

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Location: Morse Town Hall, Ely, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Forsman called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #13, Update the St. Louis County Comprehensive Water Management Plan [14-506]. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of December 2, 2014
- CY 2015 Mental Health Contracts with Human Development Center [14-494]
- CY 2015 Mental Health Contracts with Range Mental Health Center [14-495]
- CY 2015 Contract for Service of Process for Child Support Cases [14-496]
- CY 2015 Detox and Hold Services Contracts [14-497]
- CY 2015 Purchase of Service Contract with Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota [14-498]
- CY 2015 Purchase of Service Contract with First Witness Child Abuse Resource Center [14-499]
- CY 2015 Purchase of Service Contract with Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault [14-500]
- CY 2015 Purchase of Service Contract with Arrowhead Center, Inc. [14-501]
- CY 2015 Purchase of Service Contract with Duluth Bethel Society [14-502]
- Contract for Medical Consultation Services [14-503]
- Transfer Trailer Haulage Contract [14-504]
- Canister Site Solid Waste Haulage Agreements [14-505]
- Final Plat Approval – Early Bird (Unorganized Township 61-13) [14-507]
- Final Plat Approval – Floodwood Lake South (Cedar Valley Township) [14-508]
- Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land for the plat of Floodwood Lake South (Cedar Valley Township) [14-509]
- Final Plat Approval – Linwood (Unorganized Township 56-14) [14-510]
- Final Plat Approval – Little Birch Lake (Unorganized Township 61-14) [14-511]
- Approval of Registered Land Survey No. 100 (Brevator Township) [14-512]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Ratarac [14-513]
- Agreement with City of Floodwood for Water Main System Construction and Future Ownership of CR832/7th Avenue [14-514]
- Agreement with Minnesota Department of Revenue for Collection of the Greater Minnesota Sales and Use Tax [14-515]

- Abatement List for Board Approval [14-516]
- Occupational Medicine Services Agreement [14-517]
- Drug and Alcohol Testing Services Agreement [14-518]
- Designation of the Safety and Risk Manager to Discharge the Duties of Interim County Mine Inspector [14-519]
- NEMESIS Consulting Services [14-520]
- Professional Services Agreement with Kristi Louis [14-521]

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Stauber/Raukar moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, LLC, of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$683,330.50 for project CP 0696-185317, SAP 69-598-054, Bridge 69A21, located on CR 696 (St. Louis River Road) 0.7 miles west of Junction CSAH 13 (Midway Road), over West Rocky Run in Hermantown, MN [14-522]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Forsman/Raukar moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, LLC, of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$5,244,956.55 for a combined bituminous surfacing project in Cherry, Clinton, Fayal and Great Scott Townships, CP 0016-153268/SAP 69-616-053(Low), CP 0016-207383/SAP 69-616-054 (Tied), CP 0025-207531/SAP 69-625-013 (Tied). [14-522]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Forsman/Nelson moved to award a bid to Casper Construction, Inc, of Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$1,484,890.00 for a Mesabi Trail project, SP 69-090-018/CP 0000-3623, in Biwabik Township located South of Junction TH 135 and CSAH 20 from McKinley to Biwabik [14-523]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Forsman/Raukar moved to approve the Official Terms of Offering for the Issuance of General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A [14-524]. St. Louis County Auditor Don Dicklich discussed the cost savings as a result of refinancing the bonds. The motion passed. (7-0)

Forsman/Jewell moved to approve the Official Terms of Offering for the Issuance of General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B [14-525]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Forsman/Stauber moved to authorize the County Auditor-Treasurer to negotiate a contract with Springsted, Inc., of St. Paul, MN, for Municipal (financial) Advisor services for issuance of general obligation capital improvement refunding bonds, subject to approval of the County Attorney [14-526]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Forsman/Nelson moved to authorize the County Auditor-Treasurer to authorize a grant of \$114,173.97 from Economic Development Funds – Minnesota Investment Fund repayments to the City of Virginia for the East Range Clinic demolition project, and authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the grant agreement, along with all the necessary documents, on behalf of the county [14-527]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to ratify the 2012-2014 Merit System Supervisory contract and authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 59997 [14-528]. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 12:16 p.m. to 12:17 p.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

Forsman/Dahlberg moved to appoint the following individuals to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Committee with a term ending April 30, 2017: John Werner, Rice Lake Township Representative and Kirsten Reichel, At-Large Representative [14-529]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Dahlberg/Jewell moved to authorize the Planning and Community Development Department to initiate updates to the Comprehensive Water Management Plan consistent with requirements set forth by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources [14-506]. Commissioner Jewell discussed the importance of the water management plan. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson thanked Chair Forsman for his involvement with Iron Range Youth in Action and said efforts of the program have reached the Duluth area; youth participating in the program have been volunteering at Bentleyville, CHUM, and Ruby's Pantry.

Commissioner Boyle thanked the City of Duluth for following the St. Louis County Board's lead by sending a letter to the Minnesota Department of Human Services urging the shut down of the Lake Superior Treatment Center. Commissioner Boyle discussed a recent Community Health Board meeting and said next year the Community Health Board will develop best practices regarding methadone clinics. Commissioner Boyle said he would like to meet with other entities to share ideas on how to deal with mental health issues.

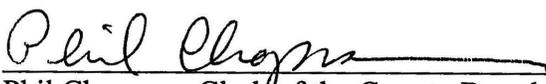
Commissioner Forsman expressed his concern regarding the impacts of mental health issues.

Commissioner Stauber wished Chair Forsman well in retirement and wished everyone a happy holiday.

At 12:35 p.m., Nelson/Stauber moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Pete Stauber, Vice-Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board