

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 28, 2015

Location: Camp Esquagama, Gilbert, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Dahlberg moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #3, Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited – Plat of Before Long (Unorganized Township 54-15) [15-159] and without Item #8, Public Sale of State Tax Forfeited Properties on June 11, 2015 [15-164]. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of April 14, 2015
- Contract with AEOA for Volunteer Driver Services [15-157]
- Award of Bid: Mechanical Site Scarification by Disc Trench [15-158]
- Final Plat Approval – Leisure Lake (Unorganized Township 56-16) [15-160]
- Direct Sale of Timber to United States Steel (Mountain Iron) [15-161]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Koski [15-162]
- Special Sale to Resolve Occupancy Trespasses [15-163]
- Acceptance of Bids for Concrete Products for Bridge over Deer Creek (Hibbing) [15-165]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-166]
- Lease with the City of Cook HRA for PHHS Office Space [15-167]
- Sale of Surplus Fee Land (Unorganized Township 57-16) [15-168]
- 2015 First Quarter Budget Changes [15-169]

REGULAR AGENDA

Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department to replace one State Operated Services employee by increasing the complement of social workers by one FTE, at an annual cost of \$72,000, to provide adult mental health case management services to eligible residents from St. Louis County. Should the state funding be discontinued, this FTE will be eliminated from the Department's FTE complement [15-170]. St. Louis County Deputy Director Shelley Saukko discussed the position. The motion passed. (7-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Raukar/Nelson moved to award a bid to Traffic Marking Service, Inc., of Maple Lake, MN, in the amount of \$121,037.00 for project CP 0000-187067/SP 69-070-016, State Project No. HSIP 6915(189), for intersection pavement markings on various highways within St. Louis County [15-171]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 10:07 a.m. to 10:09 a.m.

Raukar/Stauber moved to award a bid to Century Fence Co., of Forest Lake, MN, in the amount of \$144,543.00 for project CP 0000-225073/SP 69-070-021(Low), State Project No. HSIP 6915(190), CP 0000-225074/SP 69-070-022: Combined project - 6" epoxy edgeline striping on various county state aid highways within St. Louis County and 6" paint edgeline striping on various county highways within St. Louis County [15-171]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

Raukar/Boyle moved to award a bid to AAA Striping Service Co., of St. Michael, MN, in the amount of \$153,018.02 for project CP 0000-187078/SAP 69-030-029(Low) and SAP 38-030-002, Lake County Project: Centerline and edgeline pavement markings on various county state aid highways within St. Louis County and Lake County [15-172]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Raukar/Nelson moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$801,836.00 for project CP 0832-97031: Grading, aggregate base, reclamation, bituminous pavement, curb and gutter and watermain on Ash Street and 7th Avenue West (County Road 832) in Floodwood, MN [15-172]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Nelson moved to approve the 2015-2016 Civil Service Supervisory Unit contract and authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement [15-173]. St. Louis County Human Resources Director Jim Gottschald discussed the labor agreements to be approved today. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Raukar moved to approve the 2015-2016 Deputy Sheriff Supervisory Unit contract and authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement [15-174]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Nelson moved to approve the following health plan prescription drug program changes for Management Compensation Plan members: Adoption of a specialty prescription drug network; implementation of a generic prescription drug mandate; adoption of prescription drug step-therapy (with grandfathering) and expansion of the medication therapy management program, effective January 1, 2016. Management Compensation Plan members will transition to a tiered-provider health plan design effective December 24, 2016. For individuals covered under the Management Compensation Plan, the following cost of living salary increases are approved: effective December 13, 2014 – 1.75%; effective December 26, 2015 – 1.75%; and effective December 24, 2016 – 0.5%. The St. Louis County Board approves and adopts the updated Management Compensation Plan to cover the compensation and benefits of elected department heads and the compensation, terms and conditions of employment of appointed department heads and unclassified managers, effective May 5, 2015; and further, the previous Management Compensation Plan, dated July 1, 2013, is rescinded [15-175]. Commissioner Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 10:34 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Boyle moved to approve the following health plan prescription drug program changes for members of the Unrepresented Employees' Compensation Plan: Adoption of a specialty prescription drug network; implementation of a generic prescription drug mandate; adoption of prescription drug step-therapy (with grandfathering) and expansion of the medication therapy management, effective January 1, 2016. Unrepresented Employees covered under this plan will transition to a tiered-provider health plan design effective December 24, 2016. For individuals covered under the Unrepresented Employees' Compensation Plan, the following cost of living salary increases are approved: effective December 13, 2014 – 1.75%; effective December 26, 2015 – 1.75%; and effective December 24, 2016 – 0.5%. The St. Louis County Board approves and adopts the updated Unrepresented Employees' Compensation Plan to cover the changes in compensation and benefits for employees covered under the plan, effective May 5, 2015; and further, the previous Unrepresented Employees' Compensation Plan, dated July 1, 2013, is rescinded [15-176]. Commissioner Boyle stepped out of the meeting from 10:43 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Stauber moved to approve the 2015-2016 Confidential Unit contract and that the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement [15-177]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Nelson moved to approve the Public Works Department's four-day work week agreement pertaining to the Sign Maintenance Division-North and Highway Maintenance Divisions Four (Ely) and Five (Duluth) effective during the 2015 and 2016 summer maintenance seasons; and further, authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the Supplemental Labor Agreement [15-178]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Rukavina moved to authorize the transfer of 2.0 FTE Business Systems Analyst positions (position codes 0011-002 and 0413-015) from Public Health and Human Services to Information Technology effective upon the first day of the next pay period, May 16, 2015; authorize the transfer of the funding for the remainder of 2015 from Public Health and Human Services, Fund 230, Agency 2300012 to Information Technology, Fund 117, Agency 117001, in the amount of \$81,634; and further, future year budgets will reflect the change in FTEs and corresponding costs [15-179]. St. Louis County I.T. Director Jeremy Craker discussed the agreement. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Rukavina moved to adopt the Community Health Worker class, which is allocated to Grade 10: \$30,323 - \$40,872 (annual steps and longevities through twenty-four years of service) of the Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan; and further, should the Accountable Communities for Health Grant be discontinued, this FTE position will be eliminated from the Department's FTE complement [15-180]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to authorize the County Auditor to impose an access easement across state tax forfeited lands to access lots in the plat of Before Long located in Unorganized Township 54-15 [15-159]. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting at 11:16 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

At 11:19 a.m., the Committee of the Whole recessed. At 11:28 a.m., the Committee of the Whole reconvened with all members present.

Nelson/Dahlberg moved to authorize the County Auditor to offer certain tax forfeited parcels of land at public sale for not less than the basic sale price in accordance with terms set forth in the Land and Minerals Department policy and in a manner provided for by law, on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (Depot), 506 W. Michigan St., Duluth, MN. [15-164]. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson talked about the high quality of work provided by Lenci Enterprises, Inc., of Virginia, MN, throughout the construction of Camp Esquagama.

Commissioner Raukar discussed an article regarding taconite taxes that he had previously distributed to the Committee.

Arrowhead Center CEO Roy Connaughton and Camp Esquagama Executive Director Steve Popowitz gave a presentation to the Committee regarding upcoming events and discussed construction progress of Camp Esquagama.

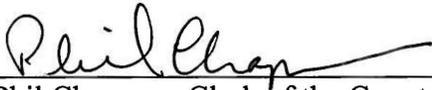
Chair Stauber said that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners will hold a joint meeting with the Duluth City Council on Monday, May 4, 2015. The meeting will be held in the Somers Lounge at the College of St. Scholastica beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 12:06 p.m. to 12:09 p.m.

At 12:10 p.m., Rukavina/Nelson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board