

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 2, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of May 26, 2015
- Recommendation to the State of Minnesota for the Provision of Managed Health Care Services [15-236]
- Amendment to a Road and Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land [15-237]
- Forest Certification Third Party Auditing Services [15-238]
- Update the Master Prioritized Bridge Replacement List [15-239]
- Purchase of Pre-coated Aggregate for the 2015 Construction Program [15-240]
- Additional Work and Liquidated Damages from 2014 Crack Seal/Crack Repair Projects [15-241]
- Solarwinds Network Monitoring and Alerting Software Purchase [15-242]
- Dedication of Permanent Highway Easement over County Fee Owned Property (Alborn Township) [15-243]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Unorganized Township 68-19) [15-244]

Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved to approve the use of reserved "Prevention and Innovation Fund" balance in the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) budget for a two-year (2015-2016) Housing Access Center pilot program, and authorizes the transfer of \$25,000 for each year from the fund to the PHHS operating budget for this purpose. The Housing Access Center (HAC) pilot program must be reviewed according to appropriate criteria during the two-year period to determine if the HAC has helped to reduce the approximately 500 eviction filings each year in St. Louis County through mediation efforts aimed at resolving tenant and landlord disputes [15-245]. St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Deputy Director Shelley Saukko and Duluth City Councilors Barb Russ and Joel Sipress discussed the program. Nelson/Stauber moved to amend the motion to include the following "RESOLVED FURTHER, Any future funding from St. Louis County levy or grant funds applied for by St. Louis County must be approved by the St. Louis County Board." The amendment passed. (7-0) After further Commissioner discussion, the amended motion passed. (6-1, Dahlberg)

Commissioner Boyle stepped out of the meeting from 11:15 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

Rukavina/Nelson moved that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.041, the St. Louis County Board adopts a County Forest Road Map to record county forest road prescriptive easements on state tax forfeited lands according to Minn. Stat. § 89.715, Subd. 3. The St. Louis County Board Chair shall sign and date the county forest road map, and shall have it recorded with the County Recorder within 90 days after the map is adopted [15-246]. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 11:18 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 11:23 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Rukavina/Nelson moved to approve \$50,000 in grant funding for the Sand Lake Association to assist in its control of native aquatic plants, with funding available in Fund 500-500001, Shoreline Sales (Environmental Trust Fund) [15-253]. Sand Lake Association President John Niemi and Bill Oliver discussed the aquatic plant issue and the purchase of equipment. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:29 a.m. to 11:31 a.m. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:28 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Raukar stepped out of the meeting from 11:33 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 11:53 a.m. to 11:56 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

The meeting was recessed from 12:13 p.m. to 12:17 p.m.

Finance & Budget Committee

Raukar/Nelson moved to declare support for the 2016 Capital Appropriation request of \$34 million for the St. Louis County/Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency/Range Mental Health Center new office facility. The St. Louis County Board designates this as its first priority bonding project for the 2016 Legislative Session [15-249]. St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Linnea Mirsch and Jack Larson, of the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), discussed the proposal. Commissioner Rukavina stepped out of the meeting from 12:54 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-1, Dahlberg)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Raukar/Nelson moved to award a bid to Traffic Marking Service, Inc., of Maple Lake, MN, in the amount of \$103,068.80 for project CP 0000-187064, SP 69-070-014, Edgeline Rumble Strips and Edgeline Striping, Various County State Aid Highways in St. Louis County [15-247R]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Raukar/Rukavina moved to award a bid to Traffic Marking Service, Inc., of Maple Lake, MN, for \$523,711.15 for project CP 0000-243581, Maintenance Striping 2015, Various Roads within St. Louis County, Lake County, City of Eveleth, City of Proctor and City of Virginia [15-247R]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Raukar/Rukavina moved to award a bid to Hoover Construction Co., of Virginia, MN, for \$304,100.00 for project CP 0000-235341, Aggregate Crushing, Northern St. Louis County 2015, Various locations [15-248R]. Commissioner Nelson disclosed to the Board that his daughter-in-law is the project

manager for this project and that he did not have any financial interest in the business; no Commissioners felt that there was a conflict of interest. The motion passed. (7-0)

St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray discussed the benefits of various Public Works and Transportation items that were passed on the consent agenda.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Stauber moved to support continued participation in the Minnesota State Auditor's Performance Measurement Program. St. Louis County will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year through publication, direct mailing, posting on the city's/county's website, or through a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input allowed. The St. Louis County Board approves submission of the 2015 St. Louis County Performance Measures Report [15-250]. St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Linnea Mirsch discussed the program. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Nelson moved to approve the 2015-2016 Assistant County Attorneys Unit contract and authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement [15-250]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Dahlberg moved to approve the 2015-2016 County Attorney Investigators Unit contract and authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement [15-251]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson mentioned that the Cherry Tigers (girls softball team) is having a gathering today at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Nelson also said that the team has made the state softball tournament six years in a row.

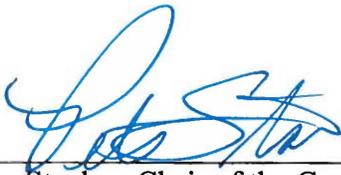
Commissioner Stauber said that a "Ready for Action" K-9 event will be held on Thursday, June 4th at the Amsoil Center in Superior, WI. Commissioner Stauber also said that the David Wheat statue ceremony is going to be held on Friday, June 5th at the Commemorative Air Force Museum near the Duluth Airport.

Commissioner Nelson stated that Leonard Youngman, of Virginia, turned 104 recently and is still doing volunteer work at Essentia Health – Virginia. Commissioner Nelson said that the St. Louis County Board recognized Leonard Youngman approximately nine years ago for his volunteer work.

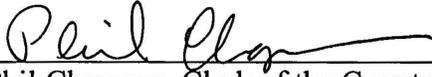
Commissioner Rukavina shared a story of a recent vehicle purchase by Leonard Youngman.

Commissioner Raukar made mention of a "Taconite Tax 101" article that he previously forwarded to Board members.

At 1:34 p.m., Raukar/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