

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

February 17, 2015

Location: Chisholm City Hall, Chisholm, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Boyle

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda without: Item #1, Pilot to Embed a Social Worker within the Duluth Police Department [15-60]; Item #2, Myers-Wilkins Accountable Communities for Health Grant [15-61]; and Item #10, Contract Amendment with MEnD for Medical and Mental Health Care Services at the Jail [15-69]. Commissioner Dahlberg noted replacement resolutions for Item #9, Tower Space Leases at Various ARMER Communications Sites [15-68] and for Item #11, Contract with CHUM for Jail Chaplaincy Services [15-70]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

- Minutes of February 10, 2015
- Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Lake Country Power (Northland Township) [15-62]
- Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land in the Plat of Little Birch Lake (Unorganized Township 61-14) [15-63]
- Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Roger W. Larson, David F. Vincent and Louis C. Collyard, as Tenants in Common (Unorganized Township 55-21) [15-64]
- Agreements with Carlton County and City of Duluth for Seal Coat, Fog Seal and Chip Seal Projects [15-65]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-66]
- Purchase of Service Contract with Advocates for Family Peace [15-67]
- Tower Space Leases at Various ARMER Communications Sites [15-68]
- Contract with CHUM for Jail Chaplaincy Services [15-70]

At 1:39 p.m., St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi gave a presentation to the Board regarding acceleration of Transportation Sales tax projects. Director Foldesi discussed benefits of accelerating the road projects through bonding and provided an overview of the process. St. Louis County Auditor Donald Dicklich reviewed the tentative bonding schedule.

After further discussion, Nelson/Raukar moved to Establish Public Hearings on the Capital Improvement Plan and on the Intent to Issue Capital Improvement Bonds to Accelerate Transportation Sales Tax Projects (Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 9:45 a.m., Comet Theater, Cook, MN) [15-71]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Rukavina/Stauber moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., of Angora, MN, in the amount of \$917,030.39 for project CP 0024-216058 located on CSAH 24, between CR 431/Vermilion Lake Road and TR 4517/Rapps Road in Beatty Township [15-72]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Raukar/Rukavina moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., of Angora, MN, in the amount of \$1,417,686.54 for combined project CP 0068-153312, SAP 069-668-005 (low); CP 0913-238447 TST; and CP 8169-142843 located in Unorganized Township 60-18, Sandy and French Townships [15-72]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Health & Human Services Committee

Stauber/Nelson moved to increase the staffing complement of the Public Health and Human Services Department by 1.0 FTE social worker to pilot a model of embedding a social worker within law enforcement to better respond to individuals with mental illness [15-60]. St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Director Ann Busche discussed the pilot program. Commissioner Raukar exited the meeting at 2:50 p.m. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, Boyle, Raukar absent)

Rukavina/Stauber moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into agreements with Generations Health Care Initiative to accept an Accountable Communities for Health grant of up to \$195,337 for the grant period of January 2015 through December 2016 and to increase the staffing complement of Public Health and Human Services by 2.0 FTEs consisting of a Public Health Nurse and a Community Health Worker to fulfill the grant requirements for the Myers-Wilkins Accountable Community for Health grant, with the understanding that if the grant funding is no longer available the positions are eliminated [15-61]. The motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, Boyle, Raukar absent)

Commissioner Dahlberg exited the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Rukavina/Nelson moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to sign an amended contract with MEnD Correctional Care, LLC, for medical and mental health care services at the county jail [15-69]. The motion passed without recommendation. (4-0, Boyle, Dahlberg, Raukar absent)

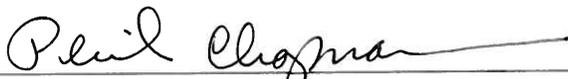
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson discussed the Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) market and talked about a recent meeting in which he made a suggestion to CEO Lourenco Goncalves to move Cliffs Natural Resources' headquarters to St. Louis County.

At 3:16 p.m., Rukavina/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (4-0, Boyle, Dahlberg, Raukar absent)



Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board