

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 8, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #4, Cooperative Agreement with the Town of Fredenberg for 2019 Maintenance Striping Project [19-05] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of December 18, 2018
- HIV Outreach and Early Intervention Services Grant [19-02]
- Acceptance of Funding for Children's Mental Health Respite Care [19-03]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Culvert Replacement Project on CSAH 60 (Hibbing, T57N, R21W) [19-04]
- 2018/2019 Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School Solicitation [19-06]
- Cooperative Agreements with Duluth, Ely, Eveleth and Hermantown for the Traffic Signal Painting Project [19-07]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Echo Trail Tavern LLC (Portage Township) [19-08]
- Rescind Resolution No. 18-682 and 2019-2021 Memorandum of Agreement – University of Minnesota Extension [19-09]
- Renew Agreement for Housing Inmates at the St. Louis County Holding Facility in Hibbing [19-10]
- Amend Zoning Ordinance No. 62, Zoning Map, Town of Greenwood [19-11]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$2,547,929.40, for Bridge 69K61 (Br. 211) and 69A64 (Br. 212); project CP 0052-300223, SAP 069-652-020, Cotton Township. [19-12]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Nelson/Boyle moved that the appropriate County Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an cooperative agreement, and approve any amendments approved by the County Attorney's Office, with the Town of Fredenberg where the Town of Fredenberg will pay its share for items listed in the schedule of prices in the proposal/plan package and plan described as CP 0000-275368, 2019 Maintenance

Striping Project. [19-05]. Commissioner Jewell discussed concerns he had relating to the actions of the Fredenberg Township Board. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-1, Jewell)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Nelson/Boyle moved that the following eligible voters are appointed as election judges during 2019 to process applications and ballots in the Duluth Courthouse for the Absentee Ballot Board and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) Ballot Board; effective through December 31, 2019: Judge/Staff – Lisa Sweet, 100 N. 5th Ave. W. #214, Duluth, MN 55802; Judge/Staff – Arielle Ruben, 100 N. 5th Ave. W. #214, Duluth, MN 55802; and further, that the County Auditor and/or Clerk of the County Board may make election judge appointments to fill vacancies should they occur. [19-13]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Boyle/Nelson moved to calls for a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of the St. Louis County Commissioner for the 5th District. In the event more than two candidates file for the open seat, a special primary election shall be held in the 5th District on May 14, 2019, and a special general election shall be held in the 5th District on August 13, 2019. Alternatively, that in the event two or fewer candidates file for the open seat, a special general election shall be held in the 5th District on May 14, 2019. Any proper notices of these special elections shall be given, that the nomination and election of candidates be conducted and all things pertaining thereto be done as provided by relevant Minnesota law. [19-14]. Auditor Nilsen commented that she accounted for the potential of a special election in the 2019 budget. The motion passed. (6-0)

Nelson/Jewell moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reappointments of Richard Pierce and Jim Takala to serve on the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee for a third 3-year term expiring December 31, 2021. [19-15]. The motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Chair Boyle asked that a letter of support be sent to townships and cities located within St. Louis County Commissioner District 5. Chair Boyle said that a Board workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019; if Commissioner Rukavina's funeral is held on the same day, the meeting will be rescheduled.

Commissioner Nelson said that the St. Louis County Tax Forfeited Property Auction will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019, and the Tax Forfeited Sealed Bid Timber Auction will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Commissioner Jugovich welcomed Auditor Nilsen and Commissioner McDonald.

Commissioner Nelson briefly discussed and distributed an article to the Committee regarding broadband internet.

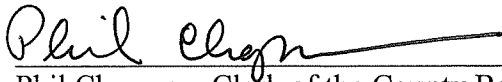
Commissioner Jewell attended the Governor's inauguration event and commented on the diversity of the newly elected officials.

Commissioner Nelson said that Youth in Action is growing in Duluth. Commissioner Nelson estimates that seven to eight hundred kids will attend the March conference. Commissioner Nelson said that he holds his swearing in ceremony in front of government classes. This year Commissioner Nelson held his ceremony at South Ridge School and the question and answer portion of the ceremony was engaging.

At 11:57 a.m., Jewell/Olson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)

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Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board

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

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 22, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Virginia, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Chair Boyle commented on the Law Library tour and publically thanked Judge Pagliaccetti and Judge Friday for their presentation. For the record, Chair Boyle read comments that Judge Pagliaccetti made during the Law Library presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #11, Funding to the Joseph P. Gomer Educational Exhibit and Curriculum Project [19-27] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of January 8, 2019
- Authorization to Apply for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Grant [19-17]
- Cooperative Agreement for 2019 Maintenance Striping Project (City of Babbitt) [19-18]
- Agreement for 2019 Crack Sealing Project (Town of Fredenberg) [19-19]
- Agreement for 2019 Crack Sealing Project (Town of Grand Lake) [19-20]
- Agreement for 2019 Crack Sealing Project (City of Babbitt) [19-21]
- Agreement for 2019 Crack Sealing Project (City of Chisholm) [19-22]
- Support for Funding Applications to the 2019 Local Road Improvement Program Solicitation [19-23]
- City of Floodwood Planning Grant Wastewater Facility Plan [19-24]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Frendenberg Township) [19-25]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-26]
- Reschedule Location for May 7 and May 14, 2019 County Board Meetings [19-28]
- Amended and Renamed Joint Powers Agreement: Northeast Emergency Communications Board [19-29]
- Purchase of Motorola Radio System for the St. Louis County Jail [19-30]
- Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to the City of Duluth – Historical Park [19-31]
- Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to the City of Virginia – ROW, Future Utilities or Sidewalks [19-32]
- Classification of November 7, 2018 Forfeitures (Non-Conservation) [19-33]

- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Humphreys (Non-Homestead) [19-34]
- 2019 Special Legislation for the Private Sale of State Tax Forfeited Lands [19-35]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

McDonald/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$597,800.00 for Aggregate Base, Aggregate Stabilization, Calcium Chloride on various roads in northern St. Louis County; project CP 0095-398669 (Low) Prime, Pike Township and Unorganized Township 57-16. [19-36]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Nelson moved to approve an allocation of \$10,000 to the St. Louis County Historical Society for the Joseph P. Gomer Educational Exhibit and Curriculum Project. These monies shall be placed into the Joe Gomer Traveling Exhibit Fund to be used solely for the purpose of this exhibit. All income and expenditures will be tracked and determined by the Friends of Joe Gomer Committee, and reported to the County Auditor annually until the project is complete. [19-27]. Commissioner Nelson mentioned that if the City of Duluth would be willing to contribute \$5,000 for the project, the Board would be willing to consider an additional match of \$5,000. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson discussed Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO) properties within St. Louis County and said that he expects to bring information regarding a VRBO ordinance to the Board late February or early March.

At 11:25 a.m., Olson/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 5, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of January 22, 2019
- Authorization to Apply for Minnesota State Targeted Opioid Treatment, Prevention & Recovery Services Grant [19-38]
- Write Off of Bad Debts [19-39]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Portage Township) [19-40]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-41]
- 2019 Children in Need of Protective Service and Termination of Parental Rights Proposals and Contracts [19-42]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Robinson (Non-Homestead) [19-43]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Chilman (Homestead) [19-44]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Murphy (Homestead) [19-45]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Haynes (Homestead) [19-46]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Husmann (Homestead) [19-47]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – LaBrosse (Homestead) [19-48]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Walters (Homestead) [19-49]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Beiers (Homestead) [19-50]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Friesner (Non-Homestead) [19-51]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Biron (Non-Homestead) [19-52]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Brown (Non-Homestead) [19-53]
- Right-of-Way and Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (Grays, Myers and Whipple's Additions to Duluth) [19-54]
- Right-of-Way and Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to City of Duluth (Chambers Second Division) [19-55]
- Right-of-Way Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Daw-Buck Group LLC (Portage Township) [19-56]
- Tower Lease Agreement with Duluth MSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Leiding Township) [19-57]
- Sale and Disposal of Abandoned Personal Property [19-58]

- Repeal St. Louis County Ordinance 27 and Replace with Ordinance 65, Comprehensive Land Use Plan [19-59]

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Jewell moved to approve the 2019 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid and that the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute contracts negotiated by the Planning and Economic Development Director and a representative of the County Attorney in order to implement the aid program. [19-70]. St. Louis County Planning and Economic Development Director Barb Hayden said applications were submitted in October and there was over \$1 million in requests. The following citizens spoke about Aquatic Invasive Species Aid: Pat Conzemius, of Wildlife Forever, provided the Board with a brief overview of their marketing outreach for 2018. Jeff Lovgren, of the Vermilion Lake Association, thanked the Board for their support. Ward Nelson, of the Burntside Lake Association, thanked the Board for their support and acknowledged the work of the North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District. Anita Provinzino, Chuck Bainter and Emily Nelson, of the North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), provided the Committee with a handout summarizing the 2018 North St. Louis SWCD Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0)

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee recessed. At 1:40 p.m., the Committee reconvened with all members present.

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Boyle moved to authorize the reappointment of the following Heading Home St. Louis County Governance Board members for terms ending December 31, 2021: Rural Housing Coalition, Heather Lindula, Iron, MN; Homeless Advocate, David O'Leary, Tower, MN; Bois Forte Reservation, Pamela Hughes, Tower, MN. [19-60]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jewell/Olson moved to authorize the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist I position (Position code 0411-026, Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B04) to a 1.0 FTE Social Service Specialist (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B13) in the Public Health and Human Services Department, resulting in an increase of \$8,249. [19-61]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Olson moved to award a bid to Landwehr Construction, Inc., St. Cloud, MN, in the amount of \$1,494,532.60 for Approach Grading and Bridge No. 69K59 (Co. Br 623), Bridge No. 69K67 (Co. Br 421), Bridge No. 69K66 (Co. Br 420), Bridge No. 69K65 (Co. Br 476), located County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 65 between CR 272 and CSAH 25, CSAH 108 between CR 351 and CR 333, CR 452 between CR 315 and CSAH 7; project CP 0065-317612, SAP 069-665-007(Low), (Br 69K59), SAP 069-708-003 (Br 69K67), SAP 069-708-004 (Br 69K66), CP 0452-300227 (Br 69K65) located in Unorganized Township 60-19, Colvin Township, and the City of Iron Junction. [19-62]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Nelson moved to authorize the purchase and installation of four Dump Bodies with Hydraulic Systems and Snow Removal Equipment from Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, Minnesota for \$454,168.00. [19-63]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to authorize the purchase of "Base One" material for the 2019 CIP from Team Lab Chemical Corporation of Detroit Lakes, MN, for \$522,500.00. [19-64]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Nelson moved to adopt the changes and amendments to the St. Louis County Purchasing Rules. [19-65]. Donna Viskoe, St. Louis County Purchasing Director, briefly discussed changes to the Purchasing Rules. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Olson/Nelson moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to sign the first addendum to the 2019-21 Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Minnesota Extension to provide agriculture and natural resources education programs totaling \$94,812 for year 2019, \$96,708 for year 2020, and \$98,642 for year 2021. [19-66]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Olson/Nelson moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to sign a third amendment to Agreement for Services with Robert M. Olen to provide horticulture, food and environment services for the County Extension Office totaling \$74,464 in 2019 and each additional year during which the contract is in effect, payable from Fund 184, Agency 184001, Object 62990; and up to \$5,500 for appropriate mileage and program supply expenses in 2019 and each additional year during which the contract is in effect, payable from Fund 184, Agency 184001, Objects 635500 and 642200. [19-67]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

McDonald/Jugovich moved to appoint Daniel Manick to the Planning Commission for the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2020. [19-68]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

McDonald/Nelson moved to appoint James McKenzie to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2021, and David Anderson to serve as alternate [19-69]. The motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jewell discussed concerns he had regarding the lack of representation for the Fifth Commissioner District.

Chair Boyle commented on the \$860,000 tax abatement that the Board approved for the City of Hermantown.

Commissioner Nelson said that the St. Louis County Rail Authority is conducting freight studies that could change the way rails do business in St. Louis County. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern regarding power grid issues in St. Louis County. Recently, a taconite plant had to shut down because of lack of power. Commissioner Nelson said that the land bill is being considered; however, the Superior National Forest Land Exchange was not included in the bill. Commissioner Nelson indicated that Amtrak officials are meeting at the Duluth Depot tomorrow to discuss the Northern Lights Express (NLX) project.

Commissioner McDonald mentioned that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) permitting software fail could have negative impacts to local businesses in the Ely area.

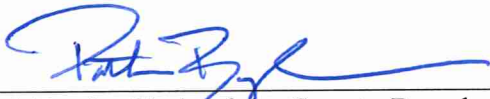
County Attorney Mark Rubin said that the Randy Lee's Big Time Jazz Orchestra played at the Duluth Depot over the weekend and approximately 200-300 people attended the event.

Commissioner Olson asked that John Ongaro provide the Board with weekly updates during the legislative session.

Chair Boyle said that the next Board workshop will be held in March and the agenda could include a discussion of Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO). Administrator Kevin Gray mentioned that Director Hayden suggested that some of the VRBO work could be handled by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Nelson indicated that new VRBO rules would have to be implemented on January 1, 2020, because most of the homes and cabins are already rented out for 2019 based on current rules. Commissioner Nelson discussed concerns he had regarding the impact of VRBOs to septic systems and to clean water.

Chair Boyle said the next Board meeting will be held on February 12, 2019, in the Proctor City Hall.

At 3:20 p.m., Chair Boyle adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting.



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 12, 2019

Location: Proctor City Hall, Proctor, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jugovich/McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of February 5, 2019
- Duluth Farm to School Program [19-72]
- Agreement for 2019 Crack Sealing Project (Town of Morse) [19-73]
- Master Prioritized Bridge Replacement List [19-74]
- Vacation of Former CSAH 5 (Balkan Township and Hibbing) [19-75]
- Dedication of Permanent Highway Easement Over County Fee Owned Property [19-76]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Briski (Homestead) [19-77]

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Olson/Nelson moved to establish a public hearing on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 9:40 a.m., in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Authentic Property Investments, LLC d/b/a Eagle's Nest Resort, Fredenberg Township. [19-78]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Boyle moved to authorize the purchase of 2019 fleet vehicles in accordance with the specifications of Bid No. 5483 and the State of Minnesota Contract, for a total amount of \$1,562,838.67. [19-80]. Donna Viskoe, St. Louis County Purchasing Director, commented on the bids by local vendors and said that the county did not need to apply the local incentive for bid approval. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Nelson moved to award a bid to Asphalt Surface Tech Corp - ASTECH, St. Cloud, MN, in the amount of \$2,171,261.42, for Scrub Seal, Fog Seal, and Pavement Markings, CP 0000-424407 Prime, located in Southern St. Louis County, Canosia Township, and City of Duluth. [19-79]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Jewell moved to award a bid to Warning Lights of Minnesota, St. Michael, MN, in the amount of \$72,413.42, for 6" Solid Line Multi Comp Pavement Markings, CP 0000-293134/SP 069-070-032, at various locations throughout St. Louis County. [19-79]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to AAA Striping Service Co., St. Michael, MN, in the amount of \$488,774.50, for Maintenance Pavement Markings, CP 0000-275368, throughout St. Louis County, and in the City of Babbitt, City of Proctor, Canosia Township, Fredenberg Township, and Lake County. [19-79]. The motion passed. (6-0)

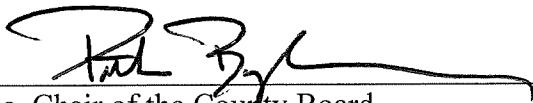
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson said that the 2019 Youth in Action conference was held yesterday; this was the first year that Southern St. Louis County schools participated in the conference. Commissioner Nelson was impressed by a young man from Proctor who spoke about his determination to walk; the conference gives youths the ability to connect with other communities. Commissioner Nelson learned that the average high school student touches their cell phone 2,142 times daily.

Chair Jewell noted the recent passing of Norm Deschampe.

Chair Boyle said the next Board meeting will be held on February 24, 2019, in the Floodwood Fair Center.

At 10:41 a.m., Jewell/Nelson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 26, 2019

Location: Floodwood Fair Center, Floodwood, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/Jugovich moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of February 12, 2019
- Authorization to Apply for Community-Based Suicide Prevention Grant [19-81]
- Agreement 1033245 with Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for Fund Swap on CSAH 6 with Cook County [19-82]
- Abolishment of Obsolete Job Classification [19-83]
- Easement for Cathodic Protection System Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Arrowhead Township) [19-84]
- Utility Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Lake Country Power (Arrowhead Township) [19-85]
- Utility Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Lake Country Power (Unorganized Townships 54-15 and 54-16) [19-86]
- Road Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Andrew Park (Eagles Nest Township) [19-87]
- Drainage and Utility Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to City of Duluth [19-88]
- Special Sale to Independent School District No. 704 (Proctor) for Athletic Site [19-89]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Jugovich moved to authorize the St. Louis County Auditor to grant exclusive and non-exclusive right-of-way access and utility easements to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, conditioned upon payment of \$298,214.25; that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant right-of-way access and utility easements to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, across county fee land; conditioned upon payment of \$3,099.38; and further, that the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to make necessary changes to legal descriptions, payments, contracts and other documents to correct errors and ensure accuracy for easements across state tax forfeited land, and the chair of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and the St. Louis County Auditor are authorized to make necessary changes to legal descriptions, payments, contracts and other documents to correct errors and ensure accuracy for easements across county fee land. [19-98]. Commissioner Boyle indicated that he will abstain from the vote due to financial interests. The motion passed for inclusion on the March 12, 2019 Board meeting; five yeas, zero nays, one abstention (Boyle).

Nelson/Jugovich moved to authorize the St. Louis County Auditor to grant temporary road access and workspace agreements, to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, conditioned upon payment of \$144,266.45; that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant temporary road access and workspace agreements to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership on the county fee land; conditioned upon payment of \$6,370.50; and further, that the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to make necessary changes to legal descriptions, payments, contracts and other documents to correct errors and ensure accuracy for temporary road access and workspace agreements across state tax forfeited land, and the Chair of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and the St. Louis County Auditor are authorized to make necessary changes to legal descriptions, payments, contracts and other documents to correct errors and ensure accuracy for temporary access and workspace agreements across county fee land. [19-99]. Commissioner Boyle indicated that he will abstain from the vote due to financial interests. The motion passed for inclusion on the March 12, 2019 Board meeting; five yeas, zero nays, one abstention (Boyle).

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Olson moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept Healthy Families America Expansion Grant funds through a contract with the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board in the amount of \$358,473 and \$14,253 from Carlton County for the period May 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019; and that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the addition of one (1) 1.0 FTE Public Health Nurse position and one (1) 1.0 FTE Public Health Program Coordinator position with this grant funding; and further, that these two positions will be designated with grant funding and will be eliminated when the funding is discontinued. County Board Resolution No. 18-407 is hereby rescinded. [19-90]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jewell/Olson moved to authorize the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist I position (Position code 0411-027, Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B04) to a 1.0 FTE Social Service Specialist (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B13) in the Public Health and Human Services Department, resulting in an increase of \$8,249. [19-91]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$2,945,649.43, for Reclaim and Overlay, Bituminous Overlay, and Railroad Crossing Bituminous Surfacing, CP 0025-275599, SAP 069-625-014(Low) TST, located in Northern St. Louis County. [19-92]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Nelson moved to award a bid to Hawkinson Construction Co., Inc., Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$497,038.21, for Mill Bituminous Surface, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalks, Bituminous Surfacing, CP 0030-352337, SAP 069-630-030, located in Floodwood. [19-92]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to Century Fence, Forest Lake, MN, in the amount of \$1,036,589.39, for Maintenance Striping, CP 0000-275392, SAP 069-030-040 (Low), located throughout St. Louis and Lake County. [19-93]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Jewell moved to award a bid to Redstone Construction, LLC., Mora, MN, in the amount of \$1,000,054.05, for Approach Grading and Bridge 69A56, CP 0044-243854, SAP 069-644-027, located in Unorganized Township 54-13. [19-93]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Jewell moved to authorize the purchase of six (6) 2019 Mack Granite tandem trucks from Twin Cities Mack and Volvo Trucks of Roseville, MN, for a total cost of \$769,041.48. [19-94]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Boyle moved to approve the 2018 Land and Minerals Department Proceeds Apportionment. [19-95]. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray said that the books are kept open until the end of February; the anticipated amount of the apportionment is expected to be between \$860,000 and \$1 million dollars. Commissioner Nelson asked the Committee to review the proposed decrease to blight funding as he feels the Board should continue to give cities and townships incentives to remove blighted property. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved to confirm the appointment of Derek P. Harbin as the St. Louis County Mine Inspector, Civil Service Supervisory bargaining unit, pay grade E24, step 1, \$28.01/hour for a (3) three-year term, effective March 26, 2019, through March 25, 2022; and further, that the Mine Inspector, before entering upon duties, shall take and subscribe the oath required, as stipulated in Minn. Stat. § 180.02. [19-96]. Joe Austin, Director of Safety and Risk Management, felt that Mr. Harbin would be an extremely qualified candidate to fill the position. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Boyle/Olson moved to approve the new unclassified Heritage and Arts Center Director classification in the Management Compensation Plan, Grade A21 (\$67,808 - \$91,042); and that the Board authorizes the reallocation of a vacant 1.0 FTE Management Analyst II (Position Code 0811-001, Confidential Unit, Grade B22) to the Heritage and Arts Center Director classification (Management Compensation Plan, Grade A21). The projected budgetary increase of the position reallocation is \$13,382. [19-97]. The motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner McDonald mentioned that the Zup's grocery store in Cook has been demolished and the rebuild is scheduled for this spring. To assist people with their grocery needs, Zup's in Tower has a bus delivery program running from Cook to Virginia.

Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Jugovich commented on the success of St. Louis County and Duluth Days at the Capitol.

Chair Boyle commented that last year's biggest legislative priority was bonding for regional mental health crisis centers and that Public Health and Human Services Director Mirsch is in discussion with the Minnesota Department of Health and Human Services regarding the bonding.

At 11:04 a.m., Nelson/Jugovich moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board toured the Floodwood Service & Training (FST) facility located at 601 Ash Street, Floodwood.

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Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board

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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 5, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/Jugovich moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of February 26, 2019
- Amend the Agreement with Braun Intertec Corporation for Surcharge Monitoring, Inspection, and Testing at Cook Maintenance Facility [19-101]
- Agreement with City of Hermantown for Bituminous Paving on Maple Grove Road [19-102]
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Procedures [19-103]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-104]
- Contracts and Joint Powers Agreement for Court Appointed Attorneys in Civil Commitment Proceedings [19-105]
- Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Rita L. Christenson-Boyd (Unorganized Township 56-16) [19-106]

Health & Human Services Committee

Nelson/McDonald moved to make the following appointments to the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee: Kevin Walsh, District 2, term to expire 12/31/2021; Deb Smith, District 3, term to expire 12/31/2021; Cindy Lustig, District 4, term to expire 12/31/2021; John Soghigian, District 4, term to expire 12/31/2021; Tina Welsh, At Large, term to expire 12/31/2021; Cathy Chavers, Bois Forte, term to expire 12/31/2020; and further, that the Board authorizes the County Auditor to advertise four (4) vacancies county-wide to secure a list of interested and qualified persons to fill openings (two vacancies in District 1, one vacancy in District 5, and one vacancy in District 6) on the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee. [19-107]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Boyle/Jugovich moved to approve and adopt the updated St. Louis County 457(b) Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan Document contained in County Board File No. 59449; that the Board authorizes the Chair of the County Board and other necessary officials to execute the updated Deferred Compensation Plan Document; that the previous deferred compensation plan document is hereby rescinded; and further, that the Board hereby directs the Human Resources Director to distribute copies of the updated St. Louis County 457(b) Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan Document to

providers of deferred compensation services under the County's Plan. [19-108]. Jim Gottschald, St. Louis County Human Resources Director, said that the plan document was updated due to numerous changes in Internal Revenue Services (IRS) provisions. In addition, the plan was updated to eliminate the employee probationary waiting period and to add a loan provision. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Boyle/Olson moved to approve the adoption of a Nepotism Policy. [19-109]. Commissioner Olson distributed a revised policy to the Committee. Commissioner Nelson requested a point of order and questioned if the original motion should be amended to adopt the revised policy. County Attorney Mark Rubin stated that the original motion should be amended to adopt the revised policy. Boyle/Olson moved to amend the original motion and adopt the revised Nepotism Policy. Jim Gottschald, St. Louis County Human Resources Director, provided an overview of the proposed changes to the policy. Commissioner Nelson voiced various concerns, including the lack of Veteran protection, regarding the policy and said that he felt the policy was not properly vetted. At 1:17 p.m., the Board recessed. At 1:34 p.m., the County Board reconvened with all members present except Commissioner Jewell. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation to the April 2, 2019 St. Louis County Board meeting. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with CenturyLink Business for the purchase of an equipment upgrade in the amount of \$181,449.62; that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of a 5-year Power Metric reporting subscription and 3-year Power 911 software support system in the amount of \$114,136.90; that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the transfer of \$147,793.26 fund balance from Public Safety Innovation, Fund 100, Object 311426, to Fund 100, Agency 135001; that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the transfer of \$147,793.26 fund balance from Capital Expense, Fund 400, Agency 400023, Object 663100, to Fund 100, Agency 135001; and further, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents. [19-110]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jugovich discussed limited visibility due to high snowbanks and urged motorists to slow down and use caution.

Commissioner Nelson thanked the Public Works Department for all of their work maintaining roads this winter. Commissioner Nelson discussed a letter from a constituent who was looking to build a house and the amount of time spent in reviewing the cartway process with the constituent. Commissioner Nelson mentioned that next Tuesday is Township Day; 1,781 townships in Minnesota will hold their annual meeting.

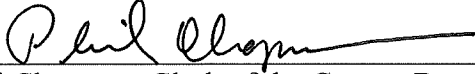
Chair Boyle encouraged the Board to attend the Northern Lights Express (NLX) recognition event next week and thanked the Board for touring the Life House Youth Center.

Commissioner Nelson mentioned that last week's tour of the Floodwood Service & Training (FST) facility has resulted in the St. Louis County Environmental Services Department working with the organization to help reduce costs.

At 1:46 p.m., Nelson/Jugovich moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

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Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board

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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 12, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #7, Local Water Planning – One Watershed, One Plan [19-119] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of March 5, 2019
- Request to Apply for the MN DHS Housing and Support and Services Grant to Develop Community Living Infrastructure [19-113]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Construction of County Bridge #333 Over an Unnamed Stream to Burntside River (Morse Township) [19-114]
- Sourcewell Purchase of Two Wheel Loaders [19-115]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Duluth Township) [19-116]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-117]
- Contract for Mine Inspection Services with Itasca County [19-118]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Johnson (Non-Homestead) [19-120]
- Tower Lease Agreement with Wisconsin Central Ltd., (Unorganized Township 0 54-15) [19-121]
- Price Adjustments to Timber Contract C19140068 [19-122]

Time Specific Presentation

At 12:01 p.m., Steve Giorgi, Executive Director of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS), gave a presentation to the Committee regarding support of broadband expansion. Director Giorgi asked that the Board be supportive of rural broadband expansion and asked the Board to consider membership in the Rural Broadband Coalition.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee recessed. At 1:15 p.m., the Committee reconvened with all members present.

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Olson moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement, and approve any amendments approved by the County Attorney's Office, with the Minnesota Department of Transportation whereby the Minnesota Department of Transportation will pay its share of the remainder of the construction costs of the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System project as determined by the cooperative agreement. [19-123]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jewell/Boyle moved to authorize 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 Duluth whereby the City of Duluth will pay its share of the remainder of the construction costs of the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System project as determined by the cooperative agreement. [19-123]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Nelson/Olson moved to authorize 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 Hermantown whereby the City of Hermantown will pay its share of the remainder of the construction costs of the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System project as determined by the cooperative agreement. [19-123]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/McDonald moved to request from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until December 31, 2023, in order to transition St. Louis County to the One Watershed, One Plan process for the remaining three major watersheds within the county in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B, and that the St. Louis County Board delegates to the North and South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the fiscal responsibility of coordinating, assembling, writing and implementing the One Watershed, One Plan pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B. [19-119]. Barb Hayden, St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director, said that the county has had a water plan for over 20 years. Director Hayden said that a switch to planning by watershed would provide the county with opportunities for federal funding. Commissioner Nelson expressed concerns regarding the impacts to mining and asked that one of the northern Commissioners be involved in developing the plan. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jewell said that he had an opportunity to visit with Representative Pete Stauber while in Washington, D.C., and that they had a good discussion regarding the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

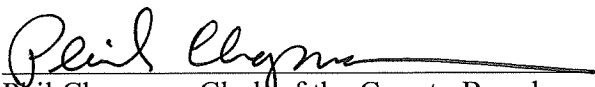
Chair Boyle attended the Northern Lights Express (NLX) recognition event and said that Amtrak is serious about the project. Chair Boyle said that a Board workshop will be held next Tuesday.

Commissioner Nelson said that Commissioners must be engaged in order for the Northern Lights Express (NLX) project to be successful. Commissioner Nelson thanked Duluth Mayor Emily Larson and Superior Mayor Jim Paine for their support of the project.

At 1:44 p.m., Nelson/McDonald moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)

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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 26, 2019

Location: Babbitt City Hall, Babbitt, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #10, Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land, Augustus Sun LLC (Non-Homestead) [19-133] and Item #11, Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land, Harmon (Non-Homestead) [19-134] were removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of March 12, 2019
- Application and Acceptance of Grant to Improve and Sustain the Provision of Assertive Community Treatment [19-124]
- Cooperative Agreement with Breitung Township to Receive and Administer Minnesota DNR State Park Road Account Funding [19-125]
- Force Account Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Roadway Lighting System Materials (Grand Lake Township) [19-126]
- Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement with MnDOT for Preliminary Engineering to Develop a Rural Intersection Conflict Warning System [19-127]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Complete Reconstruction Project on CSAH 155 (Ely) [19-128]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge # 942 over Ahlenius Creek (Gnesen Township) [19-129]
- Cooperative Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation to Construct Turn Lanes for St. Louis County Public Works Entrance [19-130]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-131]
- National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant [19-132]
- Utility Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Lake Country Power (Ellsburg Township) [19-135]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Boyle moved to accept and agree to the terms and conditions of a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for the construction of project CP 0044-243854, SAP 069-644-027, State Bridge 69J56 located on County State Highway (CSAH) 44/Pequaywan Lake Road over Little Cloquet River, 3.8 miles SW of CR 256. The grant is consistent with Minn. Stat. § 174.50. The county 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 bridge but not required; and further, the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant: MVST Bridge Bond Funds - Construction \$330,563.00; St. Louis County State Aid Funds \$669,491.05; total \$1,000,054.05. [19-136]. St. Louis Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that the grant funding is a result of the great working relationship with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. A bypass will be used to assist with traffic flow; otherwise, the detour would have been approximately 40 miles. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to authorize the purchase and installation of six (6) Dump Bodies with Hydraulic Systems and Snow Removal Equipment from Towmaster, Inc., of Litchfield, MN, for the State of Minnesota contract price of \$961,188.00. [19-137]. Director Foldesi said that the chassis will allow the county to take components on or off and will give the trucks more versatility. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Jugovich/Nelson moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$803,671.76, for Mill Bituminous Surface, Remove Bituminous Pavement, Aggregate Base CL 5, Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Shouldering, Culvert Replacement; CP 0982-365978 (Low) TST, CP 0983-262772 (Tied) TST, CP 0984-262771 (Tied) TST, CP 0985-262770 (Tied) TST, located on County Road (CR) 982/Tuhkanen Drive between Haugen Road and Trunk Highway (TH) 53; CR 983/Frontage Road between County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 7 and CSAH 7 and between CSAH 7 and TH 53; CR 984/Twig Boulevard between TH 53 and TH 53; and CR 985/Frontage Road between CSAH 13/Midway Road and TH 53, all in Grand Lake Township. [19-138]. Director Foldesi mentioned that the bid was approximately 5.5% over the engineer's estimate and was within the acceptable range. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$3,825,340.32, for Mill Bituminous Surface, Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Aggregate Base Stabilization, Bituminous Surface, and Aggregate Surfacing; CP 0099-275033, SAP 069-699-003(Low), at various locations in northern St. Louis County. [19-139]. Director Jim Foldesi said the bid was 15% under the engineer's estimate. The project was packaged to cover an extensive area in White Township. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to Hoover Construction Co., Virginia, MN, in the amount of \$55,555.00, for Rock Excavation/Ditching; CP 0116-448703, located in Unorganized Township 64-12. [19-139]. Commissioner Nelson indicated that he has no financial interest in the project; however, his daughter-in-law is the project manager. The Committee did not have any concerns regarding Commissioner Nelson voting on the bid. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the repurchase application of Augustus Sun LLC of Brooklyn, NY, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$23,937.21, deed tax of \$78.99, deed fee of \$25, recording fee of \$46, and locks and hasps fee of \$48, for a total of \$24,135.20. [19-139]. Commissioner Nelson discussed concerns he had regarding potential blight issues relating to state tax forfeited land repurchases and questioned if the county can conditionally approve repurchases. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/Jugovich moved to approve the repurchase application of Justin I. Harmon and Heather Harmon of Duluth, MN, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$2,567.54, deed tax of

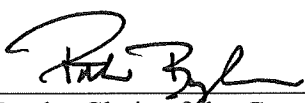
\$8.47, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$2,647.01. [19-140]. The motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, Jewell absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

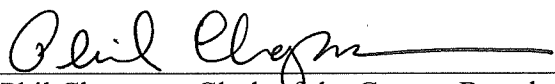
Commissioner Nelson said that he and former Commissioner Fink are working with the City of Babbitt to obtain funding for the Birch Lake Campground project.

Commissioner McDonald thanked Mayor Zupancich, Councilor Anderson, and Councilor Lassi for hosting today's Board meeting.

At 10:38 a.m., Jugovich/Olson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Olson, McDonald, and Chair Boyle

Absent: Commissioners Nelson and Jugovich

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (4-0, Nelson Jugovich absent)

- Minutes of March 26, 2019
- Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with SRF Consulting Group for Preliminary Engineering to Develop a Rural Intersection Conflict Warning System [19-141]
- HUD Environmental Review Responsible Entity Agency Official [19-142]
- Rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-162, and Confirmation of Mine Inspector Appointment [19-143]
- Application and Acceptance of the 2018 State Homeland Security Program Grant [19-144]
- Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation [19-145]
- Award of Bid for Tree Plantation Site Preparation and Release of Conifer Plantations [19-146]
- Application for St. Louis County Class "B" Land Exchange by Triple J Land Company, LLC [19-147]

At 11:11 a.m., Commissioner Nelson joined the meeting.

Public Works & Transportation Committee

McDonald/Jewell moved that St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 19-157, adopted on March 5, 2019, is hereby rescinded; and further, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of six (6) 2019 Mack Granite tandem axle diesel trucks from Twin Cities Mack and Volvo Trucks of Roseville, MN, for a total cost of \$789,489.48. [19-148]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that the previous resolution included 2018 rates instead of 2019 rates, which resulted in a cost increase from \$769,041.48 to \$789,489.48. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0, Jugovich absent)

McDonald/Nelson moved to award a bid to Groove Tech of MN, Inc., Elk River, MN, in the amount of \$185,226.00, for Intersection Pavement Markings; CP 0000-293139, SP 069-070-037, at various locations throughout St. Louis County. [19-149]. At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Nelson temporarily stepped out of the meeting. Director Foldesi mentioned that this is an annual contract awarded to refresh pavement markings; typically, they try to get five or six years out of the markings. The motion passed. (4-0, Nelson and Jugovich absent)

Commissioner Nelson returned to the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

McDonald/Olson moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$1,378,844.70, for Construct Bridge 69A67 (County Bridge 430) and Bridge 69A66 (County Bridge 373); CP 9241-300228 (Low) (BR 430), SAP 069-599-045 and CP 8110-1753 (Tied) (BR 373), SAP 069-599-046, located on UT 9241 (Pond Road), 0.2 miles West of Junction UT 9206, length 0.13 miles, and on UT 8110 (County Road 361) between CSAH 115 and UT 8178, length 0.19 miles, in Unorganized Townships 56-16 and 62-17. [19-149]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jugovich absent)

Olson/Boyle moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$252,075.04, for a Mill, Bituminous Surface, Curb & Gutter and Sidewalk project; SAP 069-691-032, located on CSAH 91 (North 40th Avenue West) from Grand Avenue to 9th Street in Duluth. [19-149]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jugovich absent)

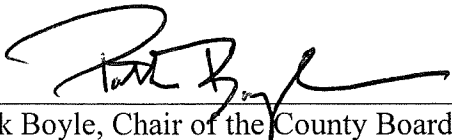
McDonald/Nelson moved to award a bid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC., Eau Claire, WI, in the amount of \$1,097,970.96, for Crack Sealing and Crack Repair Special; CP 0000-278673, throughout St. Louis County, the Cities of Babbitt and Chisholm, Fredenberg Township and Morse Township. [19-149]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jugovich absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

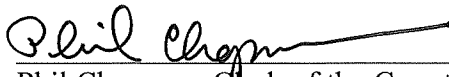
Commissioner Nelson commented on the recent passing of Robert Watts; a Veteran of World War II who spent over 500 days in combat in North Africa and Italy. After Mr. Watts returned home from active duty, he continued to serve members of the military for the rest of his life. Visitation is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6th at Sunrise Funeral Home, 4798 Miller Trunk Hwy, with service to follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Sunrise Memorial Park Cemetery.

At 11:31 a.m., Jewell/Nelson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-0, Jugovich absent)

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board had lunch at Clyde Iron Works and toured the Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative located at 2424 W. 5th Street in Duluth.



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 16, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #5, Supporting the 148th Fighter Wing [19-154] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of April 2, 2019
- Authorization to Apply for Design and Implement Community Integration for a Plan of Safe Care for Prenatal Substance Exposure [19-150]
- HIV Outreach and Early Intervention Services and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-42 [19-151]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Fredenberg Township) [19-152]
- Contract Lifecycle Automation [19-153]
- Public Sale of Shoreland Lease Lots [19-155]
- Public Sale of State Tax Forfeited Properties on June 13, 2019 [19-156]
- Public Access Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land (Ault Township) [19-157]
- Adjoining Owner Sale [19-158]

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Nelson moved to appoint Jerald Burnes to the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee, District 6, for a term expiring December 31, 2021. [19-159]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jewell/Olson moved to increase the Public Health and Human Services Department staffing complement by 3.0 FTE Social Workers for Initial Intervention North and South and 1.0 FTE Social Work Coordinator in Initial Intervention North, and that the 2019 budget and the proposed 2020 budget will be updated to reflect this additional staff complement. [19-160]. St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Director Linnea Mirsch said that the position costs would be offset if legislation was changed to eliminate child protection performance withholds. Commissioner Nelson requested that the motion be made without recommendation because he felt that “contingent funding” wording should be added to the resolution. Commissioner Olson declined to move the resolution without recommendation because she was concerned about slowing the process down because the positions are necessary. Commissioner Nelson said he supported the resolution; however, he would vote against the resolution so that contingent funding wording could be considered prior to the next Board meeting. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-1, Nelson)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Nelson moved to award a bid to Casper Construction, Inc, Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$932,000.00, for Bridge 69K72 (Bridge 829) and 69K71 (Bridge 830) and Culverts; CP 0060-426225, SAP 069-660-012 Low Prime, located on CSAH 60 (Rainy Road) between TH 169 and CR 704 (Town Line Road), length 2.7 miles, City of Hibbing. [19-161]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Boyle moved to approve the 2018 fourth quarter budget changes. [19-162]. Commissioner Nelson expressed concerns about City of Duluth vehicles being stored in St. Louis County storage units. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0)

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Nelson/McDonald moved to approve the agreement for law enforcement services between St. Louis County and the City of Rice Lake; that the St. Louis County Board approves the addition of one (1.0) FTE Deputy Sheriff position, Deputy Sheriff's Association Pay Grade 20, Step 1; and further, that upon termination of the agreement, the Deputy Sheriff position will be eliminated. [19-162]. St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman said that there are approximately 3,000 calls for service annually in the City of Rice Lake. The contract will allow St. Louis County to be reimbursed for fully burdened costs. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Boyle/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board supports and encourages the continued viability of the 148th Fighter Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard Base in Duluth, MN, by asking Congress and the appropriate Military Leadership to place new F-35 aircraft in Duluth as soon as possible in support of our nation's defense. [19-154]. Chair Boyle temporarily stepped out of the meeting from 11:10 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Veteran's Services Director Tedd Ells said that the goal of the resolution was to show long-term community support of the 148th. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner McDonald commented on the annual Ranger Party held at Mancini's in St. Paul. Over 450 people attended the gathering.

Commissioner Jugovich mentioned that 17 players on the University of Minnesota-Duluth men's hockey team were from Minnesota.

Commissioner Nelson attended a Minnesota Power meeting regarding alternative energy projects and provided the Committee a handout that stressed the importance of coal power. Commissioner Nelson discussed landfills in Kittson County compared to St. Louis County landfills and briefly discussed the reintroduction of Elk to the area. Commissioner Nelson handed out copies of Resolution No. 685, adopted on September 20, 2011, in support of nonferrous mining in St. Louis County and reiterated the Board's position on mining.

Commissioner Jewell commented that the lead actor in the "Come from Away" Broadway musical is a graduate of Duluth Central High School.

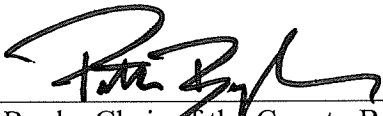
Commissioner Jugovich thanked the Board for appointing him to the Seaway Port Authority Board and said that 69% of port tonnage was mining related.

Commissioner Nelson said that every student in K-12 receives \$38, which amounts to \$38 million annually, from mining royalties. The endowment fund also funds 226 positions at the University of Minnesota, provides 1,219 scholarships (\$1.848 million) to University of Minnesota-Duluth students, and provides 1,600 scholarships (\$4 million) to University of Minnesota students.

Commissioner Jewell commented that the medical industry in Duluth provides billions of dollars to the economy.

Commissioner Boyle acknowledged Representative Mary Murphy and said that the proposed bonding bill has 100% of what the county was asking for.

At 12:02 p.m., Chair Boyle adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting.

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Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board

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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 23, 2019

Location: Northland Town Hall, Canyon, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/Jugovich moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #4, Association of MN Counties 2019 Transportation Funding Resolution [19-167] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of April 16, 2019
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 711 Over Unnamed Stream to Willow River (Unorganized Township 63-21) [19-164]
- Agreement with St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority for Mesabi Trail Project [19-165]
- State Contract Purchase of Two Mower Tractors [19-166]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Sandy Point Lodge, Inc. (Kabetogama Township) [19-168]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-169]
- Authorization to Submit Proposal to the LCCMR for FY20 Minnesota Environmental & Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to Fund the St. Louis County Building Materials Reuse Pilot Project [19-170]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Sandberg (Homestead) [19-171]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Anderson (Non-Homestead) [19-172]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Olson/McDonald moved to establish a public hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 9:40 a.m., in the Cedar Valley Town Hall, 8005 Cedar Valley Road, Floodwood, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Vermilion Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Bayview Lakeside Bar and Grill, Greenwood Township. [19-173]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Joe Austin, Director of Safety and Risk Management, and Derek Harbin, St. Louis County Mine Inspector, gave a brief overview of the 2018 Mine Inspector Annual Report to the Commissioners. Director Austin said that there were fourteen injuries in 2018 and there has not been a mining fatality in the County since 2007.

Health & Human Services Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved to authorize an increase in the Public Health and Human Services Department staffing complement of 1.0 FTE Financial Worker position, with funding provided by the State of Minnesota for the additional duties required through Periodic Data Matching for the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System. [19-174]. Dustin Letica, St. Louis County Financial Assistance Division Director, said that staff is currently working overtime to process the 1,200-1,300 cases they receive on a monthly basis. Currently, each worker is handling approximately 925 cases per month. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern that Board policy was not being followed because the resolution did not include standard language indicating that once funding was eliminated, the position would be eliminated. After further discussion, the motion was amended to include language that the position will be designated with assigned fund balance and will be eliminated when the funding is discontinued. An affected employee will be absorbed into a vacant position in the Financial Worker staff complement, if available, consistent with county personnel rules and applicable labor agreement. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Olson moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$11,353,193.00, for Grading, Bituminous Paving, Storm Sewer, Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk, Lighting; CP 0009-275996, SAP 069-609-043(Low), located on CSAH 9 (Woodland Avenue, Calvary Road and Arnold Road) and CSAH 121 (Calvary Road) in Duluth and CR 162 (Old Rice Lake Road), CR 244 (Drake Road) and CR 248 (First Avenue North) in Rice Lake. [19-175]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$2,037,481.60, for Mill Bituminous Surface, Reclamation, Aggregate Base Stabilization, Culvert Replacement, Aggregate Base Class 5, Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Surfacing, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk; CP 0020-276151, SAP 069-620-004(Low), located on CSAH 20 (Heritage Trail) between TH 135 and Main Street in McKinley, CSAH 97 (Ajax Road) between CSAH 20 and CSAH 4, UT 9211 (Barker Road East) between UT 9212 and CSAH 108, and UT 9212 (South Barker Road) between UT 9216 and CSAH 20, in McKinley, Biwabik Township, and Unorganized Township 57-16. [19-175]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Jugovich/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system. [19-167]. Commissioner Nelson indicated that he would be voting against the resolution because he was concerned that the wording addressed funding for the statewide transit system, but was not specific to road and bridge funding. After further discussion, the motion passed. (4-1, Nelson nay, Jewell absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Boyle/Nelson moved to appoint the following individuals to serve as the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for Assessment Year 2019:

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| • John Vigen, Duluth | Commissioner District #1 |
| • John Doberstein, Duluth | Commissioner District #2 |
| • Sherri Puckett, Duluth | Commissioner District #3 |
| • Leonard Cersine, Ely | Commissioner District #4 |
| • Tim Peterson, Hermantown | Commissioner District #5 |
| • Dawn Cole, Town of Fayal | Commissioner District #6 |
| • Frank Bigelow, City of Hibbing | Commissioner District #7 |

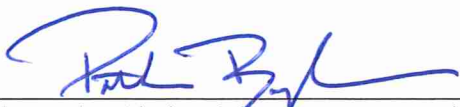
And further, that the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization is: delegated all powers and duties of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization; to report the results of their deliberations back to the St. Louis County Board in the form of minutes kept by the Clerk of the County Board; directed to hold at least one meeting day in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, and one day at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Virginia, Minnesota; to be compensated at the rate of \$200 per meeting day (payable from Assessor's Department Fund 100, Agency 118001, Object #635300 - Non-employee fees) and be reimbursed for mileage and expenses at the current county rate (from Assessor's Department Object #635500 - Non-employee travel); and directed to convene at 10:00 a.m., June 18, 2019, in the Commissioner's Conference Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN. [19-176]. Commissioner Jugovich asked when the daily compensation rate was last reviewed. Administrator Kevin Gray asked that the motion be moved without recommendation to allow time to research. The motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Boyle/Olson moved to make the following appointments to the Civil Service Commission: Wayne Marshall, as a full member, for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021; Lindsay Snustad, as a full member, for a three-year term ending May 6, 2022; and Brittany Jacobson, as an alternate member, for a three-year term ending May 6, 2022. Further, that the per diem paid to Civil Service Commission members for attendance at commission meetings increases from \$20 per meeting to \$50 per meeting, effective immediately for a maximum annual cost increase of \$2,800. [19-177]. Commissioner Nelson asked that the appointments be delayed to ensure there was not a conflict of interest. Commissioner Nelson believes that one appointee has relatives that work for St. Louis County. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, Jewell absent)

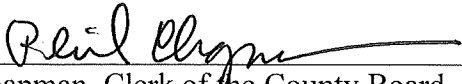
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jugovich, along with Commissioners McDonald and Nelson recently participated in a question and answer session hosted by the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce.

At 11:37 a.m., Chair Boyle adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting.



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board

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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2019

Location: Gnesen Town Hall, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jugovich/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of April 23, 2019
- State of Minnesota Contract 137235: Purchase of Traffic Signs [19-178]
- State Contract Purchase of Two Track Skid Loaders [19-179]
- State Contract Purchase of Three Medium Duty Trucks [19-180]
- Cooperative Agreement with the City of Tower to Receive and Administer Local Road Improvement Program Funds [19-181]
- Cooperative Agreement with Portage Township to Receive and Administer Local Road Improvement Program Funds [19-182]
- Execute 2018 HUD Bois Forte Continuum of Care Grant Agreement and Execute MOU for Bois Forte New Moon Supportive Housing Project [19-183]
- St. Louis County Courthouse – Elevator Compliance Upgrades [19-184]
- Permanent Easement Across County Fee Land – Wisconsin Central Ltd. (CN Railroad) [19-185]
- Reschedule Location of July 23, 2019 Board Meeting [19-186]
- Rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-185 and Authorize Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Rita L. Christenson-Boyd and Scott A. Boyd, Trustees and Successor Trustees of the Rita L. Christenson-Boyd Trust Agreement (Unorganized Township 56-16) [19-187]
- Withdrawal of State Tax Forfeited Land from Memorial Forest Status [19-188]
- Surface Lease Agreement with the City of Hibbing [19-189]
- Utility Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Northern States Power, a Minnesota Corporation [19-190]
- Special Sale to Ogami LLC in Aurora [19-191]
- Special Sale to Vermilion Lake Township for Public Roadway [19-192]
- Special Sale – Garner (Unorganized Township Sec 34 Twp 56 Rge 17) [19-193]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Boyle/Olson moved that the St. Louis County Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 9:40 A.M., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the established priorities and funding recommendations included in the 2019 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. [19-194]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Olson moved to authorize a contract with bidder EnviroTech Services, Inc. of Greeley, CO, for 600,000 gallons of 38% liquid calcium chloride delivered and applied for the bid price of \$0.935 per gallon for a cost of \$561,000 plus \$50,000 for alternates, for a total cost of \$611,000.00. [19-195]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Jewell moved that the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve an advance for financing approved County State Aid Highway Projects of the County of St. Louis in an amount up to \$5,700,000 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 9, and that St. Louis County hereby authorizes repayments from subsequent accruals to the Regular State Aid Construction Account of St. Louis County with repayment from the 2020 year allocation until fully repaid. [19-196]. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray said that the advance for financing will allow the county to complete projects faster and will save on inflation costs. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Olson moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$3,426,103.04, for Storm Sewer, Bituminous Path, Rehab of Bridge 940, Bituminous Pavement and Culverts; CP 0012-287571 (Low) (BR 940), SAP 069-612-016; CP 0012-275816 (Tied) TST, located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12 (Superior Street and Lester River Road) from 60th Avenue East in Duluth to CSAH 10 (Strand Road) in Lakewood Township, combined length 3.79 miles. [19-197]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Olson moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$284,800.00, for Culverts; CP 0037-297709 (Low), located on CSAH 37 (Jean Duluth Road), 0.35 miles South of CSAH 10 (Martin Road), County Road (CR) 898 (Lindahl Road), 0.78 miles South of CSAH 14 (Thompson Hill Road), and CR 899 (Halie Road), 0.83 miles East of CSAH 3 (Becks Road), Duluth and Midway Township. [19-198]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to TNT Aggregates, LLC., Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$531,500.00, for Aggregate Crushing, Northern St. Louis County 2019; CP 0000-278671. [19-198]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Boyle moved to approve a contract with Four Star Construction of Superior, WI, in an amount of \$439,900.00 for remodeling of the County Assessor's office on the second floor of the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth. [19-199]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Olson/Boyle moved to authorize the appropriate County officials to enter into a contract with Lenci Enterprises, Inc., of Virginia, MN, for the remodeling and expansion of the Land & Minerals Department facility in Virginia in the amount of \$327,900.00. [19-200]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved to authorize the hiring of one (1) additional 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff position to be assigned to Independent School District (ISD) 2142 as a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the next three school years and reauthorize the two (2) existing FTE Deputy Sheriff positions to be assigned to ISD 2142 as SROs for the next three years. This authorization shall become effective June 11, 2019, and end on June 10, 2022, unless renewed by the Board. Funding is payable from Fund 100, Object 311426, Public Safety Innovation Fund. Upon termination of the agreement, the three (3) FTE Deputy Sheriff positions will be absorbed into the authorized staffing complement through existing vacancies at that time. The St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents. [19-201]. St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman commented that success of the program is dependent on the officers who are assigned the task. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0)


COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jugovich commended the work of Public Health and Human Services and briefly highlighted items in "The Lives We Touched 2018" handout.

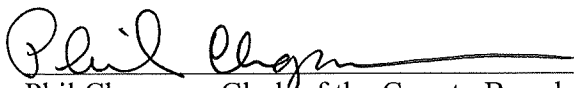
Commissioner Jugovich urged citizens to have patience while the Public Works Department starts repairing road damage from winter.

Commissioner McDonald said that a number of county people will be meeting the new Information Technology (IT) Commissioner this Friday to discuss IT needs of Greater Minnesota.

At 11:10 a.m., Jugovich/Olson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 14, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:54 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of May 7, 2019
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridges #633 and #634 over Sturgeon River (French Township) [19-202]
- Agreement with LHB Corporation for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for County Bridges 27 and 83 [19-203]
- Rescind County Board Resolution No. 18-646; Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Wisconsin Central, Ltd. to Install Train Activated Signals and Gates at the Railroad Grade Crossing on Spudville Road [19-204]
- Cooperative Construction Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Intersection Improvements at US-53 and CSAH 7/CR 885 in (Grand Lake Township) [19-205]
- Purchase of Learning Management Software [19-206]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-207]
- Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Brown Revocable Trust (Ault Township 5-12) [19-208]
- Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Wisconsin Central, LTD (Leiding Township 64-19) [19-209]
- Utility Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Minnesota Power (City of Chisholm) [19-210]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Boyle/Olson moved that the St. Louis County Board endorses the strategic land realignment project, and supports full funding of the Minnesota Land Trust's application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council to acquire private forest lands in St. Louis County, and that the St. Louis County Board shall authorize the appropriate county officials to execute an agreement which addresses land conveyance provisions, land selection criteria, land classification, land valuation, land use conditions, land assessment relief, roles and responsibilities and other related matters prior to the county receiving or conveying any land. [19-211]. St. Louis Land Commissioner Mark Weber said that there are

approximately 6,000 acres of tax forfeited land in the City of Duluth. The project would help expedite the transfer of tax forfeit land so they can be placed on the tax rolls quicker. City of Duluth Director of Planning and Economic Development Keith Hamre said that the City of Duluth would like to keep 4,140 acres classified as conservation for recreation development and storm water infrastructure. The City of Duluth would be willing to forgo \$922,000 worth of assessments on tax forfeited property to help get the properties back on the tax rolls. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

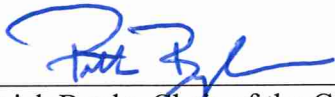
Chair Boyle encouraged citizens to vote in today's Special Primary Election for St. Louis County Commissioner District 5.

Commissioner McDonald provided a brief overview regarding a meeting that St. Louis County representatives had with newly appointed Minnesota IT Commissioner Tarek Tomez. Commissioner Tomez has agreed to visit Duluth and Deputy Registrars in the area. Commissioner McDonald said that he was impressed with Deputy Auditor Ben Martin's (Service Center Manager) overall knowledge of the MNLARS system.

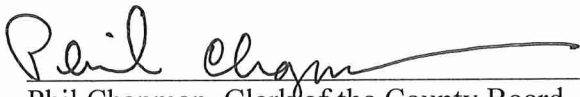
Administrator Kevin Gray thanked Auditor Nancy Nilsen for her support in helping to address MNLARS shortfalls.

Auditor Nilsen commended the work of Service Center staff and Deputy Auditor Ben Martin. Deputy Auditor Martin has developed a great understanding of the system, which has helped him to address customer issues relating to MNLARS.

At 11:31 a.m., Nelson/McDonald moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 28, 2019

Location: Cedar Valley Town Hall, Floodwood, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Jugovich moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #5, Duluth Airport Authority Denver Air Service Project [19-217] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray noted that there was a substitute resolution for board letter 19-214. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of May 14, 2019
- Acceptance of Grant Funds for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program [19-213]
- Acceptance of MN DHS Housing and Support Services Grant to Develop Community Living Infrastructure [19-214]
- Sourcewell Purchase of Two Tractor Loader Backhoes [19-215]
- Road Transfer Agreement for Belich Road (Brevator Township) [19-216]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Alborn Township) [19-218]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-219]
- Amendment to the Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force Joint Powers Agreement [19-220]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Stuntebeck (Homestead) [19-221]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Husman (Homestead) [19-222]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Anderson (Non-Homestead) [19-223]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Abel (Non-Homestead) [19-224]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Osten (Waples) (Non-Homestead) [19-225]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Olson/Boyle moved to establish a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on June 25, 2019, at the Balkan Community Center, Chisholm, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Cabuma Properties, L.L.C. d/b/a Boondocks Saloon and Grill, Gnesen Township. [19-226]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Olson/Boyle moved to establish a public hearing at 9:45 a.m., on June 25, 2019, at the Balkan Community Center, Chisholm, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale

Intoxicating Liquor License to Takeoff, LLC d/b/a The Landing, Beatty Township. [19-227]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Olson/Boyle moved to establish a public hearing at 9:50 a.m., on June 25, 2019, at the Balkan Community Center, Chisholm, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to K & E Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a The Munger Tavern & Grill, Solway Township. [19-228]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Olson/Boyle moved to establish public hearing at 9:55 a.m., on June 25, 2019, at the Balkan Community Center, Chisholm, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Partridge Enterprises, L.L.C. d/b/a The Oasis, Unorganized Township 60-18. [19-229]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved to approve a contribution in the amount of \$150,000 to the Catalyst Content Festival and that, if necessary, the appropriate County officials are authorized to execute a funding agreement. [19-235]. Philip Gilpin Jr., Executive Director of Catalyst Content Festival, said that the money would be used to develop a brochure that will show an established professional infrastructure and will be used to show that the area is serious about attracting the film industry. The event will be held in the City of Duluth from October 9, 2019, to October 13, 2019. Commissioner Nelson said that he was concerned about the source of funding and the level of financial commitment from the county. After further discussion, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner McDonald, offered an amendment to approve a contribution in the amount of \$100,000 to the Catalyst Content Festival and that the St. Louis County Economic Development fund be utilized to fund Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliance issues at the Veterans on the Lake Resort near Ely, MN, in the amount of \$100,000. After further discussion, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner McDonald, amended their motion to approve a contribution in the amount of up to \$150,000 to the Catalyst Content Festival and that the St. Louis County Economic Development fund be utilized to fund Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliance issues at the Veterans on the Lake Resort near Ely, MN, in the amount of \$100,000. Commissioner Olson expressed concern that the "up to" language would slow the project down. After further discussion, Commissioner agreed to remove the "up to" language; the amendment passed. (6-0). After further discussion, the amended motion passed without recommendation. (6-0)

Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:58 a.m. to 12:01 p.m.

Olson/Boyle moved to authorize the Information Technology Department to enter into contract with Now Micro, Inc. of St. Paul, MN, for the scheduled replacement order in the amount of \$319,505.00. Due to the large number of departments sharing in this joint purchase, the individual county departments' funding sources will be assigned at the time of purchase. [19-234]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Olson/Jewell moved that the St. Louis County Board approves a pledge in the amount of \$50,000 to the Duluth Airport Authority and that, if necessary, the appropriate County officials are authorized to execute a funding agreement. [19-217]. Administrator Gray said that a total of \$50,000 could be distributed over three years and the City of Duluth has pledged \$100,000 to the Duluth Airport Authority. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Olson moved that the County Board authorizes the reallocation of Position Code G0036-003 (Grade B 24, Step 1), to a 0.2 Community Health Worker (CHW) (Grade B10, Step 1), resulting in a savings of \$20,124, and that the County Board authorizes an additional 0.1 FTE CHW to allow the existing 0.7 FTE CHW (Position Code 0420-078) to become a 1.0 FTE CHW to support the contractual obligations of the HIV Prevention and Early Intervention Services grant. [19-230]. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern that Board policy was not being followed because the resolution did not include standard language indicating that once grant funding was eliminated, the position would be eliminated. Administrator Gray said that he would provide clarification prior to the next Board meeting as to whether or not the request is a grant or an appropriation. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Jewell moved to award a bid to Parsons Electric, LLC of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$326,982.00, for the Signal Painting and Traffic Control Signal System Revisions project; CP 0000-439323, located throughout St. Louis County and in the City of Eveleth and the City of Hermantown. [19-231]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Nelson/McDonald moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$296,000, for Grading, Aggregate Base, and Bituminous Surfacing; CP 5890-328460, located on TR 5890 (Kacer Road) in Kelsey Township. [19-232]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Boyle/Jewell moved to authorize the purchase of two (2) John Deere Model 644K Loaders from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, for a total cost of \$444,000. [19-232]. The motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

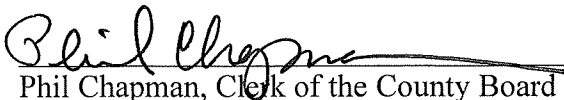
Commissioner McDonald said that he and Administrator Gray met with U.S. Border Patrol/Customs in Crane Lake and progress was made because of the meeting.

Chair Boyle asked the Administration to arrange to have St. Louis County Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro give the Board a legislative update at the next Board meeting.

At 12:34 p.m., Jewell/Jugovich moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 4, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jugovich/McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of May 28, 2019
- Acceptance of Housing with Supports for Adults with Serious Mental Illness Grant Amendment [19-238]
- Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Intersection Improvements at US-2 and CSAH 11 (Proctor) [19-239]
- Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Intersection Improvements at US-53 and CSAH 48 (Hermantown) [19-240]
- Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Northland Consulting Engineers LLP for Roadway Engineering Design Services [19-241]
- Sale of Surplus Fee Land - Duluth Township [19-242]
- Rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-202; Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Emergency Vehicle Preemption Signal Revision Project [19-243]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Boyle moved to award a bid to KTM Paving, Hermantown, MN, in the amount of \$448,695.08, for Aggregate Base and Sidewalk; CP 0091-340072, SAP 069-691-031, located along County State Aid Highway 91/Haines Road approximately 260 feet north of Trunk Highway 53 to the St. Louis County Jail entrance in Duluth and Hermantown. [19-244]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Jugovich moved to approve the 2019 first quarter budget changes. [19-245]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Olson/Jewell moved that the St. Louis County Board declares its support for the 2020 Capital Appropriation request of \$4.25 million for the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot)

and designates this as its first priority bonding project for the 2020 Legislative Session. [19-246]. St. Louis County Property Management Director Tony Mancuso said that the \$8 million would make the building safe; however, he does not believe the number will cover all necessary repairs to the building. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Nelson/Jugovich moved to approve the purchase of office furniture in an amount of \$1,163,230.80 from Northern Business Products of Duluth and Hibbing, MN, under State of Minnesota contract, for the Virginia Government Services Center construction project. [19-247]. Director Mancuso indicated that the contract includes installation costs and that there will be a prevailing wage requirement. The motion passed. (6-0)

The Committee recessed at 11:06 a.m. The Committee reconvened at 11:18 a.m. with all members present.

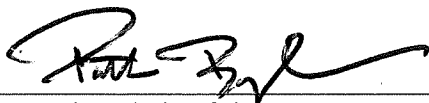
Time Specific Presentation

At 11:00 a.m., St. Louis County Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the 2019 Legislative Session.


COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

None

At 12:16 p.m., Jugovich/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 11, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of June 4, 2019
- Healthy Families America Evidence-Based Home Visiting Program Agreement [19-250]
- Agreement with WSB & Associates, Inc. to Perform Design Services for the Proposed Roundabout at CSAH 37 and Glenwood Street [19-251]
- St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center Five Year Maintenance and Janitorial Services Contract [19-252]
- Sale of Surplus Fee Land - That Part of the SW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 31, Township 50 North, Range 15 West, lying west of the Rocky Run Creek (Hermantown) [19-253]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Alborn Township); Rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-340 [19-254]
- Minnesota State Auditor's Performance Measurement Program, 2019 Report [19-255]
- Sponsorship of Voyageur Country ATV System [19-256]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Lindemood [19-257]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Westin (Virginia) [19-258]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Westin (Aurora) [19-259]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Socher [19-260]
- Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Bechtold [19-261]
- Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to Morcom Township [19-262]
- Rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-127 and authorize Road Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Ejay Dawson and Buck Rub, Inc. (Portage Township) [19-263]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Boyle/Jewell moved to that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 164.08, Subd.2, a public hearing shall be held at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to hear the cartway petition of Scott A. Boyd and Rita Christenson-Boyd to establish a cartway over the property of Judy L. Flannigan, together with other owners, described as the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast

Quarter (SW ¼ of SE ¼), Section 30, Township 56 North, Range 16 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian. The location of the cartway is to be along the course of an existing forest access trail crossing the southeast corner of the property. All affected landowners are entitled to judicial review of damages and need for the cartway, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 164.08, Subd. 7, following a determination to establish the cartway. [19-264]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Olson moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept funds in an amount up to \$150,000 from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division for the Minnesota State Targeted Opioid Treatment, Prevention & Recovery Services grant to provide case management in the Sixth Judicial District Treatment Court for the period July 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020. Position Codes G0011-126 and G0011-127 for the two (2) FTE case managers will continue to be supported with this grant extension. When the grant funding ends, the positions will be eliminated. [19-265]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Olson moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$4,525,480.00 for Mill, Reclamation, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalks, Storm Sewer, Bituminous Surfacing; CP 0006-243164, SP 069-606-025, located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 6/Maple Grove Road from 835' East of CSAH 13/Midway Road to 525' West of Westberg Road in Hermantown, length 2.98 miles. [19-266]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Jugovich moved to authorize the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE vacant Planning Manager position (Civil Service Supervisory Unit, Pay Grade 27 position code 0849-007) to a Deputy Land and Minerals Director (Civil Service Supervisory, Pay Grade 32) in the Land and Minerals Department. The reallocation will result in an annual cost increase of approximately \$13,007. [19-267]. St. Louis County Land Commissioner Mark Weber said that he felt the change would be a positive move for the department. The motion passed. (6-0)

Time Specific Presentation

At 10:38 a.m., St. Louis County Budget Director BreAnn Graber and Communications Director Dana Kazel gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the 2019 St. Louis County Residential Survey Results.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson said that St. Louis County spent approximately \$147,000 on Amazon purchases last year. Commissioner Nelson said that the Board has been consistent in encouraging the use of local vendors; he will be bringing forth action for board consideration in support of using local vendors for purchases by county staff.

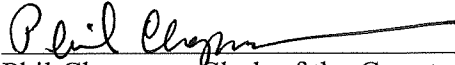
Commissioners Boyle and Olson indicated that they agree with Commissioner Nelson regarding support of local vendors; however, they had concerns with the manner in which communication was sent to all county staff.

Commissioner Jugovich said that every dollar spent locally is reciprocated four to seven times. Commissioner Jugovich congratulated kids on the completion of the school year and encouraged people to use care when attending graduations.

At 11:46 a.m., Chair Boyle adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting.

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Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board

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

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 25, 2019

Location: Balkan Community Center, 6061 Highway 73, Chisholm, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Nelson

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Time Specific Presentation

At 11:11 a.m., Lianne Endo and Alana Peterson gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the Lockridge Grindal Nauen Congressional update.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jugovich/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (5-0, Nelson absent)

- Minutes of June 11, 2019
- Community-Based Suicide Prevention Grant “Thrive Range” [19-275]
- Authorization to Apply for Funding for the Minnesota Housing 2019 Capacity Building Initiative [19-276]
- Approval of Professional Services Contract with Foster America for Fellowship to Strengthen Families and Prevent Child Maltreatment [19-277]
- Agreement with the City of Duluth for the Design of the Proposed Roundabout at CSAH 37 and Glenwood Street [19-278]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Clearing Project on CSAH 5 (French Township) [19-279]
- Agreement with the Duluth North Shore Sanitary District (DNSSD) for Utility Replacement in Conjunction with Reconstruction of County Bridge 906 [19-280]
- Joint Powers Agreement with GSA [19-281]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-282]
- Deferred Compensation Plan Asset Transfer Window [19-283]
- Application and Acceptance of 2019 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant [19-284]

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Boyle moved to adopt the Registered Nurse Human Services job classification allocated to Grade B21: \$47,970 - \$66,963 (annual steps and longevities through twenty-four years of service) in the Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan. [19-285]. St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Director Jim Gottschald said that registered nurses with a two-year degree will be eligible to apply for the position. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0, Nelson absent)

Jewell/McDonald moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department to collaborate with the Mental Health Specialty Court in Hibbing, MN, to bill an amount up to \$60,000 to provide case management for the period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, and that the remainder of the cost of the position will be recouped through the Rule 79 targeted case management billing; that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the addition of a 1.0 FTE social worker position with this funding; and further, that the position will be eliminated when the funding is discontinued. St. Louis County Adult Mental Health Supervisor Kelly Sather briefly discussed the more formalized process under Judge Anderson and said that the goal for this position is 30 clients. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray said that since the position is a billable position, costs are levy neutral. [19-290]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0, Nelson absent)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$1,117,700.00 for Approach Grading and Construct Bridge No. 69A59 (County Bridge 27); CP 0293-257868, SP 069-598-065, located on County Road 293/North Tischer Road between County Road 286 and County State Aid Highway 43, in Lakewood Township. [19-286]. The motion passed. (5-0, Nelson absent)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to authorize the purchase of ten (10) Walk 'n' Rollers from Ziegler, Inc., of Buhl, MN, for a total cost of \$369,800. [19-287]. The motion passed. (5-0, Nelson absent)

Jugovich/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board encourages and supports the Arrowhead Regional Farm Bureau's efforts to facilitate discussion and coordinate meetings in order to find practical solutions to repair ditches within the County. [19-288]. Ed Nelson, of the Arrowhead Regional Farm Bureau, discussed concerns of farmers within the Meadowlands area. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0, Nelson absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Assistant County Attorney Kim Maki distributed the St. Louis County Attorney's Office 2018 Annual Report.


Commissioner McDonald congratulated the Duluth Marshall baseball team for winning the Minnesota State Baseball Championship. Commissioner McDonald noted that Cliff Shermer of Shermer Logging, Gheen, MN, was named the National Logger of the Year.

Administrator Gray said that staff member Kristin Johnson's son, Vance, is a member of the Duluth Marshall baseball team.

At 12:10 p.m., Chair Boyle adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting.



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board


Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 9, 2019

Location: Lakewood Town Hall, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #9, IRRR Grant Application: Fraser Shop Site Remediation [19-299] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0, Nelson absent)

- Minutes of June 25, 2019
- Day Training and Habilitation and Semi-Independent Living Services Contracts for SFY 2020 and 2021 [19-291]
- 2nd Amendment to Right of Way Agreement with Northshore Mining Company and Cliffs Erie, LLC – CSAH 70 [19-292]
- Cooperative Agreement with the City of Ely to Install Decorative Street Lights (CSAH 155/James Street) [19-293]
- Cooperative Agreement with Voyageur Country ATV Club – Vermilion River Bridge [19-294]
- Sole Source Procurement – Agreement with URETEK USA, Inc. for Stabilization of CSAH 116 (Echo Trail) [19-295]
- Purchase of Property Insurance [19-296]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-297]
- Authorization to Apply for and Accept FY20 MPCA SSTS Incentive and Low-Income Fix-up Grant Funding [19-298]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – McCray (Non-Homestead) [19-300]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Jugovich/Nelson moved to authorize a grant application to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) Mineland Reclamation Grant Program for the Fraser Shop Site Remediation project. [19-299]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Jail/911 collective bargaining unit for shift differential for those employees working a schedule authorized under Addendum 4 is ratified

and county officials are authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding. [19-301]. St. Louis County Human Resources Director Jim Gottschald said that during the last round of contract negotiations, this shift was inadvertently excluded. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Boyle/Nelson moved that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Jail/911 collective bargaining unit that clarifies the administration and timekeeping process of Holiday leave hours and Holiday worked hours and their impact on employees total hours for the work week and the pay period is ratified and county officials are authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding. [19-302]. Director Gottschald said that the agreement will allow members in this bargaining unit to be compensated for holiday hours consistent with county practices. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Boyle/Olson moved that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Jail/911 collective bargaining unit, which reassigns up to five (5) existing positions at the Duluth Jail to a "float" status, is ratified and county officials are authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding. [19-303]. Director Gottschald said that this agreement will help better manage unexpected overtime because five (5) allocated positions will be assigned to work on a float basis. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Boyle/Nelson moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the proposed settlement with the Historic Union Depot Corporation, the Lake Superior Railroad Museum and Ken Beuhler related to the management of the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the Depot) and authorizes the appropriate county officials to negotiate and execute appropriate settlement documents and to make the settlement payment contemplated by the proposed settlement in the amount of \$75,000. [19-304]. The motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

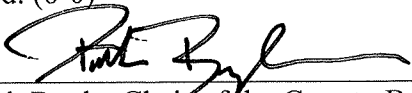
Commissioner Boyle said that he will not be able to attend next week's budget workshops due to a family commitment. Commissioner Boyle indicated that the candidates in the St. Louis County Commissioner District 5 Special Election were formally invited to the meeting. Commissioner Boyle congratulated the United States Women's soccer team on winning the World Cup.

At 10:55 a.m., the Board recessed. At 11:08 a.m., the County Board reconvened with all members present.

Time Specific Presentation

At 11:08 a.m., Keith Carlson and Steve Novak gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) End of Session Report.

At 12:00 p.m., Jewell/Jugovich moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 23, 2019

Location: Hoyt Lakes City Hall, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/Jugovich moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of July 9, 2019
- Virginia Government Services Center North Contract Amendment for Architectural and Engineering Design Services [19-305]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Grand Lake Township) [19-306]
- Sale of Surplus Fee Land – North ½ of NE ¼ and the SW ¼ of NE ¼ all in Section 9, T61N, R18W (Angora Township) [19-307]
- Sale of Surplus Fee Land - North ½ of NW 1/4 Section 10, T61N, R18W (Angora Township) [19-308]
- Sale of Surplus Fee Land - Part of NE ¼ of SE ¼ Section 4, T65N, R17W (Portage Township) [19-309]
- Sale of Surplus Fee Land - Part of NE ¼ of NE ¼ Section 17, T61N, R19W (Alango Township) [19-310]
- Renew Contract for Processing of Various DNR Transactions at the Auditor's Service Center [19-311]
- Special Sale – City of Proctor [19-312]
- Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation [19-313]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Troumbly [19-314]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Soup Town, LLC [19-315]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Lalonde [19-316]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Bickford [19-317]

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Olson moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) to accept funds in the amount of \$200,000 annually from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Child and Permanency Division grant to design and implement community integration for a plan of safe care for prenatal substance exposure for the period August 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, with the option for four (4) one-year extensions for the same grant amount each year; that the St. Louis County Board

authorizes the addition of 2.0 FTE Community Coordinator positions: 1.0 FTE Public Health Nurse Senior and 1.0 FTE Social Worker, with the positions being eliminated when the funding is eliminated; and further, that PHHS expense and revenue budgets be increased in 2019 in the amount of \$200,000 with any unspent funds allowed to be carried over to the 2020 budget, and to increase subsequent budget years if the four extensions are granted. [19-318]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/McDonald moved to authorize the County Auditor to spread local levies for the provision of fire protection and/or first responder services to identified unorganized territories within the county beginning January 1, 2020, and to authorize the agreements with the listed corporations for the provision of these services. [19-319]. St. Louis County Auditor Nancy Nilsen said that the fire departments are required to provide justification if they are requesting an increase to a local levy; most of the requests received were flat. Commissioner Nelson briefly discussed reimbursement concerns in relation to cities providing emergency services to unorganized territories. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

At 9:54 a.m., the Board acknowledged the presence of Hoyt Lakes Mayor Chris Vreeland. Mayor Vreeland welcomed the Board to Hoyt Lakes and briefly discussed funding shortages regarding the recently created Advanced Life Support (ALS) service.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist I position (Position code 0411-038, Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade 04, Step 1) to a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II position (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B10, Step 1) in the Auditor's Office, resulting in an increase of \$4,992. [19-320]. Commissioner Nelson discussed concerns he had regarding promotional opportunities for existing employees. St. Louis County Human Resources Director Jim Gottschald briefly discussed the transfer process. Auditor Nilsen indicated that this position would be open for employee transfers. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Boyle/Nelson moved to approve a 1.0 FTE Accountant position in the Auditor's Office to be charged 50% from a combination of the environmental trust, HUD entitlement programs, and other grant funds and program income; and further, that the Regional Rail Authority (RRA) will reimburse St. Louis County for 50% of the Accountant position assigned to the Auditor's Office. [19-325]. Auditor Nilsen said that this position will be partially reimbursed by the Regional Rail Authority. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$897,778.10 for Grading, Base, Bituminous Surfacing, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalks, ADA Improvements, Traffic Control System, Storm Sewer, Utilities, and Lane Widening; CP 0048-369695, SAP 069-648-032, located on CSAH (County State Aid Highway) 48 at the Intersection of CSAH 48 (Lavaque Bypass), Ugstad Road, and Trunk Highway 53 in Hermantown. [19-321]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that this project will be partially funded using local priority project funding. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Nelson moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$377,345.40 for Curb & Gutter, Sidewalks, Bituminous Surface, Traffic Control System, and ADA Improvements; CP 0011-369684, SAP 069-611-019, located on CSAH 11 (Second Street) at the Intersection with US Highway 2 in Proctor. [19-321]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Nelson/Jewell moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$1,117,857.70 for Turn Lanes, Grading, Bituminous Surfacing and Lighting; CP 0007-293140, SP 069-070-038, located on Trunk Highway 53 at the intersection with CSAH and County Road 885 (Industrial Road). [19-322]. Director Foldesi mentioned that this will be the first J turn that St. Louis County Public Works will deliver. The motion passed. (6-0)

Jugovich/Olson moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$331,401.00 for Aggregate Crushing, Southern St. Louis County 2019; CP 0000-278672, Aggregate Crushing, Southern St. Louis County. [19-323]. The motion passed. (6-0)

At 10:33 a.m., the Board recessed. At 10:50 a.m., the County Board reconvened with all members present.

Jugovich/Olson moved to authorize the appropriate County officials enter into a contract, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney's Office, with Four Star Construction of Superior, WI, for construction services for a fuel tank replacement project, with an approximate price of \$3,566,175.35. [19-324]. Director Foldesi said that there is a new compliance date for underground storage and that there were originally two bids; during negotiation, the two vendors came together to create the final bid. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

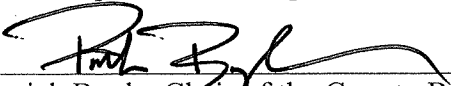
Commissioner Jewell highlighted a series of cycling events coordinated by the Heart of the Continent Partnership. The first bike ride took place on July 20th at the McCarthy Beach State Park. The next ride will take place on August 11th from the Duluth Traverse to Spirit Mountain. Commissioner Jewell commended Assistant County Attorney Kim Maki for legal work relating to the farmers market held in the Civic Center in Duluth.

Commissioner Jugovich said that National Night Out will be taking place next month and encouraged people to participate in the event.


Commissioner McDonald said that there are multiple events taking place throughout the county and commented on the Hoyt Lakes Water Carnival, Ely Blueberry Festival, Crane Lake Days, and Twin Metals Appreciation Days.

Commissioner Boyle commented on the Duluth Airshow, the "Big Boy" steam engine, and the success of Camp Esquagama.

At 11:36 p.m., Jewell/Jugovich moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting.



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 6, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of July 23, 2019
- Acceptance of HUD Planning Grant Funding for the St. Louis County Continuum of Care and Permission to Enter Into Contracts with Partners [19-326]
- Cooperative Agreement with Voyageur Country ATV Club for the Vermilion Falls to Crane Lake ATV Trail and Elevated Boardwalk Segment [19-327]
- Agreement with the DNR for an Operation and Maintenance Plan of the French River Wayside Rest Area and Right-of-Entry for the Reconstruction of County Bridge 906 [19-328]
- Marketing Program Agreement with University of Minnesota-Duluth [19-329]
- Title III Funds for Firewise Communities Activities [19-330]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Barclay [19-331]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Kelzer [19-332]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Lawrence [19-333]
- Adjoining Owner Sale [19-334]
- Public Sale of Shoreland Lease Lots [19-335]
- Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to City of Hermantown [19-336]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Boyle/Nelson moved that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 164.08, Subd. 2, a public hearing shall be held at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, in the McDavitt Town Hall, 9042 Zim Road, Forbes, MN, to hear the cartway petition of Timothy R. Westby a/k/a Tim Westby, on behalf of SW2, LLC, to establish a cartway over the property of multiple private owners located in part of Government Lot 4, Section 34, Township 63 North, Range 15 West, Lots 1-11 inclusive in the plat of Stoddard's Vermilion Lake Lots, and part of Government Lot 1, Section 33, Township 63 North, Range 15 West (Unorganized Township 63-15). [19-337]. Commissioner Nelson commented on the amount of staff time required when processing cartways and asked that all cartway provisions for this petition are met prior to October 1, 2019. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that this cartway request will affect

thirteen to fourteen parcels and the hearing could be delayed due to the amount of work involved. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Olson moved to authorize the County Auditor to offer certain lands for sale at public auction with prohibited purchaser and bidder conditions, starting at the fair market value in accordance with terms set forth in the Land and Minerals Department policy, and in a manner provided for by law, on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Miners Memorial Building, 821 South 9th Avenue, Virginia, MN. Funds from the auction are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund). The St. Louis County Board also authorizes a one-year extension to the pilot program allowing the County Auditor to reoffer individual unsold parcels at periodically adjusted prices based on market conditions to the general public on an over-the-counter listing or through a real estate broker, until the parcels are sold or withdrawn by the County Auditor; and further, that following the one-year extension to the pilot program, the Land and Minerals Department will report to the County Board on the results of the program. [19-343]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/McDonald moved to authorize the appropriate County officials to execute a contract with Northwoods Forestry, Inc., of Eleva, WI, for \$198,980.00 for Bud Capping Application on state tax forfeited lands during the fall of 2019, in accordance with the specifications of Bid No. 5548, payable from Fund 290, Agency 29001, and subject to approval by the County Attorney. [19-344]. St. Louis County Deputy Land Director Jason Meyer said that the Bud Capping program has been in place for fifteen years and the program helps to ensure re-forested lands are regenerated with the best tree species. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners requests that the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the University of Minnesota and the Department of Natural Resources withdraw the Cloquet Valley State Forest from consideration for the restoration/re-introduction of Elk to Northeastern Minnesota. [19-345]. Mike Schrage, Wildlife Biologist, Fond du Lac Resource Management, provided the Committee with an overview of other areas in which Elk have been re-introduced. Mr. Schrage said that the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, in cooperation with the University of Minnesota, have spent three years investigating the feasibility of restoring Elk in the Cloquet Valley State Forest, Fond du Lac State Forest and Nemadji Forest. The public study was conducted by mail with a fifty percent response rate and an eighty percent approval rating. Chair Boyle temporarily stepped out of the meeting from 11:14 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Commissioner Nelson distributed various handouts discussed multiple issues relating to the re-introduction of Elk in the Cloquet Valley State Forest. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Olson/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Parsons Electric, LLC., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$600,754.00 for Signal System Revisions, CP 0000-390020, SP 069-070-047, located in Duluth, Hermantown, and Proctor. [19-338]. Public Works Director Foldesi commented that Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) systems will be installed or replaced on fifty traffic signals. EVPs turn the signal green for emergency vehicles as they approach the intersection, which will help to reduce emergency response times. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Jugovich/McDonald moved to authorize an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation which accepts Minnesota State Transportation General funds (Bridge Bond) and commit to the St. Louis

County Local funds for costs of Project SP 069-589-065 which exceed the grant, and that the proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant. MVST Bridge Bond Funds - Construction \$160,464.82, Federal BROS Funds \$880,000.00, St. Louis Co. Local Funds \$77,235.18, Total \$1,117,700.00. [19-339]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Boyle/Olson moved that the St. Louis County Board adopts the revised civil service employment law § 383C.03 et seq., approved by the 2019 Minnesota legislature and authorizes the appropriate county officials to file a copy of the Board resolution certifying approval with the Minnesota Secretary of State. The revised civil service employment law is effective the day after the County Board, through its clerk, files a copy of the resolution with the Minnesota Secretary of State. [19-340]. At 12:05 p.m., Commissioner Nelson temporarily stepped out of the meeting. The motion passed. (4-0, Jewell, Nelson absent)

Boyle/McDonald moved to approve the amended St. Louis County Civil Service Rules. [19-341]. The motion passed. (4-0, Jewell, Nelson absent)

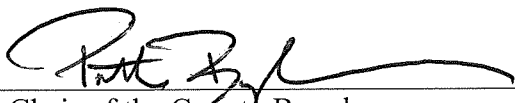
Boyle/Olson moved to approve the amended St. Louis County Management Compensation Plan. [19-342]. St. Louis County Human Resources and Administration Director Jim Gottschald said that the changes give administration the option to move certain Deputy Directors to the Management Compensation Plan, which will help the county recruit and retain quality employees. After further discussion, the motion passed. (4-0, Jewell, Nelson absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

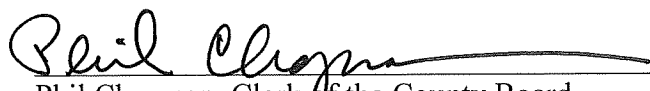
Commissioner Jugovich mentioned that the county is ditching in the Meadowlands area; the community is appreciative and excited that work has started.

At 12:12 p.m., Commissioner Nelson returned to the meeting.

At 12:13 p.m., McDonald/Olson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 13, 2019

Location: Great Scott Town Hall, Kinney, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners McDonald, Nelson, Jugovich, and Chair Boyle

Absent: Commissioners Jewell and Olson

Vacant: Commissioner District 5

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

CONSENT AGENDA

McDonald/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (4-0 Jewell, Olson absent)

- August 6, 2019
- Acquisition of Right-of-Way - Reclaim and Overlay Project on CSAH 4 (Biwabik Township) [19-346]
- Acquisition of Right-of-Way - Culvert Replacement and Reclaim and Overlay Project on CSAH 20 (Biwabik Township and Unorganized Township 57 North-Range 16 West) [19-347]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Partridge Enterprises, LLC (Unorganized Township 60-18) [19-348]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Gruben Holdings, LLC (Greenwood Township) [19-349]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-350]
- Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority Industrial Airpark Development [19-351]
- Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to City of Duluth [19-352]
- Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for Affordable Housing (Parcel: 010-0100-00550) [19-353]
- Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for Affordable Housing (Parcel: 010-3410-07270) [19-354]
- Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for Affordable Housing (Parcel: 010-0480-01300) [19-355]
- Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) for Affordable Housing (Parcels: 010-2420-07420 & 010-2420-07430) [19-356]

Health & Human Services Committee

McDonald/Boyle moved to authorize the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist I position (Position code 0413-026, Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B04) to a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist III (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B14) in the Public Health and Human Services Department, resulting in an increase of \$9,380. [19-357]. (4-0 Jewell, Olson absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/McDonald moved to approve the 2019 second quarter budget changes. [19-358]. The motion passed. (4-0 Jewell, Olson absent)

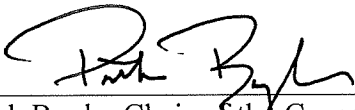
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jugovich reminded everyone that school will be starting soon and urged drivers to use extra caution and watch for kids.

Commissioner Nelson commented on the recent passing of Representative Joe Begich. Commissioner Nelson said that Representative Begich was straightforward, had a passion for serving people and worked tirelessly to protect and represent the Iron Range.

Commissioner McDonald mentioned that the Special General Election for St. Louis County Commissioner – District 5 is being held today.

At 10:40 p.m., Chair Boyle adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting.



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 3, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- August 13, 2019
- Dental Services Opioid Response Grant [19-359]
- Agreement with the City of Duluth for Construction on CSAH 4 (Rice Lake Road) [19-360]
- Agreement with Eight Consultants for the Recovery, Restoration and Perpetuation of Corners of the Public Land Survey System [19-361]
- Authorization to Apply for FY 2019 HUD Continuum of Care [19-362]
- Submission of Amendments to HUD Joint Cooperation Agreements for CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs [19-363]
- Acceptance of County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant [19-364]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-365]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Gnesen Township) [19-366]
- St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center Strategic Leadership, Management and Operation Contract Amendment [19-367]
- Approval of Amended Arrowhead Regional Emergency Managers Association Mutual Aid Agreement [19-368]
- Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Merrill [19-369]
- Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Turkall [19-370]
- Special Sale to the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) [19-371]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Voss (Non-Homestead) [19-372]
- Road Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Michael Stilwell (Breitung Township) [19-373]
- Road Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Johnson and Hopkins Partnership (Unorganized Township 61-14) [19-374]

Establishment of Public Meetings

Olson/McDonald moved to convene a public hearing on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 9:40 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth, MN, to consider the adoption of the fee schedule for various county services for the year 2020. [19-375]. (7-0)

Olson/Jewell moved to establish public meetings to gather comment on the proposed property tax levy and operating budget for year 2020 on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Virginia, MN, and Thursday, December 5, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth, MN. [19-376]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved to award a bid to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., Gilbert, MN, in the amount of \$212,307.00 for Aggregate Base and Bituminous Surfacing; CP 4616-454611, SAP 069-600-048, on Lake Vermilion Drive in Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park, length 0.312 miles in Breitung Township. [19-377]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jugovich/Nelson moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$469,300.00 for Grading, Aggregate Base, and Ditching; CP 0000-447614, SAP 069-596-014, on Goldmine Road off of County Road 422, Beitz Road and River Road off of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 24, length 6.32 miles in Portage Township. [19-378]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Olson moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$97,260.86 for Rock Excavation; CP 0898-449098, on County Road 898 (Lindahl Road) 3,940 feet South of CSAH 14 to 2,870 feet South of CSAH 14 in Midway Township. [19-379]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Jewell moved that the St. Louis County Board certifies the HRA maximum property tax levy for 2020 in the amount of \$217,376. [19-380]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Olson/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners hereby directs all employees of St. Louis County to make every effort to purchase products necessary to the operation of St. Louis County locally. [19-381]. Commissioner Nelson said that local businesses pay approximately \$34 million in property taxes in St. Louis County and encouraged county employees to reach out to local businesses; often times local businesses can beat or match internet pricing if we give them the opportunity. Commissioner Olson inquired on the purpose of the resolution, since the directive to buy local has already been defined in county purchasing rules. Jewell/Olson moved to amend the resolution to include wording that staff will explore and work with local businesses to ensure products will be carried locally. After further discussion, the amendment was withdrawn. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Musolf/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners reappoints Reed Erickson – Northern Townships, Jennifer Hoffman-Sacoman – City of Hibbing, Stephen Anderson – At Large, and James (Pat) McKenzie – At Large, to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee for a term ending April 30, 2022, and authorizes the County Auditor to advertise and accept applications through October 15, 2019, for seven (7) vacant positions on the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee as follows: St. Louis County Association of Townships, Southern Townships, City of Eveleth, City of Hermantown, and Three (3) At Large. The term of service for these representatives will run from January 1, 2020, to April 30, 2022. [19-382]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Jugovich moved to authorize the transfer of a PHHS Program Analyst position (Merit System Pay Plan MB, Pay Grade MAB, Step 12) and funding from the PHHS Department to the Information Technology (IT) Department and re-allocate the position to the IT Applications Developer class (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan B1, Pay Grade 24, Step L2), and that the Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding addressing the terms and conditions of employment affecting the position incumbent and authorizes the execution of the agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The reallocation will result in an annual cost increase of approximately \$504, with funding available from Fund 100, Agency 117001. The 2020 PHHS and IT Department budgets will be adjusted to reflect the position and funding transfer. [19-383]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/McDonald moved to authorize the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Micrographics Unit Supervisor position and funding (Position code 0662-01, Civil Service Supervisory Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade E18) from the Recorder's Department (Fund 230009, Agency 610100) to a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B10) in the Assessor's Department (Fund 118001, Agency 610100), resulting in an annual decrease of \$10,530. [19-384]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

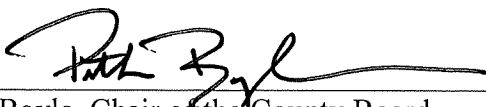
Commissioner Jugovich said that he has received positive feedback regarding ditching in the Meadowlands area. In addition, Commissioner Jugovich reminded everyone that school will be starting and urged drivers to use caution and watch for kids. Commissioner Jewell mentioned that it is amazing how many people fail to stop for flashing school bus lights due to inattentive driving and encouraged drivers to pay attention.

Commissioner McDonald thanked everyone who participated during the recent visit of Minnesota IT Commissioner Tarek Tomez. Administrator Gray said that he was impressed with county staff preparation for Commissioner Tomez' visit.

Administrator Gray commented on the recent retirement of Pat Hebert. Human Resources and Administration Director Jim Gottschald said that Ms. Hebert worked for the county for over forty-nine years and always maintained a positive and upbeat attitude even though she never worked in an office with natural light due to the nature of her job.

Chair Boyle said that he had a discussion with Representative Mary Murphy with an emphasis on the bonding request for the Depot; Mayor Larson will be including the Depot with the City of Duluth's bonding request. Commissioner Boyle commented that Depot Director Mary Tennis and the Lake Superior Railroad Museum Director will be attending a meeting regarding the Northern Lights Express (NLX) Passenger Rail Service. After next week's Board meeting, the Board will tour the Duluth Seaway Port Authority.

At 12:28 p.m., Jewell/McDonald moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (7-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 10, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- September 3, 2019
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Bill-Mar’s Supper Club, Inc. (Unorganized Township 55-21) [19-386]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Kabetogama Outdoors, LLC (Kabetogama Township) [19-387]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Takeoff LLC (Beatty Township) [19-388]
- Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order for Christenson-Boyd Cartway Petition (Unorganized Township 56-16) [19-389]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Anderson and Sisson [19-390]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Young (Homestead) [19-391]

Establishment of Public Meetings

Olson/Nelson moved to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 9:40 a.m. in the Hermantown City Hall in Hermantown, Minnesota, to solicit public input prior to considering the proposed tax abatement for the City of Duluth – First Street Lofts Project. Notice of the hearing shall be published in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 469.1813, Subd. 5(b). [19-392]. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Boyle/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board, acting on behalf of unorganized townships for the purpose of road and bridge maintenance and construction, adopts and certifies a maximum levy of \$1,582,000 for the year 2020 to be levied only in such unorganized townships. [19-393]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that the county invests approximately \$1.6 million to \$3.7 million annually on road and bridge maintenance and construction in unorganized townships. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Olson/Boyle moved that the 2020 maximum property tax levy recommendation, based on a preliminary proposed budget, will be provided to the County Board for consideration at the September 24, 2019 County Board meeting. [19-394]. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray gave the Board a brief

overview of budget timelines and county service priorities. Administrator Gray said that St. Louis County had a 4.5% growth in 2019. However, growth was reduced by 1% due to the Department of Revenue making adjustments to the assessment values of utilities and railroads; the result is a net growth of approximately 3.5%. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners formally notify the Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC) Board of Commissioners of their desire to withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement effective January 1, 2021, per the Joint Powers Agreement. [19-395]. Commissioner Jewell requested a point of order and questioned if a Commissioner can support a motion if they do not intend to vote in favor of the motion. St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin responded that a Commissioner could support a motion to put it on the table for discussion; a Commissioner is not bound to vote in favor if they move to support a motion. At 10:55 a.m., the Board recessed. At 11:03 a.m., the County Board reconvened with all members present. Commissioner Nelson discussed concerns he had regarding the governance of ARC. Kay Arola, ARC Executive Director, discussed various ARC budget challenges including 75% to 80% of the budget is labor, additional staff needed due to specialty courts (probation officers, supervisors, etc.), and the continued shift of costs to county levies. Director Arola also highlighted the importance of a \$3 million bonding request that will be used to replace the meat processing plant. Commissioners expressed an interest in holding a Board Workshop in October devoted to discussion and expanding their knowledge of ARC. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn; no action was taken by the Board.

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

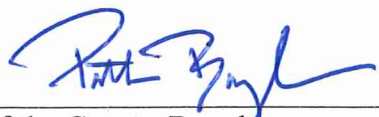
Nelson/Jugovich moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to execute a contract with Northland Demolition and Recycling, Inc., of Hibbing, MN, for the demolition of tax forfeited structures located in Sparta and Genoa at the bid price of \$133,700 in accordance with the specifications of Bid No. 5482 and addendums, payable from the Economic Development Blight Project, Fund 178, Agency 178005, and subject to approval of the County Attorney. [19-396]. At 11:58 a.m., the Board recessed. At 12:05 p.m., the County Board reconvened with all members present. St. Louis County Land and Minerals Director Mark Weber said that the structures are blight and safety issues, and removal of them will help create a better neighborhood. Commissioner Nelson discussed concerns he had regarding potential change orders because the bid was under the threshold for Project Labor Agreements. Commissioner Jewell asked for clarification on the change order process and indicated he would vote "no" so that clarification could be provided at the next Board meeting. The motion passed. (6-1, Jewell)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

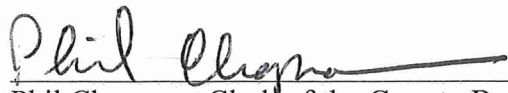
Chair Boyle mentioned that there will be a County Board Workshop in October; 2020 lobbying efforts will be included on the agenda. Chair Boyle commended St. Louis County Property Management Director Tony Mancuso for his efforts to make the new Virginia Government Services Center environmentally friendly.

Administrator Gray said that an event could be held on October 15th to recognize the move of maintenance and general services to the new Cook building.

At 12:24 p.m., Boyle/Nelson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (7-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2019

Location: Ely City Hall, Ely, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jugovich/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- September 10, 2019
- Request to Apply for MN DHS Housing and Support and Services Grant to Develop Community Living Infrastructure [19-397]
- Authorization to Accept Funding for the Minnesota Housing 2019 Capacity Building Initiative [19-398]
- Authorization to Accept Ongoing Funding and Contract for the Northeast MN Project to End Long-Term Homelessness [19-399]
- Renewal of Joint Powers Agreement and Corresponding Non-Emergency Medical Contract for Services [19-400]
- Amendment for Force Account Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Roadway Lighting System Materials (Grand Lake) [19-401]
- Execute 2019 HUD Contracts – CDBG, HOME and ESG Entitlement Grants [19-402]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-403]
- Establishment of Reserve Fund for St. Louis County Sheriff's Explorer Post #523 [19-404]
- Application and Acceptance of the 2019 MN Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement Grant and Approval of MOU with the Gilbert Police Department [19-405]
- Purchase of Backup VIPER Software and Equipment from CenturyLink Business [19-406]
- 2020/2021 Natural Resources Block Grant from Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources [19-407]
- Price Adjustments to Timber Contract C19170085 in Response to Wind Storm Damage [19-408]
- Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to Duluth Airport Authority [19-409]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Karbon Solutions, LLC [19-410]
- Approval of Registered Land Survey No. 146 (Canosia Township) [19-412]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to George Bougalis & Sons Company, Hibbing, MN, in the amount of \$506,238.30 for ATV Trail Improvements and Elevated Boardwalk; CP 0000-438737, from Vermilion Falls Road to Gold Coast Road, in Crane Lake Township. [19-413]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that the project will be fully funded due to Federal Recreational Trail Program (F RTP) and Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LLCMR) grants. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Nelson moved that the St. Louis County Board designates the new St. Louis County transportation building located on County Road No. 115 in the City of Cook, as the "David M. Skelton Transportation Building" and directs the Public Works Department to design appropriate signs for the building and have them installed as soon as practicable. [19-414]. Director Foldesi said that Mr. Skelton was transformative for St. Louis County Public Works; one major accomplishment was to bring multiple public agencies together to operate under one roof which has created efficiencies and synergy. Commissioner Olson indicated that she would be voting "no" on the three naming resolutions (Board Letters: 19-314, 19-415, 19-418) because the county does not have a process for naming buildings or roads and there is a lack of equity in recognition. Commissioner Olson felt that the lack of equity in recognition was due to the lack of leadership opportunities for persons of color, native persons and women. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-1, Olson).

McDonald/Nelson moved that the St. Louis County Board designates County Bridge No. 347 over the Black Duck River located on County Road No. 180 in the Township of Camp Five, as the "James 'Ding' Holter Memorial Bridge" and directs the Public Works Department to design appropriate traffic signs for the bridge and that they be erected at the bridge newly designated the "James 'Ding' Holter Memorial Bridge"; and further, that a dedication ceremony for the memorial bridge be scheduled as soon as practicable. [19-415]. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray said that the county received a resolution passed by the Township of Camp Five requesting that St. Louis County name Bridge No. 347 in honor of James Holter. Director Foldesi said that Mr. Holter was a Highway Maintenance Supervisor for 28 years and the community would like to recognize his efforts. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-1, Olson)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

At 12:07 p.m., Commissioner Jugovich temporarily stepped out of the meeting.

Musolf/Jewell moved to reappoint John Schifsky of Duluth, MN, to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2022. [19-416]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jugovich absent)

At 12:09 p.m., Commissioner Jugovich returned to the meeting.

McDonald/Nelson moved to make the following appointments to the Ash River Sanitary District Board of Managers: Heather Ebel and Mark Hraban, terms expiring January 2021; Christopher Kucera and Debra Sanders, terms expiring January 2022; and Steve Wieber, term expiring January 2023. [19-417]. In the event that an appointee is unable to fulfil their term, Commissioner McDonald requested that John Gorackowski fill the remainder of the term. St. Louis County Attorney Mark Ruben recommended that the Board pass the resolution with five appointees and have the Attorney's Office review requirements of the Sanitary District Board of Managers to provide exact wording on how the sixth position will be

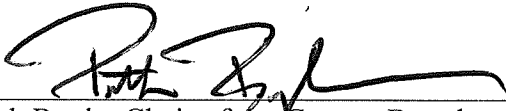
utilized. The Board could then amend the resolution at the October 1, 2019 Board meeting to include direction regarding the sixth position. After further discussion, the motion passed, without recommendation. (7-0)

Nelson/Jewell moved to designate the new St. Louis County Government Services Center – Virginia building, located in the City of Virginia, as the “Elizabeth Prebich Building” and directs the Property Management Department to design appropriate signs for the building and have them installed as soon as practicable. [19-418]. Commissioner Nelson said the St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program would not have been possible without the efforts of Liz Prebich. After further discussion, a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed. (6-1, Olson)

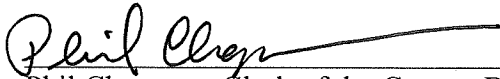
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner McDonald commented on yesterday’s fire in the City of Orr that destroyed Wally’s Auto Service.

At 12:30 p.m., Boyle/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (7-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #5, Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Herendeen [19-423] was removed from the agenda by County Administration. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray said that the property owner was current on their payment plan. Item #6, Special Sale to Pequaywan Township [19-424] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of September 24, 2019
- Housing Support Agreement Authorization [19-419]
- Authorization to Apply for the Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth (STAY) Program Grant [19-420]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-421]
- Authorization to Accept Minnesota Office of Justice Programs Crime Victims Services Grant [19-422]

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Boyle/McDonald moved to reappoint Mr. Don Potter to the Cook-Orr Healthcare District Board of Directors to represent unorganized townships in the Cook Hospital Healthcare District for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2022. [19-425]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved to approve the sale of state tax forfeited land described as that part of the E ½ of SE ¼ lying East of the centerline of new Highway #44 and lying South of the centerline of Rossini Road (parcel code 502-0020-02725) to Pequaywan Township for the price of \$5,100 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$153, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$16.83, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$5,340.83 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); that the state tax forfeited parcel described herein 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 Pequaywan Township; and further, that the state tax forfeited parcel described herein shall be withdrawn from Memorial Forest status. [19-424]. St. Louis County Land and Minerals Director Mark Weber explained that if the township purchased the property, they could use the property as they see fit;

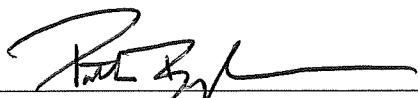
whereas, a free conveyance would require the township to conditionally use the property for public use for thirty years. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation for consideration at the October 22, 2019 county board meeting. (6-0, Jewell absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jugovich thanked the Ely Historical Society for conducting a recent tour of the Ely Pioneer Mine. Commissioner Jugovich said that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month and encouraged people to wear pink in support of the fight against breast cancer.

Chair Boyle reminded Board members that County Board Workshops will be held on Monday, October 14, 2019, and Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

At 12:20 p.m., Boyle/Olson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (6-0, Jewell absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 8, 2019

Location: Hermantown City Hall, Hermantown, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner McDonald

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #5, Land Donation from the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association [19-432] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0, McDonald absent)

- Minutes of October 1, 2019
- CY 2020 Detox and Hold Services Contracts [19-428]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Threecs LLC (Morcom Township) [19-429]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Red Swan Catering, LLC (Duluth Township) [19-430]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-431]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Olson/Jugovich moved to establish a public hearing at 9:45 a.m., on November 5, 2019, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Arrowhead Lodge Resort and Outfitters, LLC d/b/a Arrowhead Lodge and Resort, Kabetogama Township. [19-433]. The motion passed. (6-0, McDonald absent)

Boyle/Jugovich moved to establish a public hearing at 9:50 a.m., on November 5, 2019, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Britt Lounge Bar and Grill, LLC d/b/a Britt Lounge Bar and Grill, LLC, Unorganized Township 60-18. [19-424]. The motion passed. (6-0, McDonald absent)

Olson/Jugovich moved to establish a public hearing at 9:50 a.m., on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, 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. [19-425]. The motion passed. (6-0, McDonald absent)

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Jugovich moved to authorize the addition of a 1.0 FTE Public Health Nurse position and a 1.0 FTE Social Worker position to the Public Health and Human Services Department staffing complement for purposes of meeting the requirements of the Minnesota Senior Health Options and the Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSHO/MSCP+) health plan contracts, to be accounted for in Fund 230, Agency 232014. [19-436]. Commissioner Nelson asked that wording be added to the resolution indicating that once funding is eliminated, the positions will be eliminated. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0, McDonald absent)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Nelson moved to award a bid to Hoover Construction, Co., Virginia, MN, in the amount of \$214,000.00 for CP 0000-494181, Aggregate Crushing, West Central St. Louis County; CP 0000-494181. [19-437]. Commissioner Nelson disclosed that his daughter-in-law is a project manager for Hoover Construction, Co. and that he has no financial interest in the business. The motion passed. (6-0, McDonald absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

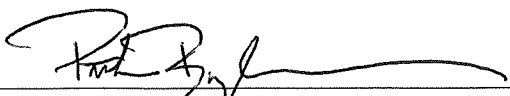
Nelson/Jugovich moved to accept a land donation of approximately 1,599 acres from the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA) to be managed for forestry, wildlife habitat, water quality and recreational purposes by the Land and Minerals Department. [19-432]. St. Louis County Land and Minerals Director Mark Weber thanked the MDHA for the land donation and for their efforts in finding a way to secure funding to purchase the land. MDHA Executive Director Craig Engwall said that the association was very selective when acquiring the parcels to avoid parcel fragmentation. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, McDonald absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

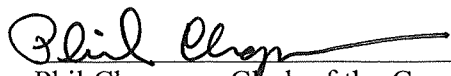
Commissioner Jugovich urged people to use caution when preparing for the upcoming hunting season.

Chair Boyle reminded Board members that County Board Workshops will be held on Monday, October 14, 2019, and Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

At 10:53 a.m., Jewell/Olson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (6-0, McDonald absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 22, 2019

Location: McDavitt Town Hall, Forbes, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jugovich

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Jugovich absent)

- Minutes of October 8, 2019
- 2020-2021 Minnesota Family Investment Program Biennial Service Agreement Approval, Allocation and Related Contracts [19-439]
- Joint Powers Agreement - Operation of Livescan Systems for Child Care Background Checks [19-440]
- Acceptance of Additional Grant Funds from the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program [19-441]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-442]
- Purchase of Traffic Signal Components for the Rice Lake Road Reconstruction Project [19-443]
- St. Louis County Unorganized Territory Polling Places [19-444]
- Abolishment of Multiple Obsolete Job Classifications [19-445]
- Application and Acceptance of FY 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant [19-446]
- Withdrawal of State Tax Forfeited Land from Memorial Forest Status [19-447]
- Road Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Jason Peterson (Canosia Township) [19-448]
- Special Sale to the City of Hibbing [19-449]
- Private Sale of State Tax Forfeited Land to the Zim Sportsmen's Club [19-450]

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Jewell moved to authorize 2020 monthly premium rates for the self-funded employee and retiree health insurance plan featuring \$250 Single/\$500 Family Deductibles and \$750 Single/\$1,500 Family Out-of-Pocket Caps at Tier 1 (\$500 Single/\$1,000 Family Deductibles and \$2,500 Single/\$5,000 Family Out-of-Pocket Caps at Tier 2) as follows: Single Coverage - \$982.25, Family Coverage - 2,281.29; that the Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to make necessary adjustments to the premium collected consistent with collective bargaining agreements and compensation plans; that the 2020 stop-loss rate payable to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota of \$11.72 per contract per month is approved; that a 2020 per contract per month administrative service fee of \$38.70 payable to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota is approved; that the 2020 monthly premium rate for the self-insured dental plan is approved, with a 0.0% increase, in the amount of \$40.16; that the 2020 per contract per month administrative service fee of \$2.23 payable to Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota is approved; and further,

authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute a contract for administrative services of the medical and dental plans for the time period covering January 1 – December 31, 2020, as set forth above. [19-451]. St. Louis County Human Resources and Administration Director Jim Gottschald provided an overview of the agreement and said that the health insurance adjustment rate recommendation is determined by three factors: anticipated claims for next year as determined by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, the self-insured fund balance, and the recommended rate adjustment from the Health Insurance Committee. The motion passed. (6-0, Jugovich absent)

Olson/Boyle moved to approve a contribution in the amount of \$200,000 to the Entrepreneur Fund ENVEST capital campaign; that, if necessary, appropriate County officials are authorized to execute a funding agreement; and further, that such funds be identified and used solely for the benefit of businesses located within St. Louis County. [19-452]. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern regarding the interest rates charged for small business loans and requested that commissioners be provided financials relating to the Entrepreneur Fund, Inc. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-1, Nelson nay, Jugovich absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Musolf/Boyle moved that the following eligible voters are appointed as election judges to process applications and ballots in the Duluth Courthouse for the Absentee Ballot Board and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) Ballot Board, effective through December 31, 2020:

Judge/Staff – Lisa Sweet, 100 N. 5th Ave. W. #214, Duluth, MN 55802

Judge/Staff – Jonathan Blevins, 100 N. 5th Ave. W. #214, Duluth, MN 55802

Judge/Staff – Wendy Johnson, 100 N. 5th Ave. W. #214, Duluth, MN 55802

Judge/Staff – Brenda George, 100 N. 5th Ave. W. #214, Duluth, MN 55802

The County Auditor and/or Clerk of the County Board may make election judge appointments to fill vacancies should they occur. [19-453]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jugovich absent)

Musolf/Jewell moved to appoint Julie Waltenburg as an alternate member of the Civil Service Commission for a three-year term ending November 4, 2022. [19-454]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jugovich absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/McDonald moved to approve the sale of state tax forfeited lands through an online public auction with prohibited purchaser conditions, starting at a fair market value, in accordance with terms set forth in the Land and Minerals Department policy and in a manner provided for by law; that funds from the auction are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); and further, that the County Auditor is authorized to reoffer individual unsold parcels at periodically adjusted prices based on market conditions to the general public through the online auction until the parcels are sold or withdrawn by the County Auditor. [19-455]. St. Louis County Land and Minerals Director Mark Weber explained that this is a pilot program to determine if using the online auction would be a success. Director Weber indicated that the department picked a cross-section of county parcels for the auction. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jugovich absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson mentioned that he will be bringing forward a resolution at the next Board meeting in opposition of the introduction of elk into the area.

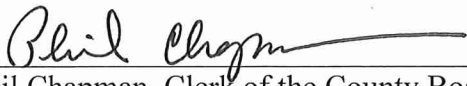
Commissioner McDonald said that the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) in Ely received a new vehicle that will be used to bring disabled veterans to their appointments.

Chair Boyle commented on the 57 1/4-inch Minnesota state record catch and release muskie that was caught on Lake Vermilion and noted the person who caught the fish was from Iowa.

At 12:37 p.m., Jewell/Musolf moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (6-0, Jugovich absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 5, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Musolf

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #7, Toward Zero Deaths Agreement with the City of Duluth [19-465] was removed from the agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0, Musolf absent)

- Minutes of October 22, 2019
- Revocation Hearing on Trunk Highway 53 Frontage Roads/County Road 983 and County Road 984 (Grand Lake Township) [19-459]
- Cooperative Agreement with the City of Hibbing for South Town Line Road Rehabilitation [19-460]
- Sale of Surplus Fee Land – Cook Public Works Facility [19-461]
- Approval of Funds for Mineral Royalties Scholarships [19-462]
- Certification of Property Assessed Clean Energy (MinnPACE) Charges for Energy Improvements [19-463]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-464]
- Tower Lease Agreement with American Tower, L.P. (French Township) [19-466]
- Tower Lease Agreement with American Tower, L.P. (Unorganized Township 56-17) [19-467]
- ATV Trail Lease Agreement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Lake County [19-468]
- Private Sale of State Tax Forfeited Land to Ann Brascugli Sertich and Family [19-469]
- Public Auction of Sphagnum Moss on State Tax Forfeited Land (Toivola Township) [19-470]
- Agreement with G-Men Environmental Services for Recyclable Materials Haulage, Processing & Marketing and Recycling Facility Operations [19-471]

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Olson moved to authorize the transfer of up to \$41,091 from the Fund 230 PHHS Fund Balance account for Prevention and Innovation (Fund 230, Object 311405) to the Housing and Homeless budget (Fund 230, Agency 232001 Object 629900); that the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) will continue to work to develop contracts with non-profit organizations to ensure this funding goes to provide staffing to open a warming shelter in Duluth and scattered sites in northern St. Louis County through existing organizations to ensure the most vulnerable are housed during the coldest winter nights; and further, that PHHS will require non-profit partners to utilize Homeless Management Information System to document the sheltered population and use this information to incorporate this need in requests for state and federal homeless funding to expand shelter capacity in the winter months.

[19-472]. Commissioner Nelson stepped out of the meeting from 11:21 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. Lee Stuart, Executive Director of Churches United in Ministry (CHUM), said that CHUM will be open 24/7 this winter and are working to secure a West Duluth option. Will Wilson, St. Louis County Continuum of Care Coordinator, commented that there are two coordinated entry systems in St. Louis County. The North entry point has 50 people on the priority list; the South entry has 1,100 households on the priority list. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Musolf absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Commissioner Nelson withdrew a resolution requesting that the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, University of Minnesota and Department of Natural Resources withdraw the Cloquet Valley State Forest from consideration for the restoration/re-introduction of Elk to Northeastern Minnesota. [19-476]. No action, removed from the agenda.

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/Boyle moved to authorize the purchase of four (4) John Deere agricultural tractors from Minnesota Equipment, Inc., of Rogers, Minnesota, for a total cost of \$720,848.32. [19-473]. The motion passed. (6-0, Musolf absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/Jewell moved to approve the 2019 third quarter budget changes. [19-474]. The motion passed. (6-0, Musolf absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Nelson/McDonald moved to authorize the reallocation of a vacant 1.0 FTE IT Services Technician (Civil Service Basic, position 0604-002, Pay Grade B11) to an IT Systems Engineer Associate (Civil Service Basic, Pay Grade B20, with this reallocation resulting in an approximate annual increase of \$11,895 within Fund 100 Agency 117001. The proposed IT Systems Engineer Associate will be assigned to the Government Services Center – Virginia IT office location and will serve county offices in Virginia, Hibbing, Cook, Ely and surrounding areas. [19-475]. The motion passed. (6-0, Musolf absent)

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Jewell/Olson moved to authorize an agreement with the City of Duluth to participate in the 2020 Toward Zero Deaths Grant in the amount of \$52,345.50 and authorize the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents. [19-465]. Commissioner Jewell commented that primary prevention has helped to reduce auto deaths; however, nothing is being done to curb gun related deaths. The motion passed. (6-0, Musolf absent)

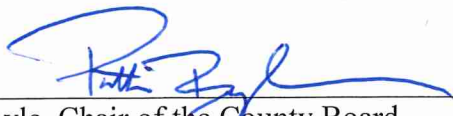
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jugovich reminded everyone to be safe during the upcoming firearms deer season.

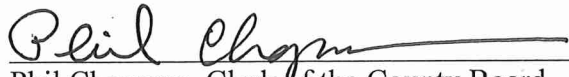
Commissioner Nelson said that he intends to bring forward the resolution requesting the withdrawal of the Cloquet Valley State Forest from the Elk Restoration study area to the next St. Louis County Committee of the Whole meeting, so all Commissioners are able to vote on the resolution.

Chair Boyle invited Commissioners to attend a news conference being held at 2:00 p.m. today regarding the selection of St. Louis County to participate in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

At 11:58 a.m., Jewell/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (6-0, Musolf absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 12, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of November 5, 2019
- Contract for Social Service Transportation Coordination [19-482]
- County Ditch Partial Abandonment Petition – Hiring for Consultant for Evaluation [19-483]
- Canceling of Public Hearing for SW2, LLC/Timothy R. Westby Cartway Petition (Unorganized Township 63-15) [19-484]
- Confirmation of Authority to Sign a Master Subscriber Agreement with the Minnesota Judicial Branch [19-485]
- Trail Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority (Kugler & Embarrass Twp.) [19-486]
- Road Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Thorsten Otterness (French Township 60-21) [19-487]
- Road Right-of-Way and Utility Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Nick Clattenberg (Grand Lake Township) [19-488]
- Non-Exclusive Easement to Lakewood Township (51-13) [19-489]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/McDonald moved to that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 94.344, Subdivision 7, a public hearing shall be scheduled on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 9:50 a.m. at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to consider a proposed Class “B” land exchange with The Conservation Fund, and that the County Auditor shall post notice of hearing in her office containing a description of the lands affected and shall cause a copy of said notice to be published in the official newspaper at least two weeks before the date of hearing. [19-490]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Olson moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist I position (Position code 0413-010, Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B04) to a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist III (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B10) in the Public Health and Human Services Department, resulting in an increase of \$4,992. [19-491]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Musolf/McDonald moved to appoint Ms. Karen Baxter to the Cook-Orr Healthcare District Board of Directors to represent unorganized townships in the Cook Hospital Healthcare District for the remainder of a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2021. [19-492]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners opposes the federal legislation impacting mining lease exploration within the Superior National Forest and requests that the U.S. Congress refrain from any efforts to jeopardize the continued exploration and prospecting for minerals within the Superior National Forest and that the St. Louis County Board urges Congress and all pertinent Federal agencies to allow prospective mining companies in Minnesota to proceed under the same Federal laws, rules and environmental review process as prescribed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). [19-493]. St. Louis County Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro provided the Board a brief overview of legislation related to the withdrawal of 234,000 acres of the Superior National Forest from further mineral exploration. Commissioner Jewell read the following statement and requested that it be included in the official minutes: The resolution Opposing Federal Legislation Impacting Mining Lease Exploration within the Superior National Forest should not pass. The resolution is misleading and inaccurate. It is anti-science and, by undermining the established federal process for determining if the watershed of the Boundary Waters is the wrong place for copper mining, is also anti-public involvement and contrary to the will of the people. Facts:

- In December 2016, the US Forest Service concluded that sulfide-ore copper mining on national forest lands in the watershed of the Boundary Waters would risk water quality degradation of waters within the Boundary Waters and would lead to damage within the Wilderness that could not be fixed or mitigated. This conclusion followed several years of study, meetings with all stakeholders, and a public process that included 2 public meetings attended by 2,900 people (the majority supported the ban) and 74,000 comments from the American people that supported the ban.
- In January 2017, the US Forest Service applied for a 20-year withdrawal of 233,328 acres of federal lands and minerals within the watershed from the federal mining program.
- The Department of Interior accepted the application of the US Forest Service and implemented a legally-required 2-year moratorium on mining approvals while the US Forest Service completed an environmental review of a proposed 20-year ban.
- The US Forest Service study was conducted pursuant to federal law (Federal Land Policy and Management Act), which provides a process to determine which locations are too valuable or too vulnerable for mining.
- The study continued from January 2017 until September 2018 when it was abruptly cancelled at the direction of the White House.
- During the study period:
 - Significant scientific, economic, and social evidence was submitted to the US Forest Service, including 55 high quality science and economic reports detailing the harm that mining would cause to the Boundary Waters and to the region.

- Three public hearings were attended by 2,700 people
- 180,000 people delivered written comments to the US Forest Service saying no to copper mining in the watershed
- In its notice abruptly cancelling the study, the US Forest admitted that it had completed numerous studies, including a biological and economic impact assessment and potential impacts to water resources, wilderness areas, and cultural resources.
- The US Forest Service has refused to share data and reports from the study with Congress and members of the American public.
 - Chairs of three US House Committees have demanded the data and studies in two letters to the US Forest Service, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Interior
 - Minnesota's two US Senators have demanded the data and studies
 - 14 US House Oversight Committees have requested this information
 - Numerous oversight nonprofits and conservation groups have requested this information and two are now in litigation
- The Trump administration has refused to share any of its data and studies.
- The provision in the House Interior Appropriations Report would require the completion of the study and delivery to Congress for its review.
- Support for completion of the study is bipartisan in Congress and is supported by Governor Walz.
- The Star Tribune has called on the Department of Agriculture and the US Forest Service to complete the study.
- The study and the moratorium on decisions during the study does not affect any state or county land; it only applies to Superior National Forest lands within the watershed of the Boundary Waters.
- The study should provide the best available science to make decisions on whether copper mining in the watershed poses an unacceptable risk of harm to the Boundary Waters, assuming the study is completed with scientific integrity.
- According to a poll by President Trump's pollster Fabrizio Ward, 56% of constituents in the 8th CD and 70% of Minnesotans oppose copper mining near the Boundary Waters.
- The best independent economic analysis shows that the region would enjoy more jobs (1,500 to 4,600 more jobs) and more income (\$100 million to \$900 million more income) over the next twenty years if copper mining were banned on National Forest lands in the watershed.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: four yeas (McDonald, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich), three nays (Jewell, Boyle, Olson).

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved to authorize the hiring of a 1.0 FTE Bailiff-Court Security position (\$2,711/mo. at Grade QBQ, Step 1) to accept and process Permit to Carry applications at the Public Safety Building, which will result in an approximate annual expense of \$32,526, and that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the position to be eliminated if the funding source is terminated. [19-494]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

Jugovich/McDonald moved to authorize the Environmental Services Department to enter into a four (4) year contract with an optional two (2) year extension, beginning January 1, 2020, with Kangas Excavating Inc., for an estimated \$269,000.00 per year plus a \$78 per hour charge for snow plowing,

grading, and maintaining special waste areas as directed and fuel adjustment and yearly CPI modification. [19-495]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Jugovich moved to request that the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, University of Minnesota and Department of Natural Resources withdraw the Cloquet Valley State Forest from consideration for the restoration/re-introduction of Elk to Northeastern Minnesota. [19-496]. The motion passed; four yeas (McDonald, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich), two nays (Jewell, Olson), one abstention (Boyle).

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

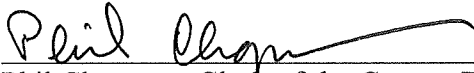
Commissioner Jugovich highlighted various events held yesterday to honor military veterans.

Commissioner McDonald said that yesterday's fire that destroyed the main building of the Voyageur Park Lodge resort in Kabetogama Township was a total loss.

At 11:19 a.m., Jugovich/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (7-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 26, 2019

Location: Arrowhead Town Hall, Brookston, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Olson

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Jugovich moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Olson absent)

- Minutes of November 12, 2019
- CY 2020 Life House, Inc. – Safe Harbor/Sol House Group Residential Services & The Loft Emergency Shelter Services [19-497]
- CY 2020 Host/Lead County Contract for Northwood Children’s Home Society, Inc., d/b/a Northwood Children’s Services [19-498]
- CY 2020 Out-of-Home and Day Treatment Contracts for Services to Families and Children [19-499]
- CY 2020 Supervised Visitation and Related Services Contracts [19-500]
- CY 2020 Host/Lead County Contract for the Hills Youth and Family Services d/b/a Woodland Hills [19-501]
- CY 2020 Host/Lead County Contract with Lutheran Social Services [19-502]
- Authorization to Apply to Expand a County or Regional Fraud Prevention Investigation Program [19-503]
- Authorization to Accept the Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth (STAY) Program
- Funding and Enter into a Contract with Lutheran Social Services [19-504]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Kabetogama and Portage Townships) [19-505]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-506]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/McDonald moved to authorize the purchase of twelve (12) 2020 Mack Granite tandem trucks from Twin Cities Mack and Volvo Trucks of Roseville, Minnesota, for a total cost of \$1,588,074.06. [19-507]. In response to Commissioner Jewell’s question regarding the improvement in gas mileage, St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said that fuel usage by the new trucks is improved compared to the old trucks, but he did not know the exact savings. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-1, Jewell nay, Olson absent)

Jugovich/Nelson moved that the Chair of the St. Louis County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute a lease with the DNR for parcel 430-0010-01610 for a term of five years commencing January 1, 2018, and continuing through December 31, 2022, with an annual lease payment of \$532. [19-508]. The motion passed. (6-0, Olson absent)

Jugovich/Nelson moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to remove and relocate of an existing legal access within the controlled access area along County State Aid Highway 4 located in the City of Rice Lake and Gnesen Township. [19-509]. The motion passed. (6-0, Olson absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

McDonald/Boyle moved that pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, 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. 61025, is approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license as follows: Keith/Lois Nelson d/b/a At Your Convenience, Fayal Township, Tobacco Products License, effective January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020, Renewal. [19-474]. Commissioner Nelson abstained from the vote because he has a direct financial interest in the business. The motion passed. (5-0-1, Nelson abstention, Olson absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Musolf/Jewell moved to approve the “2020 St. Louis County Legislative Priorities” and directs its Intergovernmental Relations Director to work to achieve these outcomes and report progress on other initiatives during the 2020 Legislative Session. [19-511]. St. Louis County Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro provided the Board a brief overview of the legislative priorities. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation to the December 17, 2019 St. Louis County Board meeting. (6-0, Olson absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

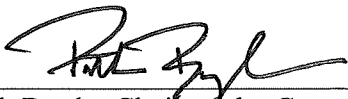
Commissioner McDonald commented that Minnesota IT Commissioner Tarek Tomes is still working on items relevant to St. Louis County. The Board meeting on December 3, 2019, will be held in Embarrass and a tour of Lamppa Manufacturing will follow the Board meeting.

Commissioner Musolf wished everyone a great holiday.


Commissioner Nelson commented that today is plow truck driver appreciation day.

Commissioner Boyle commented on the awarding of over \$5 million dollars to Center City Housing for Birchwood apartments, which will have thirty units dedicated to housing people with mental illness.

At 11:31 a.m., Jugovich/Musolf moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (6-0, Olson absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 3, 2019

Location: Embarrass Town Hall, Embarrass, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/Olson moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of November 26, 2019
- CY 2020 Mental Health Contracts with Accend Services [19-512]
- Authorization to Accept Minnesota State Targeted Opioid Treatment Prevention & Recovery Services Grant [19-513]
- Amendments to the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center Tenant Lease Agreements [19-514]
- Adjoining Owner Sale [19-515]
- Public Sale of State Tax Forfeited Properties on February 13, 2020 [19-516]

Time Specific Presentation

The scheduled 10:30 a.m., time specific presentation by Jeff Anderson and Riki McManus to review the 2019 Catalyst Content Festival was postponed until January due to weather-related travel issues.

Finance & Budget Committee

Olson/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the transfer of \$924,626.39 from the Land Department to the Environmental Trust Fund/Shoreline Sales; and further, that any sales proceeds that are received after November 12, 2019, will be transferred to the Minnesota State Board of Investment (MSBI) in December 2020 by County Board Resolution. [19-517]. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Olson/Jewell moved to approve the revised St. Louis County Purchasing Rules and Regulations. [19-518]. St. Louis County Purchasing Director Donna Viskoe gave the Board a brief overview of the recommended changes. The motion passed. (7-0)

Olson/Boyle moved to review the 2020 Budget Resolution and narrative for eventual adoption at the December 17, 2019 County Board meeting. [17-519]. St. Louis County Budget and Business Improvement Manager BreAnn Graber provided a brief overview of the 2020 budget. Commissioner Nelson requested that the question be divided and consider Item #23, the St. Louis County share of the Arrowhead Regional Corrections 2020 budget (\$16,568,785), separately. Chair Boyle asked Assistant

St. Louis County Attorney Kim Maki if the Board was required to vote on dividing the question. The Board recessed at 10:45 a.m. At 10:52 a.m., the County Board reconvened with all members present. Attorney Maki said that a vote was not required to divide the question. After further discussion, the 2020 Budget Resolution and narrative for eventual adoption at the December 17, 2019 County Board meeting passed. (7-0). The Board discussed Item #23, the St. Louis County share of the Arrowhead Regional Corrections 2020 budget (\$16,568,785). Commissioner Nelson expressed concern regarding the budget increase over time and the decrease in funding from the Department of Corrections. Commissioner Jewell mentioned that the Corrections Board members are working hard and are having a positive impact on corrections. The County Board recessed at 11:16 a.m. At 11:20 a.m., the County Board reconvened with all members present. Commissioner Olson commented that the Corrections Board is working on a corrections strategic plan for the next thirty to forty years. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: six yeas (Jewell, Olson, McDonald, Musolf, Jugovich, Boyle), one nay (Nelson).

Olson/Nelson moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute amendments to the service agreement with PMA Companies of St. Louis Park, MN, for third party administrative services of the workers' compensation program for the 2020 and 2021 calendar years; and further, that the annual fee of \$111,500 and Medical Cost Containment charges at \$7.00 per bill, not to exceed \$30,000, are authorized for the 2020 and 2021 years. [19-520]. St. Louis County Safety and Risk Management Director Joe Austin provided the board with a brief overview of the agreement and commented that over the last thirty-four months there was \$1.57 million dollars in savings on medical costs. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Musolf/Nelson moved to reappoint Roger Skraba, Ray Svatos, and Diana Werschay to the St. Louis County Board of Adjustment with three (3) year terms expiring December 31, 2022. [19-521]. (7-0)

Musolf/McDonald moved to reappoint David Pollock to the St. Louis County Planning Commission with a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2022. [19-522]. (7-0)

Jewell/Nelson moved to appoint the following individuals to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Committee with terms expiring April 30, 2022: James Glancy, At-Large; Rory Johnson, At-Large, Sasha Lehto, At-Large; John Rauzi, City of Eveleth; and Marcia Hage, St. Louis County Association of Townships. [19-523]. (7-0)

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Public Health and Human Services Director Linnea Mirsch provided handouts relating to billing and payment problems by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The Board discussed various options and asked that county administration send letter to the Minnesota Department of Human Services. In addition, the Board requested that a formal resolution be considered at the December 17, 2019 Board meeting.

At 12:22 p.m., Jugovich/Musolf moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (7-0)



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 17, 2019

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Olson/Jugovich moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of December 3, 2019
- Authorization to Apply for Grant Funding for Children's Mental Health Respite Care [19-528]
- Acceptance of Additional Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund Pilot Grant Award [19-529]
- Authorization to Accept Funds from ZERO TO THREE as an Infant Toddler Court Program Evaluation Site [19-530]
- Unresolved Issues with Mental Disease Repayment Matter with DHS [19-531]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Intersection Improvement Project (Cherry Township) [19-532]
- Stoney Point Wayside Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application [19-533]
- Mountain Iron Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application [19-534]
- Revocation of Trunk Highway 53 Frontage Roads/County Road 983 and County Road 984 (Grand Lake Township) [19-535]
- Cooperative Agreement with Lake County for 2020 Maintenance Striping Project [19-536]
- Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements (Ellsburg) [19-537]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Culvert Replacement Project on CSAH 137 (Cherry, Clinton, Great Scott, and Mountain Iron) [19-538]
- 2020 Official Newspaper and Publication [19-539]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [19-540]
- Application and Acceptance of Depot Foundation Grant for St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center [19-541]
- St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center Strategic Leadership, Management and Operation Contract Amendment [19-542]
- St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center Front Desk Services Contract [19-543]
- Arrowhead Counties Association Lobbying Services Agreement [19-544]
- 2020-21 Children in Need of Protective Service and Termination of Parental Rights Proposals and Contracts [19-545]
- Memorandum of Understanding for Deputy Sheriff Sergeants – Interim Terms and Conditions of Employment [19-546]

- Support of *Stepping Up Initiative* to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails [19-547]
- Renewal of Kabetogama Canister Site Lease [19-548]
- State Tax Forfeited Lease – Hibbing Taconite Company [19-549]
- Amendment of State Tax Forfeited Land Lease and Consent to Assignment [19-550]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Olson/Jugovich moved to establish a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on January 7, 2019, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Grizzly Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Trail's End Resort, Portage Township. [19-551]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Olson/McDonald moved to establish a public hearing at 9:45 a.m., on January 7, 2020, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Vermilion River Tavern, LLC d/b/a Vermilion River Tavern, Portage Township. [19-552]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Jugovich/McDonald moved to award a bid to Casper Construction, Inc., Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$438,000, for Bridge 69K74 and Approaches; CP 0404-407671, located on County Road (CR) 404 (Wolf Lake Road), over unnamed stream, between Trunk Highway 169 and end of CR 404, in Morse Township. [19-553]. The motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Musolf moved to award a bid to S & R Reinforcing, Inc., Aitkin, MN, in the amount of \$917,587.19, for Bridge 69A71 and Approaches, (County Bridge 634); CP 0005-352335, SAP 069-605-050, located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 (Highway 5), over Sturgeon River, 0.1 miles South of CSAH 65, in French Township. [19-553]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

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Olson/Boyle moved to approve the amended 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan. [19-555]. Deputy County Administrator Brian Fritsinger provided the Board with a brief overview of the Capital Improvement Plan. Public Works Director Jim Foldesi commented that the Capital Improvement Plan is a snapshot in time and Public Works projects are constantly changing. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Musolf/McDonald moved to direct the County Administrator to submit the county's written consent allowing refugee resettlement within St. Louis County to the federal government, with a copy of the written consent to be provided to the Minnesota Department of Human Services. [19-556]. Assistant County Attorney Kim Maki said that June 1, 2020, is the deadline date for St. Louis County. Commissioner Nelson expressed concern regarding the timing of the resolution and requested that a vote be pushed back to allow more time to gather information. The Board recessed at 3:58 p.m. At 4:06 p.m., the County Board reconvened with all members present except Commissioner McDonald. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation for consideration at the January 7, 2020 Board meeting. (6-0, McDonald absent)

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Nelson/Boyle moved to authorize the hiring of a 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff position and that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the transfer of fund balance from Public Safety Innovation, Fund 100, Object 311426, to Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 610000 salaries to cover the cost of the additional 1.0 FTE position. [19-557]. St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman said that there has been an increase in heroin and opioid addiction and to date, there has been twenty drug overdose deaths in the county. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, McDonald absent)

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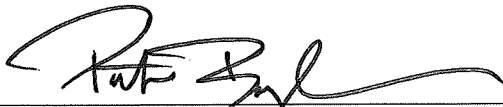
Commissioner Nelson commented that Board resolutions passed relating to state and federal issues matter. Commissioner Nelson noted the mineral exploration moratorium was removed from the federal appropriations bill and thanked Congressman Stauber and Congressman Emmer for their efforts to get the language removed.

Commissioner Jugovich commended Chair Boyle for his work as 2019 Board Chair.

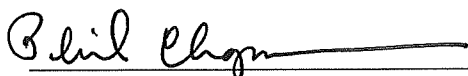
Chair Boyle mentioned that there is some good news coming on Thursday from the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Center (AEOA).

Commissioner Musolf thanked everyone who has helped him since he was elected Commissioner.

At 4:17 p.m., Chair Boyle adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting. (6-0, McDonald absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board