



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 9:30 A.M.

**Solway Town Hall
4029 Munger Shaw Road
Saginaw, Minnesota**

Directions: From Duluth – Highway 2 through Proctor continue west approximately 7 miles and turn right on Munger Shaw Road, the town hall is on the left. From the Range – Highway 53 to Twig. Turn right onto Industrial Road/Highway 7 and soon after turn left onto Canosia Road. Proceed for approximately 6 miles, turn left on Highway 2 travel about .5 miles and turn left onto Munger Shaw Road, the town hall is on the left.

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The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. The Board encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, you will be allowed to address the Board when a motion is on the floor. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by the Standing Rules of the County Board, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda.

When addressing the Board, please sign in at the podium and state your name and address for the record. Please address the Board as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. The St. Louis County Board promotes adherence to civility in conducting the business of the County. Civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issue before the Board. Tools of civility include: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism and take responsibility [County Board Resolution No. 560, adopted on September 9, 2003]. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes.

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9:30 A.M. Moment of Silence
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll Call

AT THIS TIME CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. [Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.]

FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE BOARD AGENDA OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA, CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THE TIME A MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of business submitted on the consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Boyle, Chair

1. Contract with Arrowhead Center, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a full-time licensed alcohol and drug counselor position for the Superior Babies Program during the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. **{15-34} [Without recommendation.]**

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

2. Resolution of support for the 2015 Capital Appropriation request of \$12 million on behalf of the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency/Range Mental Health Center Phase II for construction, closeout and commissioning of a new office facility located in Virginia, MN. **{15-43}**

ADJOURNED:

BOARD LETTER NO. 15 – 34

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 3

FEBRUARY 10, 2015 BOARD AGENDA NO. 1

DATE: February 3, 2015 **RE:** Contract with Arrowhead
Center for the Superior Babies
Program

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ann M. Busche, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Children will be born healthy, free from disease and addictions.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a contract with Arrowhead Center, Inc., for the Superior Babies Program.

BACKGROUND:

Alcohol and other drug use among women of child bearing age continues to be a significant problem in St Louis County. Beginning in 1998, public health nurses have provided outreach and collaborative case management services to pregnant and parenting women who are at risk of, or are known to use or abuse alcohol and other drugs. This model has been refined over the years, resulting in the creation of the Superior Babies Program.

The program teams a public health nurse with a licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC) who work with the client to help her remain drug and alcohol free, provide pregnancy and parenting education, and assist with housing, food, support, and employment and education goals. The Superior Babies Program has documented outcomes and was awarded a National Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs Emerging Practice award in 2013.

PHHS has a long relationship with Arrowhead Center for the LADC position and the department wishes to continue this through renewal of a contract in the amount of \$100,000, which includes the cost of the 1.0 FTE and all associated travel costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a contract for the period 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, not to exceed \$100,000 for the position and all associated travel costs, payable from Fund 230, Agency 233001, Object 629900.

Contract with Arrowhead Center for the Superior Babies Program

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Alcohol and other drug use among women of child bearing age continues to be a significant problem in St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1998, public health nurses have provided outreach and collaborative case management services to pregnant and parenting women who are at risk of, or are known to use or abuse alcohol and other drugs, resulting in the creation of the Superior Babies Program; and

WHEREAS, The Superior Babies Program teams a public health nurse with a licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC) who work with the client to help her remain drug and alcohol free, provide pregnancy and parenting education, and assist with housing, food, support, and employment and education goals; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department has a long relationship with Arrowhead Center, Inc., for the LADC position and wishes to continue this through renewal of a contract;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to enter into a contract for the period 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, not to exceed \$100,000 for the position and all associated travel costs, payable from Fund 230, Agency 233001, Object 629900.

BOARD LETTER NO. 15 - 43

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE NO. 1

FEBRUARY 10, 2015 BOARD AGENDA NO. 2

DATE: February 3, 2015 **RE:** Support for AEOA/Range Mental Health Center Phase II 2015 Capital Appropriation Request

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Support regional initiatives.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to formally declare its support for the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) and Range Mental Health Center (RMHC) Phase II request for \$12 million State of Minnesota 2015 Capital Appropriation (state bonding).

BACKGROUND:

In 2013 the St. Louis County Board was asked to sponsor the AEOA/RMHC application for 2014 capital appropriation. The St. Louis County Board approved the 2014 submission and the AEOA/RMHC project received \$3 million in the 2014 Legislative Session for predesign, design and site acquisition. St. Louis County continues to work with the appropriate parties at AEOA and RMHC to ensure that their project moves forward with necessary State Bond agreements and in accordance with all applicable St. Louis County Board policies and procedures.

During the course of work on the initial Phase I predesign review, it was revealed that AEOA/RMHC representatives were discussing a Phase II request with legislators as a 2015 bonding bill may occur. A formal application for Phase II funding for this AEOA/RMHC project assumes St. Louis County will be listed as the submitter and continue to be identified as the owner of the new office facility (which was required as the listed “sponsor” of the initial \$3 million state bond funding).

While St. Louis County Administration continues to have many questions about the project, work continues to ensure progress on this regional project while minimizing St. Louis County’s role and risk. The current request of \$12 million assumes the entire required match is provided from AEOA/RMHC sources, including but not limited to the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) and other foundation partners and funding sources. There is no St. Louis County financial contribution contemplated for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve a resolution of support for a State of Minnesota 2015 Capital Appropriation request for Phase II of the project for the new office facility for AEOA/RMHC in the amount of \$12 million. This appropriation would finance over 50% of the joint project cost, with AEOA/RMHC committing funds to match this request.

Support for AEOA/RMHC 2015 Capital Appropriation Request

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Governor's Office has formally solicited requests for 2015 Capital Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, The Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) Board passed a resolution authorizing a submission and requesting St. Louis County to continue its support role as "sponsor" of the Phase II request of \$12 million for construction, closeout and commissioning of a new office facility located in the city of Virginia, MN; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Appropriation would finance over 50% of the estimated joint project cost, and AEOA/Range Mental Health Center have committed to funding the project match; and

WHEREAS, To facilitate a 2015 Capital Appropriation, St. Louis County must be listed as the owner of the new office facility, but it is understood that no county dollars are committed as part of this project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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.