

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**FOR THE MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 9, 2024**

**St. Louis County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room, 100 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. West, Duluth, MN**

**All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or noncontroversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:**

**Minutes for April 2, 2024.**

**Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Boyle, Chair**

1. Apply and accept Sauer Foundation Development Phase grant funds in the amount \$184,400 to extend and/or enter into contracts with community partners to develop a network of Community/Family Resource Centers in St. Louis County during the period May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025. *[24-144]*

**Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Musolf, Chair**

2. Bid awarded to **Northland Constructors of Duluth, a Division of Mathy Construction Company**, Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$3,139,400 for a mill bituminous surface, curb & gutter, sidewalk spot replacement, storm sewer, concrete medians, widening for bus pull-offs and plant mixed bituminous surface project on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 9 (Woodland Avenue) in Duluth (**CP 0009-565027, SP 069-609-050, STBG-CRP 6934(139)**). *[24-150]*
3. Bid awarded to **Ulland Brothers, Inc.**, Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$2,696,380 for a grading, aggregate base, curb & gutter, plant mixed bituminous surfacing, sidewalks and storm sewer project on CSAH 25 (Vermilion Drive) in Cook (**CP 0025-509653, SAP 069-625-022**). *[24-151]*
4. Bid awarded to **Redstone Construction, LLC**, Mora, MN, in the amount of \$1,336,575.10 for the construction of Bridge 69A88 (County Bridge 674) and approaches located on County Road (CR) 958 (Three Bridges Road) in Field Township (**CP 0958-529517, SP 069-598-069, BROS 6924(102) (Br 674)**). *[24-152]*

**Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Harala, Chair**

5. Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling by the Irving Community Association, Duluth, MN, to operate out of Buffalo Valley, Inc. dba Buffalo House, Midway Township. *[24-145]*

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7. Purchase CaseWorks software subscription and ongoing maintenance from Carahsoft Technology Corp., Reston, VA, the distributor of Next Chapter Technology, Inc. at the State of Minnesota Contract price not to exceed \$3,167,250.68 for a 5-year term beginning December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2028. *[24-153]*
8. Contract with Black Box for the purchase of the Mitel MyVoice Business phone system for a total amount of \$1,367,522.28. *[24-154]*
9. Application for a Permit Authorizing the Consumption and Display of Intoxicating Liquors by Vernon Skoglund dba Silver Fox Lodge, Gnesen Township, renewal.
10. Application for a Seasonal On-Sale and Seasonal Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License by Shagawalleeye LLC dba Lake View Lodge, Morse Township, new.
11. Application for a Seasonal On-Sale and Seasonal Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License by Beaver River Farm LLC dba Beaver River Farm Wedding & Event Center, Fredenberg Township, new.
12. Application for a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License by Lake 14 & Lake Leander Club, Unorganized Township 60-19, for July 6, 2024 (rain date July 7, 2024), renewal.

### **Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Jugovich, Chair**

13. Grant final approval to the plat of Otter Cove located in Sections 25, 26 and 27, Township 53 North, Range 15 West (Unorganized Township). *[24-147]*
14. Appraisal reports for an Oral Timber Auction being held May 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Cotton Town Hall, Cotton, MN. *[24-148]*
15. Approve the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Work Plan and Budget. *[24-155]*

**Official Proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of April 2, 2024, are hereby approved.

**Request to Apply and Accept Funds from Sauer Foundation to Extend/Enter into  
Contracts to Develop Family Resource Centers in St. Louis County**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Sauer Foundation provided grant funding to St. Louis County to conduct a Needs Assessment for Family Resource Centers from March 31, 2023, through April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Needs Assessment indicates that St. Louis County would benefit from the development of a county-level Community & Family Resource Center network and from strengthening pre-existing models of Community and Family Resource Centers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to apply and accept Development Phase grant funds in the amount of \$184,400 from the Sauer Foundation for the period of May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to extend and enter into contracts with community partners to develop a network of Community/Family Resource Centers consistent with the St. Louis County Development Phase work plan for the period of May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025.

**BUDGET REFERENCE:**

230-232008-629900-23287-99999999-2024

230-232008-545169-23287-99999999-2024

**Award of Bid: Mill Bituminous Surface, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk Spot Replacement, Storm Sewer, Concrete Medians, Widening for Bus Pull-Offs, and Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface Project (CP 0009-565027, SP 069-609-050, STBG-CRP 6934(139))**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0009-565027, SP 069-609-050, STBG-CRP 6934(139); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 14, 2024, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Northland Constructors of Duluth, a Division of Mathy Construction Company	4843 Rice Lake Road Duluth, MN 55803	\$3,139,400.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

**CP 0009-565027, SP 069-609-050, STBG-CRP 6934(139)**

Fund 220, Agency 220653, Object 652700 – Federal and State Aid Funds - \$3,133,597.76

Fund 200, Agency 203625, Object 652800 – Local Funds - \$5,802.24

**Award of Bid: Grading, Aggregate Base, Curb and Gutter, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surfacing, Sidewalks and Storm Sewer Project (CP 0025-509653, SAP 069-625-022)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0025-509653, SAP 069-625-022; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 14, 2024, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	PO Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$2,696,380.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

**CP 0025-509653, SAP 069-625-022**

Fund 220, Agency 220764, Object 652700 – Municipal State Aid & City of Cook Funds - \$2,695,141.40

Fund 200, Agency 203690, Object 652800 – Local Funds - \$1,238.60

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

City of Cook – Fund 220, Agency 220764, Object 551507 - \$855,141.58

**Award of Bid: Bridge 69A88 (County Bridge 674) Construction and Approach Grading Project (CP 0958-529517, SP 069-598-069, BROS 6924(012) (Br 674))**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0958-529517, SP 069-598-069, BROS 6924(012) (Br 674); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 7, 2024, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Redstone Construction, LLC	PO Box 218 Mora, MN 55051	\$1,336,575.10

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

**CP 0958-529517, SP 069-598-069, BROS 6924(012) (Br 674)**

Fund 220, Agency 220774, Object 652700 – Federal and Bridge Bond Funds - \$1,086,354.50

Fund 204, Agency 204198, Object 652806 – Transportation Sales Tax Funds - \$250,220.60

**Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Midway Township) –  
Buffalo Valley, Inc. dba Buffalo House**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Premise Permit Application, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 62123 for:

Irving Community Association, Duluth, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Buffalo Valley, Inc. dba Buffalo House, Midway Township, 2590 Guss Road, Duluth, MN, new.



**Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Midway Township) –  
Grand View Restaurant LLC dba Grand View Grill and Bar**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Premise Permit Application, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 62123 for:

Irving Community Association, Duluth, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Grand View Restaurant, LLC dba Grand View Grill and Bar, Midway Township, 2820 Midway Road, Duluth, MN, new.

**State Contract Purchase – Carahsoft Technology, Corp. (Next Chapter Technologies, Inc. – CaseWorks Software Solution) Phase II: Economic Services & Supports**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, In a State Supervised County Administered government for Social Services, Minnesota DHS/MNIT provides the major systems (MAXIS, METS, MMIS, MEC<sup>2</sup>, PRISM, SSIS, MnCHOICES, SMI) that county workers use every day to deliver services to residents; mission-critical systems capture data, automate complex program policies, and provide functionality to support human services administration; and

WHEREAS, Many of these systems are aging (e.g., MAXIS, SSIS, PRISM and SMI are 20+ years old) and have not been fully modernized while some are newer (e.g., METS, MnCHOICES, MEC<sup>2</sup>) but lack basic functionality needed to meet user need; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties also invest heavily in technologies that support, extend, and fills gaps in and around state systems and Counties achieve maximum functionality including interfaces with DHS systems and implementation of DHS live forms when banding together to leverage access; and

WHEREAS, Since 2008 NCT CaseWorks has been the primary social service system provider in Minnesota and in 2024 over 55 counties utilize CaseWorks for Social Service and Economic Assistance programming; and

WHEREAS, One-time funds are available for implementation and ongoing maintenance costs will be moderated by increased reimbursement and reductions in Information Technology (IT) programming expenses as well as the cost avoidance for future IT needs in St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Information Technology Department, with use of State of Minnesota Contract 128340 / NASPO Agreement AR2472, to purchase implementation services, CaseWorks software subscription, and ongoing maintenance from Carahsoft Technology, Corp. - Reston, Virginia, the distributor of Next Chapter Technology, Inc. (NCT) for a 5-year term commencing December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2028, for an initial contract price not to exceed \$3,167,250.68.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That it is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the Information Technology Department to renew the county's subscription term for one or more additional terms in the future, provided that the total cost associated with the renewal is not \$175,000 more than the total cost stated above.

BUDGET REFERENCE: 230-230038-629900-99999-99999999-9999  
230-231014-629900-99999-99999999-9999  
230-231014-530727-99999-99999999-9999  
230-999999-311401-99999-99999999-9999

**St. Louis County Phone System Upgrade**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The existing St. Louis County ShoreTel phone system has been in use for over 15 years and the county is in need of a phone system which meets the needs of in-office and mobile workers, provides for more integrated collaboration features, and maintains a more current and supported platform; and

WHEREAS, The current ShoreTel phone system will no longer be supported within a few years, so the St. Louis County Information Technology Department (IT) formed a phone system replacement selection committee to outline critical requirements for a new phone system; and

WHEREAS, The Mitel MyVoice Business phone system platform was recommended by the phone system selection committee, and subsequently recommended by the IT Steering Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Information Technology Department to enter into a contract with Black Box, sourced with use of cooperative agreement #120122-MBS, offered through Sourcewell for the hardware, software, and services for the purchase of a new St. Louis County phone system for a total of \$1,367,522.28 payable from Fund 100, Agency 117501, Object 634800, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the ongoing yearly software maintenance and support costs estimated to be \$100,000 annually to be budgeted in the Information Technology Budget in future years from Fund 100, Agency 117001, Object 634800.

**Application for Permit Authorizing the Consumption and Display of Intoxicating Liquor**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for permit authorizing the consumption and display of intoxicating liquor is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 62085:

Vernon Skoglund dba Silver Fox Lodge, Gnesen Township, renewal.

**Application for Seasonal On-Sale and Seasonal Sunday On-Sale  
Intoxicating Liquor License (Morse Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 62124.

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

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license shall be effective through October 31, 2024:

Shagawalleye LLC dba Lake View Lodge, Morse Township, Seasonal On-Sale & Seasonal Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, new.

**Application for Seasonal On-Sale and Seasonal Sunday  
On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Fredenberg Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 62124.

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

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license shall be effective through October 31, 2024:

Beaver River Farm LLC dba Beaver River Farm Wedding & Event Center,  
Fredenberg Township, Seasonal On-Sale & Seasonal Sunday On-Sale  
Intoxicating Liquor License, new.

**Application for Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor  
(Unorganized Township 60-19)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for a Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 62124:

Lake 14 & Lake Leander Club, Unorganized Township 60-19, Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, for the date of July 6, 2024 (rain date July 7, 2024), renewal.

**Final Plat Approval of Otter Cove  
Sections 25, 26, and 27, Township 53N, Range 15W (Unorganized Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minnesota Power desires to plat existing lease lots in Unorganized Township 53-15; and

WHEREAS, All lots conform to lot of record standards of St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62 and Subdivision Ordinance 60; and

WHEREAS, The final application and plat have been submitted pursuant to and in accordance with the County Lease Lot of Record Subdivision Plat procedure and conform with the platting and recording requirements set forth by St. Louis County Subdivision Ordinance 60 and Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance 61.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board grants final approval to the plat of Otter Cove, Sections 25, 26, and 27, Township 53N, Range 15W (Unorganized Township).



**May Oral Timber Auction – Second Quarter 2024**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has prepared timber appraisals on certain tracts of timber to be offered at public auction as recommended by the Land Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, The appraisals and terms and conditions of the public auction are described in County Board File No. 62100; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 1(a), authorizes the county auditor, with terms and conditions set by the county board, to sell state tax forfeited timber upon any tract approved by the natural resources commissioner; and

WHEREAS, By operational order from the natural resources commissioner, counties with land commissioners are authorized to sell timber on state tax forfeited lands without further approval from the state; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County timber auctions may include timber from non-tax forfeited lands under administration of the Land and Minerals Department, such as county owned forest lands.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the appraisal reports and terms and conditions for the sale of timber to be offered at PUBLIC ORAL TIMBER AUCTION, Tracts 1 through 28, totaling \$1,588,252.21, as submitted by the Land Commissioner and identified in County Board File No. 62100, are approved and the County Auditor is authorized to sell the tracts as listed in said appraisal reports.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That proceeds received from the sale of timber are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax Forfeited Land Fund) or Fund 100-143001 (County Fee Fund), as appropriate to class of land.

**Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan  
Work Plan and Budget**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, On February 20, 2024, by County Board Resolution No. 24-111, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approved the adoption of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, Each of the six partners has executed the Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of implementation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that on April 24, 2024, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) will approve the Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Watershed will receive \$1,004,508 of Watershed Implementation Based Funding from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for the 2024-2025 biennium; and

WHEREAS, On March 1, 2024, the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Policy Committee approved and recommends approval by the six partners and their governing bodies the Work Plan and Budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Work Plan and Budget allowing the Parties to execute the implementation of the work plan categories and identified projects, practices, and goals of the Plan.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON APRIL 2, 2024**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Mike Jugovich and Chair Keith Nelson - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Chair Nelson asked for a moment of silence to honor those men and women who serve and protect this great nation and for those individuals adversely affected by conflict or violence both here and abroad; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A presentation was held to present Divine Konnections, the Youth Mental Health Day Committee, Teri Morrison, and Mallory Cummings with Public Health Achievement awards. St. Louis County Public Health Division Director Amy Westbrook commented that each has shown leadership and commitment to address a variety of public health issues.

St. Louis County Director of Human Resources and Administration Jim Gottschald introduced Carl Crawford who was recently hired as the St. Louis County Senior Equity and Inclusion Specialist. Mr. Crawford said that it was with great humility and honor to accept the position. He looks forward to the leadership of the Board and the opportunity for change in St. Louis County.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #23, Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited land (non-homestead) by Gabriel Christopher Garcia and Ben Garcia, Virginia, MN [24-134] was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Gabriel Christopher Garcia and Ben Garcia of Virginia, MN, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$5,286.11, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$17.44, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$5,374.55, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund). Gabriel Garcia, of Virginia, commented that he never received the tax statements and took action to resolve the delinquency after he received notice in September. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-194.

At 10:34 a.m., Aaron Hautala, Creative Director/Owner of Strateligent, gave the Board a presentation regarding the Mesabi Trail. Mr. Hautala noted that the Mesabi Trail is over 150 miles and connects 25 cities and townships.

Commissioner Nelson noted that the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting format will be Board / Committee / Board due to the two-week gap between that meeting and the following Board meeting scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Applications for license to sell tobacco products at retail approved during CY 2024.—62150

James Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, and James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-127, Memorandum of Understanding for Four Day Work Week (Teamster's 2024-2025).—62151

Applications for repurchase of state tax-forfeited lands approved during CY 2024.—62152

Aaron Hautala, Creative Director/Owner of Strateligent, report on the Mesabi Trail.—62153

St. Louis County Board Public Health Achievement Awards.—62154

Upon motion by Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Harala, resolutions numbered 24-171 through 24-193, and 24-195 through 24-197, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

**BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:**

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of March 26, 2024, are hereby approved.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-171

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is leading a project to complete certain transportation improvements within the City of Eveleth to improve access to the Rock Ridge School campus which this project is identified as CP 0142-592214; and

WHEREAS, These transportation improvements include the reconstruction of existing roadways and construction of the new Progress Parkway which includes a roundabout and a secondary access to the Rock Ridge School campus; and

WHEREAS, These transportation improvements will require the exchange of certain existing roadways to allow St. Louis County to accept ownership of and designate the new Progress Parkway (total length = 1.42 miles) as a County State Aid Highway; and

WHEREAS, This exchange of existing roadways will transfer jurisdiction of 2.81 miles of existing county roads to the City of Eveleth and 1.40 miles of existing city streets to St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The existing roadways that are transferred to St. Louis County will be designated as County State Aid Highways; and

WHEREAS, The net change in County State Aid Highway mileage within the City of Eveleth after completion of the transportation improvements will be +0.11 mile; and

WHEREAS, The net change in city street mileage for the City of Eveleth after the exchange of existing roadways will be +1.41 miles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes 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 Eveleth to complete a roadway exchange.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-172

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is leading a project to complete certain transportation improvements within the City of Eveleth to improve access to the Rock Ridge School campus which this project is identified as CP 0142-592214; and

WHEREAS, These transportation improvements include the reconstruction of existing roadways and construction of the new Progress Parkway which includes a roundabout and a

secondary access to the Rock Ridge School campus; and

WHEREAS, These transportation improvements will require the transfer of ownership of an existing segment of Progress Parkway, beginning at US 53 and ending at a point 0.15 mile east of US 53 for a total length of 0.15 mile, from the Virginia-Eveleth Economic Development Authority to St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will designate this segment of Progress Parkway as County State Aid Highway 142.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to enter into a cooperative agreement, and approve any amendments approved by the County Attorney's Office, with the Virginia-Eveleth Economic Development Authority to complete a roadway acquisition of Progress Parkway beginning at US 53 and ending at a point 0.15 mile east of US 53 for a total length of 0.15 mile.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-173

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 44 and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 405, State Bridge 7706) spanning Petrell Creek in Fairbanks Township, further identified as CP 0044-556745; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Public Works Director, or his designee, to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute, on behalf of the county, any easement documents as may become necessary. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-174

WHEREAS, St. Louis County was awarded funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program to develop a Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act established the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program with \$5 billion appropriated over five years, 2022 through 2026, which provides funding for planning and implementation; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County's traffic safety program has been guided by the County Road Safety Plan which has leveraged federal funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program for dedicated traffic safety projects on the county road system and at intersections with state highways; and

WHEREAS, The Safety Action Plan will provide an opportunity to continue the pursuit of innovative methods and strategies that are focused on reducing serious crashes; and

WHEREAS, The Safety Action Plan will be developed under the leadership of an engineering consultant; and

WHEREAS, Proposals were requested and opened on February 28, 2024, and the County received four (4) proposals; and

WHEREAS, SRF Consulting Group, Inc. was selected for the project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a professional services agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to develop a Safe

Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan. This project is identified as CP 0000-803757.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the total cost of these professional services shall not exceed \$249,952.50, and will be payable from:

Fund 220, Agency 220748, Object 626600 – Federal Funds - \$199,962.00

Fund 200, Agency 203671, Object 626600 – Local Funds - \$49,990.50

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-175

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County Road (CR) 362 (Waisanen Road) and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 523, State Bridge 69593) spanning the Embarrass River in Embarrass Township, further identified as CP 0362-701708; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director, or his designee, to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute, on behalf of the county, any easement documents as may become necessary. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requested to provide St. Louis County with easement across the following State of Minnesota land located adjacent to the present course of County Road # 362 (Waisanen Road) in Embarrass Township:

1. That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 of NE 1/4) lying southeasterly of the Embarrass River, Section 35, Township 60 North, Range 15 West. (parcel ID No. 330-0010-05520)

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-176

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning a reclaim and overlay with grade corrections project on a 3.5-mile segment of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 6 (Maple Grove Road) between US Hwy. 2 and State Hwy. 33 in Solway and Brevator Townships, further identified as CP 0006-554989; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director, or his designee, to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute, on behalf of the county, any easement documents as may become necessary. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-177

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0043-139601, SAP 069-643-018; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 7, 2024, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
KGM Contractors, Inc.	9211 Hwy. 53 Angora, MN 55703	\$4,944,879.06

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0043-139601, SAP 069-643-018

Fund 204, Agency 204271, Object 652806 – Transportation Sales Tax Funds

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-178

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0000-753028, SAP 069-030-066 (2024 Scrub Seal)(Prime) consisting of 8 projects; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 7, 2024, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation (aka ASTECH Corp)	PO Box 1025 Saint Cloud, MN 56302	\$1,718,162.24

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0000-753028, SAP 069-030-066 (2024 Scrub Seal)(Prime) consisting of 8 projects

Fund 220, Agency 220779, Object 652700 – Regular and Municipal State Aid, and City of Chisholm Funds - \$1,552,754.27

Fund 200, Agency 203688, Object 652800 – Local Construction Funds - \$165,407.97

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

City of Chisholm, Fund 220, Agency 220779, Object 551530 - \$51,558.83

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-179

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0004-778336, SAP 069-604-088 (Low); CP 0008-788475, SAP 069-608-007 (Tied); CP 0133-788474, SAP 069-733-032 (Tied); CP 0000-823811 (Tied); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 7, 2024, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation (aka ASTECH Corp.)	PO Box 1025 Saint Cloud, MN 56302	\$1,636,972.47

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0004-778336, SAP 069-604-088 (Low);

Fund 220, Agency 220775, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$251,987.10  
CP 0008-788475, SAP 069-608-007 (Tied);  
Fund 220, Agency 220776, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$243,856.35  
CP 0133-788474, SAP 069-733-032 (Tied);  
Fund 220, Agency 220777, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$893,032.55  
CP 0000-823811 (Tied)  
Fund 220, Agency 220778, Object 652700 – State Aid and City of Hermantown Funds -  
\$248,096.47

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-180

WHEREAS, St. Louis County requested quotes from known suppliers in the region for the manufacturing, delivery and placement of bulk material wall panels used to separate salt and sand for the three new Public Works campuses being constructed for the Public Works Countywide Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, Two quotes were received, with the low quote being from Wieser Concrete in the amount of \$431,280.00; and

WHEREAS, The administrative decision was made to invoke emergency purchasing to expedite the production and delivery of the wall panels to ensure that these facilities are ready to be utilized for road salt storage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of bulk material wall panels from Wieser Concrete, LLC of Maiden Rock, WI, for a total cost of \$431,280.00, payable from:

Fund 405, Agency 405191, Object 661100 – Culver (WO #541866) - \$149,054.00  
Fund 405, Agency 405192, Object 661100 – Kugler (WO #621901) - \$155,614.00  
Fund 405, Agency 405193, Object 661100 – Whiteface (WO #604324) - \$126,612.00

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-181

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0000-669832, SAP 069-030-060 (2024 Chip Seal)(Low)(Prime); CP 0000-814612 (Tied); CP 0000-814287 (Tied); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 14, 2024, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation (aka ASTECH Corp.)	PO Box 1025 Saint Cloud, MN 56302	\$2,674,220.77

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0000-669832, SAP 069-030-060 (2024 Chip Seal)(Low)(Prime);  
Fund 220, Agency 220752, Object 652700 – State Aid and City of Proctor Funds - \$2,105,014.44  
Fund 200, Agency 203689, Object 652800 – Local Funds - \$331,852.36  
CP 0000-814612 (Tied)  
Fund 220, Agency 220780, Object 652700 – Lake County Funds - \$56,131.48  
CP 0000-814287 (Tied)  
Fund 220, Agency 220781, Object 652700 – City of Duluth Funds - \$181,222.49



With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

City of Proctor – Fund 220, Agency 220752, Object 551502 - \$78,605.78

Lake County – Fund 220, Agency 220780, Object 551508 - \$56,131.48

City of Duluth – Fund 220, Agency 220781, Object 551501 - \$181,222.49

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-182

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0022-398243, SAP 069-622-023; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 14, 2024, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
KGM Contractors, Inc.	9211 Hwy. 53 Angora, MN 55703	\$1,613,777.92

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0022-398243, SAP 069-622-023

Fund 220, Agency 220782, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-183

WHEREAS, The County Auditor's Office and Human Resources Department have identified a need to streamline and modernize the process for employees to enroll in benefits associated with their county employment, which has historically been a paper form-based process; and

WHEREAS, The Auditor's Office and Human Resources Department, in coordination with the Purchasing Division, issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking a business partner to develop, implement, and train county staff associated with implementing an online benefits enrollment platform; and

WHEREAS, An evaluation committee has recommended Integrity Employee Benefits, LLC and the platform BenefitsConnect for contract award in accordance with this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a services contract with Employee Benefits, LLC for the development and implementation of a new St. Louis County online employee benefits enrollment system for an annual subscription, software maintenance and support cost of \$56,000 payable from Fund 100, Agency 117001, Object 634800, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-184

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 62102.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-185

RESOLVED, Pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, as amended, 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. 62150, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the following establishment:

MN Stores L.L.C. dba Snak Atak #45, New Independence Township, new.

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

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-186

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and Teamsters Local 320 have negotiated and entered into a labor agreement for 2023-2025; and

WHEREAS, The agreement details the work schedule for those employees covered by the agreement; and

WHEREAS, The parties have in previous years entered into a supplemental labor agreement allowing for a departure of those terms under which certain divisions of Public Works can work a revised schedule for a portion of the year; and

WHEREAS, The parties have reached an agreement to implement a similar schedule for 2024-2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the Public Works Department four-day work week agreement pertaining to the Traffic (Sign) Maintenance Divisions-North and South, the first full pay period following approval and execution of the supplemental labor agreement and ending September 20, 2024, and effective March 22, 2025, and ending September 19, 2025, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 62151.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board approves the Public Works Department four-day work agreement pertaining to the Highway Maintenance Divisions, effective April 20, 2024, or the first full pay period and ending September 6, 2024, and effective April 19, 2025, and ending September 5, 2025, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 62151.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute Memorandums of Understanding with exclusive bargaining representatives of Teamsters Local 320 to memorialize the agreements on the supplemental four-day work weeks.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-187

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office has worked with the Purchasing Division to solicit for and create a contract with Matrix Consulting Group (Matrix), based out of San Mateo, California; and

WHEREAS, Matrix will provide a staffing study and analysis for the Sheriff's Office (911/Dispatch, Jail, and Law Enforcement divisions); and

WHEREAS, This study will conduct and collect relevant data from the Sheriff's Office to gauge workload and frame the agencies' existing operational approaches; and

WHEREAS, Matrix's services and scope of work will include staffing allocations/deployments, organizational structure, and management systems to meet future staffing needs and anticipated growth within the County; and

WHEREAS, Matrix will provide a summary of the findings and recommendations, which will be presented to the County Board for further consideration; and

WHEREAS, The County was awarded one-time Public Safety Aid from the State of Minnesota and the County Board allocated \$126,200.00 towards this study per County Board Resolution No. 24-155.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a professional service agreement with Matrix, based out of San Mateo, California, to conduct a staffing study and analysis for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$126,200.00, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 629900.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-188

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2023, the Board authorized the acceptance of the 2024 State Boat and Water Safety grant in the amount of \$115,000 with Resolution No. 23-673; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office was recently notified they have been awarded an additional \$71,969.00; and

WHEREAS, The State Boat and Water Safety grant enables the Sheriff to patrol St. Louis County waterways, to enforce the boat and water safety rules, to inspect watercraft, to provide search and rescue operations, and to conduct accident investigation as needed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the amendment and acceptance of the 2024 State Boat and Water Safety grant in the revised amount of \$186,969 (an increase of \$71,969 from the originally adopted amount of \$115,000) to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 130999, Grant 13001, Year 2024.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-189

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is committed to providing waste disposal options and maintain positive working relationships with townships within our solid waste service area; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, the county has been leasing the property located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 60, Range 15 West, from Embarrass Township under the terms of an existing annually renewing agreement; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that it is in the best interest of the county and township to continue to provide a canister site to the residents in this area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Environmental Services Department to enter into an agreement with Embarrass Township to lease the above parcel to operate a solid waste canister site at the cost of \$900 per year, payable from Fund 600, Agency 603009, Object 634600.

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-190

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Kyle Duane Bruun and Lori Ann Bruun of Gilbert, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lots 6 and 7, Block 1, GILBERT 3<sup>RD</sup> ADDITION

Parcel ID No: 060-0033-00060

LDKey: 130629

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owners of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which were Kyle D. Bruun and Lori A. Bruun; and

WHEREAS, The applicants have made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Kyle Duane Bruun and Lori Ann Bruun of Gilbert, MN, on file in County Board File No. 62152, to Kyle D. Bruun and Lori A. Bruun, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$223.21, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$295.86, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Jon Richard Grabanski of Hibbing, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: That part of the NW1/4 of NE1/4 described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said NW1/4 of NE1/4; thence West along the South line for a distance of 300 feet; thence North parallel to the East line of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 to the North line; thence East along the North line of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 for a distance of 300 feet to the Northeast corner of said NW1/4 of NE1/4; thence South along the East line of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 to the Point of Beginning.

Section 23, Township 57 North, Range 20 West

Parcel ID No: 141-0020-02923

LDKey: 130653; and

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which was Jon Richard Grabanski; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Jon Richard Grabanski of Hibbing, MN, on file in County Board File No. 62152, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$4,417.73, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$14.58, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$4,503.31, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-192

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Todd Ronald Hart of Mtn. Iron, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: NW1/4 of NW1/4 EXCEPT that part lying North of Old Highway #169 AND EXCEPT the West 600 feet, Section 24, Township 58 North, Range 19 West

Parcel ID No: 385-0010-02262

LDKey: 130679; and

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which was Todd R. Hart; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the

public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Todd Ronald Hart of Mtn. Iron, MN, on file in County Board File No. 62152, to Todd R. Hart, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$868.59, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$941.24, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-193

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Roger Dale Kahtava of Virginia, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 6, Township 56 North, Range 15 West

Parcel ID No: 300-0010-00920

LDKey: 130664; and

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which was Stanley D. Kahtava; and

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Kahtava is deceased, and Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 2, provides that the deed must name the record owner's estate as grantee if a record owner is deceased.; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Roger Dale Kahtava of Virginia, MN, on file in County Board File No. 62152, to the Estate of Stanley D. Kahtava, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$2,381.37, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$2,454.02, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-195

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Saransor Properties, LLC of Eden Prairie, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 9, Block 2, NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel ID No: 010-3540-00440

LDKey: 130608

AND

Legal: Lot 10, Block 2, NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel ID No: 010-3540-00450

LDKey: 130609

AND

Legal: Lot 38 AND N1/2 of Lots 39 thru 44, Block 2, NORTONS STEEL PLANT  
DIVISION OF DULUTH  
Parcel ID No: 010-3540-00730  
LDKey: 130610; and

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which was Saransor Properties, LLC; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Saransor Properties, LLC of Eden Prairie, MN, on file in County Board File No. 62152, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$15,631.14, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$51.58, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$15,753.72, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-196

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Vanderwilder Investment Group of Eveleth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 7 and W1/2 of Lot 8, Block 3, ANDERSONS 3<sup>RD</sup> ADDITION TO VIRGINIA

Parcel ID No: 090-0060-00340

LDKey: 130632; and

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which was Vanderwilder Investment Group; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Vanderwilder Investment Group of Eveleth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 62152, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$5,156.49, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$17.02, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$5,244.51, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-197

**BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:**

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Gabriel Christopher Garcia and Ben Garcia of Virginia, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 29, Block 21, VIRGINIA

Parcel ID No: 090-0010-04800

LDKey: 130631; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owners of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which were Gabriel C. Garcia and Ben C. Garcia; and

WHEREAS, The applicants have made satisfactory downpayment to enter into a four-year contract for deed to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Gabriel Christopher Garcia and Ben Garcia of Virginia, MN, on file in County Board File No. 62152, to Gabriel C. Garcia and Ben C. Garcia, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$5,286.11, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$17.44, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$5,374.55, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Unanimously adopted April 2, 2024. No. 24-194

At 11:16 a.m., April 2, 2024, Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

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Keith Nelson, Chair of the Board  
of County Commissioners

Attest:

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

(Seal of the County Auditor)