

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2015**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015, at 9:38 a.m., at the Hermantown City Council Chambers, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Chris Dahlberg, Tom Rukavina, Keith Nelson, Steve Raukar, and Chair Pete Stauber - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Chair Stauber asked for a moment of silence to pray for the safety of service men and women, their families, and for all innocent victims of war and acts of terrorism, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A presentation was given to the Board regarding the progress of the Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center. Mark McShane, John Mulder, Hermantown City Administrator, Kelly Biondi, Steering Committee Member, and Dr. David Herman, CEO of Essentia Health spoke during the presentation.

The Board recessed at 10:11 a.m. and reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with all members present except Commissioner Raukar.

Chair Stauber then opened the meeting to persons who wanted to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. The following citizens addressed the Board: Joel Vikre, of Duluth; Eric Faust, of Duluth; Laura Mullen, of Duluth; Ton Hanson, of Duluth; Kelly Bartz, of Duluth; Greg Benson, of Duluth; Clint Agar, of Duluth; Steve Knauss, of Superior; Heather Strasser, of Duluth; and Connie Haugen, of Esko, discussed environmental concerns and potential negative economic impacts relating to copper-nickel mining. Will Sandstrom, of Hibbing, discussed issues he is having regarding access to property located in Leiding Township.

At 10:55 a.m., a public hearing was conducted pursuant to Resolution No. 15-559, adopted September 8, 2015, to solicit public input prior to considering an additional tax abatement for the Hermantown Marketplace Project (Hermantown). St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director Barb Hayden discussed the agreement. Hermantown City Attorney Steve Overom discussed the contractual agreements in place between the City of Hermantown and Mills Properties, Inc. Chair Stauber asked if there were any other governmental entities, supporters, or opponents who wished to speak regarding the proposed action and no one came forth. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 11:10 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Nelson stepped out of the meeting from 11:13 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. At 11:18 a.m., Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Dahlberg, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to authorize up to \$500,000 tax abatement financing to the City of Hermantown; that the City of Hermantown is not required to pay applicant fees; further, that provided all required documentation is submitted by the City of Hermantown, the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a business subsidy agreement

with the City of Hermantown and any other related documents after review and approval by a representative of the County Attorney's Office; and further, St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 15-139 is hereby rescinded. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 15-625.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Rukavina, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board has reviewed a request to appeal the map designation for prescriptive easement RD-ID-40520, and has decided to retain prescriptive easement RD-ID-40520 to ensure the road will be available to the county's land managers in perpetuity, so they can continue to provide the county's citizens with high quality land management practices. St. Louis County Land Commissioner Mark Weber discussed forest management and potential fire hazards relating to the road. St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin provided clarification regarding Minn. Stat. § 89.715, Subd. 3, and Minn. Stat. § 282.041. Will Sandstrom and Steve Bradach spoke in favor of the prescriptive easement. After further discussion, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 15-626.

The following Board and contract files were created resulting from documents received at this Board meeting:

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Foldesi, County Engineer/Public Works Director, submitting Board Letter No. 15-440, Purchase of Two Motor Grader Rebuilds.—60213

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 15-442, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the 2016 Fee Schedule.—60214

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Barbara Hayden, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 15-448, Citizen Appointments to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee.—60215

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Mark Weber, Land and Minerals Director, and Donald Dicklich, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 15-445, Appeal of a Prescriptive Easement Across Private Land.—60216

John Mulder, Hermantown City Administrator, submitting an information packet regarding the Essentia Health Regional Wellness Center.—60217

Eric Faust, Owner, Duluth Coffee Company, regarding his opposition of sulfide mining and any other action that may create a threat to our watershed.—60218

Steve Bradach submitted maps regarding the prescriptive easement appeal by Paul Weisinger, RD-ID-40520, Parcel Codes 677-0011-00220 & 677-0011-00320.—60219

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Gausman & Moore, Duluth, MN, for three (3) on-site visits, electrical site plan, riser diagram, and project team coordination with Minnesota

Power, Hunt Electric, and St. Louis County for the electrical service site upgrades at the A. P. Cook Building in Duluth, MN.—15-989

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Mesabi Bituminous, Gilbert, MN, for a mill and overlay projects in Winton Township, CP 0117-272831(Low) TST, CP 0118-272832(Tied) TST, CP 0945-272839(Tied).—15-990

Contract for Services between the County of St. Louis and Hanft Fride, A Professional Association, Duluth, MN, for title examinations, title commitments, drafting purchase agreements, correspondence with landowners and County employees, and all closings on Shoreland Lease Lots being sold by the County through December 31, 2017.—15-991

Contract No. 15536 by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia, MN, for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) services during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.—15-992

Contract No. 15542 by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia, MN, for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) Flex Fund Administration services during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.—15-993

Emergency Management Performance Grant 2015 from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, St. Paul, MN, to the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.—15-994

St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program Grant Agreement between St. Louis County and the Minnesota Division – Izaak Walton League of America for a Rapid Response Mobile Ballast Water Treatment System, effective August 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.—15-995

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52635, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Shannon Lustila and LeLyn Lustila, Hibbing, MN.—15-996

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52671, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Banyan, Chisholm, MN.—15-997

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52672, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Barrington, Hibbing, MN.—15-998

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52673, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Bradford, Chisholm, MN.—15-999

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52674, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Cypress, Chisholm, MN.—15-1000

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52675, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Frasier, Hibbing, MN.—15-1001

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52676, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Hawthorne, Chisholm, MN.—15-1002

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52677, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Laurel, Buhl, MN.—15-1003

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52678, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Logan, Buhl, MN.—15-1004

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52679, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Outlook, Chisholm, MN.—15-1005

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52680, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Sequoia, Hibbing, MN.—15-1006

Group Residential Housing Rate Agreement, Contract No. 52681, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center – Tamarack, Chisholm, MN.—15-1007

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 15507A, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Jamey Johnson for Waiver Chore Services.—15-1008

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 15518A, by and between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and David Spawn for Waiver Chore Services.—15-1009

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, resolutions numbered 15-607 through 15-624, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

**BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:**

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of October 6, 2015, are hereby approved.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-607

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has appropriated money since 2005 to fund supportive services in the housing programs that serve individuals, unaccompanied youth, and families experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, In 2013 legislative funding was again provided to St. Louis County in the amount of \$1,448,926 for the 2013-2015 biennium, which was approved for acceptance by the St. Louis County Board on August 13, 2013, by Resolution No. 13-520; and

WHEREAS, In 2014 the Department of Human Services (DHS) authorized an additional \$210,000 for the 2013-2015 biennium, which was approved for acceptance by the St. Louis County Board on March 25, 2014, by Board Resolution No. 14-149; and

WHEREAS, DHS advertised a change in the fiscal year of this grant, resulting in an additional \$414,731.50 in funding for July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, with St. Louis County continuing to be the grantee and fiscal agent for this project and Hearth Connection serving as Management Agent, per Board Resolution No. 15-474; and

WHEREAS, The Request for Proposals for the next biennium was published on August 24,

2015 with additional funds available for the 2016-2017 biennium through December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Hearth Connection, as the management agent, will author an application for renewal of the grant in an amount up to \$2,000,000 on behalf of the Northeast Region, with St. Louis County serving as fiscal agent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to make application to the Long Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund state grant funding in an amount up to \$2,000,000 for the 2016-2017 biennium on behalf of the Northeast Minnesota Project to End Long-Term Homelessness.

Budget Reference: 230-232001-530640-23205-99999999-2016

Budget Reference: 230-232001-607200-23205-99999999-2016

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-608

WHEREAS, The Registrar of Titles is authorized to require Registered Land Survey No. 129 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 508.47; and

WHEREAS, The County Surveyor and Examiner of Titles have approved Registered Land Survey No. 129; and

WHEREAS, The final prints have been submitted for filing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board grants final approval to Registered Land Survey No. 129 located in part of NE ¼ of NW ¼, Section 32, Township 51 North, Range 14 West.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-609

WHEREAS, St. Louis County desires to offer for sale certain parcels of state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, The parcels are not withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, The parcels of land cannot be improved because they are less than the minimum size required by the applicable zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The County Auditor has determined that a non-public sale to adjacent property owners will encourage the return of the lands to the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, The parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of the parcels described in County Board File No. 60043, and the County Auditor is authorized to offer the parcels at private sale to the adjacent property owners to encourage return of the parcel to the tax rolls. Funds from the sales are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Land Commissioner shall give at least 30 days' notice of its sales to all adjoining owners.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-610

WHEREAS, The contract with the Estate of Forrest J. Richardson of Kasson, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes and installments and failure to provide proof of insurance; and

WHEREAS, The purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

TOWN OF FAIRBANKS  
N 300 FT OF S 500 FT OF E 300 FT OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4  
SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 56 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST  
Parcel Code: 335-0010-03755  
C22130116; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 282.04, Subd. 2(d) and 504B.271 authorize the County Auditor to dispose of abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, The previous owner of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract for the purchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor is authorized to dispose of abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-611

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 15-453, dated July 28, 2015, cancelled a contract with Kevin Richards for Richards Salvage & Recycling for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, The contract holder has cured the default;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 15-453, dated July 28, 2015, is rescinded.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-612

WHEREAS, Sarah Stonich and Jon Ware have requested an access easement across state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the private property owned by Sarah Stonich and Jon Ware; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts and will not conflict with public use of land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4a, authorizes the County Auditor to grant easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive access easement to Sarah Stonich and Jon Ware across state tax forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 60012;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$1,343 land use fee, \$50 administration fee, and \$46 recording fee, for a total of \$1,439 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-613

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 7, requires that a state tax forfeited land sale must continue until the County Board orders a reappraisal or withdraws any or all parcels from sale; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor has requested to acquire three state tax forfeited parcels currently available on the Available Land Sale List for the public use of trails and recreation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board withdraws from the

Available Land Sale List the state tax forfeited parcels described as:

Lots 1 thru 26, Block 1, Proctor Heights

Lots 1 thru 24, Block 10, Quinns Addition to Proctor

Lots 1 thru 22, Block 4, Quinns Addition to Proctor

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-614

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to offer for sale, as recommended by the Land Commissioner, certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Laws 2015, Chapter 25, Section 23, provides for the sale of thirty-six (36) state tax forfeited parcels located in the Park Point neighborhood of Duluth, MN, to adjoining owners; and

WHEREAS, The parcels as described in County Board File No. 60142 have been classified as non-conservation as provided for in Minn. Stat. Chapter 282.01; and

WHEREAS, These parcels are not withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Natural Resources has approved the sale of these lands, as required by Minn. Stat. Chapter 282; and

WHEREAS, County Board Resolution No. 15-392, dated June 23, 2015, requires that solicitations of bids from the Park Point adjoining owner sale are subject to review and approval by the County Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to execute the sales of the bid offerings for the private adjoining owner sale, dated September 24, 2015. Funds from the auction are to be deposited into Fund 500, Agency 500001 (Environmental Trust Fund).

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-615

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department's 2015 equipment budget includes the replacement of one (1) 100,000 lb. equipment trailer; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested State of Minnesota Contract pricing for the Towmaster T-100 equipment trailer due to its quality, department experience, savings in inventory, operator familiarity, and local support; and

WHEREAS, Titan Machinery, Inc., of Duluth, MN, provided the State Contract pricing of \$64,774.75, plus 6.5% State of Minnesota sales tax, plus vehicle excise tax for a total purchase price of \$69,005.11;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of one (1) Towmaster T-100 equipment trailer from Titan Machinery, Inc., of Duluth, MN, at the total purchase price of \$69,005.11, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 665900.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-616

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department's 2015 equipment budget allows for the purchase of two (2) Caterpillar 143 H Motor Grader Certified Power Train Plus Machine Rebuilds; and

WHEREAS, The purchase of rebuilt graders with like-new warranty will save the county approximately \$100,000 per unit in comparison to new grader purchases; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department received a single source quotation of \$338,996.00 from Ziegler, Inc., of Duluth, MN;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase order of two (2) Caterpillar 143 H Motor Grader Certified Power Train Plus Machine Rebuilds from Ziegler, Inc., of Duluth, MN, at the single source price totaling \$338,996, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666400.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-617

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0611-213067 TST, Bridge 69K33, located on CR 611 (Hopper Road) between Stone Lake Bridge Road and CSAH 44 over Pine Creek in Ault Township; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on October 1, 2015, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	P.O. Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$463,895.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project, payable from Fund 444, Agency 444039, Object 652806.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-618

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatements, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 60032.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-619

WHEREAS, The County Board annually reviews health insurance trends, expected claims, and its self-insured health and dental fund to establish funding levels for the employee and retiree medical and dental plans; and

WHEREAS, The County Board believes a 3.75% rate increase for the self-funded health and dental plans in 2016 is reasonable based on projections prepared by its claims administrators and the County Auditor and as recommended by its Health Insurance Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes 2016 monthly premium rates for the self-funded employee and retiree health insurance as follows:

For groups in 2015 paying \$687.00 for Single Coverage and \$1,595.57 for Family Coverage:

	<u>2016 Rate</u>
SINGLE COVERAGE:	\$ 712.76
FAMILY COVERAGE:	\$1,655.40

For groups in 2015 paying \$665.06 for Single Coverage and \$1,573.63 for Family Coverage:

	<u>2016 Rate</u>
SINGLE COVERAGE:	\$ 685.91
FAMILY COVERAGE:	\$1,628.55

For retirees:

	<u>2016 Rate</u>
SINGLE COVERAGE:	\$ 685.91
FAMILY COVERAGE:	\$1,628.55

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the 2016 stop-loss rate payable to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota of \$7.89 per contract per month is approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a 2016 per contract per month administrative service fee of \$33.59 payable to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota is approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the 2016 monthly premium rate for the self-insured dental plan is approved, with a 1.75% increase, in the amount of \$37.66;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the 2016 per contract per month administrative service fee of \$2.18 payable to Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota is approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute a contract for administrative services of the medical and dental plans for the time period covering January 1 – December 31, 2016 as set forth above.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-620

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will convene a public hearing at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to consider the adoption of the fee schedule for various county services for the year 2016.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-621

RESOLVED, That the workers’ compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated October 2, 2015, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60026, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-622

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to Frygard, LLC d/b/a Timbers Edge Grill & Bar, Unorganized Township 56-17, to sell/serve liquor outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the date of October 24, 2015, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60027.

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-623

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to serve on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Two (2) current citizen members, Dana Hiltunen (At Large, Britt, MN) and Julie Spiering (At Large, rural Gilbert, MN) have requested to serve another term on the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, There are three (3) additional vacancies on this committee to be filled through an advertised application process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board reappoints Dana Hiltunen (At Large, Britt, MN) and Julie Spiering (At Large, rural Gilbert, MN) to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee for terms expiring April 30, 2018;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor is authorized to advertise and accept applications until November 15, 2015, for three (3) vacant positions on the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee with terms expiring April 30, 2018 as follows:

- One representative of the southern townships
- One representative of Chisholm
- One representative of Ely

Adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-624

**BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:**

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 469.1812 through 469.1815, Abatement Authority, require that a public hearing be conducted prior to approving a tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2015, by Resolution No. 15-139, the St. Louis County Board authorized up to \$400,000 in tax abatement financing for the public infrastructure in the Hermantown Marketplace Project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown, MN, has requested St. Louis County to consider an additional \$100,000 for a total of \$500,000 tax abatement to cover additional costs for the project; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 9:40 a.m., at the Hermantown City Council Chambers, Hermantown, MN, to solicit public input prior to considering the additional business subsidy request; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board has determined that the public benefits of increasing the county tax base exceed the costs of tax abatement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes up to \$500,000 tax abatement financing to the City of Hermantown payable from Fund 100, Agency 100001, Object 500900;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the City of Hermantown is not required to pay applicant fees;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That provided all required documentation is submitted by the City of Hermantown, the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a business subsidy agreement with the City of Hermantown and any other related documents after review and approval by a representative of the County Attorney's Office;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 15-139 is hereby rescinded.

Unanimously adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-625

**BY COMMISSIONER RUKAVINA:**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.041, the St. Louis County Board has adopted and recorded a county forest road map to record county forest road prescriptive easements for access to state tax forfeited lands according to Minn. Stat. § 89.715; and

WHEREAS, A property owner who is directly affected by a proposed map designation may appeal the map designation to the County Board within 60 days of the map being recorded by filing a written request for review. The County Board shall review the request and any supporting evidence and render a decision within 45 days of receipt of the request for review; and

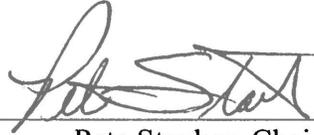
WHEREAS, Mr. Paul Weisinger has formally appealed the decision to record prescriptive easement RD-ID-40520 across his property by filing a written request for review on August 20,

2015;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board has reviewed a request to appeal the map designation for prescriptive easement RD-ID-40520, and has decided to retain prescriptive easement RD-ID-40520 to ensure the road will be available to the county's land managers in perpetuity, so they can continue to provide the county's citizens with high quality land management practices.

Unanimously adopted October 13, 2015. No. 15-626

At 12:32 p.m., October 13, 2015, Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Raukar, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Pete Stauber, Chair of the Board  
of County Commissioners

Attest:



Donald Dicklich, County Auditor  
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board  
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)