

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

July 26, 2016

Mt. Iron Community Center, 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Mt. Iron, 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 July 12, 2016.

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Rukavina, Chair

1. Special sale of state tax forfeited land described as Lots 10 and 11, Lot 00, Block 124, West Duluth 5th Division (5907 Grand Avenue) to the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) to correct blighted conditions for redevelopment purposes, for the price of \$20,000 plus fees; and further, the County Board approves providing funds of up to \$40,000 to DEDA. *[16-320]*

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Stauber, Chair

2. Acquisition of right of way and necessary easements over state tax forfeited lands located in Unorganized Township 59-16 and the City of Biwabik for the relocation and construction of County Road 715 (County Project 0715-3758). *[16-316]*

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

3. Abatement list for Board approval. *[16-317]*
4. Workers' compensation report dated July 8, 2016.
5. Application for license to sell tobacco products at retail by Melrude Whistle Stop, LLC d/b/a Melrude Whistle Stop, LLC, Ellsburg Township, transfer.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

6. Reallocation of one (1) IT Services Technician position to a Technical Services Analyst III position in the IT Department. *[16-318]*

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 July 12, 2016, are hereby approved.

**Special Sale to the Duluth Economic Development Authority –
5907 Grand Avenue (Duluth)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Duluth Economic Development Authority has requested to purchase the following described state tax forfeited land for the price of \$20,000 plus fees and St. Louis County providing funds of up to \$40,000 to correct blighted conditions for redevelopment purposes:

Lots 10 and 11
Lot 00
Block 124
West Duluth 5th Division
Parcel Code: 010-4510-00490; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a, 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, This parcel of land has been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; 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 or will lead to the development of affordable housing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That subject to Duluth Economic Development Authority compliance with all requirements of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(d), the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of state tax forfeited land, as described, to the Duluth Economic Development Authority for the price of \$20,000 plus fees to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves providing funds of up to \$40,000. Funds are available in the Economic Development fund balance (Fund 178, Object 311428) to be transferred into Fund 178, Agency 178005.

**Acquisition of Right of Way – Relocation and Construction of CR 715
(Unorganized Township 59-16 and City of Biwabik)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to relocate and construct a new segment of County Road 715 in Unorganized Township 59-16 and the city of Biwabik (County Project 0715-3758); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of relocating a highway now existing on mineral lands to facilitate the expansion of mining operations, and constructing said highway 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 tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 60294.

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.

Workers' Compensation Report

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated July 8, 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.

**Application for License to Sell Tobacco Products at Retail – Transfer
(Ellsburg Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, the application for license to sell tobacco products at retail, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60372, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the following establishment:

Melrude Whistle Stop, LLC d/b/a Melrude Whistle Stop, LLC, Ellsburg Township, transfer;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if named license holders sell their licensed business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the licenses to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fee to the license holders.

IT Technical Services Analyst III Reallocation

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Information Technology (IT) Department is continually working to prioritize and adjust workloads to fit the information technology needs of the county; and

WHEREAS, IT is currently understaffed in the area of server and storage area network support; and

WHEREAS, Human Resources reviewed and reallocated the proposed duties to a Technical Services Analyst III position;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of 1.0 vacant IT Services Technician (Civil Service Basic, Pay Grade B11 Step 1) to a Technical Services Analyst III (Civil Service Basic, Pay Grade B25 Step 1). This reallocation will result in an approximate annual increase of \$19,734, payable from the IT budget (Fund 100, Agency 117001).