

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Jewell/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

- Minutes of December 16, 2014
- CY 2015 Purchase of Service Contract with Arrowhead Center, Inc., and Rescind Resolution No. 14-706 [15-02]
- CY 2015 Employment Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities [15-03]
- Application to Local Road Improvement Program for Rice Lake Road and Airport Road Traffic Signal Project [15-04]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 303 (Angora Township) [15-05]
- Acceptance of Grant for Bridge 69A21 Replacement Project (Hermantown) [15-06]
- Acceptance of Grant for Bridge 69A19 Replacement Project (Sturgeon Township) [15-07]
- Preparation of Right of Way Plat No. 34 CSAH 89/57th Avenue West/Highland Street and Amendment to Right of Way Plat No. 33 (Duluth) [15-08]
- Letter of Understanding for 2014 Audit by State Auditor's Office [15-09]
- Professional Service Contract and Related Documents for the Review of Wetland Bank Application [15-10]

REGULAR AGENDA

Finance & Budget Committee

Stauber/Nelson moved to approve an amendment to the existing loan agreements with the South St. Louis County Fair Association and the Lakehead Racing Association, which will provide substantial relief for the operations of both organizations, and authorizes the appropriate county officials to implement the amendment. [15-11] Commissioner Dahlberg returned to the meeting at 11:43 a.m. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee

Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 11:44 a.m. to 11:46 a.m.

Jewell/Boyle moved to appoint Arik C. Forsman as an alternate Civil Service Commission member, for a three-year term ending January 13, 2018. [15-12] The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Raukar talked about his shared Croatian heritage with fellow Commissioner Rukavina and County Attorney Mark Rubin. Commissioner Raukar presented Commissioner Rukavina with a Croatian sweater vest and stated the vest was made in America.

Commissioner Boyle discussed proposed legislation to increase truck-weight restrictions and said he and Commissioner Dahlberg may bring forward a resolution for future Board consideration in opposition of the increase.

Commissioner Nelson urged Commissioners to track the legislation before bringing forward a resolution in opposition of the proposed truck-weight increase because legislation is not clear at this time.

Commissioner Jewell discussed recent articles published in the Duluth News Tribune dealing with human trafficking.

Commissioner Nelson discussed the initiative of addressing methadone clinics brought forward by Commissioner Boyle and Chair Stauber.

Commissioner Dahlberg exited the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

At 11:58 a.m., Jewell/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)



Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board