

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Location: City Council Chambers, Hibbing, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Forsman called the meeting to order at 11:51 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda without the following items (removed from the agenda by St. Louis County Administration): #5, Special Sale to Damjanovich [14-436]; #6, Special Sale to Bowden [14-437]; #7, Special Sale to Johnson [14-438]; and #8, Special Sale to Vukmanich [14-439]. Item #27, Authorization to Expend the 2014 Port Security Grant for Emergency Response Team Transport Vehicle [14-458] was pulled from the consent agenda for inclusion on the regular agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of November 4, 2014
- Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting to Expand the Nurse-Family Home Visiting Program [14-432]
- Balkan Township Solid Waste Canister Site Agreement [14-433]
- Landfill Environmental Monitoring and Leachate System Operations Contract [14-434]
- 2014 Funding for North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District [14-435]
- Authorization for the Sale of Shoreland Lease Lots [14-440]
- Final Plat Approval – Betula Beach, T55N, R14W (Unorganized) [14-441]
- Final Plat Approval – Whiteface Shores West (Unorganized) [14-442]
- Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Minnesota Power [14-443]
- Trail Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club [14-444]
- Rescind St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 14-460 [14-445]
- Purchase of Two Crawler Dozers [14-446]
- Establish a No Parking Zone on CSAH 98/Canosia Road, CSAH 7/Industrial Road and CR 983 (Grand Lake Township) [14-447]
- Establish a No Parking Zone on CSAH 48/Taft Road and CR 223/Munger Shaw Road (Grand Lake Township) [14-448]
- Establish a Revised No Parking Zone on CR 898/Lindahl Road (Midway Township) and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 76-100 [14-449]
- Purchase of GPS Units and Related Equipment [14-450]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [14-451]
- Award 2014 Emergency Solutions Grants [14-452]
- Conveyance of the Floodwood Landfill Property (Fee Land) to the Minnesota Pollution Control

Agency [14-453]

- Waiver of Ordinance No. 28, Section 11.05 – Billy’s (Rice Lake Township) [14-454]
- Removal of Blight and Redevelopment of Tax Forfeited Properties [14-455]
- Toward Zero Deaths Agreement with the City of Duluth [14-456]
- Authorization to Expend the 2014 Port Security Grant for Increased Channel Capacity [14-457]
- Establish Public Hearing to Consider Allegations of Liquor Law Violation – Elbow Lake Holdings, LLC - Beatty Township (Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 9:45 a.m., Morse Town Hall, Ely, MN) [14-459]
- Establish Public Hearing to Consider Allegations of Liquor Law Violation – Sandy Point Lodge, Inc. – Kabetogama Township (Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 9:50 a.m., Morse Town Hall, Ely, MN) [14-460]
- Establish Public Hearing to Consider Allegations of Liquor Law Violation – Vermilion River Tavern, Inc. – Portage Township (Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 9:55 a.m., Morse Town Hall, Ely, MN) [14-461]
- Establish Public Hearing for Suspension/Revocation of Liquor Licenses for Property Tax Non-Payment (Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Morse Town Hall, Ely, MN) [14-462]

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### Health & Human Services Committee

Stauber/Boyle moved to appoint the following applicants to vacancies that currently exist on the Heading Home St. Louis County Leadership Council: Corrections - Katy O’Sullivan (term ends 12/31/17), Rural Housing Coalition – Heather Lindula (term ends 12/31/15), Education – Richard Pierce (term ends 12/31/17) and the County Board reappointments the following persons to the Heading Home St. Louis County Leadership Council: State of MN – Ji-Young Choi (term ends 12/31/16), Business – Allan Lian (term ends 12/31/15), Homeless Advocate – Edie Carr (term ends 12/31/15) [14-463]. Public Health and Human Services Director Ann Busche discussed the appointment process. The motion passed. (7-0)

Stauber/Boyle moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department to replace one State Operated Services employee by increasing the complement of social workers by one FTE, at an annual cost of \$61,500, to provide adult mental health case management services to eligible residents from St. Louis County. Should the state funding be discontinued, this FTE will be eliminated from the department’s FTE complement [14-464]. Public Health and Human Services Director Ann Busche discussed the need to replace the state employee with a county employee. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Boyle/Stauber moved to request that the Inspector General for the Minnesota Department of Human Services take action to permanently revoke the operating license for the Lake Superior Treatment Center operating at 14 E. Central Entrance Duluth, MN, and authorizes the Chair of the County Board to send the letter filed in County Board File No. 59976, to the Inspector General urging such action [14-465]. Public Health and Human Services Director Ann Busche discussed issues regarding the Lake Superior Treatment Center and treatment alternatives. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 12:15 p.m. to 12:19 p.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

## **Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee**

Jewell/Raukar moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the "2015 St. Louis County Legislative Agenda" as found in County Board File No. 59977, and directs its Intergovernmental Relations Director to work to achieve these outcomes and report progress on other initiatives during the 2015 Legislative Session [14-467]. St. Louis County Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro reviewed 2015 county initiatives. After further discussion, Commissioners amended the motion to include support of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents funding for mining research and safety. The amended motion passed. (7-0)

## **Public Safety & Corrections Committee**

Boyle/Nelson moved to authorize the expenditure of the 2014 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$146,220 for purchase of the Emergency Response Team Transport Vehicle from LDV, Inc., of Burlington, WI, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12938, Year 2014; and a 25% match in the amount of \$48,740 [14-458]. The motion passed. (7-0)

## **Public Works & Transportation Committee**

Raukar/Nelson moved to award a bid to Redstone Construction, LLC, of Mora, MN, in the amount of \$2,764,371.15 for project CP 0022-176286, SAP 69-622-021, Bridge 69A19, located on CSAH 22 between CR 931 and TH 73 over the Sturgeon River (Sturgeon Township) [14-466]. The motion passed. (7-0)

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## **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Stauber talked about the reaction to happenings in Ferguson, Missouri, and expressed his support of freedom of speech and peaceful demonstrations. Commissioner Stauber wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Dahlberg reviewed discussion topics of a Minnesota Chamber of Commerce legislative session he recently attended.

Commissioner Raukar discussed a recent meeting he attending with U.S. Representative Rick Nolan.

At 12:59 p.m., Nelson/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)

  
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Mike Forsman, Chair of the County Board

  
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