

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 1, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Dahlberg

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 1:53 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #4, State Tax Forfeited Lease – Shoreland Lease Lots [15-384] and without Item #14, Fire Protection/First Responder Services Contract for Unorganized Territories – 2016 [15-394]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

- Minutes of August 11, 2015
- Approval of Registered Land Survey No. 128 (Morse Township) [15-381]
- Access Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land to Boyd J. and R. Wendell Snyder (Beatty Township) [15-382]
- Legal Services for the Sale of Shoreland Lease Lots – Hanft Fride [15-383]
- Authorization to Accept SSTS Base, Incentive & Low-Income Fix-up Grant Funding [15-385]
- Award of Bid: Grader Blades, Cutting Edges, Pick Blades and Bits [15-386]
- State Contract Purchase of Equipment Trailer [15-387]
- Award of Bid: Gasohol, Fuel Oil and Diesel Fuel [15-388]
- Drainage/Pipe Easements in Connection with Relocated CSAH 102 (Mt. Iron) [15-389]
- Acceptance of Bids – Culvert Purchase for Bridge 484 on CR 310/Keenan Road (Clinton Township) [15-390]
- Acceptance of County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant [15-391]
- Duluth GSC Parking Ramp Alley Level Repairs [15-392]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-393]
- Reallocation of Assistant Human Resources Director and Senior Human Resources Advisor to Human Resources Manager [15-395]
- Application and Acceptance of the 2015 Port Security Grant [15-396]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/Stauber moved to establish a public hearing on the City of Hermantown's request for additional tax abatement financing for the Hermantown Marketplace Project on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 9:40 a.m. at the Hermantown City Council Chambers, Hermantown, MN [15-397]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

At 1:55 p.m., St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi gave the Committee an informational presentation regarding an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) pilot program. Chair Stauber

stepped out of the meeting from 2:03 p.m. to 2:04 p.m. Commissioner Dahlberg entered the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Chair Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 2:19 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Commissioner Boyle stepped out of the meeting from 2:22 p.m. to 2:23 p.m. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 2:28 p.m. to 2:29 p.m. Commissioner Nelson stepped out of the meeting from 2:29 p.m. to 2:30

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Rukavina/Nelson moved to rename the Ely Joint Public Works Facility as the “Michael D. Forsman Public Works Facility,” in honor of former St. Louis County Commissioner Mike Forsman and his continuous dedication to the transportation needs of St. Louis County and Minnesota. [15-398]. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Stauber moved that the County Board, acting on behalf of unorganized townships for the purpose of road and bridge maintenance and construction, adopts and certifies a maximum levy of \$1,582,000 for the year 2016 to be levied only in such unorganized townships. [15-399]. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-1, Rukavina)

Commissioner Jewell exited the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Rukavina/Raukar moved that the County Board certify the St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority maximum property tax levy for 2016 in the amount of \$208,940. [15-400]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/Boyle moved to authorize the County Auditor to spread local levies for the provision of fire protection and/or first responder services to identified unorganized territories within the county beginning January 1, 2016, and to authorize the agreements with the listed corporations for the provision of these services. [15-394]. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting at 3:26 p.m. The motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, Jewell, Dahlberg absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Stauber/Nelson moved to appoint Virginia Katz of Duluth, MN, to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors for a term expiring on December 31, 2015. [15-401]. Commissioner Dahlberg returned to the meeting at 3:28 p.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Commissioner Rukavina stepped out of the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Nelson/Dahlberg moved to appoint Commissioner Jewell and Commissioner Rukavina as representatives to the County Election Canvassing Board with terms expiring on December 31, 2015 [15-402]. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell, Rukavina absent)

Nelson/Stauber moved to appoint Lisa Sweet and Amy Gundersen to the County Absentee Board and the County Mail Ballot Board. The County Auditor and/or Elections Supervisor may make appointments to vacancies should they occur [15-403]. Commissioner Rukavina returned to the meeting at 3:31 p.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Raukar/Nelson moved to approve the establishment of the Camp Esquagama Advisory Group with a membership of seven (7) citizen representatives selected from each Commissioner District to be appointed by that Commissioner, with the approval of the County Board. These seven (7) citizen representatives will be added to the existing County Board appointments to the Camp Esquagama Advisory Group consisting of two (2) Commissioners and the County Auditor. The County Auditor is directed to advertise for seven (7) potential citizen appointees to the Camp Esquagama Advisory Group to obtain a selection of applications from each Commissioner District for appointment [15-404]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

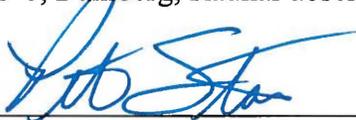
Nelson/Boyle moved to authorize the County Auditor to enter into an annual lease agreement with shoreland leaseholders subject to the terms and conditions [15-384]. Commissioner Raukar exited the meeting at 3:37 p.m. Commissioner Boyle stepped out of the meeting from 3:47 p.m. to 3:48 p.m. Commissioner Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 4:02 p.m. to 4:04 p.m. Commissioner Jewell returned to the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Dahlberg exited the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Commissioners held a discussion relating to the sale of leased shoreland lots. The motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Raukar absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

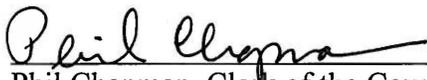
Commissioner Jewell said that ballast water testing will take place in October. Due to the water temperature in October, the test will take place in Lake Ontario rather than Lake Superior.

Chair Stauber commented on the high quality of customer service that St. Louis County Deputy Land Commissioner Jason Meyer has been providing when assisting people with questions relating to the sale of leased shoreland lots.

At 4:25 p.m., Jewell/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Raukar absent)



Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board