

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2016**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 25th day of October 2016, at 9:51 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Patrick Boyle, Chris Dahlberg, Pete Stauber, and Vice-Chair Frank Jewell - 4. Absent: Commissioners Tom Rukavina, Keith Nelson, and Chair Steve Raukar - 3.

Vice-Chair Jewell asked for a moment of silence to honor U.S. troops, their families, and for all innocent victims of war and conflict, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Vice-Chair Jewell then opened the meeting to persons who wanted to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Todd Youngberg, of Duluth, discussed various concerns relating to property issues he had during 2015.

City of Duluth Mayor Emily Larson addressed the Board regarding the retirement of Deputy Administrator Gary Eckenberg. Mayor Larson commended Deputy Administrator Eckenberg on his service to the community and officially proclaimed October 28, 2016 as Gary Eckenberg Day in the City of Duluth.

Commissioner Rukavina entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Stauber, supported by Commissioner Dahlberg, moved to consider a proclamation recognizing the service of Deputy Administrator Gary Eckenberg; the item had not been to committee. The motion passed; five yeas, zero nays, two absent (Nelson, Raukar). Commissioner Rukavina, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to proclaim the week of October 24-28, 2016, as Gary Eckenberg Appreciation Week in St. Louis County. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray read the proclamation. After further discussion, the motion passed; five yeas, zero nays, two absent (Nelson, Raukar). Resolution No. 16-654.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Stauber, moved to approve the consent agenda without Item #2, Authorize Public Health and Human Services Department to hire two (2.0) FTE Social Workers to support the Sixth Judicial District and work as part of the Opioid and Clinical Case Management Initiative, and without Item # 7-2, Bid Award to Ulland Brothers Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$493,306.60 for a paving project on Rice Lake Dam Road located in the city of Rice Lake (CP 0000-215963, SAP 69-600-044). The motion passed; five yeas, zero nays, two absent (Nelson, Raukar).

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Stauber, moved to remove from the table a resolution authorizing the repurchase of state tax forfeited land by Eric and Deborah Ringsred, Duluth, MN (tabled from October 11, 2016). The motion passed; five yeas, zero nays, two absent (Nelson, Raukar).

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Stauber, moved to approve a repurchase application by Eric & Deborah Ringsred of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$1,824.93, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$6.02, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$2,015.95. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray indicated that new guidelines for the purchase and repurchase of non-homestead tax forfeit properties will be effective on November 19, 2016. The motion passed; five yeas, zero nays, two absent (Nelson, Raukar). Resolution No. 16-652.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Rukavina, moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into a site acquisition agreement with the City of Virginia, MN, for parcels described in County Board File No. 60474, with provisions included for the city to hold the property for the county's future purchase for a maximum of four (4) years from the date of the executed agreement at a fee of \$7,500 per year up to a maximum of \$30,000 which shall be applied to the full purchase price of \$150,000 if the building project secures funding to completion. The motion passed; four yeas, one nay (Dahlberg), two absent (Nelson, Raukar). Resolution No. 16-653.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Stauber, moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department to hire two (2.0) FTE Social Workers to support the Sixth Judicial District and work as part of the Opioid and Clinical Case Management Initiative; and further, the positions will be funded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant in the amount of \$75,000 for each position for a total of \$150,000 per year for three years (2016-2018) with the positions ending when the grant funding ends. Commissioner Rukavina expressed concern that the majority of St. Louis County jobs were centered in Duluth. Deputy Administrator Linnea Mirsch indicated that these positions would be located in proximity to the Specialty Courts. Commissioner Dahlberg discussed his concerns that people in grant-funded positions remain employed by St. Louis County after grant funding stops. After further discussion, the motion passed; three yeas (Jewell, Boyle, Stauber), two nays (Dahlberg, Rukavina), two absent (Nelson, Raukar). Resolution No. 16-640.

Commissioner Boyle exited the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Commissioner Stauber, supported by Commissioner Rukavina, moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$493,306.60 for a paving project on Rice Lake Dam Road located in the city of Rice Lake (CP 0000-215963, SAP 69-600-044). The motion passed; four yeas, zero nays, three absent (Boyle, Nelson, Raukar). Resolution No. 16-646.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, James Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, submitting Board Letter No. 16-459, Public Works Joint Use Facility Land Purchase (City of Cook).—60469

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 16-460, Reappointment to Cook-Orr Healthcare District Board of Directors.—60470

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 16-461, Appointment to Arrowhead

Library System Board of Directors.—60471

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Gottschald, Human Resources Director, submitting Board Letter No. 16-462, Social Media Policy.—60472

Proclamation: Gary Eckenberg Appreciation Week.—60473

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Tony Mancuso, Property Management Director, submitting Board Letter No. 16-458, AEOA/Range Mental Health Center Site Acquisition Agreement (City of Virginia).—60474

2017 Letter of Agreement for the Delivery of Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS) between St. Louis County and Prairie Community Services, Inc., Fresh Start-PCS, Duluth, MN, for the period January 2017 to December 31, 2017.—16-878

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15893, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Susan Larson Kidd, Ed.S, Ed.D, Duluth, MN, for Respite Services for Individuals with Autism during the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.—16-879

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15895, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Trillium Services, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Respite Services for Individuals with Autism during the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.—16-880

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and The Salvation Army of Duluth, Duluth, MN, for Surplus Pick Up Services to dispose of used or slightly damaged office furniture, equipment and other miscellaneous materials as they become available, during the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, with three (3) possible one-year extensions.—16-881

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 16-010403, between the County of St. Louis and Mahkahta Trucking, Inc., Eveleth, MN, to load, haul and unload demolition waste, extending the contract period for one year beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.—16-882

Contract for County-State Aid Highway (CSAH)Project between the County of St. Louis and Northland Constructors, Duluth, MN, for approach grading and Bridge No. 60A35 (County Bridge 388) located on CSAH 59/Melrude Road over Paleface River in Ellsburg Township.—16-883

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and KTM Paving, Inc., Hermantown, MN, for paving on the Miller Trunk Highway and Haines Road intersection in Duluth, MN.—16-884

Agreement between St. Louis County and Wilbert, Inc., d/b/a Wilbert Café & El Toro Lounge, Cotton Township, for an alleged liquor law violation, sale to minor, on August 15, 2016.—16-885

Agreement between St. Louis County and Wilbert, Inc., d/b/a Wayside Bottle Shop, Inc., d/b/a Wayside Bottle Shop, New Independence Township, for an alleged liquor law violation, sale to minor, on August 15, 2016.—16-886

Agreement between St. Louis County and James Miner, Jr. and Theresa Lorentz of Miner's Incorporated d/b/a Super One, Canosia Township, for an alleged liquor law violation, sale to minor, on August 8, 2016.—16-887

Agreement between St. Louis County and Martin McLaughlin and Dianne Murrer McLaughlin of Murmac, LLC d/b/a Riverside Inn, French Township, for an alleged liquor law violation, sale to minor, on July 26, 2016.—16-888

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15849, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and George Morrell, Hibbing, MN, for chore services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-889

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15858, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and George Morrell, Hibbing, MN, for chore services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-890

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15884, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Duluth Adult Basic Education (ABE), Duluth, MN, for Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) education support services during the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.—16-891

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15894, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth, MN, for Grant Contract for Respite Services for Individuals with Autism, during the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.—16-892

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15902, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Mike Thelen, Gilbert, MN, for chore services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-893

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15903, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Michael Bradach, Gilbert, MN, for chore services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-894

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15904, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Floyd Long, Britt, MN, for chore services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-895

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15915, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Tim Ellison, Chisholm, MN, for chore services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-896

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15916, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Tim Ellison, Chisholm, MN, for chore services during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.—16-897

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 15918, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Tim Ellison, Chisholm, MN, for chore services during the period July 1, 2016 to

June 30, 2017.—16-898

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings Agreement, Contract No. 53195, between St. Louis County and West Chestnut Senior Home, Virginia, MN, during State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-899

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings Agreement, Contract No. 53232, between St. Louis County and Garden House Estates, Ltd., Duluth, MN, during State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-900

Group Residential Housing Agreement – Group Settings Agreement, Contract No. 53252, between St. Louis County and Johnson Country Living, Floodwood, MN, during State Fiscal Year 2016.—16-901

State of Minnesota Work Order Under Master Partnership Contract, MnDOT Agreement No. 02466, Work Order No. 7, between the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and St. Louis County for Right of Way Parcel Acquisition and Relocation at 4096 Midway Road, Hermantown, MN.—16-902

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between of St. Louis County and Lanyk Electric, Inc., Virginia, MN, for Roadway Weather Information Systems Project in four (4) locations.—16-903

Service Contract #5305 between the County of St. Louis and DSGW Architects, Inc., Virginia, MN, for Phase II: Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documents and Bidding for the Government Services Center – Virginia, MN, construction project.—16-904

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2015-009192, between the County of St. Louis and LHB Corporation, Duluth, MN, for additional material testing of several bridges. Amendment retroactive to December 31, 2015 and extending the contract to December 31, 2017.—16-905

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Scalzo Architects, Duluth, MN, for Environmental Assessment Worksheet Preparation and Submission for the Northland Office Building to the State of Minnesota, which is a requirement as the building is on the National Register of Historic Places.—16-906

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Northland Consulting Engineers, LLP, Duluth, MN, for the 2016 Annual Inspections of the Duluth Parking Ramps – Government Services Center (GSC) Ramp, Motor Pool and Third Street Ramp.—16-907

Service Contract between the County of St. Louis and Empire Investigative and Protective Services, Hibbing, MN, for Security Services at the Virginia Courthouse to provide staffing for an 8-week period, with possible renewal, during the period of time that the main elevator is out of service.—16-908

Upon motion by Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Stauber, resolutions numbered 16-638 through 16-639, 16-641 through 16-645, and 16-647 through 16-651, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of October 11, 2016, are hereby approved.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-638

WHEREAS, It was announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will select up to ten (10) communities to participate in a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program to develop and execute a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The Heading Home St. Louis County Leadership Council has expressed an interest in applying for these funds, which has an application deadline of November 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will be the applicant agency requesting up to \$4 million based on population and poverty rates of youth within its target community, with Life House, an organization for homeless and street youth in Duluth, MN, to be the Lead Agency working under contract with the county and subcontracting work with other area providers; and

WHEREAS, A number of activities will be proposed, including the development of a coordinated community plan, to be completed within six months of the award; and

WHEREAS, If awarded, the grant will run for two (2) years from approximately April, 2017 to April, 2019, with a possible two-year renewal from 2019 to 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to submit an application for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program in an amount up to four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for the period 2017-2019.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-639

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is committed to providing comprehensive waste management services including land disposal to its residents; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County continues to develop its Regional Landfill in Virginia in accordance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency permit requirements including the systematic closure of areas within the landfill that have been filled to permitted capacity; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 11 acres within Phases 1 and 1A have been filled to permitted capacity; and

WHEREAS, The county requires the assistance of an engineer to provide Regional Landfill closure design, bidding assistance, construction management and certification services; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County requested that Northeast Technical Services Inc., provide a proposal for engineering and related services for the closure of approximately 11 acres within Phases 1 and 1A; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Technical Services, Inc., is qualified and duly registered to provide such engineering services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the

appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with Northeast Technical Services, Inc., to provide design, bidding, construction management and certification services for closure of approximately 11 acres within Phases 1 and 1A at the Regional Landfill at a cost not to exceed \$116,247, payable from Fund 600, Agency 607001(Landfill).

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-641

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to construct a sidewalk along the east side of County Road 284/Ugstad Road, replace culverts, and reclaim and overlay the entire segment (County Project CP 0284-157146); and

WHEREAS, The proposed sidewalk will begin at the south end of the Proctor High School property and proceed northward to an end point at 4th Street, for a total length of approximately 1,250 feet or 0.24 miles, with the entire project approximately 1.6 miles; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing road right of way, temporary easements are required for this construction;

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 County Project CP 0284-157146;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant highway easements across tax forfeited lands for the necessary permanent highway easements and temporary construction easements for the project.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-642

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department budgets for the purchase of lubricating oils, greases, coolants and fluids, and the Purchasing Division issued a Request for Bids for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, Industrial Lubricant Company of Grand Rapids, MN, submitted the low bid meeting specifications to supply lubricating oils, greases, coolants and fluids in the amount of \$135,681.36;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement for one year with Industrial Lubricant Company of Grand Rapids, MN, for the purchase of lubricating oils, greases, coolants and fluids in the amount estimated at \$135,681.36 annually, with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement of both parties, payable from Fund 200, Agency 207001, Object 653500.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-643

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth has been awarded the 2017 Toward Zero Deaths grant; and
WHEREAS, The grant is intended for participation by several governmental units, including St. Louis County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement with the City of Duluth to participate in the 2017 Toward Zero Deaths grant program in the amount of \$43,177, to be accounted for as follows:

\$37,647	Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12902, Year 2017
\$ 2,200	Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12922, Year 2017

§ 3,330 Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12951, Year 2017

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-644

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0769-229625 TST, Bridge 69K39 (County Bridge 709) and approach grading on CR 769 between CSAH 74 and the dead end; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on October 6, 2016, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	P.O. Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$372,900.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project, payable from Fund 446, Agency 446002, Object 652806.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-645

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Public Works completed a District 4 operations study in 2014 to optimize the delivery of services, road maintenance, snow plowing, and increase overall operational efficiency to reduce expenditures; and

WHEREAS, These studies concluded that to consolidate services for this part of District 4, Cook would be the best site for a facility, and that none of the existing buildings or sites were viable for reuse; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation, St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department and other county departments were contacted and have all expressed interest in a joint use facility; and

WHEREAS, County staff investigated potential properties of suitable size, location, and available utilities and have determined that two (2) adjacent sites totaling over 70 acres (60 acres owned by the City of Cook) with utilities and an existing office building (with 10 acres) as the recommended site for a new joint use facility; and

WHEREAS, Negotiations with the City of Cook have resulted in a recommended purchase price of \$200,000 for the city's 60 acre property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a purchase agreement with the City of Cook for a 60 acre parcel, described in County Board File No. 60469, in the amount of \$200,000, payable from Fund 405, Agency 405069, Object 660100, transferred in from the Capital Project Fund 400, Agency 400023;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this sale shall be contingent upon the purchase of the adjoining property.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-647

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated October 14, 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 October 25, 2016. No. 16-648

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has received a request from Teresa Debevec, Cook Hospital CEO, asking that Mr. Don Potter be reappointed to the Cook-Orr Healthcare District Board of Directors to represent unorganized townships in the Cook Hospital Healthcare District; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board acts as the Township Board for all unorganized townships;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board reappoints Mr. Don Potter of Cook, MN, to the Cook-Orr Healthcare District Board of Directors to represent unorganized townships in the Cook Hospital Healthcare District for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-649

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints Mr. John Schifsky of Duluth, MN, to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-650

WHEREAS, St. Louis County desires to establish a positive and informative social media presence and ensure compliance with all federal and state laws with respect to social media uses;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the adoption of the Social Media Policy as contained in Board File No. 60472.

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-651

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

WHEREAS, The Sixth District Treatment Courts applied for and received a grant under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment for Treatment Drug Courts; and

WHEREAS, The project will serve an estimated 100 participants each year over three (3) years by providing opioid stabilization services, clinical case management services, and referral to testing and education for HIV/HCV; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department has been asked to participate in programming by providing clinical case management in the form of two (2.0) FTE Targeted Case Management Social Workers; and

WHEREAS, The Human Resources Department reviewed the assigned duties and agreed that the Social Worker classification is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Costs will be covered by the grant, budgeted at \$75,000 for each case manager for a total of \$150,000 per year for three years from the SAMHSA Grant;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to hire two (2.0) FTE Social Workers to support the Sixth

Judicial District and work as part of the Opioid and Clinical Case Management Initiative;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the positions will be funded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant in the amount of \$75,000 for each position for a total of \$150,000 per year for three years (2016-2018). These positions will end when the grant funding ends.

Budget reference Code: 230-232006-610100
230-232006-633100
230-232006-584212

Yeas – Commissioners Boyle, Stauber and Vice-Chair Jewell – 3
Nays – Commissioners Dahlberg and Rukavina – 2
Absent – Commissioner Nelson and Chair Raukar – 2
Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-640

BY COMMISSIONER STAUBER:

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0000-215963, SAP 69-600-044, Rice Lake Dam Road in the City of Rice Lake; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on October 6, 2016, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	P.O. Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$493,306.60

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor’s Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220340, Object 652700.

Unanimously adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-646

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Eric & Deborah Ringsred of Duluth, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH
N 100 FT OF LOT 2, BLOCK 84
ENDION DIVISION OF DULUTH
Parcel Code: 010-1480-05510; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the

repurchase application by Eric & Deborah Ringsred of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 60327, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$1,824.93, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$6.02, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$2,015.95 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Unanimously adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-652

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board passed resolutions of support and acceptance of State of Minnesota General Obligation Bond funds for the construction of a new joint facility for the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency/Range Mental Health Center in Virginia, MN; and

WHEREAS, Site selection is an integral part of the State of Minnesota predesign process; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Property Management Department has evaluated seven (7) sites that conform to project requirements with one site owned by the City of Virginia emerging as the preferred site for the facility; and

WHEREAS, The City of Virginia has offered to sell the preferred site to the county for \$150,000 and to hold the property for a maximum of four (4) years at a fee of \$7,500 per year, with holding fees to be applied to the purchase price;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a site acquisition agreement with the City of Virginia, MN, for parcels described in County Board File No. 60474, with provisions included for the city to hold the property for the county's future purchase for a maximum of four (4) years from the date of the executed agreement at a fee of \$7,500 per year up to a maximum of \$30,000 which shall be applied to the full purchase price of \$150,000 if the building project secures funding to completion;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the holding fees are non-refundable in the event that project funding is not available within the stipulated timeframe;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That holding fee expenses are payable from Fund 400, Agency 400040, and are eligible for reimbursement from the 2014 State of Minnesota Capital Appropriation.

Yeas – Commissioners Boyle, Rukavina, Stauber and Vice-Chair Jewell – 4

Nays – Commissioner Dahlberg – 1

Absent – Commissioner Nelson and Chair Raukar – 2

Adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-653

BY COMMISSIONER RUKAVINA:

-Proclamation-

Gary Eckenberg Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, Gary Eckenberg has served the citizens of St. Louis County with great dedication for nearly 40 years, initially hired in 1977 as a Public Health Educator-Media Technician, and rising to his current position as Deputy Administrator of Governance and Policy; and

WHEREAS, Gary Eckenberg has served with and survived all seven County Administrators, and has been integral in providing consistency and stability, along with dignity, humility, levity and a touch of class; and

WHEREAS, Gary Eckenberg with his amazing memory, knowledge and experience has been

a tremendous resource for the County Board and staff; and

WHEREAS, Gary Eckenberg has assisted in preparing for and attended more than 400 County Board meetings, and proofread an estimated 8,500 Board letters and resolutions, and still maintained a remarkable sense of grace and humor; and

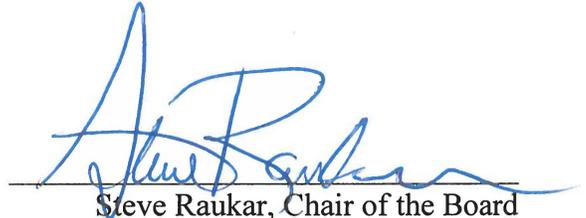
WHEREAS, Gary Eckenberg has announced his retirement, effective October 28, 2016, and leaves behind not only big shoes to fill, but also shoes that are always the perfect accessory to his well-coordinated wardrobe;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we the Commissioners of the St. Louis County Board, do proclaim the week of October 24-28, 2016, as **Gary Eckenberg Appreciation Week** in St. Louis County, in recognition of his many years of service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we have been honored to call him both a colleague and friend, and we wish him well as he cleans out his extraordinary collection displayed in his office, and drives off to a well-deserved retirement in his classic '37 Dodge.

Unanimously adopted October 25, 2016. No. 16-654

At 11:01 a.m., October 25, 2016, Commissioner Dahlberg, supported by Commissioner Stauber, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; four yeas, zero nays, three absent (Boyle, Nelson, Raukar).



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)