

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Location: Floodwood Fair Building, Floodwood, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Forsman called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of August 5, 2014
- Authorize PHHS Department to Enter into Contracts with Chore Services Providers and for Home Modification Projects [14-301]
- Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Schweiger [14-302]
- Reinstatement of a Contract Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Friend [14-303]
- Public Sale of State Tax Forfeited Properties on October 9, 2014 [14-304]
- Purchase of Pile Driver/Extractor [14-305]
- Property Management Office Remodeling Construction Services Agreement [14-306]
- Thermal Energy Agreements with Ever-Green Energy – Duluth [14-307]
- Establish Public Hearing to Consider Allegations of Liquor Law Violation – Bimbo's Inc. (French Township) – 9:40 a.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2014, Babbitt City Hall, Babbitt, MN [14-308]
- Establish Public Hearing to Consider Allegations of Liquor Law Violation – Martinson Log Cabin, Inc. (Angora Township) – 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2014, Babbitt City Hall, Babbitt, MN [14-309]
- Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Unorganized Township 56-17) – 9:50 a.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2014, Babbitt City Hall, Babbitt, MN [14-310]

REGULAR AGENDA

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

A discussion was held regarding Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid. Barb Hayden, Director of Planning and Community Development, discussed the program. At 10:51 a.m. discussion of this topic was ended to begin discussion of the time specific 2015 Public Safety Budget presentation.

A recess was taken from 10:51 a.m. – 11:01 a.m.

Finance & Budget Committee

A presentation and discussion occurred regarding the 2015 Public Safety Budget. St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Linnea Mirsch, County Attorney Mark Rubin, Sheriff Ross Litman, and Arrowhead Regional Corrections Executive Director Kay Arola, discussed public safety trends and budget goals.

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Discussion resumed regarding Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid until 12:23 p.m.

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Dahlberg/Raukar moved to award a bid to A+ Landscaping, LLC, Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$173,839.00 for project SAP 69-654-005/WO 204676 (Storm) located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 54/Piedmont Avenue between CSAH 91/Haines Road and North 24th Avenue West in Duluth, MN [14-258]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Rauker moved to award a bid to Greystone Construction Co. of Shakopee, MN in the amount of \$485,800.00 for the construction of a salt-sand storage building in Virginia. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson spoke about the North Shore Soil and Water Conservation and how people need help through the regulatory process.

Commissioner Nelson pointed out two corrections to an article relating to the land swap discussion held during the August 5, 2014 St. Louis County Board meeting. The article incorrectly stated Commissioner Nelson moved the resolution relating to the Sale of State Tax Forfeited (Class B) Lands; the resolution was moved by Commissioner Dahlberg and supported by Commissioner Nelson. The article also incorrectly stated that Commissioner Nelson left the Board meeting early; the official record indicates Commissioner Nelson was present until the meeting was adjourned. Commissioner Nelson discussed safety concerns and research he has done relating the land involved in the proposed land swap.

Chair Forsman noted that after reviewing Commissioner Nelson's research information, he agrees there is a public safety issue.

At 12:43 p.m., Nelson/Dahlberg moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Mike Forsman, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board