

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 23, 2015

Location: Tower Civic Center, Tower, Minnesota

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

Absent: Chair Stauber

Convened: Vice-Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rukavina/Dahlberg moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #5, Access and Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Patrick and Karen Lucia [15-268] and without Item #9, Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 367 (Portage Township) [15-272]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

- Minutes of June 9, 2015
- Contract with the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis County Community Health Board to Accept UCare Grant Funds [15-264]
- Support for Federal Funding Assistance for Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project [15-265]
- Cancellation of Contracts for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Davis, Sturdevant, Davis [15-266]
- Cancellation of Contracts for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Pickett, Lundberg, Mian [15-267]
- Third Party Auditing Services – NSF International, Rescind Resolution No 15-353 [15-269]
- Agreement with MnDOT for Mainline Dynamic Warning Systems [15-270]
- Professional Services Agreement for Systems Engineering Analysis – Miller Hill Adaptive Signal Control (Duluth and Hermantown) [15-271]
- Road Maintenance and Facilities Agreement with White Township [15-273]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Floodwood Township) [15-274]
- Design Services Contract for Final Phase Remodeling – A.P. Cook Building, Public Safety Campus (Duluth) [15-275]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-276]
- Partial Liquor License Fee Refund – Ash-Ka-Nam Resort (Unorganized Township 68-19) [15-277].

Establishment of Public Hearings: Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson//Boyle moved to establish a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on July 28, 2015, in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Virginia, MN, for the purpose of considering an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Ash-Ka-Nam Resort & Lodge, LLC d/b/a Ash-Ka-Nam, Unorganized Township 68-19 [15-278]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, for \$712,000 for project CP 0921-238446 TST, located on CR 921 from TH 135 to Landfill Road in Virginia, length 0.809 miles. [15-279]. Commissioner Nelson discussed the improvement that he has observed over the past twelve years in the methods that are used to determine which roads are scheduled for repair. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Nelson/Boyle moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, for \$280,587 for a Combined Project in various townships: A.) CP 0259-197180 TST (Low) - CR 259 (West Beyer Road) from CSAH 4 (Rice Lake Road) to CSAH 34 (Howard Gnesen Road), length 2.002 miles, Culvert Replacement and Plant Mixed Bituminous Patches; B.) CP 0040-211415 (Tied) - CSAH 40 (McQuade Road) approximately 0.8 miles North of CR 258 (Pioneer Road), length 0.1 Miles, Culvert Replacement; and C.) CP 0675-192051 TST (Tied) - CR 675 approximately 0.27 miles South of CSAH 44, length 0.1 miles [15-279]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Nelson/Raukar moved to authorize the estimated purchase of salt at the State of Minnesota Contract price from North American Salt Company (DBA Compass Minerals America Inc.) of Overland Park, Kansas, for a maximum delivered cost of \$1,388,088 [15-280]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out at 12:19 p.m.

Nelson/Rukavina moved to authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of lands necessary for the replacement of County Bridge 367, State Bridge 7773. The State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requested to provide St. Louis County with easement across State of Minnesota Lands located in Section 36, Township 66 North, Range 17 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian adjacent to the present course of County State Aid Highway 116 [15-272]. The motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Stauber absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Rukavina/Jewell moved to approve the granting of a non-exclusive access and utility easement across state tax forfeited land to Patrick and Karen Lucia. The granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$635 land use fee, \$150 administration fee, and \$46 recording fee, for a total of \$831 [15-268]. The motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Stauber absent)

Commissioner Dahlberg returned to the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Rukavina said that he will continue questioning County officials if he feels it is necessary.

Commissioner Raukar talked about the progress that has been made over the past twenty-six years in fixing roads and stated that there are better controls on spending and determining where funds should be applied.

Commissioner Jewell discussed a bell-ringing event in which he participated with County Attorney Mark Rubin and Commissioner Boyle that honored the nine people killed recently by a racist in South Carolina.

At 12:28 p.m., Dahlberg/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

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Steve Raukat, Vice-Chair of the County Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Chapman", written over a horizontal line.

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board