

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 24, 2015

Location: Comet Theater, 102 S. River Street, Cook, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Raukar

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rukavina/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda. Chair Stauber noted that Item #3, Acquisition of Right of Way for CP 213066 by Eminent Domain Proceedings (Owens Township) [15-112] was pulled by the department. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

- Minutes of March 10, 2015
- Final Plat Approval – Coot Creek Estates (Unorganized Township 56-13) [15-110]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Narum/Norton, Johnson [15-111]
- County-wide Elevator Maintenance Contract [15-113]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Unorganized Township 55-21) [15-114]
- Agreement with Tiburon, Inc. for Upgraded CAD System [15-115]

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Dahlberg/Boyle moved to award a bid to Scott Construction, Inc., of Lake Delton, WI, in the amount of \$1,398,103.20 for combined crack sealing and crack repair projects in various cities and townships: A.) CP 0133-241417, SAP 069-733-028(Low); B.) CP 0184-241965 Tied; C.) CP 0443-241966 Tied; D.) CP 0000-246052 Tied - Carlton County project; E.) CP 0000-246198 Tied - City of Duluth project; F.) CP 0251-249366 Tied; and G.) CP 088-249523 [15-116]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Nelson/Dahlberg moved to award a bid to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., of Gilbert, MN, in the amount of \$448,761.97 for project CP 0103-190856, SAP 069-703-013, reconditioning on CSAH 103 from TH 169 to 12th Ave. W. in Virginia, MN, length 0.51 miles [15-116]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Rukavina/Jewell moved that the St. Louis County Board respectfully requests the State Legislature to restore the \$.05 per ton Taconite Production or Occupation Tax distribution to counties; and further, requests the Iron Range Legislative Delegation to review the decision and the anticipated negative

impacts of reducing the Iron Range fiscal disparities distribution if the Taconite Production or Occupation Tax is insufficient to service bonds. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-1, Nelson nay, Raukar Absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Rukavina inquired about the possibility of extending the 30-day comment period for the Planning Ordinance to give townships the opportunity for discussion at their Town Board meetings.

Commissioner Jewell discussed the Heart of the Continent geotourism website launch held last Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th.

Commissioner Boyle said that a meeting is in the process of being scheduled regarding Out of Home Placement.

Chair Stauber said that he will be bringing forward a resolution authorizing the Air National Guard 148th Fighter Wing/EOD (Explosives Ordinance Disposal) Unit to respond to threats within St. Louis County.

Commissioner Nelson expressed concerns that St. Louis County Board meetings be held in ADA compliant and acoustic friendly venues.

Commissioner Jewell said that historic sites are worth celebrating and ADA compliance is worth consideration.

Commissioner Rukavina said that he wanted to hold the Board meeting in Cook; however, the venue choices were limited due to the size of other location options.

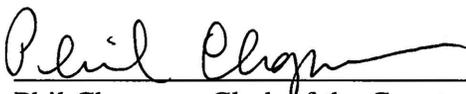
Commissioner Nelson said that St. Louis County staff reviews the venue ahead of time to ensure the building is ADA compliant and accommodations are made for hearing impaired individuals.

Commissioner Dahlberg talked about a meeting regarding a possible redevelopment project below Spirit Mountain and noted that the developer is not interested in Tax Increment Financing. Commissioner Dahlberg also said that there will be a meeting at Mr. D's in West Duluth on Wednesday, March 25th to discuss the purchase of Hallot Dock #7 and related development issues. In addition, Commissioner Dahlberg discussed clean-up of the U.S. Steel site.

At 2:00 p.m., Jewell/Dahlberg moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)



Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board