

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 3, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Raukar

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

- Minutes of October 27, 2015
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Carter [15-485]
- Disk Storage Area Network Hardware and Software Expansion [15-486]
- Joint Powers Agreement for a Residential Survey [15-487]
- Arrowhead Counties Association Lobbying Services Agreement [15-488]
- Expend 2015 Port Security Grant – Purchase of Portable Remote Viewing Robot [15-489]

Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved to authorize the purchase of furniture for the remodel of the Public Health and Human Services Initial Intervention Unit from Northern Business Products, Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$65,797.17. The St. Louis County Board authorizes an increase in the PHHS Expense Budget 230-230011-640300 in the amount of \$65,797.17, and use of \$65,797.17 of assigned Fund Balance 230-230011-311404. [15-490]. Chair Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 11:12 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Boyle/Rukavina moved to authorize a month-to-month lease amendment with Infotel Investments L.L.C. for office space in the Arvig Building, Duluth, MN, for 4,557 square feet in size in the amount of \$7,040 per month for a maximum of three months. The St. Louis County Board authorizes increases in PHHS Expense Budget 230-230011-634200 in the amount of \$21,120 and use of \$21,120 of assigned fund balance 230-230011-311404. [15-491]. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 11:17 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Nelson/Rukavina moved to authorize the purchase of six 2016 Mack GU713 tandem trucks from Twin Cities Mack and Volvo Trucks of Roseville, MN, for a total cost of \$727,129.47 [15-492]. Commissioner Nelson noted that the total amount in the resolution was incorrect (\$705,626.10); the correct amount is \$727,129.47. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:20 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Nelson/Rukavina moved to authorize the purchase and installation of six (6) dump bodies with hydraulic systems and snow fighting equipment from Towmaster, Inc., of Litchfield, MN for \$644,520 [15-493]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Stauber moved to adopt the revised St. Louis County Purchasing Rules and Regulations, effective December 1, 2015, and rescind County Board Resolution No. 08-610, adopted November 18, 2008. [15-494]. St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Gary Eckenberg and St. Louis County Procurement Manager Donna Viskoe discussed revisions that were made to the purchasing rules and regulations. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0, Raukar absent)

The Committee recessed at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 12:28 p.m. with all members present except Commissioner Raukar.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

St. Louis County Intergovernmental Relation Director John Ongaro provided an overview of the legislative priorities to the Committee and St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Director Ann Busche discussed Public Health and Human Services legislative positions.

Jewell/Boyle moved to approve the “2016 St. Louis County Legislative Priorities” and direct Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro to work to achieve these outcomes and report progress on other initiatives during the 2016 Legislative Session. [15-495]. The motion passed without recommendation for consideration at the November 24, 2015 St. Louis County Board meeting. (5-1, Dahlberg nay, Raukar absent)

Rukavina/Stauber moved to appoint Virginia Katz of Duluth, MN, to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors for a term expiring on December 31, 2019. [15-496]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Boyle discussed three recent Duluth News Tribune articles relating to St. Louis County.

Commissioner Nelson discussed concerns he had about a Duluth News Tribune article regarding enclosed deer hunting stands on public land. Commissioner Nelson discussed the impact that Congressman Jim Oberstar had on transportation and said he attended the Duluth International Airport terminal dedication event honoring Congressman Oberstar. As part of his initiative to highlight the importance of agriculture in St. Louis County, Commissioner Nelson discussed beef production. Commissioner Nelson said that Minnesota ranks eighth in beef production in the United States.

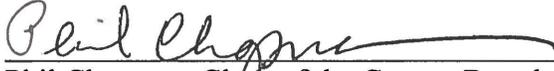
Commissioner Rukavina commented about his potato crop.

Commissioner Jewell said Congressman Jim Oberstar was a courageous person and was one of the few people who voted against the war with Iraq.

At 2:22 p.m., Nelson/Rukavina moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)



Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board