

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 1, 2016

Location: Cotton Town Hall, Cotton, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Raukar called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Jewell/Rukavina moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of October 25, 2016
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Abrahamson (Non-Homestead) [16-484]
- Cooperative Agreement with City of Hermantown to Install a Fiber Optic Interconnect on CSAH 32/West Arrowhead Road [16-485]
- Cooperative Agreement with City of Chisholm – Water Utilities Replacement in Chisholm Roundabout Project on CSAH 5/136 [16-486]
- Professional Services Agreement for Public Outreach/Education and Design Services – Proposed Roundabout at CSAH 13 and CSAH 6 (Hermantown) [16-487]

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## Establishment of Public Hearings

Boyle/Jewell moved establish a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 9:40 a.m. at the Hoyt Lakes Community Center on the County Auditor's intent to re-issue a peat lease to Northwoods Organics of Minnesota, LLC. [16-488]. The motion passed. (7-0)

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## Public Works & Transportation Committee

Stauber/Rukavina moved to authorize the purchase of property from Laurentian Holdings, LLC, doing business as Disability Specialists, 9558 Ashawa Road, Cook, MN, in the amount of \$2,156,000, for the purpose of office space for a new Public Works joint use facility in Cook, MN. [16-489]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi provided the Committee with an overview of the purchase agreement and said the building could potentially be shared by St. Louis County Public Works, Land and Minerals, Public Health and Human Services, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). Commissioner Nelson discussed concerns he had regarding outstanding Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board loans to Disability Specialists. Commissioner Dahlberg stepped out of the meeting from 11:13 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (7-0)

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## Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Raukar moved to declare the Board's intent to issue and sell General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds in the approximate amount of \$33,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to purchase an existing building located in Cook, MN, and to improve and equip such building as a public works facility, and to construct an administrative office building in Virginia, MN, including demolition of an existing building. [16-492]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi indicated the amount of funding necessary was a preliminary estimate and will change once the design estimate is finished. The motion passed. (7-0)

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## Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Nelson moved to reappoint David L. Sipila, St. Louis County Assessor, to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 273.061, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Revenue. [16-490]. Commissioner Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 11:33 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. St. Louis County Public Records and Property Valuation Direction Mark Monacelli and St. Louis County Assessor Dave Sipila discussed the change from a local assessment model to a county assessment model. The motion passed. (7-0)

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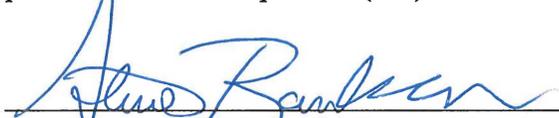
## COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson said the Friends of the Wirtanen Farm's annual bake sale fundraiser will take place this Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Colvin Town Hall.

Commissioner Stauber wished deer hunters a safe and successful hunting season.

Commissioner Dahlberg discussed the artwork at the Government Services Building and said that there are times when add-ons have value.

At 11:55 a.m., Rukavina/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. The motion passed. (7-0)



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Steve Raukar, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board