



**\*AMENDED AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 9:30 A.M.**

**St. Louis County Public Works Facility – Virginia  
Training Center (Use Lower Lot Straight Ahead From Entrance)  
7823 Highway 135  
Virginia, Minnesota**

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The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. The Board encourages your participation. Citizens can either appear at the meeting in person or submit comments for the public comment portion or for specific Board agenda items prior to the meeting by e-mailing them to [publiccomment@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:publiccomment@stlouiscountymn.gov). Except as otherwise provided by the Standing Rules of the County Board, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda.

Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. The St. Louis County Board promotes adherence to civility in conducting the business of the County. Civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issue before the Board. Tools of civility include: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism and take responsibility [County Board Resolution No. 560, adopted on September 9, 2003]. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes.

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9:30 A.M.      Moment of Silence  
                    Pledge of Allegiance  
                    Roll Call

AT THIS TIME CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. [Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.]

FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE BOARD AGENDA OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA, CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THE TIME A MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of business submitted on the consent agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair**

1.      County Health and Human Services Office Site Lease. {21-76}

- \*Directed Motion to Provide Correspondence to Federal Officials Related to Board Resolutions 11-685, 17-112, 21-105 and the County Board's Position on Mining, **(Has not been to Committee; requires consent of a minimum of 5 members of the Board for consideration.)**

**ADJOURNED:**

# BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 76

## CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 1

FEBRUARY 23, 2021 BOARD AGENDA NO. 1

**DATE:** February 9, 2021                      **RE:** County Health and Human  
Services Office Site Lease

**FROM:** Kevin Z. Gray  
County Administrator

Brian Fritsinger  
Deputy County Administrator

### **RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:**

To operate county facilities, perform deferred building maintenance, to bring facilities up to current building and life safety codes, to extend life cycle of facilities, and to increase building operational efficiency.

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

The St. Louis County Board is requested to consider a facility lease agreement for a public health and social services facility in the City of Chisholm.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The County has been approached by the Iron Range Resources Board and Essentia Hospital/Clinic regarding the development of a 3,500 +/- medical building to be located in the City of Chisholm. The clinics current facility in the community is in need of major upgrades and repairs and an effort has been underway to identify partners that could co-locate as part of a new larger medical center development.

Commissioner Jugovich has been an advocate for this project with two key goals in mind:

1. To retain a critically important health care presence in the community; and
2. The exploration of options for the utilization of a portion of this space by public health service providers and/or St. Louis County.

St. Louis County staff has been proactively recruiting and pursuing this opportunity with our various service providers/partners. While interest has been expressed by these providers, the lack of a developer and associated financial details have limited formal commitments.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Should the St. Louis County Board support the concept of the County being an active partner in this project and increasing its presence in the City of Chisholm a resolution for its consideration is attached.

## **County Health and Human Services Office Site Lease**

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

WHEREAS, Essentia Health has identified a need for a new clinic setting in the City of Chisholm to replace its aging clinic; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been approached by the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and Essentia Health regarding a potential medical office development in the City of Chisholm; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been a leader in protecting the health of the population of the County through the present pandemic and in its long history of public health programs; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has provided these health programs both directly and through collaborative partnerships with a variety of private providers; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County supports the need for quality public health systems to be available to its citizens throughout the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board supports the efforts of the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, the City of Chisholm, and Essentia Health to build a new clinic and public health and social services facility in the City of Chisholm to replace the outdated clinic in that City.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County will commit, through its social services or public health providers, to lease at a minimum 1,500 feet of space in this facility.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if in the case that a provider(s) cannot be identified to lease such space, St. Louis County will begin work with the City of Chisholm and the developer to identify the scope of a project including space needs, lease rates and terms as part of a lease that would accommodate County office needs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That before any lease be entered into by the County, staff is directed to bring all terms and conditions of such lease to the Board for final consideration and action.