

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 8, 2015

Location: Morse Town Hall, Ely, Minnesota
Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Dahlberg, Rukavina, Nelson, Raukar, and Chair Stauber
Absent: None
Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of September 1, 2015
- Cancellation of Contracts for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Smith, Estate of Forrest J. Richardson [15-407]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Rajkovich [15-408]
- Acceptance of Quote: Guardrail Project on St. Louis County Roads and Township Road 5702 (Brevator Township) [15-409]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 209 over Joula Creek (Cedar Valley Township) [15-410]
- Wall Repairs – A.P. Cook Building, Public Safety Campus (Duluth) [15-411]
- St. Louis County Sheriff's North Rescue Squad Building – Phase II Construction Services [15-412]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Gnesen Township) [15-413]
- Application and Acceptance of 2014 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden Grant [15-414]
- Application and Acceptance of 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant [15-415]

Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/Rukavina moved to establish a public hearing to be held at 9:40 a.m., on October 6, 2015, in the Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of considering an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Myrtle Lake Resort, LLC d/b/a Myrtle Lake Resort, LLC, Portage Township. [15-416]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Raukar/Rukavina moved to direct Administration and the Public Works Department to develop and implement an interim ATV permit process that will allow ATV use in the county road right of way in up to three (3) geographical areas of the county. The Public Works Department and Sheriff shall perform an ongoing evaluation and review of ATV activities during the interim permit period. The

Public Works Department shall have discretion to select the road or portions of roads that will be permitted and will also have the discretion to revoke the permit. The permittee shall be an ATV club duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota and recognized by the Minnesota Secretary of State. If the location of any roads designated under the interim permit process for ATV use is in a duly organized township or city, the Public Works Department shall receive an official resolution or communication from the township or city indicating its general support for ATV use in the county right of way. The St. Louis County Board directs Administration and the Public Works Department to develop a comprehensive ATV policy or ordinance that may permit ATV use in county road rights of way by April 5, 2016. Commissioner Nelson stepped out of the meeting from 12:19 p.m. to 12:21 p.m. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi distributed and discussed three (3) maps that detail the prospective roads for interim ATV permits. Bruce Beste, of Crane Lake, discussed benefits of extra revenue being generated due to the approval of the ATV permit process and ordinance. Nick Woogman, of Ely, asked the Board to consider opening a section along the Cloquet line. Nick Sutich, Lake Vermilion, discussed ATV access issues near County Road 24. [15-417]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Stauber moved that the St. Louis County Board certifies the maximum property tax levy for 2016 in the amount of \$116,631,193.00. [15-418]. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Nelson moved to request that the Fredenberg Town Board provide a progress report on the "Frendenberg Park" plan design and implementation to date, no later than October 31, 2015. [15-419]. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Dahlberg and Commissioner Jewell discussed the proposed Morgan Park School development project.

Commissioner Nelson thanked Ginny Anderson making baked goods for the meeting.

At 1:16 p.m., Rukavina/Jewell 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