

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Stauber, Nelson, Raukar, and Chair Forsman

Absent: Commissioner Dahlberg

Convened: Chair Forsman called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #1 (pulled from the agenda by County Administration), Waiving County Liability Insurance Requirements for Chore Services Providers [14-295]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

- Minutes of July 22, 2014
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Johnson [14-296]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [14-297]

REGULAR AGENDA

Health & Human Services Committee

Stauber/Boyle moved to increase the Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Department staffing complement by 12 full time equivalent (FTE) employees: 11 social workers and 1 supervisor, to create an assessment team in response to the county's new responsibilities under MnCHOICES. The PHHS Department's 2014 expenditure budget to be increased by \$270,954 and revenue budget to be increased by \$203,216. The County Board establishes a MnCHOICES contingency fund by moving \$67,738 from Technology assigned fund balance and creating a MnCHOICES assignment fund. The Public Health and Human Services Director shall work with County Administration to the staffing and associated costs, revenues and contingency factor into the PHHS 2015 budget. The motion was amended to increase the PHHS Department staffing complement by up to 12 FTE employees [14-298]. Public Health and Human Services Director Ann Busche and Adult Services Director Mark Nelson discussed the mandate. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Stauber said that tonight is National Night Out and encouraged community participation.

Commissioner Jewell said that Duluth played a part in making National Night Out happen.

Commissioner Nelson exited the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Commissioner Forsman speaking on behalf of Commissioner Nelson discussed a "130 Years of Mining" banner that Commissioner Nelson received from the City of Soudan and asked that County Administration display the banner in a prominent place.

At 5:01 p.m., Raukar/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Nelson absent)



Mike Forsman, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board