



AGENDA

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

Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 9:30 A.M.

**County Board Room, Second Floor
St. Louis County Courthouse
100 N. 5th Avenue West
Duluth, Minnesota**

**MIKE FORSMAN, Chair
Fourth District**

**FRANK JEWELL
First District**

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Third District**

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Sixth District**

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Seventh District**

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Donald Dicklich

County Administrator
Kevin Gray

County Attorney
Mark Rubin

Clerk of the Board
Phil Chapman

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. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, you will be allowed to address the Board when a motion is on the floor. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. 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.

When addressing the Board, please sign in at the podium and state your name and address for the record. Please address the Board as a whole through the Chair. 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

Employee and Retiree Longevity Recognition

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

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Dahlberg, Chair

1. Sale of State Tax Forfeited (Class B) Lands – Fredenberg Township. {14-293} [Without recommendation.]

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

2. The County Attorney has requested a closed session of the Committee of the Whole for litigation discussion. It is requested that the County Board convene a closed session immediately after the Board meeting adjourns.

TIME SPECIFIC:

2:00 P.M. St. Louis County Law Library Board of Trustees' dedication of the "Alan Mitchell Law Library" located on the Ground Level of the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth (followed by a reception in the Commissioners' Conference Room).

ADJOURNED:

NOTE: At the conclusion of the Board meeting, the St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) will convene.

The tax forfeited parcel in the proposed land exchange is suitable for private ownership and the Land and Minerals Department has received requests for purchase from other private parties. As an alternative to a land exchange, the parcel could be appraised and offered for sale at a public auction. Although sale or exchange of tax forfeited land is preferable, Positive Energy Outdoors could use portions of the tax forfeited parcel for business purposes through the issuance of a land use permit until such time as the parcel is sold or exchanged.

RECOMMENDATION:

Should the County Board wish to proceed with a land exchange between St. Louis County and Positive Energy Outdoors, the Board is requested to authorize the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with an appraisal of all lands involved in the proposed land exchange.

**REPLACEMENT RESOLUTION
Committee of the Whole
July 22, 2014**

Sale of State Tax Forfeited (Class B) Lands - Fredenberg

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board considered a proposal for a land exchange with Positive Energy Outdoors designed to consolidate tax forfeited ownership to increase long term timber management opportunities at its Committee of the Whole meeting of July 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The County Board determined that a public sale of the tax forfeited land under consideration for the exchange described as the E1/2 of SE1/4, SECTION 13, T52N, R15W (Fredenberg Township), would better serve the citizens of St. Louis County by restoring the land to the tax rolls;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board directs the Land and Minerals Department to put the parcel up for public auction no sooner than the third quarter of 2015, providing that all easements and trails currently existing are protected and secured prior to the sale.



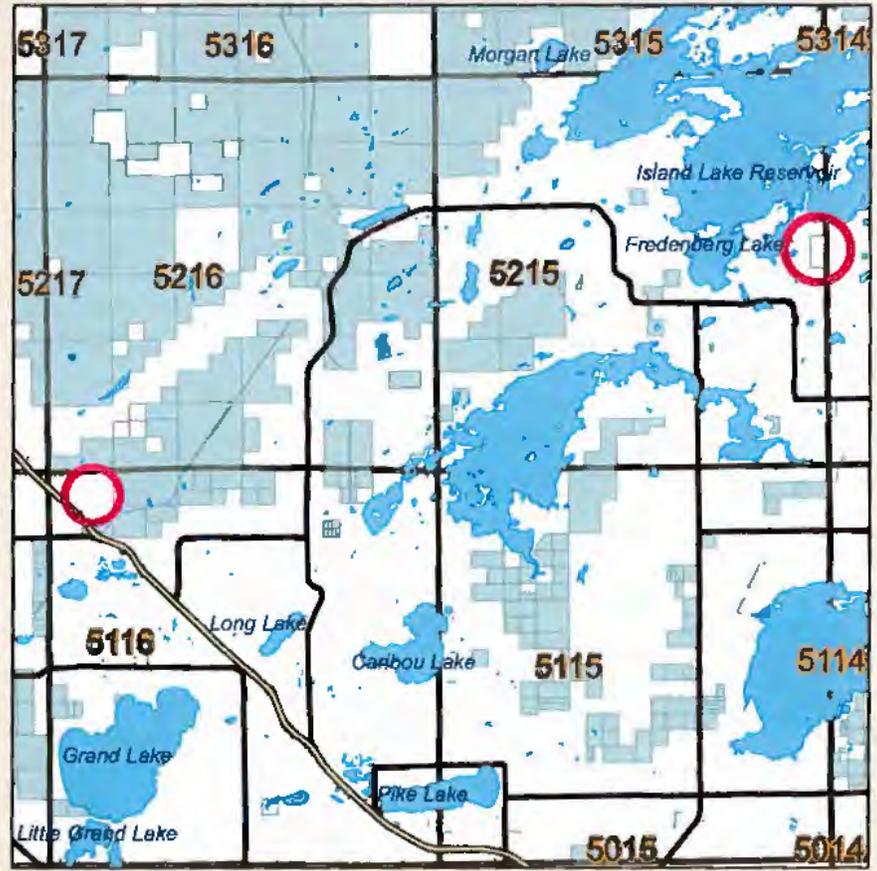
Legend

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract

St. Louis County, Minnesota

This drawing is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as such. This drawing is a compilation of recorded information and data located in various city, county, state and federal offices. St. Louis County is not responsible for any incorrectness herein.

St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department



**Resolution for Closed Session of the
Committee of the Whole for Litigation Purposes**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(b), the St. Louis County Board may close a meeting as permitted by the attorney/client privilege; and

WHEREAS, The County Attorney requires candid and open discussion to provide legal advice to the County Board with respect to potential settlement and litigation strategy in a closed session of the Committee of the Whole; and

WHEREAS, A closed session would benefit the public because potential financial liability could result in the expenditure of public funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will convene in a closed meeting of the Committee of the Whole on August 5, 2014 for the purpose of discussing settlement and litigation strategy immediately following the Board meeting, in accord with Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3(b);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That no other pending public business will be discussed at this closed session.