

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 5, 2016

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Stauber moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #6, Lease with the City of Orr for Assessor Office Space [16-305]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of June 28, 2016
- Extension of 2014 Minnesota Family Investment Program Innovation Fund Grant - Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Employment Outcomes [16-300]
- Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to MN Power/Allete Inc. (Unorganized Township 56-17) [16-301]
- Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation [16-302]
- Cancellation of Contracts for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Vaydich [16-303R]
- Agreement with Northeast Technical Services for Geotechnical Investigation on Sawyer Avenue (Duluth) [16-304]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [16-306]
- Committee Vacancy Advertisement – St. Louis County Planning Commission [16-307]
- Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Duluth for the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant [16-308]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Stauber/Nelson moved to award a bid to Parsons Electric, of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$89,892.16 for project CP 0013-247751 TST, SAP 69-613-041, Traffic Que Warning System, located on CSAH 13 between CSAH 19 (St. Louis River Road) and TH 2 in Midway Township, MN. [16-312] The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

Rukavina/Stauber moved to authorize the transfer of \$10,000 from the personnel budget savings in the Veterans Service Office (Fund 100, Agency 124001) to the Operating Budget (Fund 100, Agency 124001, Object 629900) and direct the appropriate county officials to ensure that \$10,000 be appropriated to the City of Ely for distribution to the agency or agencies that are responsible for the planning and construction of the Ely Veterans Memorial to be located in Ely, MN. [16-309] After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Rukavina/Raukar moved to authorize authorizes a five year lease beginning on July 1, 2016, with the option for one five-year extension, for 275 square feet of office space at the monthly rate of \$450/month for the first two years (annual commitment of \$5,400) and \$500/month for three years (annual commitment of \$6,000). [16-305] Commissioner Nelson expressed concerns regarding the lack of utilization of the Land Department building north of Cook. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Raukar/Nelson moved to appoint Linnea Mirsch to Public Health & human Services Director on an interim basis, effective July 11, 2016 until a permanent director can be appointed, compensated at Management Compensation Pay Plan A1, Grade 32, Step M2 (\$132,350). Ms. Mirsch shall be returned to her former position as Deputy County Administrator-Operations and Budget at the conclusion of her interim appointment as Public Health & Human Services Director. [16-313] The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Commissioner Rukavina exited the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Raukar/Boyle moved to adopt the "St. Louis County 2016 Strategic Plan Update." [16-311] St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Linnea Mirsch provided a brief overview of the strategic plan. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0, Jewell, Rukavina absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Stauber said he was approached by an arena manager who said the arena has to potential to receive grant money from the Anaheim Mighty Ducks; however, the grant may require conduit funding through St. Louis County. Commissioner Stauber indicated that he and Commissioner Nelson will be meeting with the manager within a few weeks to discuss details of the grant.

At 2:32 p.m., Nelson/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-0, Jewell, Rukavina absent)



Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board