

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 12, 2016

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Dahlberg

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Dahlberg entered the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

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

- Minutes of January 5, 2016
- Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to James R. St. George, Fulda, Ziells, Hatecke (Unorganized Township 54-16) [16-28]
- A Thirty-Three (33) Foot Access Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land for Access in the Plat of Wolf West (Morse Township) [16-29]
- A Sixty-Six (66) Foot Access Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land for Access to the Plat of Wolf West (Morse Township) [16-30]
- Acquisition of Right of Way by Eminent Domain Proceedings for Sidewalk Construction on CSAH 4 (Duluth) [16-31]
- Agreement for Wet Reflective Epoxy Edgeline Project (St. Louis, Aitkin, Carlton, Itasca and Lake Counties) [16-32]
- Waiver of Ordinance No. 28, Section 11.05 – Billy’s (Rice Lake) [16-33]
- New Job Class – Loss Control Manager and Reallocation of 1.0 FTE Loss Control Specialist Senior to Loss Control Manager [16-34]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Raukar/Stauber moved to award a bid to Redstone Construction, LLC., Mora, MN, in the amount of \$523,111.80 for Project CP 0185-243860 TST, located on CR 185 (Sara Lampi Road) between CR 743 (Toivola Road) and CR 817 (Arkola Road), length 0.1 miles, Toivola Township. [16-35]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Stauber/Nelson moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$2,712,795.42 for combined project: A.) CP 0002-244409 TST (Low): CSAH 2 (West Tischer Road) from CSAH 4 (Rice Lake Road) to CSAH 34 (Howard Gnesen Road), length 2.0 miles; B.) CP 0002-261283 TST (Tied): CSAH 2 (West Tischer Road) from CSAH 34 (Howard Gnesen Road) to CR 246 (Eagle Lake Road), length 1.9 miles; C.) CP 0259-153437 TST (Tied): CR 259 (West Beyer Road) from CSAH 4 (Rice Lake Road) to CSAH 34 (Howard Gnesen Road), length 2.0 miles; D.) CP 0280-153456 TST (Tied): CR 280 (Riley Road) from CR 289 (Woodland Avenue) to CR 245 (Washburn Road),

length 2.362 miles; and E.) CP 0289-153458 TST (Tied): CR 289 (Woodland Avenue) from CSAH 10 (Martin Road) to CSAH 2 (West Tischer Road), length 1.0 miles, City of Rice Lake and Lakewood Township. [16-35]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Nelson/Dahlberg moved to reappoint Sherry Rodriguez as the St. Louis County Veterans Service Officer for a four year period beginning January 28, 2016 and ending January 28, 2020 at her current biweekly compensation rate of \$2,725.60 (Pay Plan A1, Grade 18, Step 08), with all benefits at her current level and as provided in the St. Louis County Management Compensation Plan. Before entering upon these duties, Ms. Rodriguez will take and subscribe to the oath required of public officials under Minn. Stat. § 197.60, Subd. 5. [16-36]. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Rukavina/Nelson moved to appoint Richard Cartier, Duluth, MN, to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2018. [16-37]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Rukavina/Nelson moved to appoint Roger Skraba, Ely, MN, to the Board of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2016. [16-38]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Rukavina moved to appoint Lisa Sweet, 100 N. 5th Ave. West, #214, Duluth, MN, 55802, and Amy Gundersen, 100 N. 5th Ave. West, #214, Duluth, MN, 55802, as election judges during 2016 to process applications and ballots in the Duluth Courthouse for the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) Ballot Board, effective through December 31, 2016. The County Auditor and/or Clerk of the County Board may make election judge appointments to fill vacancies should they occur. [16-39]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Boyle moved that to approve the revised St. Louis County Real Property Tax Abatement Policy and rescind County Board Resolution No. 89-691, dated August 15, 1989, and County Board Resolution No. 93-861, dated November 30, 1993. [16-40]. Commissioner Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 11:02 a.m. to 11:04 a.m. St. Louis County Director of Public Records and Property Valuation Mark Monacelli and County Assessor Dave Sipila discussed revisions to the policy. The motion passed. (7-0)

Resolutions Tabled

Chair Raukar asked for a motion to remove from the table a Request to the Minnesota Department of Revenue to Reclaim Tax Forfeited Land Previously Conveyed to Fredenberg Township; tabled from December 1, 2015. No motion made.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jewell exited the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Commissioner Nelson said he attended the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office swearing in and recognition ceremony held on Friday, January 8, 2016. Commissioner Nelson commended the leadership of Sheriff Ross Litman and Undersheriff Dave Phillips.

Commissioner Stauber said he has had the privilege of working side-by-side with the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and appreciates their hard work.

At 11:08 a.m., Dahlberg/Stauber moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

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Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P".

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board