchase of additional disk capacity, software, and maintenance support for the Cohesity Enterprise Backup solution from Insight Public Sector, Inc., utilizing the State of Minnesota – Naspo Contract # ADSP016-138244/158536 in the amount of \$92,526 with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139.

Adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-562

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Premise Permit Application, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61634, for the following organization:

Eveleth Elks Lodge #1161, Eveleth, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Frygard LLC dba Timber's Edge Grill & Bar, Unorganized Township 56-17, 7672 Wilson Road, Eveleth, MN, new.

Adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-563

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. 61636.

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fee to the license holder.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license shall be effective through June 30, 2023:  
Ivy Black Weddings & Events, Inc. dba Ivy Black Weddings & Events, Solway Township,  
On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, new.

Adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-564

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to serve on the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, There is currently two (2) vacancies on the Board to be filled through an advertised application process; and

WHEREAS, The two (2) vacancies have terms as follows:

- a "full" three-year term (1/1/23 - 12/31/25)
- a one-year term (1/1/23 - 12/31/23)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to advertise and accept applications until November 30, 2022, for vacancies on the Arrowhead Library Board for terms associated with these vacancies.

Adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-565

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board makes the following reappointment to the Civil Service Commission:

Julie Waltenburg as an alternate member for a three-year term ending November 4, 2025.

Adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-566

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department budget includes funding for the purchase of a total of 908,280 containerized tree seedlings for delivery in spring of 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Contract may be renewed upon agreement of County and Contractor for up to four (4) optional one (1) year terms, provided the Contractor has satisfactorily performed the services determined solely by the County; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Regeneration Technologies Inc. (PRT USA Inc.), of Howell, Michigan, submitted the low bid in the amount of \$245,235.60; and

WHEREAS, The bids submitted are considered reasonable by the Land and Minerals Department staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute a contract with PRT USA, Inc., in the amount of \$245,235.60 for containerized tree seedlings for delivery in spring of 2024, with up to four (4) optional one (1) year terms, provided the Contractor has satisfactorily performed the services determined solely by the County, and in accordance with the specifications of Bid No. 5851, payable from Fund 290, Agency 29001, subject to approval by the County Attorney.

Adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-567

#### **BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:**

WHEREAS, The Information Technology (IT) Department has observed a measurable increase in the frequency of cybersecurity threats, vulnerabilities, and harmful emails received from malicious sites and compromised accounts from partner agencies; and

WHEREAS, In February, the County Board adopted Resolution No. 22-128, authorizing the IT Department to enter into a software purchase and subscription monitoring services agreement with CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc., for their CrowdStrike Falcon software subscription service; and

WHEREAS, This CrowdStrike software and subscription service protects and monitors individual workstation desktop/laptop devices; and

WHEREAS, Now that individual workstation devices are protected through CrowdStrike, attention has now shifted to the much larger network, hardware and system vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, The IT Department initiated a search for a vendor partner with dedicated information security staffing and expertise that could supplement county staff in monitoring and mitigation of potential and active threats to county data and data systems; and

WHEREAS, This search concluded with the IT Department recommendation, supported by the IT Steering Committee, of information security vendor Arctic Wolf Networks headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The proposed subscription with Arctic Wolf Networks is sourced with use of Sourcewell cooperative contract #081419-CDW Tech.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes-entering into a software and support subscription agreement with Arctic Wolf Networks for their real-time, uninterrupted monitoring, detection, analysis, and response services with an estimated annual cost of \$239,580 utilizing Fund 100, Agency 117051, Object 634801, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139.

Unanimously adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-568

**BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:**

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is accepting applications for its Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Crane Lake Township has been working to develop a new Voyageurs National Park Visitor Center entrance to the National Park and has identified a need for cleanup of contamination associated with petroleum tanks on the property; and

WHEREAS, The Program does not allow the Township to make direct application and as such, the Township has approached St. Louis County and requested that it make application on its behalf and if successful, act as its fiscal agent.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the legal sponsoring agency for the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to be submitted on November 1, 2022, and that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding of this project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the sources and amounts of the local match identified in the application are committed to the project identified.

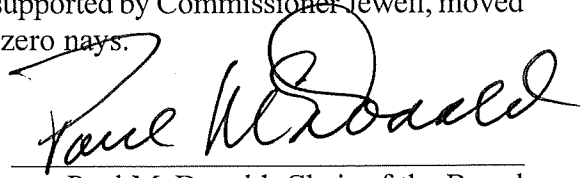
RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County has not violated any Federal, State or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That upon approval of its application by the state, St. Louis County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project(s), and that St. Louis County certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulation as stated in all contract agreements.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

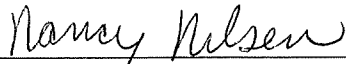
Unanimously adopted October 25, 2022. No. 22-569

At 10:00 a.m., October 25, 2022, Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

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Paul McDonald, Chair of the Board  
of County Commissioners

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Nilsen", written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor  
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board  
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)