OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JULY 26, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 26th day of July 2016, at 9:46 a.m., at the Mt. Iron Community Center, Mt. Iron, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Chris Dahlberg, Tom Rukavina, Pete Stauber, Keith Nelson, and Chair Steve Raukar - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Chair Raukar asked for a moment of silence to honor U.S. troops, their families, and for all innocent victims of war and conflict, and asked that everyone pray that mankind comes to the realization that our commonalities far outweigh our differences on a global scale, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

County Attorney Mark Rubin offered his "Words of Wisdom" by reading "A Future Not Our Own" by Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero. (Board File No. 60292)

Chair Raukar then opened the meeting to persons who wanted to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Scott Dane, of the Associated Contract Loggers and Truckers discussed issues dealing with blowdown on land tracts due to recent storms and asked that the County re-appraise affected areas. Mr. Dane provided the Board with a listing of loggers who can help with tree removal on large tracts of land.

Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Rukavina, moved to consider a lease agreement with the City of Orr for assessor office space (tabled from July 12, 2016). The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Rukavina, supported by Commissioner Stauber, moved to authorize a five-year lease with the City of Orr, beginning on July 1, 2016, with the option for one (1) 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). Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 10:05 a.m. to 10:06 a.m. St. Louis County Public Records and Property Valuation Director Mark Monacelli discussed the need for an Assessor's office in the City of Orr. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 10:35 a.m. to 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 10:38 a.m. to 10:39 a.m. St. Louis County Assessor Dave Sipila said service delivery would improve due to having an Assessor's Office located in Orr.

The Board recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

Commissioner discussion continued regarding the lease agreement with the City of Orr. Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to amend the lease agreement and authorize a three-year lease, with the option for two (2) one-year lease extensions. Commissioner Rukavina disagreed with the amendment and cited examples of other county office lease agreements. Commissioner Rukavina said the Orr location would save taxpayers money by reducing employee drive time. The amendment passed; six yeas, one nay (Rukavina). After further discussion, the amended motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 16-477.

Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved 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 described as Pastoret Terrace, Kozy Bar, Paul Robeson Ballroom, Lots 29 and 31, Duluth Proper 1st Division East 1st Street, Parcel: 010-0930-00270, to the Duluth Economic Development Authority for the price of $75,000 plus fees; and further, that the St. Louis County Board approves providing funds of up to $325,000. Funds are available in the Economic Development fund balance (Fund 178, Object 311428), to be transferred into Fund 178, Agency 178005. Larry Leventhal, attorney for Paul King, feels that Mr. King should have the opportunity to repurchase the property and believes that Mr. King did not receive the required notices of tax forfeiture from the county. Mr. Leventhal provided handouts to the Board detailing communication between St. Louis County and Mr. Leventhal. Commissioner Nelson requested a point of order and expressed concern that the handouts provided by Mr. Leventhal included medical records for Paul King. At the advice of County Attorney Mark Rubin, the Board refused to accept the medical record information and returned that portion of the handout to Mr. Leventhal. County Attorney Rubin asked various questions of Mr. Leventhal regarding the contract for deed agreement between Mr. King and the Temple Corporation. St. Louis County Planning and Community Director Barb Hayden discussed county funding to assist the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) with redevelopment of the site. Heather Rand, Executive Director of the Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA), thanked the Board for their partnership. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 11:36 a.m. to 11:38 a.m. Paul King said the St. Louis County Historical Society classified the building as a historic building and discussed his contract for deed agreement with Temple Corporation (Eric Ringsred). County Attorney Rubin submitted a packet of key documents to the Board and stated that he felt that St. Louis County followed all statutes. After further discussion, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 16-478.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to approve the proposed settlement with Western National Mutual Insurance, authorize the appropriate county officials to negotiate and execute appropriate settlement documents, and to make the settlement payment contemplated by the proposed settlement in the amount of $57,194.76. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 16-479.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Rukavina, moved to consider a resolution declaring a state of local emergency in St. Louis County; the item has not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Stauber, moved to declare a STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY in St. Louis County, Minnesota, due to conditions resulting from the thunderstorms, hurricane velocity winds, massive tree blowdown, damage to public and private property and extended power outages resulting from the severe thunderstorms of July 5 and July 21, 2016, and requests state public disaster assistance in accordance with Minn. Stat. §12B.30 for any eligible storm recovery activities. Commissioner Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 12:02 p.m. to 12:04 p.m. Commissioner Rukavina stepped out of the meeting from 12:03 p.m. to 12:05 p.m. St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman said that the Division of Emergency Management has been meeting twice daily to discuss storm related issues. Sheriff Litman said that by declaring a local emergency, the county could take advantage of potential state and federal disaster funds. Commissioner Boyle stepped out of the meeting from 12:32 p.m. to 12:34 p.m. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 12:35 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. County Assessor Dave Sipila said the Assessor's Office would begin re-assessing the areas affected by the storm starting Monday, August 1, 2016. After further discussion, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 16-480.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to consider a resolution to issue a Request for Proposals for the audit of the county's financial statements for the years of 2017 and 2018; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. Passed 7-0.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Rukavina, moved to give notice of intent to change auditors to the Office of the State Auditor by August 1, 2016 and to develop and issue a Request for Proposals from private audit firms and the Office of the State Auditor for the audit of the county's financial statements; and further, that the County Auditor will bring a recommended selection of an Auditor for at least the years of 2017 and 2018 as required by statute, to the St. Louis County Board for consideration and adoption. Commissioner Jewell expressed concern that the item appeared on the agenda without notice and was concerned about the potential for increased costs to taxpayers. Commissioner Nelson stepped out of the meeting from 1:04 p.m. to 1:07 p.m. After further discussion, the motion passed; six yeas, one nay (Jewell). Resolution No. 16-481.

The following Board and contract files were created resulting from documents received by this Board:

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Tony Mancuso, Property Management Director, and Mark Monacelli, Public Records & Property Valuation Director, submitting Board Letter No. 16-305, Lease with the City of Orr for Assessor Office Space.—60410

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Mark Rubin, County Attorney, submitting Board Letter No. 16-325, Western National Settlement Agreement.—60411

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Ross Litman, County Sheriff, submitting Board Letter No. 16-339, Resolution Declaring a State of Local Emergency in St. Louis County.—60412

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Donald Dicklich, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 16-340, Request to Issue Audit Request for Proposal.—60413

Scott Dane, Minnesota Logger Education Program, submitting a Directory of Members.—60414

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15727, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Occupational Development Center, Inc., Thief River Falls, MN, for extended employment services for persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness during the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.—16-597

Service Contract #5305 between the County of St. Louis and DSGW Architects, Inc., Virginia, MN, for Phase I design services for the Government Services Center – Virginia construction project.—16-598

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and North Auctions, Hibbing, MN, for professional, licensed auction services for personal property released from tax forfeited real property in Northern and Southern St. Louis County through December 31, 2016 with a possible three (3) one-year extensions.—16-599

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Architectural Resources, Inc., Hibbing, MN, for planning, preliminary design and budget estimating for the construction of an unheated, secure vehicle impound lot building in Virginia.—16-600

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and SUIT, LLC, Duluth, MN, for office design for the temporary remodeling and move coordination services for the Assessor's Office in the Duluth Courthouse.—16-601

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Meyer, Borgman and Johnson, Inc., Duluth, MN, for building inspection, roof load capacity calculations and written report for the Ely Government Services Center Solar Photovoltaics Project.—16-602

Project Contract No. 5219 between the County of St. Louis and RAM Construction Services of Minnesota, LLC, Blaine, MN, for the Duluth Courthouse Ramp Repair project.—16-603

Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Small Communities Wastewater Treatment Program Technical Assistance Grant Agreement, MPFA-SCTA-G-FY16, between the Minnesota Pubic Facilities Authority and St. Louis County in the amount of $60,000 for the term June 13, 2016 to June 30, 2019 (on behalf of the Sand Lake Association).—16-604

State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement Authorized Agency, SWIFT Contract #109908, between the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of St. Louis, Public Health & Human Services Department to utilize the criminal justice data communications network to support its official duties.—16-605

Agreement for Services between the County of St. Louis and Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., Duluth, MN, for engineering services for a roundabout design at the intersection of new County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 and Trunk Highway (TR) 73 in Chisholm, MN.—16-606

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, for intersection improvements (bituminous pavement, traffic signals,

bypass lane and left turn lane on CSAH 4/Rice Lake Road.—16-607

Agreement for Products and Services, Contract No. 15837, between St. Louis County and Champ Software, Inc., North Mankato, MN, for an Electronic Health Records System for PHHS Public Health Division.—16-608

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15844, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and UDAC, Inc. (CCSA), Duluth, MN, for Day Training and Habilitation services to persons with developmental disabilities during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-609

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15846, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Northern Habilitative Services, Inc., Chisholm, MN, for Semi-Independent Living Services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-610

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15848, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and REM Arrowhead, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Semi-Independent Living Services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-611

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 15733A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment, Inc., Duluth, MN, increasing the contract amount by $59,000.—16-612

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53116, between St. Louis County and A & E Homes, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-613

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53117, between St. Louis County and Maria Allen, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-614

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53118, between St. Louis County and Autumn Adult Foster Care Home, Cook, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-615

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53122, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead House East, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-616

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53123, between St. Louis County and Aspen Grove Alternate Senior Living, Hibbing, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-617

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53125, between St. Louis County and At Home Living Facilities, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-618

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53126, between St. Louis

County and Wesley Residence of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-619

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53127, between St. Louis County and Julie Balmer, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-620

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53128 between St. Louis County and Bluewater Residential Services, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-621

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53139, between St. Louis County and Fine Lakes Family Adult Foster Care, Floodwood, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-622

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53141, between St. Louis County and EBI, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-623

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53159, between St. Louis County and L&M Opportunities, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-624

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53162, between St. Louis County and Lifestone Health Care, Inc., Proctor, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-625

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53165, between St. Louis County and McCarthy Manor, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-626

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53168, between St. Louis County and New Life Horizons, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-627

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53171, between St. Louis County and Northland AFC, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-628

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53173, between St. Louis County and Olesiak Family Foster Care, Brookston, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-629

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53178, between St. Louis County and Pines HomeCare Services, LLC, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-630

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53179, between St. Louis County and Ruth Polling, Proctor, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-631

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53180, between St. Louis County and Prairie Community Services, Inc., Morris, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-632

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53181, between St. Louis County and Aurora Carefree Living, Inc., Aurora, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-633

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53182, between St. Louis County and Babbitt Carefree Living, Inc., Babbitt, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-634

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53183, between St. Louis County and Cook Carefree Living, Cook, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-635

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53184, between St. Louis County and Ely Senior Housing & Services, Inc., Ely, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-636

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53185, between St. Louis County and Spectrum Community Health, Inc., Eveleth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-637

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53186, between St. Louis County and Orr Carefree Living, Inc., Orr, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-638

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53190, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Virginia, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-639

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53191, between St. Louis County and Reed's Boarding & Lodging, LLC, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-640

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53196, between St. Louis County and Rural Living Environments, Babbitt, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-641

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53199, between St. Louis County and Serving Hands, Inc., Chisholm, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-642

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53200, between St. Louis County and Peterson Foster Home, Brookston, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-643

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53207, between St. Louis County and Tracy Adult Foster Home, Canyon, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-644

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53208, between St. Louis County and Transitional Senior Housing, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-645

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53230, between St. Louis County and Center City Housing San Marco, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-646

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53231, between St. Louis County and Center City Housing Corp., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-647

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53130, between St. Louis County and Brooke Manor, Inc., Saginaw, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-648

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53135, between St. Louis County and Edgewood Hermantown II Senior Living, LLC, Grand Forks, ND, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-649

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53136, between St. Louis County and Edgewood Hermantown I Senior Living, LLC, Grand Forks, ND, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-650

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53137, between St. Louis County and Edgewood Virginia Senior Living, LLC, Grand Forks, ND, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-651

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53138, between St. Louis County and Davis Adult Foster Home, Floodwood, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-652

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53145, between St. Louis County and Focus on Living, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-653

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53156, between St. Louis County and Johnson Foster Home, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-654

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53163, between St. Louis County and Comfort Living AFC Homes, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-655

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53176, between St. Louis County and Peace of Mind of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-656

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53194, between St. Louis County and River Hill Assisted Living, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-657

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53201, between St. Louis County and Solid Foundations of MN, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-658

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53202, between St. Louis County and Spirit Valley Assisted Living, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-659

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53205, between St. Louis County and Trillium Services, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-660

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15834, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Alex Duchene, Chisholm, MN, for chore services during the period June 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-661

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15835, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Churches United in Ministry, Duluth, MN, for Adult Mental Health Integrated Fund services during the period July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.—16-662

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Traffic Marking Service, Inc., Maple Lake, MN, for 2016 Maintenance Striping on various streets and highways within St. Louis and Lake Counties, City of Babbitt, and Fay and White Townships.—16-663

Amendment No. 1, St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program, Grant Agreement between St. Louis County and Canosia Township, Original Damion No. 2016-10213.—16-664

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc., Duluth, MN, for an Energy Use and Conservation Study at the County Jail.—16-665

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53120, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Arrowhead Senior Living Community, Eveleth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-666

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53132, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Carey Home, Hermantown, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-667

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53134, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Shane Clemens Adult Foster Care Home, Saginaw, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-668

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53152, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Hillside Homes of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-669

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53158, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Gayle Koop Foster Care, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-670

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53160, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Lakeside Manor Boarding Home, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-671

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53167, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and New Journey Residence, LLC, Eveleth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-672

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53170, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Beehive Homes of Duluth, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-673

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53197, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Schmitt AFC, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-674

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53206, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Possibilities Plus, LLC, Proctor, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-675

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53211, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Summit Manor, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-676

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53217, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Carlson's Home Plus, Eveleth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-677

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53219, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Churches United in Ministry, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-678

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53221, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Mesabi Property Management, LLC, Virginia, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-679

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53223, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Alternatives in Motion, Proctor, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-680

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53224, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Krooks Country Living, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-681

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53225, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Twelfth Step House, Inc., Virginia, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-682

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53228, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Transitions Plus, Inc., Proctor, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-683

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15841, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and East Range Developmental Achievement Center, Inc., Eveleth, MN, for Day Training and Habilitation services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-684

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15842, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Pinewood-Duluth, Inc. (CCSA), Cloquet, MN, for Day Training and Habilitation services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-685

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15843, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center, Inc. (CCSA), Chisholm, MN, for Day Training and Habilitation services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-686

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15847, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Trillium Services, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Semi-Independent Living Services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-687

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and G-Men Environmental Services, Inc., Ely, MN, to load, haul, and unload demolition waste from the Regional Landfill in Virginia to the Cook Transfer Station and the Hibbing Transfer Station to the Waste Management Voyageur Landfill near Canyon, MN, for one-year beginning July 1, 2016.—16-688

Amendment No. 2, between the County of St. Louis and National Business Systems, Eagan, MN, to the contract to electronically scan the closed PHHS files, adding additional documents to be scanned.—16-689

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53119, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Arrowhead House Foster Care, LLC, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental

services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-690

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53121, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and REM Arrowhead, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-691

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53124, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Aspen Grove Assisted Living, Chisholm, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-692

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53129, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Brevik Support Services, Gilbert, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-693

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53131, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Tuominen Adult Foster Home, Saginaw, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-694

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53133, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Benedictine Health Center, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-695

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53140, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Duluth Regional Care Center, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-696

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53142, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Empowerment Services of Minnesota, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-697

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53143, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Regional Health Services-Fairview Range-Greenview Residence, Hibbing, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-698

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53144, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Family Counseling and Extended Services, New Hope, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-699

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53150, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Mary Gargano Adult Foster Care, Hibbing, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-700

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53153, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Hintz Adult Foster Care, LLC, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-701

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53154, between the St. Louis County Board of

Commissioners and The Hummingbird, Inc., Meadowlands, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-702

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53155, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Interim Health Care of Lake Superior, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-703

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53157, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Kiminki Homes, Inc., Proctor, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-704

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53161, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Lee Foster Care, LLC, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-705

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53174, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Onnen Adult Foster Care, Saginaw, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-706

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53175, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Pack Family Adult Foster Care, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-707

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53177, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Peterson Colonial Homes, Inc., Brookston, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-708

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53187, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Covenant Enabling Residences of Minnesota, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-709

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53189, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Range Center, Inc., Chisholm, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-710

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53192, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Residential Services of NE MN, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-711

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53193, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Arrowhead House West, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-712

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53203, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Stepping Stones for Living, LLC, Hermantown, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-713

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53209, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Jose and Rita Vidal, Nett Lake, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-714

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53210, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Winter Homes, Inc., Brookston, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-715

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53212, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Kesselhon Family Adult Foster Care, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-716

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53214, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Roxanne and Jeffrey McMillen, Mountain Iron, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-717

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53215, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Rule 36 Limited Partnerships of Duluth, II, St. Cloud, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-718

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53216, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and TBI Residential and Community Services, Inc., Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-719

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53222, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Benedictine Sisters Benevolent Association, Duluth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-720

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53226, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Alternative Senior Living, Hibbing, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-721

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53229, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Nora Zywicki, Cloquet, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-722

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53234, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and NHS-Northstar Specialized Services, Inc., Chisholm, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-723

Group Residential Housing Agreement, Contract No. 53237, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and LOTUS Corporation-Katherine's House, Eveleth, MN, for housing and supplemental services during the State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-724

Upon motion by Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Jewell, resolutions numbered 16-470 through 16-476, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER DAHLBERG:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of July 12, 2016, are hereby approved.

Adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-470

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 for St. Louis County to provide 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.

Adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-471

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.

Adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-472

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.

Adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-473

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.

Adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-474

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.

Adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-475

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).

Adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-476

BY COMMISSIONER RUKAVINA:

WHEREAS, Assessing property values is an essential component of Minnesota's property tax system, with property assessments defining the tax base, and consequently, who pays what share

of the overall property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Assessor requires office space in Orr, MN, to better deliver required assessment services to property owners in this area and provide the 4th District Commissioner a convenient location to meet with constituents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a three-year lease beginning on July 1, 2016, with the option for two (2) one-year extensions, for 275 square feet of office space at the monthly rate of $500 for the first three years (annual commitment of $6,000) payable from Fund 100, Agency 118001.

Unanimously adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-477

BY COMMISSIONER DAHLBERG:

WHEREAS, The Duluth Economic Development Authority has requested to purchase the following described state tax forfeited land for the price of $75,000 plus fees and for St. Louis County to provide funds of up to $325,000 to correct blighted conditions for redevelopment purposes:

Pastoret Terrace, Kozy Bar, Paul Robeson Ballroom
Lots 29 and 31
Duluth Proper 1st Division East 1st Street
Parcel: 010-0930-00270

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, 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 $75,000 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 $325,000. Funds are available in the Economic Development fund balance (Fund 178, Object 311428) to be transferred into Fund 178, Agency 178005.

Unanimously adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-478

BY COMMISSIONER JEWELL:

WHEREAS, In December 2008, an accident involving a car owned and operated by an

insured of Western National Mutual Insurance Company and a snowplow owned by St. Louis County and operated by an employee of St. Louis County occurred near the intersection of Midway Road and Old Highway 2 in Hermantown, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, In connection with the accident, Western National provided to its insured medical-expense benefits and income-loss benefits under the Minnesota No-Fault Automobile Insurance Act; and

WHEREAS, In January 2015, Western National initiated an arbitration in which it alleged that the accident resulted from the negligence of St. Louis County's employee and asserted an indemnification claim against St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The arbitration is pending before Arbitration Forums, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Western National and St. Louis County have reached agreement on a proposed settlement that is subject to the approval of the St. Louis County Board; and

WHEREAS, Under the proposed settlement, Western National will release its claims against St. Louis County and St. Louis County will make a settlement payment in the amount of $57,194.76; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board wishes to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the expense and risk associated with further arbitration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the proposed settlement and authorizes the appropriate county officials to negotiate and execute appropriate settlement documents and to make the settlement payment contemplated by the proposed settlement in the amount of $57,194.76, payable from Fund 720, Agency 720001, Expense Code 636200.

Unanimously adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-479

BY COMMISSIONER DAHLBERG:

WHEREAS, The thunderstorms and hurricane velocity winds of July 5 and July 21, 2016 producing heavy rain, flash flooding, wind damage, and widespread electrical power outages have severely impacted the population of St. Louis County and its cities and townships; and

WHEREAS, These July thunderstorms and straight wind events have resulted in widespread damage to trees, powerlines and buildings producing a significant amount of public and private property damage; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is conducting a Damage and Impact Assessment Report for submission to Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to determine eligibility for state public disaster assistance in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 12B.30; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management requests that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners declare St. Louis County in a STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY due to the July thunderstorms and tree blowdown events of 2016;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners hereby declares a STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY in St. Louis County, Minnesota, due to conditions resulting from the thunderstorms, hurricane velocity winds, massive tree blowdown, damage to public and private property and extended power outages resulting from the severe thunderstorms of July 5 and July 21, 2016, and requests state public disaster assistance in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 12B.30, for any eligible storm recovery activities.

Unanimously adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-480

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, In 2015 the Legislature added a provision to Minnesota Statutes that allows a county to change auditors by giving notice to the State Auditor by August 1st of an even numbered year; and

WHEREAS, Because it is in the best interest of the county and its citizens to consider the capabilities of all qualified auditors, the County Auditor requests permission to request proposals for the audit of St. Louis County's 2017 and 2018 financial statements; and

WHEREAS, If approved, the County Auditor will request proposals from both private audit firms and the Office of the State Auditor;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board gives notice of intent to change auditors to the Office of the State Auditor by August 1, 2016, and to develop and issue a request for proposals from private audit firms and the Office of the State Auditor for the audit of the county's financial statements;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor issue a Request for Proposals for the audit of the county's financial statements for at least the years of 2017 and 2018 as required by the statute, with the potential of extending the audit contract for an additional three (3) years;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor will bring a recommended selection of an auditor for the aforementioned period to the St. Louis County Board for consideration and adoption.

Yeas – Commissioners Boyle, Dahlberg, Rukavina, Stauber, Nelson and Chair Raukar – 6

Nays – Commissioner Jewell – 1

Adopted July 26, 2016. No. 16-481

At 1:12 p.m., July 26, 2016, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Dahlberg, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Steve Raukar, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:

Donald Dicklich, County Auditor
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)