

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 2, 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 10:27 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Nelson/Jewell moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)

- Minutes of July 26, 2016
- Acceptance of Grant from the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding [16-343]
- Special Sale to the City of Mountain Iron [16-344]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Klande (Homestead) [16-345]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Janke (Non-Homestead) [16-346]
- Award of Bid: Grader Blades, Cutting Edges, Pick Blades and Bits [16-347]
- Agreements for Public Land Survey System Surveying Projects [16-348]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Unorganized Township 59-16) [16-349]
- Execute 2016 HUD Contracts – CDBG, HOME and ESG Entitlement Grants [16-350]
- Tax Court Expert Appraisal Contract [16-351]

Commissioner Dahlberg returned to the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to accept the designation as Responsible Government Unit for environmental review of the proposed Louisiana-Pacific Corporation proposed siding manufacturing facility; that the appropriate county officials are authorized to negotiate and execute all required agreements and documents in accepting this designation; and that the St. Louis County Board adopts the proposed amendment to the Environmental Impact Statements Policy, allowing for an alternative environmental review. [16-352]. St. Louis County Planning Director Barb Hayden discussed the benefits of using the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) process. City of Hoyt Lakes Mayor Mark Skelton said the facility would be located in the Laskin Energy Park site. City of Hibbing Mayor & Vice President of the Iron Range Building Trades Rick Cannata encouraged the use of Project Labor Agreements. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

The Committee recessed at 11:04 a.m. and re-convened at 11:16 a.m. with all members present.

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to authorize the purchase of property and related insurance coverage on major structures and equipment, amended contents, and boiler and machinery from Chubb Group of Insurance Companies through Otis-Magie Insurance Agency of Duluth, MN, for the period July 24, 2016 to July 24, 2017 at the annual premium of \$240,390.66; that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acceptance of an additional 2 year rate guarantee reflecting a -3% rate each year, renewal subject to the same conditions as the previous guarantee; and that the Purchasing Division is authorized to add or delete county properties to the policy, or increase the base amount on future determination of valuation of county structures during the policy period. [16-353]. St. Louis County Purchasing Director Donna Viskoe indicated that the agreement would result in better coverage with better pricing. Otis-Magie Insurance Agent Bob Heimbach said that St. Louis County would realize a 3% reduction in premium costs on an annual basis. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Raukar moved to approve the purchase of four city lots (parcel codes 090-0010-07570, 090-0010-07550 and 090-0010-07530) from the City of Virginia for purposes of county parking adjacent to the County Motor Pool in Virginia, MN, for a cost of \$118,000, plus filing fees. [16-354]. Pete Miller, St. Louis County Property Management, said the area would serve as a staging area during construction of the new Northland Office Center. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Nelson/Jewell moved to authorize the Property Management Director to advertise for proposals for the purchase of the Northland Office Center pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01; and further, that the County Board establishes the time for receiving written proposals for the property to be at 9:40 a.m. on October 4, 2016, at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN. [16-355]. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

Nelson/Stauber moved to approve the purchase of a 7.8 acre parcel (parcel code 260-0014-00820) adjacent to Camp Esquagama from Gerald L. Spragg and Cheryl L. Spragg at a purchase price of \$36,700, with St. Louis County will be responsible for closing costs and property taxes payable in 2017. [16-356]. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 12:07 p.m. to 12:08 p.m. The motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

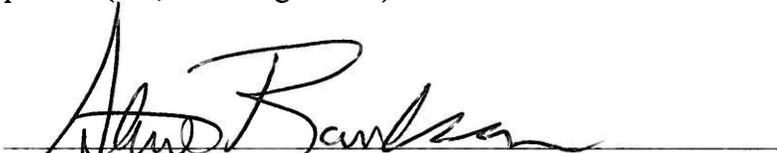
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Stauber noted that tonight is “National Night Out” and encouraged citizen participation.

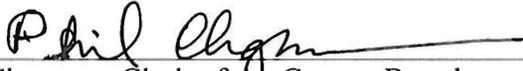
Commissioner Jewell indicated Duluth’s participation in “National Night Out” started in 1995 as a result of the St. Louis County “Violence Free Duluth” initiative.

Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

At 12:10 p.m., Nelson/Rukavina moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Dahlberg absent)



Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board

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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board