

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

May 26, 2015

Location: Hibbing City Council Chambers, Hibbing, Minnesota

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

Absent: Chair Stauber

Convened: Vice-Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #11, Agreement with Braun Intertec for Geotechnical Services [15-222] and without Item #12, Agreement with Erickson Engineering for Design Services for Three Bridges (Alden Township and Unorganized Townships 54-13 and 69-21) [15-223]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

- Minutes of May 12, 2015
- Correction of Grant Amount for Myers-Wilkins Accountable Communities for Health Grant [15-212]
- Cold Storage Building Construction – Regional Landfill [15-213]
- St. Louis County – Superior National Forest, Class “B” Land Exchange [15-214]
- Special Sale to the City of McKinley [15-215]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Hipple [15-216]
- Final Plat Approval – Stones Throw (Ault Township) [15-217]
- Final Plat Approval – Stump Lake North (Ault Township) [15-218]
- Final Plat Approval – Stump Lake South (Ault Township) [15-219]
- Award of Bid for Liquid Chloride and Application [15-220]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 488 (White Township) [15-221]
- CDBG Funding for City of Kinney Demolition and Clearance Project [15-224]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Portage Township) [15-225]
- Sale of Surplus Fee Land (Alborn Township) [15-226]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-227]
- Contract with Tiburon, Inc. for Additional Licenses for Mobile Mapping and Automated Vehicle Locating Systems [15-228]

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## ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

### Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Dahlberg moved to establish a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on June 23, 2015, in the Tower Civic Center, 602 Main Street, Tower, MN, for the purpose of considering an Off-Sale Intoxicating

Liquor License to Fryes' Lake Place, LLC d/b/a Island Lake Inn, Gnesen Township. [15-229]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

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### **Public Works & Transportation Committee**

Nelson/Raukar moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., of Angora, MN, in the amount of \$1,237,241.30 for combined projects: A.) SAP 069-623-033, CP 0023-230031 TST (Low) - CSAH 23 between intersection of US Hwy 53 and 3.984 miles east of intersection of US Hwy 53, length 3.982 miles, Remove Bituminous, Plant Mix Bituminous Surface, Curb and Gutter, Concrete Walk, Culvert Replacement (Includes City of Orr Project #OR14-03) Sanitary Sewer Construction; and B.) SAP 069-624-021, CP 0024-230032 TST (Tied) - CSAH 24 from CSAH 23 to Crane Lake, length 11.323 miles, Culvert Replacement and Plant Mixed Bituminous Patches [15-230]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Rukavina/Boyle moved to award a bid to Hoover Construction Co., Inc, of Virginia, MN, in the amount of \$120,613.00 for combined projects: A.) CP 0024-248825 (Low) - CSAH 24 approximately 1.7 miles north of Kennedy Road, Culvert Replacements; B.) CP 0505-243579 Tied - CR 505 approximately 50 feet west of CR 937 (Wood Road), Culvert Replacements; and C.) CP 0939-243580 Tied - CR 939 (Riddell Road) approximately 0.45 miles north of MN TH 1, Culvert Replacements [15-230]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Boyle/Rukavina moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors, LLC, of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$1,559,314.63 for combined projects: A.) CP 0009-241306 TST (Low) - CSAH 9 (North Pike Lake Road) from CR 999 (North Pike Lake Road) to CR 530 (Midway Road), length 1.01 mile, Culvert Replacement, Reclamation, Milling, Aggregate Base, Aggregate Base Stabilization, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface and Aggregate Shouldering; B.) CP 0013-153307, SAP 069-613-040 Tied - CSAH 13 (Midway Road) from TH 194 to TH 53, length 0.607 mile, Mill Surface, Repair of Curb and Concrete Walk, and Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface with Fibers; C.) CP 0889-241305 TST Tied - CR 889 (Solway Road) from CSAH 6 (Maple Grove Road) to CR 890 (Rose Road), length 2.005 miles, Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Aggregate Base Stabilization, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface with Fibers and Aggregate Shouldering; D.) CP 0890-241304 TST, SAP 202-110-001 (Hermantown) Tied - CR 890 and MSA 110 (Rose Road) from CR 859 (Caribou Lake Road) to CSAH 13 (Midway Road), length 1.96 miles, Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Aggregate Base Stabilization, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface with Fibers and Aggregate Shouldering; and E.) CP 0999-216100 TST - CR 999 (North Pike Lake Road) from CSAH 9 (Caribou Lake Road) to CSAH 9 (Helm Road), length 1.102 mile, Culvert Replacement, Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Aggregate Base Stabilization, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Shouldering [15-230]. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 11:17 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Dahlberg/Jewell moved to award a bid to Forest Concrete Products, Inc., of Ely, MN, in the amount of \$234,530.00 for project CP 0000-235343, Aggregate Crushing, Southern St. Louis County 2015, various locations [15-231]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Rukavina/Dahlberg moved to designate County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 100 (Highway 100) from the intersection with CSAH 4 north to the intersection with CSAH 99 as the "Deputy Sheriff Bradley Alan Anderson Memorial Highway". The naming of this segment of roadway is considered a dual naming initiative, and will not impact the addressing along the highway. The St. Louis County Board authorizes and directs the Public Works Department to design appropriate signs for the road segment and that they be erected along the newly designated "Deputy Sheriff Bradley Alan Anderson Memorial

Highway” and that a dedication ceremony for the memorial highway be scheduled as soon as practicable [15-232]. St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman discussed the dedication. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Nelson/Raukar moved to authorize the purchase of five (5) John Deere agricultural tractors equipped with roadside mowing equipment from Minnesota Equipment, Inc., of Rogers, MN, for a total cost of \$510,861.25 [15-235]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Nelson/Rukavina moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Braun Intertec Corp. of St. Paul, MN, for geotechnical investigations/evaluations, asbestos testing, and material testing through June 30, 2016 with one (1) possible one-year time extension. The total cost of these services is not to exceed \$100,000 [15-222]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Rukavina/Nelson moved to authorize an agreement, and any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Erickson Engineering of Bloomington, MN, for the design of bridge reconstruction plans for three (3) bridges: County Bridge 83 along CSAH 44 over the Little Cloquet River in Unorganized Township 54-13, CP 0044-243854, in the amount of \$37,500; County Bridge 70 along CSAH 41 over the west branch of the Little Knife River in Alden Township, CP 0041-235496, in the amount of \$34,100; and County Bridge 823 along CR 523 over an unnamed stream in Unorganized Township 69-21, in the amount of \$36,600 [15-223]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

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### **Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee**

Jewell/Rukavina moved to re-affirm membership in the Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Conservation Board and approve the Amended Joint Powers Agreement with Koochiching County to seek federal, state and other financial assistance to plan, develop, construct and manage a comprehensive wastewater treatment system for the property within and adjacent to Voyageurs National Park, located within both Koochiching County and St. Louis County. Commissioners Nelson and Rukavina shall continue their appointments to the Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Conservation Board and that the St. Louis County Auditor will continue to act as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Board. This Amended Agreement is contingent upon approval by the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners. [15-233]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Jewell/Raukar moved to appoint the following individuals to serve as the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for Assessment Year 2015:

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| • John Heino, Duluth        | Commissioner District #1 |
| • John Doberstein, Duluth   | Commissioner District #2 |
| • Kevin O’Brien, Duluth     | Commissioner District #3 |
| • Leonard Cersine, Ely      | Commissioner District #4 |
| • Tim Peterson, Hermantown  | Commissioner District #5 |
| • Dawn Cole, Fayal Township | Commissioner District #6 |
| • Frank Bigelow, Hibbing    | Commissioner District #7 |

The Special Board of Appeal and Equalization is: Delegated all powers and duties of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization; to report the results of their deliberations back to the St. Louis County

Board in the form of minutes kept by the Clerk of the County Board; directed to hold at least one (1) meeting day in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, and one (1) meeting day at the Northland Office Center, in Virginia, Minnesota; to be compensated at the rate of \$200 per meeting day (payable from Assessor's Department Fund 100, Agency 118001, Object #635300 – Nonemployee fees) and be reimbursed for mileage and expenses at the current county rate (from Assessor's Office Object #635500 - Non-employee travel); and directed to convene at 10:00 a.m., June 16, 2015, in the Commissioner's Conference Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN. [15-234]. Dahlberg/Boyle amended the motion to replace Kevin O'Brien, Duluth, with Lee Conradi, Duluth, as the Commissioner #3 representative. The amendment passed (6-0, Stauber absent). After further discussion, the amended motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

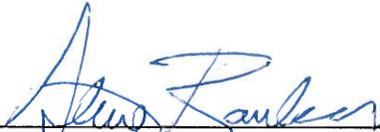
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## COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson discussed a NERCC Site Analysis handout that he distributed to the Committee.

Commissioner Raukar discussed the involvement of mining and the citizens of Hibbing during World War I and World War II.

At 12:15 p.m., Jewell/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)



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Steve Raukar, Vice-Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board