

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 9, 2016

Location: City Council Chambers, Hibbing, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of August 2, 2016
- Award of Bid: 2016 Bud Capping Application [16-361]
- Public Sale of Shoreland Lease Lots [16-362]
- Public Sale of State Tax Forfeited Properties on October 13, 2016 [16-363]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [16-364]
- Microsoft Project Online [16-365]
- Application and Acceptance of 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant [16-366]

Health & Human Services Committee

Boyle/Nelson moved to increase the Public Health and Human Services Department staffing complement by 16.0 FTE Social Workers for Initial Intervention and Ongoing Child Protection and 4.0 FTE Social Service Supervisors for Child Protection (Fund 230, Agency 232024). Funding is available through the remainder of 2016 for these positions from unearned revenue from the initial Child Protection Task Force payment in Fund 230, Agency 232024, Object 530554. The proposed 2017 budget will be updated to reflect the remaining Task Force Aid payment as well as standard revenue assumptions for Child Protection and county levy support in the amount of \$783,760. The Public Health and Human Service Department will track and report to the County Board on revenue recapture of Child Welfare – Targeted Case Management funds on a quarterly basis. Interim Public Health and Human Services Director Linnea Mirsch discussed the need for the increase in staffing. Holly Church, of Public Health and Human Services, said multiple factors have contributed to the spike in child protection cases. [16-369]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Boyle/Raukar moved to authorize the addition of 5.0 FTE Financial Worker positions to the Public Health and Human Services Department – Financial Division for staff transition purposes. These positions will be paid out of Fund 230, Agency 231014, Object 610201, a new object to track these training expenditures and ensure that existing personnel resources are sufficient to cover these additional positions. No additional personnel budget is authorized. [16-368]. The motion passed. (5-1, Dahlberg nay, Jewell absent)

Rukavina/Nelson moved to appoint Lynette Zupetz to the Heading Home St. Louis County Leadership Council, education category, for a term ending December 31, 2017. [16-367]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Stauber/Nelson moved to authorize 5.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff-Correction Officers be added to the Sheriff's Office-Jail Division for staff transition purposes. No additional personnel budget is authorized as part of this increase in FTEs, as the additional hires will be absorbed by the normal and reoccurring attrition at the county jail facilities. [16-370]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/Stauber moved to authorize the addition of two (2.0) FTE Deputy Sheriff positions to backfill Deputies assigned to ISD 2142 as School Resource Officers for the next three school years, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Object 311426 Public Safety Innovation Fund. The two positions shall become effective immediately and end June 10, 2020, and will be absorbed into the authorized staffing complement through existing vacancies at that time. [16-371]. Sheriff Litman spoke to the resolution. Melissa Roach, of Cook, Lean Rogne, of Gheen, and Kathleen McQuillon, of Cook, spoke in opposition of the resolution. The motion passed without recommendation. (4-2, Dahlberg, Rukavina- nay, Jewell absent)

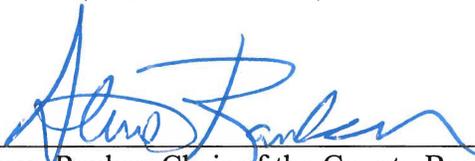
Finance & Budget Committee

Commissioners held a discussion regarding the 2017 budget. Commissioner Nelson said he would like to propose an increase to the Sheriff's staff to investigate issues relating to various rental issues. Commissioner Raukar stepped out of the meeting from 4:08 p.m. to 4:12 p.m. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray provided a 2017 budget update handout to the Committee. Administrator Gray reviewed the information and said the County is still looking for ways to reduce the levy.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

None

At 4:24 p.m., Nelson/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)



Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board