

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 7, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Boyle

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Raukar moved to approve the consent agenda without the following items: #3 - Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land in the Plat of Coot Creek Estates (Unorganized Township 56-15 and 56-16) [15-122]; #4 - Easements across State Tax-Forfeited Land to Access Shoreland Lease Parcels – Tract C (Gnesen Township and Unorganized Township 55-14) [15-123]; #5 - Easements across State Tax-Forfeited Land to Access Shoreland Lease Parcels – Tract D (Ault and Pequaywan Townships) [15-124]; #12 - Purchase Materials for Horizontal Alignment Warning Signs Project [15-131]; and #13 - Authorize Payment for Lighting Unit Installation for Rural Intersection Lighting Project [15-132]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

- Minutes of March 24, 2015
- Award of Bid: Broadcast Application of Herbicides [15-120]
- Drainage Easement on State Tax-Forfeited Land to the City of Duluth [15-121]
- Adjoining Owner Sales [15-125]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Abrahamson, Quilty, Kingsley, Johnson, Temple Corp Inc., Koski [15-126]
- Reclassification to ‘Non-Conservation’ and Special Sale to Judge Mining, LLC (Morse Township) [15-127]
- Reclassification to ‘Non-Conservation’ and Special Sale to William Mahai (Duluth) [15-128]
- Removal and Cleanup of Abandoned Personal Property [15-129]
- Agreement with MSA Professional Services for Culvert Surveys on Chester and Keene Creeks (Duluth) [15-130]
- Agreement with Balkan Township and Right of Way Acquisition for the Reconstruction of Bridge 735 on Township Road 7826 [15-133]
- State Contract Rental of Six Belly Dump Trailers [15-134]
- State Contract Purchase of Roadpatcher [15-135]
- Agreement with City of Hermantown for Pavement Rehabilitation on CR 890/Rose Road [15-136]
- Purchase of GPS Unit and Related Equipment [15-137]
- Agreement with LHB Inc., for Construction Administration – CSAH 16 Pavement Preservation (White, Colvin, Fairbanks and Bassett Townships) [15-138]
- 2014 Fourth Quarter Budget Changes [15-139]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-140]

- Agreement with Superior USA Corporation for Administration of Flexible Spending Account Plan 2015-2016 and Approve the Restated Master Plan Document [15-141]
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REGULAR AGENDA

Health & Human Services Committee

Jewell/Nelson moved to inform the Commissioner of Human Services that a review of the Letter of Need submitted by Behavioral Health Group has been completed and that the County Board finds there is no need for medication assisted therapy services to be provided by Behavioral Health Group within St. Louis County [15-142]. St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Director Ann Busche discussed components of the review process. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Raukar/Stauber moved to award a bid to Asphalt Surface Tech Corp. - ASTECH, of St. Cloud, MN, in the amount of \$1,646,013.21 for combined projects located in Pike, Embarrass, Waasa Townships, Unorganized Township 61-13 and the City of Babbitt: A.) CP 0021-243053, SAP 69-621-035(Low) CSAH 21 from TH 169 to CSAH 70; B.) CP 0558-243402 Tied CR 558 (Soini Road/Palo Tia Road) from TH 135 to CSAH 21; C.) CP 0583-243407 Tied CR 583 (Virginia-Ely Road) from CSAH 21 to UT 8215 (Lenont Road); D.) CP 8215-243413 Tied UT 8215 (Lenont Road) from CR 583 to UT 8217 (Virginia-Ely Road); E.) CP 8217-243414 Tied UT 8217 from UT 8215 to CSAH 21; F.) CP 0615-217665 Tied CR 615 (Salo Road) from CR 318 (Mattson Road) to CR 620 (Approx. 350 feet east of CR 620); G.) CP 0620-243406 Tied CR 620 (Salo Road) from CR 615 to CSAH 21; H.) CP 0065-250568 Tied CSAH 65 (Biss Road) from CSAH 25 to TH 53; I.) CP 8172-250569 Tied UT 8172 (Lake Leander Road) from Jct. CSAH 65 W to Jct. CSAH 65 E; and J.) CP 0615-250442 Tied CR 615 (Salo Road) from CSAH 21 to CR 318 (Mattson Road) [15-143]. Commissioner Nelson stepped out of the meeting from 11:41 a.m. to 11:43 a.m. The motion passed. (5-0, Boyle, Nelson absent)

Raukar/Stauber moved to authorize the purchase of the necessary materials for the Horizontal Alignment Warning Signs Project identified as SP 069-070-013, CP 0000-187063 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 [15-131]. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:44 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and from 11:50 a.m. to 11:53 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-1, Rukavina nay, Boyle absent)

Raukar/Nelson moved to authorize payment to Minnesota Power, Duluth, MN, Lake Country Power, Mountain Iron, MN, and Cooperative Light and Power, Two Harbors, MN, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for the installation of lighting units at rural county intersections, identified as SP 069-070-015, CP 0000-187066 [15-132]. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 11:58 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 12:13 p.m. to 12:14 p.m. Chair Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 12:13 p.m. to 12:14 p.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-1, Rukavina nay, Boyle absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Stauber/Dahlberg moved to call upon Governor Mark Dayton to declare the Minnesota Air National Guard 148th Fighter Wing Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) unit as a community asset, once again allowing local community law enforcement to use the EOD, when available, to greatly enhance the public safety of our area. [15-144]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Jewell moved to authorize the County Auditor to impose access easements to access lots in the plat of Coot Creek Estates across state forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 60012 [15-122]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Nelson/Jewell moved to authorize the County Auditor to impose easements to access shoreland lease parcels across state tax-forfeited lands described as described in County Board File No. 60012 [15-123]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

Dahlberg/Stauber moved to authorize the County Auditor to impose easements to access shoreland lease parcels across state tax-forfeited lands described as described in County Board File No. 60012 [15-124]. The motion passed. (6-0, Boyle absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Rukavina stepped out of the meeting from 12:48 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Commissioner Nelson discussed the Liquor Licensing Committee decision to forward informal dispositions (first-time liquor license violations) to the Board as resolutions with the recommendation that the resolution is placed on the consent agenda for adoption.

Commissioner Raukar said that the “made in the USA” purchasing policy discussion should be expanded to include not only purchasing of materials for county projects, but also include purchasing of equipment by St. Louis County.

Commissioner Nelson agreed with Commissioner Raukar and said some equipment that is utilized is not manufactured in the United States.

Commissioner Raukar said that official notification has been received from Hibbing Taconite regarding the relocation of Highway 5.

Chair Stauber asked that St. Louis County do public announcements warning drivers to use caution due to road construction.

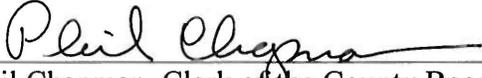
Commissioner Jewell talked about a recent meeting that he, Commissioner Boyle, Public Health and Human Services Director Ann Busche, and Administrator Kevin Gray had with Representative Jennifer Schultz regarding human services.

Commissioner Rukavina discussed Minnesota Department of Revenue communication issues with businesses regarding the .5 percent St. Louis County transit sales and use tax.

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



Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board