

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

February 3, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #3, Contract with Arrowhead Center for the Superior Babies Program [15-34]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of January 27, 2015
- Correction of Contract Dates for Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting to Expand the Nurse-Family Home Visiting Program and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 14-628 [15-32]
- CY 2015 Supervised Visitation Service Agreements [15-33]
- Cancellation of a Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Kallio [15-35]
- Lease of Parking Lot from the City of Virginia [15-36]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-37]
- Reallocation of Information Specialist I to Information Specialist II – Auditor's Office [15-38]
- Advertising for St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee Members [15-39]
- Establish Public Hearing on 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Action Plan for CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding (9:40 a.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN) [15-40]

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Raukar moved to reappoint members to the St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Advisory Committee, and authorizes the County Auditor to advertise and accept applications for vacancies as detailed in Board Letter 15-41. After further discussion, the motion was tabled Boyle/Raukar. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Boyle/Raukar moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department to enter into a contract for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, with Arrowhead Center, Inc. for a full-time licensed alcohol and drug counselor position for the Superior Babies Program [15-34]. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0, Jewell absent)

## **Public Works & Transportation Committee**

Raukar/Nelson moved to authorize the purchase and installation of six dump bodies with hydraulic systems and snow fighting equipment from Towmaster, Inc., of Litchfield, MN for \$635,433 [15-42]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi talked about the state purchasing contract process. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

## **Health & Human Services Committee**

Boyle/Raukar moved to remove from the table - Appointment of Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee Members [15-41]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Boyle/Raukar moved to reappoint members to the St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Advisory Committee, and authorizes the County Auditor to advertise and accept applications for vacancies as detailed in Board Letter 15-41. St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Director Ann Busche discussed the appointment process and length of appointment terms. Chair Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 10:40 a.m. to 10:42 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

A recess was taken at 10:58 a.m.

At 11:36 a.m., the Committee of the Whole reconvened with the following members present: Commissioners Patrick Boyle, Chris Dahlberg, Tom Rukavina, Keith Nelson, Steve Raukar, and Chair Pete Stauber - 6. Absent: Commissioner Frank Jewell - 1.

## **Finance & Budget Committee**

Raukar/Rukavina moved that the St. Louis County Board declares its support for the 2015 Capital Appropriation request of \$12 million on behalf of the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency/Range Mental Health Center for their new office facility [15-43]. Commissioner Dahlberg said that he opposes the motion due to concerns he has regarding St. Louis County being listed as the building owner. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-1, Dahlberg nay, Jewell absent)

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## **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Nelson said that the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Young Leaders Conference would take place on Monday, February 9, 2015 at the Fortune Bay Resort in Tower, MN.

Commissioner Raukar stepped out of the meeting from 12:15 p.m. to 12:21 p.m.

Commissioner Rukavina discussed various items including - the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) action plan, taconite production taxes, and the transportation sales tax.

Commissioner Dahlberg mentioned that the Seaway Port Authority has agreed to purchase Hallett Dock #7.

Commissioners discussed proposed agenda items for the March and April Board Workshops.

At 1:06 p.m., Dahlberg/Raukar moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)



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Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board