

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

May 3, 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 10:55 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #4, Rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-384 – Supplemental Agreement for Chip Sealing of Newly Constructed CSAH 102 (Mt. Iron) [16-195] and without Item #5, Acquisition of Right of Way – Sidewalk Project on CSAH 90/Arlington Avenue (Duluth) [16-196]. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of April 26, 2016
- CY 2016 Specialized CHIPS Psychological Evaluations and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-592 [16-192]
- Adjoining Owner Sales [16-193]
- Easement across State Tax-Forfeited Land to Minnesota Department of Transportation (Eagles Nest Township) [16-194]
- 2016 First Quarter Budget Changes [16-197]
- Position Reallocation of Workers' Compensation Administrator to Loss Control Manager [16-198]
- Correction of Tiburon, Inc. for Upgraded CAD System [16-199]

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## Public Works & Transportation Committee

Stauber/Boyle moved to award a bid to Century Fence, of Forest Lake, MN, in the amount of \$384,721.69 for project CP 0000-187079/SAP 69-030-030(Low) and SAP 38-030-003, Lake County Project, Centerline and Edgeline Pavement Markings, Various County State Aid Highways in St. Louis County and Lake County. [16-200]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Boyle/Rukavina moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors, of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$1,687,568.86 for combined project: A.) CP 0024-229056 TST (Low), Approach Grading and Bridge 69A37 (County Bridge 361) located on CSAH 24 between CR 422 (South Intersection) and CR 422 (North Intersection), length 0.07 mile; B.) CP 8121-247641/SAP 69-599-040 TST (Tied), Approach Grading and Bridge 69A43 (County Bridge 344) located on UT 8121 between CR 422 and CSAH 24, length 0.21 mile; both projects are in Unorganized Township 64-17 [16-200]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Rukavina moved to rescind County Board Resolution No. 15-384, dated June 23, 2015. [16-195]. Administrator Gray stated that the newly constructed road was not completed and in an acceptable condition for a chip seal project in time to be completed with the CP 0021-243053 project.

Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:17 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Jewell/Nelson moved to authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for a sidewalk project on CSAH 90/Arlington Avenue (Duluth) and authorize the County Auditor to grant highway easements across tax forfeited lands for the necessary permanent highway easements and temporary construction easements for the project. [16-196]. Chair Raukar stepped out of the meeting from 11:38 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

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### **Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee**

Jewell/Raukar moved to reappoint Jim Takala, of Iron, MN and Richard Pierce, of Embarrass, MN to the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee for second 3-year terms expiring December 31, 2018. [16-201]. The motion passed. (7-0)

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### **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Rukavina discussed a meeting he had with Senator Tom Bakk regarding a joint public works facility for the Linden Grove and Cook areas.

Commissioner Stauber said that public safety communications relating to the construction season will be sent out soon.

Commissioner Jewell indicated that Pat Huston, of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, suggested that the Board tour the Highway 53 relocation construction area.

Commissioner Nelson discussed tree removal on the Mesabi Trail, necessary due to the size of the I-beams used in the Highway 53 relocation project and said that they are in the process of assembling the world's third largest crane on the construction site.

Administrator Gray said the span of the Highway 53 relocation project bridge is almost as long as the Highland Street bridge.

Commissioner Nelson said Congressman Jim Oberstar was responsible for legislation being passed requiring the use of domestic steel.

Chair Raukar said that Nancy Stonebrunner retired after 29 years of service last Thursday and they were in the process of hiring someone to fill her position. Commissioner Raukar said he was wearing a purple tie in honor of his mother whose favorite color was purple. Today, Commissioner Raukar's Granddaughter gave birth to a baby girl with the same namesake as his mother.

At 12:07 p.m., Nelson/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



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Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board

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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board