

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

August 4, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioners Jewell and Raukar

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Dahlberg/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell, Raukar absent)

- Minutes of July 28, 2015
- Contract with Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis County Community Health Board to Accept Community Wellness Grant Funds [15-339]
- MIECHV Funds for Expansion of the Nurse-Family Partnership Home Visiting Program [15-340]
- Authorization to Apply for SSTS Base, Incentive & Low-Income Fix-up Grant Funding [15-341]
- Award of Bid: 2015 Bud Capping Application [15-342]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Carlson [15-343]
- Public Sale of State Tax Forfeited Properties on October 8, 2015 [15-344]
- Public Sale of Shoreland Lease Lots [15-345]
- Agreement with the City of Duluth for Traffic Signals, Lighting and Interconnect on CSAH 9/4<sup>th</sup> Street [15-346]
- Agreement with the City of Duluth for Utility Improvements – Reconstruction of CSAH 9/4<sup>th</sup> Street/Wallace Avenue [15-347]
- Agreement with Lake Country Power for Rural Intersection Lighting Project [15-348]
- 2015 Second Quarter Budget Changes [15-349]

Commissioner Jewell entered the meeting at 1:59 p.m. Commissioner Raukar entered the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

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## Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved to authorize an increase the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) staffing complement by up to 14 full time equivalent (FTE) employees: 10 social workers and 4 public health nurses in order to handle the increased reassessment responsibilities under MnCHOICES; that the PHHS Department's 2015 expenditure budget be increased by \$220,000 (230-232017-610100) and revenue budget be increased \$220,000 (230-232015-530662 by \$110,000 and 230-232015-540263 by \$110,000); and further, that the PHHS Director shall work with County Administration to include the staffing and associated costs and revenues in the PHHS annual operating

budget [15-350]. Chair Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 2:07 p.m. to 2:08 p.m. The motion was amended to include the following: "That should Federal or State resources be discontinued, the positions associated with MnCHOICES re-assessments will be discontinued as well." After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

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### **Environment & Natural Resources Committee**

Rukavina/Boyle moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to execute a contract with Mutch's Forestry Service of Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$581,411.25 for a two-year Low Resolution Inventory contract for the period August 17, 2015 through December 22, 2017, in accordance with the specifications of Proposal No. 5254, payable from Fund 290, Agency 290001 (Forest Resources Fund), subject to approval of the County Attorney. [15-351]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

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

Raukar/Nelson moved authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the indemnification agreement between EIP Minnesota, LLC and St. Louis County relative to the county's exercise of its Drainage Authority power to abandon certain ditch segments in the Unidentified Ditch System. [15-352]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Raukar/Nelson moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the financial assurances agreement between EIP Credit Co., LLC and St. Louis County for the benefit of identified property owners adjacent to the proposed Lake Superior Wetland Bank [15-353]. The motion passed. (7-0)

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### **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Nelson said that he intends to bring a resolution to name the Ely Public Works facility in honor of former Commissioner Mike Forsman to the September 8, 2015 meeting in Morse Township.

Commissioner Dahlberg said that he will be on vacation in the Boundary Waters with his daughter next week and will not be attending the August 11, 2015 Board meeting.

Chair Stauber said tonight is National Night Out and encouraged citizen participation.

At 3:19 p.m., Raukar/Dahlberg moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



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Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board