

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

July 7, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, 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 11:53 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Dahlberg/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #7, State Tax Forfeited Lease – Hibbing Taconite Company (Balkan Township) [15-290]. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of June 23, 2015
- Acceptance of Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Grant Award [15-284]
- Day Training and Habilitation and Semi-Independent Living Services Contracts for FY 2016 [15-285]
- CY 2015 Out-of-State Contract for Residential Treatment Services to Families and Children [15-286]
- Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Tryon [15-287]
- Reclassification and Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority [15-288]
- Easements across State Tax Forfeited Land to Access Shoreland Lease Parcels – Tract B (Cotton and Ellsburg Townships) [15-289]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of Bridge on CR 916 (Morcom Township) [15-291]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of Bridge on CR 937 (Field Township) [15-292]
- Agreement with LHB Corp for Construction Administration Services for the Replacement of Bridge 414 on CSAH 4 (Colvin Township) [15-293]
- Execute 2015 HUD Contracts – CDBG, HOME and ESG Entitlement Grants [15-294]
- Parking Lot Repairs – Hibbing Courthouse Annex [15-295]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-296]
- Relief of Penalties for Late Receipt of First Half 2015 Real Estate Taxes [15-297]

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## Environment & Natural Resources Committee

At 11:55, City of Duluth Public Administration Director Jim Filby Williams gave a presentation to the Committee detailing St. Louis River Corridor Park and Trail Projects and the request for a conditional use deed by the City of Duluth for various parcels of state tax forfeited land. Commissioner Nelson stepped out of the meeting from 11:58 a.m. to 12:07 p.m.

Dahlberg/Jewell moved to reclassify the described state tax forfeited parcels as ‘non-conservation’, and that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the described state tax forfeited land to the City of

Duluth to be used for the Cross City Trail project, upon payment of \$250 administrative fee, \$250 Department of Revenue fee, \$1.65 deed tax, \$25 deed fee, and \$46 recording fee, for a total of \$572.65 [15-298]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Nelson/Raukar moved to reclassify the described state tax forfeited parcels as 'non-conservation', and that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the described state tax forfeited land to the City of Duluth to be used for the Quarry Park project, upon payment of \$250 administrative fee, \$250 Department of Revenue fee, \$1.65 deed tax, \$25 deed fee, and \$46 recording fee, for a total of \$572.65 [15-299]. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

Jewell/Boyle moved to reclassify the described state tax forfeited parcels as 'non-conservation', and that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the described state tax forfeited land to the City of Duluth to be used for the Western Waterfront Trail project, upon payment of \$250 administrative fee, \$250 Department of Revenue fee, \$1.65 deed tax, \$25 deed fee, and \$46 recording fee, for a total of \$572.65 [15-300]. Dahlberg/Rukavina offered an amendment to pull the following parcels from the agreement: 010-3270-01140, 010-3270-01130 and 010-2550-05080. After further discussion, Commissioner Dahlberg withdrew the amendment. The motion passed. (6-0, Stauber absent)

At 1:11 p.m., the Committee of the Whole recessed.

At 2:24 p.m., the Committee of the Whole re-convened with the following members present: Commissioners Boyle, Rukavina, Nelson, and Vice-Chair Raukar - 4. Absent: Commissioners Jewell, Dahlberg, Chair Stauber - 3.

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### **Health & Human Services Committee**

Boyle/Nelson moved to affirm and support the Bois Forte Band's appointment of Pamela M. Hughes to the vacant Bois Forte Reservation Representative position on the Heading Home St. Louis County Leadership Council for a three-year term ending December 31, 2018 [15-301]. The motion passed. (4-0, Jewell, Dahlberg, Stauber absent)

Boyle/Nelson moved to authorize increases to the Public Health and Human Services Department staffing complement by 10.0 FTE social workers. Should the state allocation be reduced or eliminated, these positions shall be reduced or eliminated in a proportionate manner [15-302]. St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Children and Family Services Director Holly Church discussed the program. Commissioner Dahlberg entered the meeting at 2:34 p.m. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell, Stauber absent)

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

Nelson/Raukar moved to award a bid to Hoover Construction, Co., of Virginia, MN, for \$436,699.65 for project CP 0406-213065 TST Bridge 69K30, approach grading and bridge construction located on CR 406 (Chisholm Road) between CSAH 114 (Olson Road West) and CSAH 74 (Willow River Road), length 0.01 miles, Willow Valley Township [15-303]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell, Stauber absent)

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

Nelson/Rukavina moved to adopt the revised St. Louis County Vacation Donation Policy. The previous St. Louis County Vacation Donation Policy, as found in County Board Resolution No. 96-

324, dated April 23, 1996, is hereby rescinded. The Board directs the Human Resources Director to continue to review, determine eligibility and process the vacation donation requests on behalf of employees of St. Louis County [15-304]. St. Louis County Human Resources Director Jim Gottschald discussed the vacation donation policy. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell, Stauber absent)

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**Environment & Natural Resources Committee**

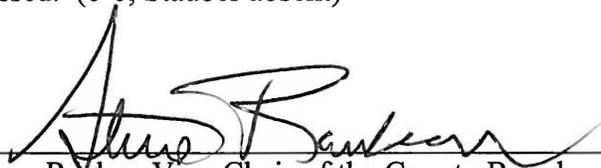
Nelson/Boyle moved to authorize the County Auditor to enter into a lease agreement with Hibbing Taconite Company, a Minnesota joint venture, not to exceed 25 years and subject to a surface disturbance fee of \$4,350 and an annual land use fee of \$1,650 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in a lease agreement. The lease with Hibbing Taconite Company, a Minnesota joint venture, shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Natural Resources [15-290]. Commissioner Jewell entered the meeting at 2:58 p.m. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn so the Land Department could review the agreement in more detail. No action taken.

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**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Rukavina discussed concerns he had regarding easements and requested that County Attorney Mark Rubin review the process.

At 3:15 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 Raukar, Vice-Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board