

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 1, 2015

Location: Aurora Community Center, Aurora, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Raukar moved to approve the consent agenda without item #1, Acceptance of Funding for the Northeast Minnesota Project to End Long-Term Homelessness [15-530]. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of November 24, 2015
- Acceptance of Grant from the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding [15-531]
- Agreement with Carlton-Cook-Lake-St Louis Community Health Board to carry out Statewide Health Improvement Program Objectives [15-532]
- Special Sale of State Tax Forfeited Land to the City of Rice Lake and Rescind County Board Resolution 15-524 [15-533]
- Professional Services Agreement – Hibbing Safe Routes to School Plan [15-534]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-535]
- 2016-18 Memorandum of Agreement – University of Minnesota Extension [15-536]
- Dedication of Permanent and Temporary Highway Easements over County Fee Owned Property [15-537]
- 2016 Federal Lobbying Services Contract - Lockridge, Grindal & Nauen [15-538]
- Reallocation of Information Specialist II to Planner I [15-539]
- Professional Services Agreement with Stacy Andrews for Management of Technology Projects [15-540]

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to approve the 2016 Budget Resolution. St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Linnea Mirsch reviewed changes to the budget resolution. Commissioner Nelson provided a handout to the Committee and discussed the City of Duluth's 2016 levy increase. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Rukavina/Stauber moved that pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, the application for license to sell tobacco products at retail, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60058, is approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license as follows; Keith/Lois Nelson d/b/a At Your Convenience, Fayal Township, Tobacco Products License, effective January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016, RENEWAL. [15-541]. Commissioner Nelson

abstained from the vote because he has a direct financial interest in the business. The motion passed. (6-0, Nelson abstention)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Stauber moved to re-appoint Julie A. Waltenburg and Wayne Marshall to the Civil Service Commission for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2018. [15-542]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Raukar moved to request that the Minnesota Department of Revenue act immediately to reclaim former tax forfeited lands previously free conveyed to Fredenberg Township for the purpose of a township park, without recommendation to the February 2, 2016 Board meeting. St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin provided clarification to the Committee; Attorney Rubin stated that the property was conveyed without conditions and there was not precedence for such a request. In addition, Attorney Rubin stated that the Fredenberg Town Board is answerable to the Minnesota Department of Revenue and they have three years to implement a process approved by the Department of Revenue. After further discussion, the Board recessed at 1:09 p.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m. with all members present. Commissioner Jewell withdrew the motion. Jewell/Boyle moved to table the item until the January 12, 2016, Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-2, Dahlberg, Nelson)

Health & Human Services Committee

Nelson/Boyle moved to accept funding for the Northeast Minnesota Project to End Long-Term Homelessness. [15-530]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Boyle said the Public Health and Human Services Director Ann Busche will be retiring in April of 2016.

Chair Stauber reminded everyone that Commissioner Nelson's challenge of creating a food item from rye (provided by Commissioner Nelson) will take place in the Commissioner's Conference Room on December 15, 2015.

Commissioner Nelson said that the first place winner will receive ground beef produced on his farm.

At 1:30 p.m., Dahlberg/Raukar 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