

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 26, 2016

Location: Mt. Iron Community Center, Mt. Iron, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Nelson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #9, 2016 Second Quarter Budget Changes. [16-334]. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

- Minutes of July 12, 2016
- Acceptance of Funds for 2016 MFIP Innovation Fund Grant for the Young Parent Education Project [16-326]
- Approval of Registered Land Survey No. 133 (Beatty Township) [16-327]
- Authorization to Apply to the MN Board of Water & Soil Resources for an SSTS Abatement Grant [16-328]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Potter (Homestead) [16-329]
- Special Sale to the City of Floodwood [16-330]
- Agreement with the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority – Mesabi Trail Project (Eagles Nest Township) [16-331]
- Agreement with the City of Duluth for the Reconstruction of Commonwealth Avenue [16-332]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Floodwood Township) [16-333]
- Property Acquisition for Government Services Center-Virginia [16-335]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [16-336]
- Reallocation of a Technical Services Analyst I to a Technical Services Coordinator [16-337]

Commissioner Dahlberg returned to the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Finance & Budget Committee

Stauber/Jewell moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into a construction contract, and any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Johnson Wilson Constructors of Duluth, MN, for the Sheriff's South Rescue Squad facility large equipment storage building project in an amount of \$397,700. [16-338]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Raukar moved to approve the 2016 Second Quarter Budget. [16-334]. Commissioner Nelson requested that County Administration place quarterly budget changes on the regular agenda going forward. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson discussed the dedication of the North St. Louis County Rescue Squad building and mentioned that one of the founding members of the Rescue Squad attended the ceremony.

Commissioner Rukavina commended the work of the St. Louis County Rescue Squad and asked that consideration be given to building a Rescue Squad facility in the Ely area.

Chair Raukar said that he and Administrator Gray participated in the Minnesota Transportation Roundtable. Administrator Gray indicated that there were approximately fifteen panel members and provided the Committee with an overview of discussion points

Commissioner Nelson informed the Committee that the dedication of the Mike Forsman Public Works Facility will take place on August 12, 2016, at a time to be determined.

Chair Raukar mentioned that today is his wife's birthday. He quoted a song by The Beatles, "Will you still love me, will you still need me, when I'm sixty-four."

Commissioner Rukavina thanked Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Stauber for attending the Twin Metals hearing.

At 1:31 p.m., Nelson/Jewell 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