

CONSENT AGENDA
FOR THE MEETING
OF
ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 23, 2014

Babbitt City Hall, 71 South Drive, Babbitt, Minnesota

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or noncontroversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Minutes for September 9, 2014.

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Dahlberg, Chair

1. Appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at Public Oral Timber Auction on October 2, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Cotton Town Hall, Highway 53, Cotton, MN.

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

2. Agreement authorized with Erickson Engineering of Bloomington, MN, in the amount of \$47,720 for design services for the reconstruction of Bridge 388 located on County State Aid Highway 59/Melrude Road over the Paleface River in Ellsburg Township (CP 0059-229537, SAP 69-659-002).

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

3. Abatement list for Board approval.
4. County Auditor authorized to spread local levies for the furnishing of fire protection and first responder services to identified unorganized territories within the county for calendar year 2015; and further, completion of agreements for these services is authorized.
5. Public meetings established for December 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Virginia, MN, and on December 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to receive comments from the public on the proposed property tax levy and operating budget for the year 2015.
6. Public hearing established for October 7, 2014, at 9:40 a.m. in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to consider allegations of a liquor law violation by The Auto Club Group d/b/a AAA Minnesota/Iowa, Gnesen Township.
7. Public hearing established for October 7, 2014, at 9:45 a.m. in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to consider allegations of a liquor law violation by Shane Clemens d/b/a Alborn Rail Station, Alborn Township.

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8. Public hearing established for October 7, 2014, at 9:50 a.m. in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to consider violation allegations of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 (County Liquor Licenses) by Ash-Ka-Nam Resort & Lodge, LLC d/b/a Ash-Ka-Nam, Unorganized Township 68-19).
9. Public hearing established for October 28, 2014, at 9:40 a.m. in the Mesabi Station, Eveleth, MN, to consider allegations of a liquor law violation by A. P. Inc. d/b/a A. P. Liquor, Gnesen Township.
10. Application to sell/serve liquor outside the designated serving area of the county liquor license by Ash-Ka-Nam Resort & Lodge, LLC d/b/a Ash-Ka-Nam, Unorganized Township 68-19, for October 17, 18 & 19, 2014.
11. Application for on-sale and Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses by Michael Fink and Robert Pierce d/b/a Eagle's Nest Resort, Fredenberg Township, transfer.
12. Workers' compensation report dated September 5, 2014.
13. Claims and accounts for August, 2014.

Official Proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of September 9, 2014, are hereby approved.

Appraisal Reports for the Sale of Timber

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at PUBLIC ORAL TIMBER AUCTION, Tracts 1 through 37 (totaling \$869,987.66), as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59811, are approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendations as listed in said appraisal reports.

**Design Services Agreement for Reconstruction of Bridge 388 on CSAH 59
(Ellsburg Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, whereby the county will purchase the services of Erickson Engineering of Bloomington, MN, for the design of County Bridge 388 along County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 59 over the Paleface River in Ellsburg Township, MN, CP 0059-229537, SAP 69-659-002. The total cost of these services is \$47,720, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220329, Object 626600.

Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatements, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 59797.

**Fire Protection/First Responder Services Contracts
for Unorganized Territories - 2015**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board is authorized to act on behalf of unorganized townships for purposes of furnishing fire protection and first responder services, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 365.243; and

WHEREAS, The following legally organized corporations under the State of Minnesota have notified St. Louis County of their intent to provide fire protection and/or first responder services in said townships for the year 2015;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor is hereby authorized to spread local levies for the furnishing of fire protection and/or first responder services in unorganized townships as follows, to be accounted for in Fund 148, Agency 148001, Object 699100:

<u>City of Babbitt</u> Unorganized Townships 61-12 & 61-13	\$81,884
<u>City of Chisholm</u> Unorganized Township 59-21 (part of)	\$15,756
<u>City of Cook</u> Unorganized Township 62-17 Unorganized Township 63-17	\$1,575 \$13,125
<u>City of Floodwood</u> Unorganized Township 52-21	\$16,882
<u>City of Orr</u> Unorganized Township 63-19 Unorganized Township 66-20	\$2,978 \$7,196
<u>Bearville Township Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 62-21	\$4,444
<u>Central Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 56-17	\$43,050
<u>Colvin Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 55-15 (part of)	\$9,975

<u>Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 55-15 (part of)	\$4,763
<u>Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 61-14	\$5,843
<u>Evergreen Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Townships 60-19 & 60-20	\$23,100
<u>French Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 59-21 (part of)	\$1,026
<u>Gnesen Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 53-15	\$17,916
<u>Greenwood Township Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 63-15	\$7,875
<u>Lake Kabetogama Area Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Townships 68-19, 69-19, 67-20, 68-20, 67-21 & 68-21	\$31,710
<u>Lakeland Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 57-16	\$58,800
<u>Makinen Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 56-16	\$48,300
<u>Morse-Fall Lake Rural Protection Assoc.</u> Unorganized Townships 64-12, 64-13, 65-13 & 63-14	\$21,000
<u>Northland Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 53-16	\$18,900
<u>Palo Regional Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Townships 56-14, 57-14, and 58-14 (part of)	\$37,800
<u>Pequaywan Lake Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 54-13	\$3,780
<u>Pike-Sandy-Britt Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 59-16 Unorganized Township 60-18	\$7,563 \$39,337
<u>Silica Volunteer Fire Dept.</u> Unorganized Township 55-21	\$47,250

**Establish Public Meetings on the 2015 Property Tax
and Operating Budget**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 275.065 requires that counties establish a public meeting date for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the proposed property tax levy and operating budget for the year 2015 prior to adopting a final levy and budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes public meetings to gather comment on the proposed property tax levy and operating budget for year 2015 on Thursday, December 4, 2014, 7:00 p.m., St. Louis County Courthouse, Virginia, MN and Thursday, December 11, 2014, 7:00 p.m., St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN.

**Establish Public Hearing to Consider Allegations of Liquor Law Violation –
The Auto Club Group (Canosia Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That a public hearing will be held at 9:40 a.m., on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, for the consideration of the allegations and, if proven, the suspension or revocation of the liquor license issued to The Auto Club Group d/b/a AAA Minnesota/Iowa, Canosia Township, and/or the imposition of civil penalties for the violation.

**Establish Public Hearing to Consider Allegations of Liquor Law Violation –
Alborn Rail Station (Alborn Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That a public hearing will be held at 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, for the consideration of the allegations and, if proven, the suspension or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Shane Clemens d/b/a Alborn Rail Station, Alborn Township, and/or the imposition of civil penalties for the violation.

**Establish Public Hearing to Consider Violation Allegations of
St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28 – Ash-Ka-Nam Resort and Lodge
(Unorganized Township 68-19)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That a public hearing will be held at 9:50 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, for the consideration of the allegations and, if proven, the suspension or revocation of the liquor licenses issued to Ash-Ka-Nam Resort & Lodge, LLC d/b/a Ash-Ka-Nam, Unorganized Township 68-19, and/or the imposition of civil penalties for the violation.

**Establish Public Hearing to Consider Allegations of Liquor Law Violation –
A. P. Liquor (Gnesen Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That a public hearing will be held at 9:40 a.m., on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, in the Mesabi Station, Eveleth, MN, for the consideration of the allegations and, if proven, the suspension or revocation of the liquor license issued to A. P. Inc. d/b/a A. P. Liquor, Gnesen Township, and/or the imposition of civil penalties for the violation.

**Application to Sell/Serve Liquor Outside the Designated Serving Area
(Unorganized Township 68-19)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subd. 11.06 authorization is hereby granted for the following applications to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the county liquor license, as per applications on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59788:

Ash-Ka-Nam Resort & Lodge, LLC d/b/a Ash-Ka-Nam, Unorganized Township 68-19, October 17, 18 & 19, 2014.

**Application for On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses
(Fredenberg Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59788; and

WHEREAS, Said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due; and

WHEREAS, If named license holder sells their licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fees to the license holder;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That said license shall be effective through June 30, 2015;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon proof of liquor liability and workers' compensation insurance, Minnesota Department of Health Food/Beverage Service License application, and Minnesota and Federal Tax Identification numbers:

Michael Fink and Robert Pierce d/b/a Eagle's Nest Resort, Fredenberg Township, On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License No. CMB15163 and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License No. SUN15163, transfer.

Workers' Compensation Report

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated September 5, 2014, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59787, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

Claims and Accounts for August 2014

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee for payment of claims and bills against the County of St. Louis, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59790, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

August 2014

100	General Fund	\$7,352,615.16
149	Personnel Service Fund	1,287.85
150	Sheriff's Nemesis Fund Group	51,693.15
160	MN Trail Assistance	13,448.78
166	Sheriff Fine Contingency	7,996.60
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	735.00
169	Attorney Trust Accounts-VW	1,265.01
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	9,229.07
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	7,472.83
180	Law Library	2,816.22
183	City/County Communication	274.86
184	Extension Service	48,057.58
200	Public Works	4,627,985.79
220	State Road Aid	7,020,511.71
225	PW – June 2012 Flood	3,246,452.27
230	Public Health & Human Services	6,735,009.69
240	Forfeited Tax	515,574.79
250	St. Louis County HRA	4,391.27
260	CDBG Grant	25,866.54
270	HOME Grant	27,271.56
290	Forest Resources	34,959.98
400	County Facilities	99,674.10
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	2,375.00
405	Public Works Building Const.	54,992.39
407	Public Works – Equipment	32,880.00
440	2013A Capital Improvement Bond	70,097.55
441	2013B Capital Equipment Note	355,978.26
600	Environmental Services	649,589.02
616	On-Site Waste Water Division	112,727.02
715	County Garage	176,081.88
720	Property Casualty Liability	11,765.66
730	Workers Compensation	233,796.05
740	Medical Dental Insurance	2,002,742.39
770	Retired Employee Health Ins.	1,025.40
		<u>\$33,538,640.43</u>