

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**FOR THE MEETING**  
**OF**  
**ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 5, 2016**

**County Board Room, Room No. 200, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota**

**All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or noncontroversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.**

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

**Minutes for March 22, 2016.**

**Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Rukavina, Chair**

1. Applications for repurchase of state tax forfeited lands (homestead) by Walter and Brenda Kangas, Hibbing, MN; Theresa Lull, Duluth, MN; Cary Kujala, Chisholm, MN; Tracey and Christopher Carl, Hermantown, MN; and Ronald and Marina Cuff, Virginia, MN. (Resolutions numbered 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, and 1e). *[16-116]*
2. Applications for repurchase of state tax forfeited lands (non-homestead) by Kevin and Shirley Burritt, Mt. Iron, MN; Jeramy and Amanda Babb, Aurora, MN; Melissa Jean Zapp (LaRue), Coos Bay, OR; Kenneth and Jennifer Maki, Brookston, MN; Kori Sherwood, Virginia, MN; John Sorenson and Cynthia Klinksiek, Duluth, MN; Elizabeth Maki, Brookston, MN; and Ronald and Marina Cuff, Virginia, MN. (Resolutions numbered 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, and 2h). *[16-117]*
3. Authorize an exchange of state tax forfeited Class “B” lands located in McDavitt and Kelsey Townships for lands of equal value owned by The Conservation Fund; and further, authorize appraisals of all lands involved in the proposed land exchange in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ appraisal contract. *[16-118]*
4. Reclassify certain state tax forfeited lands as ‘non-conservation’ and be offered for sale; and further, direct the Land and Minerals Department to notify the clerks of the municipalities or towns in which the parcels are located. *[16-119]*
5. Special sale of state tax forfeited property described as Lot 21, Block 24, Virginia, to the City of Virginia to correct blighted conditions, upon total payment of \$587.65; and further, the County Auditor shall offer the land for sale at public auction if the City of Virginia does not purchase the land by September 1, 2016. *[16-120]*
6. Rescind St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 16-53, adopted January 12, 2016, which canceled a contract for repurchase with Thomas J. Rother and Dori A. Rother, of Orr, MN. The contract holder has cured the default. *[16-121]*

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7. Utility easements authorized across state tax forfeited lands to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for improvements to Trunk Highway 23/Grand Avenue in Duluth, MN, upon total payment of \$10,062. *[16-122]*
8. Appoint Kristin Fogard as the county agricultural inspector. *[16-123]*
9. Special sale of state tax forfeited lands to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for improvements to Highway 1 in Eagles Nest Township, upon total payment of \$43,877.75. *[16-124]*
10. Appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at Public Oral Timber Auction on May 12, 2016, as submitted by the Land Commissioner.

#### **Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Stauber, Chair**

11. Acquisition of highway right of way and necessary easements located in the S ½ of NE ¼, Section 15, Township 60 North, Range 14 West, for the reconstruction of a short segment of County Road (CR) 796/Kaunonen Lake Road and replacement of County Bridge 516/State Bridge 88773 over the Embarrass River in Waasa Township. *[16-125]*
12. Bid awarded to Redstone Construction, LLC, Mora, MN, in the amount of \$784,719.65 for the replacement of Bridge No. 69A30/County Bridge 587 and approaches located on CR 965/Hingley Road in Lavell Township (CP 0965-128462). *[16-132]*

#### **Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair**

13. Land lease agreement authorized with United States Solar Corporation of Minneapolis, MN, for an approximate 10 acre section of county fee owned land adjacent to the county jail on Haines Road in Duluth, MN, to partner with Minnesota Power in a “Solar Garden” renewable energy project, at \$250 per acre annually for a 25-year initial term and two (2) five-year extension options and a 2% increase each consecutive year. *[16-126]*
14. Abatement list for Board approval. *[16-128]*
15. Contract authorized with The Jamar Company of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$113,585 for a roof replacement at the Ely Service Center. *[16-129]*
16. Purchase of two (2) new NetApp Storage Area Network hardware devices including software, professional services, and maintenance from Datalink Corporation of Eden Prairie, MN, at the Western State Contracting Alliance Agreement amount of \$363,611 for information technology disaster recovery infrastructure at the Primary and Backup Data Center locations. *[16-133]*

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17. Application to permanently add to the designated serving area of the Combination On/Off Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses by New Scenic Café, Inc., d/b/a New Scenic Café, Inc., Duluth Township.
18. Workers' compensation report dated March 18, 2016.

**Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair**

19. Confirm and verify the authority of St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman to execute the Master Subscriber Agreement for the Minnesota Government Access system on behalf of the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office; and further, confirm and verify that Sheriff Ross Litman has the authority to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the Minnesota Judicial Branch. *[16-134]*

**Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Dahlberg, Chair**

20. Amend the Joint Powers Agreement to include the Babbitt, Breitung, Chisholm, East Range, and Ely Police Departments as new Task Force members; and further, approve the name change of the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force to the Boundary Waters Drug and Violent Crime Task Force. *[16-130]*
21. Authorize application and acceptance of the 2015 Homeland Security Operations Stonegarden Grant from the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, in an amount not to exceed \$91,449 to enhance the security of the international border and ports of entry between St. Louis County and Canada, with St. Louis County serving as coordinator and fiscal agent for the grant. *[16-131]*

**Official Proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of March 22, 2016, are hereby approved.

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Kangas**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Walter & Brenda Kangas of Hibbing, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF HIBBING

ELY 400 FT OF SLY 80 FT OF S 330 FT OF N1/2 AND ELY 400 FT OF NLY 35 FT OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF SE1/4 OF SE1/4 SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 56 NORTH, RANGE 21 WEST  
Parcel Code: 141-0040-00211; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Walter & Brenda Kangas of Hibbing, MN, on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$3,989.84, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$13.17, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$4,188.01 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Lull**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Theresa Lull of Duluth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH  
LOT: 02 BLOCK: 009  
BRYANT ADDITION TO DULUTH SECOND DIV  
Parcel Code: 010-0340-01290; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Theresa Lull of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$11,621.06, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$38.35, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$11,844.41 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Kujala**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Cary Kujala of Chisholm, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF CHISHOLM  
LOT: 0013 BLOCK: 033  
CHISHOLM  
Parcel Code: 020-0010-09060; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Cary Kujala, of Chisholm, MN, on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$1,307.22, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$4.31, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$1,496.53 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Carl**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Tracey & Christopher Carl of Hermantown, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF HERMANTOWN  
W 1/2 OF E 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4  
SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 50 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST  
Parcel Code: 395-0014-00161; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Tracey & Christopher Carl of Hermantown, MN on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$12,950.77, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$42.74, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$13,178.51 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Cuff**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Ronald & Marina Cuff of Virginia, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF VIRGINIA  
W 1/2 LOT 28, ALL OF LOTS 29 & 30 AND E 1/2 OF LOT 31, BLOCK 12  
ANDERSONS 3RD ADDITION TO VIRGINIA  
Parcel Code: 090-0060-03240; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Ronald & Marina Cuff of Virginia, MN on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$18,629.78, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$61.48, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$18,876.26 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Burritt**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Kevin & Shirley Burritt of Mt. Iron, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF HIBBING  
LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 7  
FAIRVIEW C OF HIBBING  
Parcel Code: 140-0090-01630; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Kevin & Shirley Burritt of Mt. Iron, MN, on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$11,647.86, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$38.44, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$11,871.30 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Babb**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Jeramy & Amanda Babb of Aurora, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF AURORA  
LOT: 0013 BLOCK: 002  
ZUPONCIC ACRES 1ST ADD TO AURORA  
Parcel Code: 100-0077-00360; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Jeramy & Amanda Babb of Aurora, MN, on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$2,797.15, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$9.23, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$2,991.38 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Zapp (LaRue)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Melissa Jean Zapp (LaRue) of Coos Bay, OR, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF CANOSIA  
S 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF N1/2 OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4  
SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 51 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST  
Parcel Code: 280-0030-00600; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Melissa Jean Zapp (LaRue) of Coos Bay, OR on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$2,536.74, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$8.37, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$2,730.11, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – K. Maki**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Kenneth & Jennifer Maki of Brookston, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF BROOKSTON  
LOTS 5 AND 6 INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ, BLOCK 4  
BROOKSTON  
Parcel Code: 110-0010-00890; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Kenneth & Jennifer Maki of Brookston, MN on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$556.42, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$1.84, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$743.26, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Sherwood**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Kori Sherwood of Virginia, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF ELY  
LOT: 0006 BLOCK: 001  
ZAVERLS 5TH ADDITION TO ELY  
Parcel Code: 030-0408-00060; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Kori Sherwood of Virginia, MN on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$2,510.97, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$8.29, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$2,704.26, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Sorenson/Klinksiek**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, John Sorenson & Cynthia Klinksiek of Duluth, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH  
W ½ OF LOT 29, BLOCK 87  
DULUTH PROPER THIRD DIVISION  
Parcel Code: 010-1350-01460; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by John Sorenson & Cynthia Klinksiek of Duluth, MN on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$5,340.67, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$17.62, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$5,543.29, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – E. Maki**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Elizabeth Maki of Brookston, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF BROOKSTON  
LOTS 8 THRU 12 INC PART OF VAC ALLEY ADJ, BLOCK 5  
BROOKSTON  
Parcel Code: 110-0010-01040; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Elizabeth Maki of Brookston, MN on file in County Board File No. 60329, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$774, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$2.55, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$961.55, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Cuff**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Ronald & Marina Cuff of Virginia, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF ELLSBURG  
LOT: 0015 BLOCK: 000  
PAULSONS LAKESHORE LOTS ELLSBURG  
Parcel Code: 320-0120-00150; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Ronald & Marina Cuff of Virginia, MN on file in County Board File No. 60329, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$16,419.77, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$54.19, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$16,658.96, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**St. Louis County Class "B" Land Exchange**

COMMISSIONER\_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 94.344, Subd. 8, a proposal for land exchange has been submitted to the Land and Minerals Department for certain lands owned by The Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, This proposed exchange has been reviewed by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to determine the suitability of lands for exchange; and

WHEREAS, The lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota in trust for the taxing districts will consolidate state tax forfeited ownership and are productive for long term timber management thereby providing benefit to the tax forfeited trust;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board acknowledges consolidation of productive lands are a benefit to the tax forfeited trust and supports the proposed exchange of state tax forfeited (Class "B") lands for lands of equal value owned by The Conservation Fund;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with appraisal of all lands involved in the proposed land exchange in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's appraisal contract.

**Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified or reclassified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The parcels described in the attached County Board File forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has recommended that the parcels be reclassified as non-conservation and approved for sale after considering, among other things, the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be approved by the governing body of the municipality or town; and

WHEREAS, The reclassification and sale of the parcels will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification and sale of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. \_\_\_\_\_ shall be reclassified as non-conservation and offered for sale, and the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

**Special Sale to the City of Virginia**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The City of Virginia has requested to purchase the following described state tax forfeited land for the price of \$500, plus fees, for the purpose of economic development:

Legal: LOT 21, BLOCK 24  
Virginia  
Parcel Code: 090-0010-05410  
Acres: 0.06  
LDKey: 121536; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1(a) authorizes the sale of state tax forfeited land to an organized governmental subdivision for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(d), allows for non-conservation tax forfeited land to be sold to a governmental subdivision for less than market value if a reduced price is necessary to provide an incentive to correct blighted conditions; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of state tax forfeited land, as described, to the City of Virginia for the price of \$500 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$15, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$587.65 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor shall offer for sale at public auction the state tax forfeited land described here if the City of Virginia does not purchase the land by September 1, 2016.

**Rescind St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 16-53  
(Repurchase Contract – Rother)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 16-53, adopted on January 12, 2016, canceled a contract with Thomas J. Rother and Dori A. Rother for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, The contract holder has cured the default;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 16-53, adopted on January 12, 2016, is rescinded.

**Easements across State Tax Forfeited Land to the  
Minnesota Department of Transportation**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has requested easements across state tax forfeited land to improve Trunk Highway 23 (Grand Avenue) for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not conflict with public use of land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a utility easement to Minnesota Department of Transportation over, under and across state tax forfeited lands described in County Board File No. 60294;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$9,800 land use fee, \$150 administration fee, and \$112 recording fee, for a total of \$10,062 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Appointment of County Agricultural Inspector**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is in need of a county agricultural inspector to carry out the duties specified under the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 18.80, Subd.1; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 18.80, Subd.1, the County Board shall either appoint a county agricultural inspector to carry out the duties specified under section 18.81, Subd. 1a and 1b, or a county-designated employee to carry out the duties specified under section 18.81, Subd. 1a;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints Kristin Fogard as the county agricultural inspector to carry out the duties specified under Minn. Stat. Chapter 18, Section 18.81, Subd. 1a and 1b.

**Special Sale to Minnesota Department of Transportation**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1(a), authorizes the sale of state tax forfeited land to an organized governmental subdivision for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department recommends that the parcels to be sold be classified as 'non-conservation' after considering many factors including the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, the suitability or desirability for particular uses and the suitability of the forest resources on the land for multiple use and sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land are located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that notice of the classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body; and

WHEREAS, The classification of the parcels will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcel is located; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land are currently included in an established memorial forest, and pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 459.06, Subd. 3, state tax forfeited land which has been included in an established memorial forest and found more suitable for other purposes may, by resolution of the County Board, be withdrawn from the forest for disposal if the Commissioner of Natural Resources approves the sale of such land; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax forfeited lands from sale;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of state tax forfeited land, as described in County Board File No. \_\_\_\_\_, to Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for \$42,395 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$1,271.85, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$139.90, recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$43,877.75 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. \_\_\_\_\_ shall be withdrawn from Lake Vermilion Memorial Forest.

**SPECIAL SALE TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
TRUNK HIGHWAY 1 IMPROVEMENTS**

Special Sale of the following state tax forfeited lands for the purpose of improvements to Trunk Highway (TH) 1:

Legal: THAT PART OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 AND NW1/4 OF SE1/4 SHOWN AS PARCEL 11 ON MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT #69-165

Parcel Code: part of 317-0010-02601

LDKey: 122408

Acres: 2.89

Legal: THAT PART OF SE1/4 OF SE1/4 SHOWN AS PARCEL 6 ON MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT #69-135

Parcel Code: part of 317-0010-02961

LDKey: 122405

Acres: 3.15

Legal: THAT PART OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 SHOWN AS PARCEL 3 ON MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT #69-133

Parcel Code: part of 270-0010-03131

LDKey: 122404

Acres: 7.46

Legal: UND 23/48 OF THAT PART OF GOVT LOT 7 SHOWN AS PARCEL 1 ON MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT #69-133

Parcel Code: part of 270-0010-03236

LDKey: 122402

Acres: 1.80

**Appraisal Reports for the Sale of Timber  
to be Offered at Public Oral Timber Auction**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That the appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at PUBLIC ORAL TIMBER AUCTION, Tracts 1 through 20 (totaling \$476,158.53), as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60295, are approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendations as listed in said appraisal reports.

**Acquisition of Right of Way - Replacement of County Bridge 516  
(Waasa Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a small segment of the Kaunonen Lake Road/County Road 796 and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 516, State Bridge 88773) over the Embarrass River in Waasa Township (County Project 0796-271375); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right of way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board hereby authorizes the County Auditor to grant the necessary easements for highway purposes over the following tax forfeited parcel:

The South one-half of the Northeast quarter (S 1/2 of NE 1/4), Section 15,  
Township 60 North, Range 14 West. (Parcel ID No. 565-0010-02280)

**Award of Bid: Bridge Project on CR 965 (Lavell Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0965-128462, Bridge 69A30 (County Bridge 587) and Approaches; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 17, 2016, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Redstone Construction, LLC	2183 Hwy. 65 North Mora, MN 55051	\$784,719.65

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203422, Object 652800.

**Land Lease for Minnesota Power Solar Garden Project**

BY COMMISSIONERS \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Minnesota Power (MP) approached St. Louis County to partner in a “Solar Garden” renewable energy project for its electrical service area and MP advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solar photo voltaic generation installers; and

WHEREAS, United States Solar Corporation of Minneapolis, MN, responding to Minnesota Power’s RFP, contacted the county about leasing approximately 10 acres of a 13.8 acre site adjacent to the county jail on Haines Road in Duluth, property that is not intended to be developed and not on the property tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, United States Solar Corporation has offered terms of \$250 per acre annually with a 2% annual increase, 25-year term with an option for two (2) additional five-year extension terms, with an estimated construction schedule of six months;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a lease agreement with United States Solar Corporation of Minneapolis, MN, with a 25-year initial term and two (2) five-year extension options, with an initial annual lease rate of \$2,500 and a 2% increase each consecutive year. Revenues to be assigned to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Revenue Account 583103 (Fee Land).

**Abatement List for Board Approval**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatements, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 60288.

**Ely Service Center Roof Replacement**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, St. Louis County purchased the Ely Service Center, which was formerly a leased facility, in December 2012 and has been making upgrades, improvements, and repairs to bring the building to county standards for low maintenance, long life cycle, and high energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, A planned replacement roof will improve energy efficiency in the building and is designed to accept the future installation of a solar Photo Voltaic (PV) electrical generation system; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Purchasing Division solicited quotes which were opened on March 15, 2016, with The Jamar Company of Duluth, MN, providing the low bid in an amount of \$113,585;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a contract with The Jamar Company of Duluth, MN, for a roof replacement at the Ely Service Center in an amount of \$113,585, payable from Fund 402, Agency 402007.

**St. Louis County Information Technology Disaster Recovery Infrastructure**

BY COMMISSIONER: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, In planning the budget for 2016 the Information Technology Department, in coordination with County Administration, made a commitment to improve disaster recovery preparedness; and

WHEREAS, The first phase of this project includes the purchase of two (2) new storage area network devices, one (1) at the primary data center and one (1) at the backup data center; and

WHEREAS, This purchase will improve application performance, increase data capacity, and provide the foundational technology to enable synchronous replication of application data critical to disaster recovery planning; and

WHEREAS, Total one-time project costs will be \$363,611, broken down as follows:

<b>Purchase</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Hardware	\$ 51,727
Software	\$103,045
Professional Services	\$ 20,000
5 Year Maintenance Plan	\$188,839
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$363,611</b>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorize the purchase of two (2) new NetApp Storage Area Network hardware devices including software, professional services, and maintenance from Datalink Corporation of Eden Prairie, MN, under the Western States Contracting Alliance agreement, in the amount of \$363,611, payable from Fund 100, Agency 117101, Object 665300.

**Application to Permanently Add to the Designated Serving Area of  
Intoxicating Liquor License (Township of Duluth)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, New Scenic Cafe, Inc., d/b/a New Scenic Cafe, Inc., Township of Duluth, is currently licensed for Combination On/Off-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor; and

WHEREAS, The license holder has made an application to permanently add to the designated serving area, a garden area and yurt; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and Liquor Licensing Committee have reviewed the application and recommend approval of the designated serving area change;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That said garden area and yurt shall be added to the designated serving area of the Combination On/Off-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License held by New Scenic Cafe, Inc., d/b/a New Scenic Cafe, Inc., Township of Duluth.

**Workers' Compensation Report**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated March 18, 2016, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60274, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

**Confirmation of County Sheriff Authority to Sign a Master  
Subscriber Agreement with the Minnesota Judicial Branch**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Judicial Branch has developed and is offering a new Minnesota Government Access (MGA) system for government agencies; and

WHEREAS, The new MGA system will allow members of the Sheriff's Office to access appropriate electronic court records and documents stored in the Minnesota Court Information System for cases in Minnesota District Courts; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Judicial Branch requires a government agency to execute a Master Subscriber Agreement and provide verification of authorization for the person signing the agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board confirms and verifies the authority of St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman to execute the Master Subscriber Agreement for the Minnesota Government Access system on behalf of the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board confirms and verifies that St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman has the authority to sign any subsequent amendment or agreement that may be required by the Minnesota Judicial Branch to maintain the county's connection to the Minnesota Government Access system and tools offered by the state.

**Amendment and Renaming of the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force (BWDTF); and

WHEREAS, Members of the BWDTF desire to include the Babbitt, Breitung, Chisholm, East Range, and Ely Police Departments as new members; and

WHEREAS, BWDTF members also agree to change the name of the organization to the Boundary Waters Drug and Violent Crime Task Force to better reflect its mission, as mandated by the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The addition to membership and task force name change require an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign the amended and renamed Joint Powers Agreement adding the Babbitt, Breitung, Chisholm, East Range, and Ely Police Departments as Task Force members;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the name change of the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force to the Boundary Waters Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, as memorialized within the Joint Powers Agreement.

**Application and Acceptance of the 2015 Operation Stonegarden  
Homeland Security Grant**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, through the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, has made available an Operation Stonegarden grant to enhance the security of the international border and ports of entry between St. Louis County and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Approval of activities for this grant is given by the U.S. Border Patrol, which forwards operational orders to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for payment approval to the border counties; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff's Office staff has met with Border Patrol staff assigned to oversee this grant within St. Louis County, and the Border Patrol approved the following agencies for additional patrol presence: City of Duluth Police Department, St. Louis County Sheriff, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes application and acceptance of the 2015 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden Grant, not to exceed \$91,449, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12931, Year 2015;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute all agreements and contracts necessary to fulfill the application and terms of acceptance of the 2015 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden Grant as approved by the St. Louis County Attorney, with St. Louis County serving as coordinator and fiscal agent for the grant.