AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 9:30 A.M.

Fayal Town Hall
4375 Shady Lane
Eveleth, Minnesota

Directions: North on Highway 53 and take the Highway 37 exit, turn right at the top of the exit ramp. Take an immediate left onto Miller Trunk Road, proceed approximately 2.3 miles. Turn right onto Ely Lake Drive/CR-96 and take the first left onto Shady Lane, the Town Hall is on the left.

STEVE RAUKAR, Chair
Seventh District

FRANK JEWELL, Vice-Chair **First District**	**PATRICK BOYLE** **Second District**	**CHRIS DAHLBERG** **Third District**
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County Auditor Donald Dicklich	County Administrator Kevin Gray	County Attorney Mark Rubin	Clerk of the Board Phil Chapman

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. The Board encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, you will be allowed to address the Board when a motion is on the floor. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by the Standing Rules of the County Board, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda.

When addressing the Board, please sign in at the podium and state your name and address for the record. Please address the Board as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. The St. Louis County Board promotes adherence to civility in conducting the business of the County. Civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issue before the Board. Tools of civility include: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism and take responsibility [County Board Resolution No. 560, adopted on September 9, 2003]. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes.

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9:30 A.M. Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

"Words of Wisdom" – Commissioner Boyle, Second District

AT THIS TIME CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. [Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.]

FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE BOARD AGENDA OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA, CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THE TIME A MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of business submitted on the consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

1. Reappoint Sherry Rodriguez as St. Louis County Veterans Service Officer for a four-year term beginning January 28, 2016 and ending January 28, 2020. **{16-36} [Without recommendation.]**

ADJOURNED:

BOARD LETTER NO. 16 - 36

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 1

JANUARY 26, 2016 BOARD AGENDA NO. 1

DATE: **January 12, 2016**

RE: **County Veterans Service Officer Reappointment**

FROM: **Kevin Z. Gray**
County Administrator

Gary E. Eckenberg
Deputy County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:
To maintain effective management of St. Louis County's services to its military veterans in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations.

ACTION REQUESTED:
The St. Louis County Board is requested to confirm the reappointment of Sherry Rodriguez to the position of St. Louis County Veterans Service Officer.

BACKGROUND:
Sherry Rodriguez has served as St. Louis County's Veterans Service Officer since January 28, 2012. Minn. Stat. § 197.60, Subd. 2, requires that the position be reappointed by the County Board every four years. Further, before entering upon these duties, Ms. Rodriguez must take and subscribe to the oath required of public officials under Minn. Stat. §197.60, Subd. 5.

Over the last four years, Ms. Rodriguez has been instrumental in locating benefits and obtaining back pay for St. Louis County veterans. She has reached out with town hall meetings to inform veterans and their families of the benefits available to them and has worked to get those benefits to county veterans.

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board 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. The resolution should be moved without recommendation to the January 26, 2016 Board meeting to allow administration of the oath of office to Ms. Rodriguez.

County Veterans Service Officer Reappointment

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board reappoints 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;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That 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.