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104 year old time capsule to be opened at County Board meeting

When the St. Louis County Courthouse in Virginia was built more than a century ago, a time capsule was installed in its northwest corner. Commissioners will open that time capsule and take a look at its contents on Tuesday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m. as part of the County Board Meeting, which will be held at the Courthouse in Virginia.

The capsule is believed to contain a variety of documents and books, including copies of the *Virginian* and *Enterprise*, two newspapers that served Virginia in 1910; a Roosevelt High School yearbook; the *History of Duluth and Saint Louis County*; lists of officers for two Masonic Lodges; the County Board resolution requesting the cornerstone be laid, and a court calendar; as well as seven Lincoln pennies dated 1910. “This is an exciting opportunity to get a glimpse into what is the rich history of this region”, stated Commissioner Keith Nelson.

A 17-year-old Eveleth boy, Tucker Nelson, whose father works for the St. Louis County Property Management Department, researched the time capsule to learn more about its history and contents. Due to concerns that the items are deteriorating after this much time, the decision was made to open the time capsule now so that what remains can be preserved. The Board hopes to ultimately refill the time capsule with a mix of original items and new items, and then reseal it for future generations to discover.

Immediately following the time capsule unveiling, Commissioners will head across the street and tour the new \$1.63 million Motor Pool facility. The new building is centrally located between the courthouse and the Northland Office Center, where the majority of county employees in Virginia work. This will lead to more efficient service and cost savings. Additionally, the former motor pool, located on Highway 135, will now be renovated, thanks to \$700,000 in bonding money from the State, to become a permanent home for the Volunteer Rescue Squad’s northern team.

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