

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 5, 2016

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rukavina/Dahlberg moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #13, Arrowhead Regional Corrections Office/Storage Space Leases. [16-148]. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of March 22, 2016
- Adjoining Owner Sale (Hibbing) [16-136]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Tedpen Inc., Prosperity House, LLC. (Non-Homestead) [16-137]
- Sale and Disposal of Abandoned Personal Property [16-138]
- Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to James J. Kuh (Morse Township) [16-139]
- Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land for the Mesabi Trail (Eagles Nest and Morse Townships) [16-140]
- Access Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to American Bank of the North (Morse Township) [16-141]
- Agreement with Fayal Township for Crack Sealing 2016 [16-142]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Replacement of County Bridge 411 (Colvin Township & Unorganized Township 56-14) [16-143]
- Agreement with City of Mt. Iron – Fund Transfer for County Project 0000-127242 [16-144]
- Old Trunk Highway 1/169 Turnback Agreement with MnDOT [16-145]
- Cooperative Agreements for 2016 Maintenance Striping (Lake County, City of Babbitt, Fayal and White Townships) [16-146]
- Award of Bid for Liquid Calcium Chloride and Application [16-147]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [16-149]
- Correction of Legal Description on Fee Land Exchange with Allete Inc. and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-763 [16-150]
- FastTrackGov – Microsoft CRM Land Use Permit Implementation [16-151]

Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Jewell moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) to execute the necessary purchase agreements and contracts to implement Nightingale Notes Electronic Health

Record for the PHHS Public Health Division at a total project cost of \$171,643, payable from the PHHS Technology Improvements fund balance as outlined: Project Management (vendor: MJS Consulting, St. Louis Park, MN) \$80,924; Software (vendor: Champ Software, Mankato, MN) \$73,394; Hardware (vendor: various) \$17,325. [16-152]. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:52 a.m. to 11:56 a.m. The motion passed. (7-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Stauber/Jewell moved to establish a public hearing on the proposed “St. Louis County Ordinance No. 64: The Management and Permitting of All-Terrain Vehicles within the Public Right-of-Way of Roads under the County's Jurisdiction,” to occur on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 9:40 a.m. at the City Council Chambers, Hibbing City Hall, Hibbing, MN. [16-153]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi gave the Committee an overview of the proposed ordinance. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Commissioners Dahlberg and Rukavina stepped out of the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Stauber/Boyle, moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors, of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$1,013,997.00 for project CP 0021-215030 TST, SAP 69-621-034 Br 286, located on CSAH 21 1.1 miles north of Junction CSAH 70, length 0.13 mile, Unorganized Township 61-13. [16-154]. The motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Rukavina absent)

Stauber/Raukar, moved to award a bid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC, of Eau Claire, WI, in the amount of \$1,645,209.51 for combined project: A.) CP 0005-287158 (Low); CSAH 5 from CSAH 84 to CSAH 81, length 2.20 miles; B.) CP 0022-287160 (Tied) CSAH 22 from TH 73 to 1,124' west of TH 53, length 9.90 miles; C.) CP 0025-287161 (Tied) CSAH 25 from CSAH 125 to CSAH 65 North Junction, length 11.14 miles; D.) CP 0025-287162 (Tied) CSAH 25 from UT 8163 to CSAH 82, length 3.03 miles; E.) CP 0087-287163 (Tied) CSAH 87 from 0.08 miles west of TH 53 to CSAH 78, length 3.86 miles; F.) CP 0101-287164 (Tied) CSAH 101 from 220' west of CR 955 to CSAH 7, length 0.52 mile; G.) CP 0708-287165 (Tied) CR 708 from TH 169 to CR 661, length 1.59 mile; H.) CP 0910-287166 (Tied) CR 910 from CSAH 24 to CSAH 24 and CR 78 Intersection, length 2.70 miles; I.) CP 0037-290908 (Tied) CSAH 37 from Glenwood St. to CSAH 44, length 10.05 miles; J.) CP 0098-290909 (Tied) CSAH 98 from TH 194 to CSAH 7, length 3.43 miles, in various townships and the City of Mt. Iron. [16-154]. Commissioner Rukavina returned to the meeting at 1:15 p.m. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Stauber moved to authorize an increase to the St. Louis County Attorney's Office staffing compliment by 2.0 FTE Legal Secretaries at a cost of \$98,345. [16-155]. Commissioner Dahlberg returned to the meeting at 1:18 p.m. St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin provided the Committee with a handout detailing the increase in Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) files. Attorney Rubin discussed the impact of various mandated processing changes and the impacts to workflow and staff. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Stauber moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to execute 2016 leases with Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC) for the rental of office and storage space in the Duluth, Virginia and Hibbing Courthouses and Duluth Government Services Center for a total cost of \$433,790.55. The St. Louis County Board approves a lease extension option for ARC to renew the lease at each facility for nine (9) additional one-year terms (2017 to 2025) upon the same terms, covenants, and conditions

(provided ARC is not in default at the beginning of the renewal periods). Rent for the additional terms shall be set as the County Board approved rate for each facility for each one-year term from 2017 to 2025. [16-148]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Nelson moved without recommendation to appoint David Lee as the St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Director effective April 25, 2016, at the annual salary rate of \$136,323 (Pay Plan A1, Grade 32/Step M3 of the 2016 St. Louis County Management Compensation Plan), with benefits as provided by the Management Compensation Plan. [16-156]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 2:06 p.m. to 2:08 p.m.

Commissioner Nelson distributed a map detailing Twin Metals Minnesota's requested access authorization near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Commissioner Nelson discussed a recent meeting Governor Mark Dayton held with Iron Range lawmakers and said that during the meeting Governor Dayton said he would better define his action.

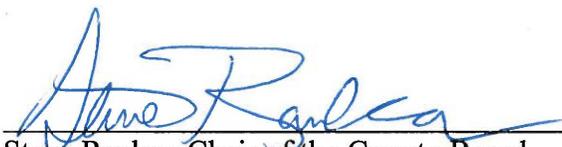
Commissioner Nelson stepped out of the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Commissioner Rukavina highlighted mining interests on the map previously distributed by Commissioner Nelson. Commissioner Rukavina said he attended a meeting Governor Mark Dayton held with Ely city officials and expressed concern regarding the lack of response to the letter sent to Governor Dayton requesting additional clarification.

Commissioner Nelson returned to the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

County Attorney Mark Rubin discussed proposed sentencing guideline legislation that would increase the threshold for heroin and reduce drug-related sentences. Attorney Rubin stated that he will be appearing before the Senate tomorrow, as part of an effort by the Minnesota County Attorney Association, in support of counter-legislation that would unify drug sentencing guidelines including raising sentences for serious drug offenders.

At 2:18 p.m., Nelson/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board