OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JUNE 27, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 27th day of June 2017, at 9:37 a.m., at the Kabetogama Town Hall, Kabetogama, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Patrick Boyle, Beth Olson, Tom Rukavina, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Frank Jewell - 6. Absent: Commissioner Pete Stauber - 1.

Chair Jewell asked for a moment of silence to honor all those serving overseas, law enforcement, and for all innocent victims of war and conflict, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Bob DeGross, Superintendent of Voyageurs National Park, said he welcomes the opportunity to preserve and protect the park. Superintendent DeGross said Voyagers National Park is the only national park located in Minnesota.

John Stegmeir, Kabetogama Township Supervisor, welcomed the Board to Kabetogama Township and discussed public works projects that have been completed in the area.

St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin provided the Board with the St. Louis County Attorney’s Office 2016 Annual Report.

Chair Jewell opened the meeting to persons who wanted to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Julian Brzoznowski, of Orr, discussed local restoration of trout streams. Ann Ellis, General Manager, North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc., Baudette, MN, provided the Board with a handout of an overview of North Star Electric, which has 1,437 miles of power lines and employs 21 full time employees. Tim Watson, of Kabetogama, distributed a handout to the Board detailing Cook Hospital Taxing District issues. Mr. Watson discussed concerns by Kabetogama residents relating to the Cook Hospital Taxing District, and requested that Kabetogama Township residents be given an opportunity to vote on whether or not they would like to be part of the district. Cheryl Adams, of Chisholm, said she was speaking on behalf of employees of Northern Minnesota Recycling. Ms. Adams discussed staff concerns relating to the bid proposal and felt the Northern Minnesota Recycling work environment was of high quality. Christine Schlotec, of Virginia, discussed various concerns relating to the request for proposal (RFP) for county recycling services and identified potential negative impacts due the switch to a new recycling provider.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #3, Cancellation of contract for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (non-homestead) with Ronald Abrahamson of Tower, MN [17-267] was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Stauber).

Commissioner Olson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to remove from the table a resolution to rescind County Board Resolution No. 17-146, dated March 14, 2017, and authorize the special sale of state tax forfeited property to the Duluth Economic Development Authority (Steel
Plant Terminal Addition) (tabled on June 13, 2017). The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Stauber).

Commissioner Olson, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to re-table discussion (to the July 11, 2017 Board meeting) regarding a resolution to rescind County Board Resolution No. 17-146, dated March 14, 2017, and authorize the special sale of state tax forfeited property to the Duluth Economic Development Authority (Steel Plant Terminal Addition). The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Stauber).

Administrator Gray indicated that communication was received from the City of Babbitt rescinding the request for the sale of state tax forfeited lands to the City of Babbitt (parcels 105-0080-00058 and 105-0080-00022). Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to remove the item from the agenda. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Stauber).

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Rukavina, moved to approve the cancellation of contract for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (non-homestead) with Ronald Abrahamson of Tower, MN. Mr. Abrahamson appeared before the Board to request an extension on the repurchase contract. County Administrator Kevin Gray said the property was tax forfeited in 2014 and a repurchase contract was agreed to in March of 2015; to-date, no payments have been made on the contract. Commissioner Nelson indicated that he would be willing to consider extending the deadline by 48 hours; however, the contract must be paid in full. To allow county administration time to review details of the agreement, the Board recessed from 10:36 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved to table discussion (tabled to the July 11, 2017 Board meeting). The motion passed; five yeas, one nay (Nelson), one absent (Stauber).

The Board recessed at 10:47 a.m.

At 12:02 p.m., the County Board reconvened with the following members present: Commissioners Patrick Boyle, Beth Olson, Tom Rukavina, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Frank Jewell - 6. Absent: Commissioner Pete Stauber - 1.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to approve a second consent agenda consisting of items passed unanimously at the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Stauber).

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health and Human Resources Director, submitting Board Letter No. 17-265, Acceptance of Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Grant.—60619

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Donald Dicklich, County Auditor/Treasurer, and Mark Rubin, County Attorney, submitting Board Letter No. 17-277, Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, J&J Investments of Britt, Inc. (Unorg. Township 60-18).—60620
Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Donald Dicklich, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 17-278, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Gnesen Township).—60621

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Donald Dicklich, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 17-279, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Beatty Township).—60622

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Gottschald, Human Resources Director, submitting Board Letter No. 17-281, Civil Service Supervisory Unit Agreement: 2017-2019.—60623

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Gottschald, Human Resources Director, submitting Board Letter No. 17-282, Confidential Public Employees Association Agreement: 2017-2019.—60624

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health and Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 17-283, Acceptance of the Housing with Supports for Adults with Serious Mental Illness Grant Award.—60625

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health and Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 17-284, Acceptance of Substance Abuse Disorder Assistance Program Grant Award.—60626

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, submitting Board Letter No. 17-285, Revised Minnesota Department of Transportation Master Partnership Agreement.—60627

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Sherry Rodriguez, County Veterans Services Officer, submitting Board Letter No. 17-290, Use of Personnel Savings to Contribute to Monument at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Grand Lake Township.—60628

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 17-292, Support for St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot) 2018 Capital Appropriation Request.—60629

Mark Rubin, County Attorney, submitting the St. Louis County Attorney’s Office 2016 Annual Report.—60630

Tim Watson, of Kabetogama, MN, submitting Cook Hospital Taxing District Issues.—60631

Ann Ellis, General Manager, North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc., Baudette, MN, submitting a handout providing an overview of North Star Electric Cooperative.—60632

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16100, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and K&W Builders, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Environmental Accessibility Adaptations under the CADI waiver, during the period June 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.—17-359

Agreement for Fiscal Services 2017 between the County of St. Louis; Donald Dicklich, St. Louis
County Auditor; and the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC), during the term July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018.—17-360

Agreement between the County of St. Louis and Lake County for seal coat and fog seal on various paved city streets and county highways (CP 0000-323208 Prime).—17-361

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and Lake County for 2017 State Aid Pavement Markings Project (SAP 069-030-038, CP 0000-275389, Lake County SAP 038-030-004).—17-362

Regional Administrative Agency Cooperative Agreement for Fraud Prevention Investigation Program, Contract No. 16096, between St. Louis County Human Services, lead agency, and Lake County through its Human Services Department, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.—17-363

Regional Administrative Agency Cooperative Agreement for Fraud Prevention Investigation Program, Contract No. 16097, between St. Louis County Human Services, lead agency, and Cook County through its Human Services Department, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.—17-364

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16099, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Scooters Lawn and Snow Removal, Hibbing, MN, for chore services during the period May 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.—17-365

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16090, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Tim Ellison, Chisholm, MN, for chore services during the period April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.—17-366

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16091, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Tim Ellison, Chisholm, MN, for chore services during the period April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.—17-367

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 16092, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Tim Ellison, Chisholm, MN, for chore services during the period April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.—17-368

Project Contract No. 5366 between the County of St. Louis and A Plus Landscaping, LLC, Saginaw, MN, for the Stone Lake Dam Culverts project.—17-369

Project Contract No. 5390 between the County of St. Louis and Restoration Systems, Inc., Chaska, MN, for the Government Services Center (GSC) Duluth Ramp Restoration project.—17-370

Agreement between the City of Duluth and the County of St. Louis for a bituminous seal coat and fog seal project on various paved city streets and county highways (CP 0000-323208 Prime).—17-371

State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and City of Mountain Iron and St. Louis County
Cooperative Construction Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1027769, for Intersection Improvements – US-169 and CSAH 7 (SP 069-607-053, CP 0007-278060).—17-372

St. Louis County On-Line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis Auditor’s Office and Carlton County Abstract & Title Company, Cloquet, MN.—17-373

Addendum, Contract No. 15895A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Trillium Services, Inc., Duluth, MN, for respite services for children with Autism or related conditions, for additional funding and necessary amendments.—17-374

State of Minnesota Department of Human Services Grant Contract between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Adult Services Division, for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services during State Fiscal Year 2018.—17-375

Funding Agreement between the City of Duluth, St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, MN, for the Gateway Tower Apartments project.—17-376

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, resolutions numbered 17-382 through 17-407, as submitted on the first consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of June 13, 2017, are hereby approved.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-382

WHEREAS, St. Louis County purchases Day Training and Habilitation (DT&H) and Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS) for residents with developmental disabilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute contract documents to purchase Day Training and Habilitation (DT&H) and Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS) for St. Louis County clients for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That rates for DT&H are set by the State Disability Waiver Rate Management System on a client by client basis while SILS will remain at SFY 2017 levels.

Day Training and Habilitation (DT&H) rates for all county-funded persons are individually determined using the Rate Management System established by the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the following providers to be paid from Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 604800:

- CHOICE, Unlimited - CHOICE
- CHOICE, Unlimited – OPTIONS
- East Range DAC
- Range Center, Inc.
- UDAC, Inc.

Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS) rates are $27.76 per hour for the following providers of
WHEREAS, The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) awards grant funds to counties to fund services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness; and
WHEREAS, On March 28, 2017, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 17-184 authorizing the Public Health & Human Services Department (PHHS) to submit a grant application to the MHFA Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for the 2017-2019 biennium;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept a grant award in the amount of $731,214 from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County shall serve as fiscal agent for the grant;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute agreements with various community agencies to deliver services funded by the grant, to be paid from Fund 230, Agency 232001, Grant 23204, Grant Year 2017, Object 607200;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the 2017 revenue and expenditure budgets be increased as follows, with any adjustments to be made in the 2018 and 2019 budgets accordingly, if there are any unspent funds or overspent funds not to exceed the grant funding of $731,214:

- Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 629900, Grant 23204, Grant Year 2017
- Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 607200, Grant 23204, Grant Year 2017
- Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 530701, Grant 23204, Grant Year 2017
- Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 640200, Grant 23204, Grant Year 2017
- Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 631100, Grant 23204, Grant Year 2017
- Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 634200, Grant 23204, Grant Year 2017

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-384

WHEREAS, The contract with Leander F. and Joyce D. Voigt of Cotton, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes; and
WHEREAS, The repurchasers were properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and have failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

TOWN OF COTTON
S 660 FT OF E 330 FT OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 54 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST
Parcel Code: 305-0010-01145
C22140007; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 282.04, Subd. 2(d), and 504B.271 authorize the County Auditor to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property; and
WHEREAS, The previous owners of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract with Leeander F. and Joyce D. Voigt of Cotton, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-385

WHEREAS, The contract with Lonnie and Brenda LaSart of Babbitt, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, The repurchasers were properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and have failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

CITY OF BABBITT
LOT: 0082 BLOCK: 011
BABBITT 3RD DIVISION CITY OF BABBITT
Parcel Code: 105-0030-00820
C22140018; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 282.04. Subd. 2(d), and 504B.271 authorize the County Auditor to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, The previous owners of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract with Lonnie and Brenda LaSart of Babbitt, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-386

WHEREAS, The contract with Helen Howell, of Hibbing, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes and installments; and

WHEREAS, The repurchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

CITY OF BABBITT
LOT: 0038 BLOCK: 010
BABBITT 5TH DIVISION CITY OF BABBITT
Parcel Code: 105-0050-00380
C22150034; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 282.04, Subd. 2(d), and 504B.271 authorize the County Auditor to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, The previous owner of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract with Helen Howell of Hibbing, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. §
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-387

WHEREAS, The contract with Jess Michael Koski of Duluth, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes and installments; and
WHEREAS, The repurchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

TOWN OF ALDEN
NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4
SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 53 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST
Parcel Code: 210-0010-06530
C22150044; and
WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 282.04, Subd 2(d), and 504B.271 authorize the County Auditor to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property; and
WHEREAS, The previous owner of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract with Jess Michael Koski of Duluth, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-388

WHEREAS, The contract with Melissa McFarland of Hibbing, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes and installments and failure to provide proof of insurance; and
WHEREAS, The purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

CITY OF HIBBING
LOT: 0024 BLOCK: 012
FAIRVIEW CITY OF HIBBING
Parcel Code: 140-0090-03410
C22140107; and
WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 282.04, Subd. 2(d), and 504B.271 authorize the County Auditor to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property; and
WHEREAS, The previous owner of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract with Melissa McFarland of Hibbing, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of or
sell abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.
Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-389

WHEREAS, The contract with Donald E. Micklich of Zim, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes and installments; and
WHEREAS, The purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:
TOWN OF ELLSBURG
LOTS 1 AND 2
MICHAELS BEACH TOWN OF ELLSBURG
Parcel Code: 320-0100-00010
C22140033; and
WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 282.04, Subd. 2(d), and 504B.271 authorize the County Auditor to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property; and
WHEREAS, The previous owner of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract with Donald E. Micklich of Zim, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.
Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-390

WHEREAS, The contract with John M. Puska of Cook, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of the required installment; and
WHEREAS, The purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:
TOWN OF EMBARRASS
S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 also
N 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 60 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST
Parcel Codes: 330-0010-05161 and 330-0010-05162
C22140092; and
WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 282.04, Subd. 2(d), and 504B.271 authorize the County Auditor to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property; and
WHEREAS, The previous owner of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract with John M. Puska of Cook, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor is authorized to dispose of or sell abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.
Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-391

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RESOLVED, That the appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at PUBLIC SEALED BID TIMBER AUCTION, Tracts 1 through 4 (totaling $52,721.85), as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60507, are approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendations as listed in said appraisal reports.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-392

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a small segment of the Itasca Road/County Road 916 and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 879, State Bridge 93020) over an unnamed tributary to the Bear River in Unorganized Township 62-21 and Carpenter Township (Itasca County), County Project 0916-271725; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway 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 the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requested to provide St. Louis County with easement across the following State of Minnesota land located adjacent to the present course of County Road 916 in Itasca County:

The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of SE 1/4), Section 36, Township 62 North, Range 22 West, Itasca County, Minnesota. (Itasca parcel ID No. 10-036-4100)

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 following tax forfeited parcel:

Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 31, Township 62 North, Range 21 West. (parcel ID No. 757-0010-04990)

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-393

WHEREAS, St. Louis County, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), and the City of Hermantown, is preparing a project to install a fiber optic interconnect on US-53, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 32/West Arrowhead Road and CSAH 91/Haines Road in Hermantown. The project is identified as SAP 069-632-022, CP 0032-153443 TST; and

WHEREAS, The fiber optic interconnect will connect four (4) traffic signals on US-53 at Loberg Avenue and CSAH 32/West Arrowhead Road, and on CSAH 32/West Arrowhead Road at Menards Drive and CSAH 91/Haines Road; and

WHEREAS, The fiber optic interconnect will improve efficiency and reduce delay for vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown and MnDOT will share in the cost of the fiber optic interconnect project as determined by the cooperative agreements;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to install a fiber optic interconnect along US-53, in Hermantown, MN, with funds receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220392, Revenue Object 532304 (MnDOT).

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-394

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Northeast Technical Services, Inc. of Virginia, MN, for geotechnical investigations/evaluations, asbestos testing, and material testing from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed $100,000, payable from Fund 200, Agency 200008, Object 626600.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-395

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with American Engineering Testing, Inc. of Duluth, MN, for geotechnical investigations/evaluations, asbestos testing, and material testing from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed $100,000, payable from Fund 200, Agency 200008, Object 626600.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-396

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with EPC Engineering & Testing of Duluth, MN, for geotechnical investigations/evaluations, asbestos testing, and material testing from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed $100,000, payable from Fund 200, Agency 200008, Object 626600.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-397

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Braun Intertec Corp. of Duluth, MN, for geotechnical investigations/evaluations, asbestos testing, and material testing from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed $100,000, payable from Fund 200, Agency 200008, Object 626600.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-398

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Gale-Tec Engineering, Inc., of Wayzata, MN, for geotechnical investigations/evaluations, asbestos testing, and material testing from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed $100,000, payable from Fund 200, Agency 200008, Object 626600.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No 17-399

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Twin Ports Testing, Inc., of Superior, WI, for geotechnical investigations/evaluations, asbestos testing, and material testing from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed $100,000,
RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Element Materials Technology of St. Paul, MN, for geotechnical investigations/evaluations, asbestos testing, and material testing from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed $100,000, payable from Fund 200, Agency 200008, Object 626600.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-400

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Liquor Licensing Committee met on June 6, 2017, to consider recommending action to be taken by the County Board as a result of an alleged liquor law violation, sale to minor, on September 30, 2016, against J & J Investments of Britt, Inc., d/b/a The Oasis, Unorganized Township 60-18; and

WHEREAS, The Liquor Licensing Committee recommended a ten (10) day suspension and a $1,000 civil penalty, with nine (9) days of the suspension and $1,000 of the civil penalty stayed for one year with no same or similar violations during that year, and recommended that the County Attorney’s Office propose this penalty to J & J Investments of Britt, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, J & J Investments of Britt, Inc., has agreed to accept the proposal if approved by the County Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute an agreement suspending the Combination On/Off-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, expiring June 30, 2018, issued to J & J Investments of Britt, Inc., d/b/a The Oasis, Unorganized Township 60-18, for ten (10) days and a $1,000 civil penalty, with nine (9) days and $1,000 of the civil penalty stayed for one (1) year on the condition that the licensee has no same or similar violations during that year;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the date of suspension of the liquor license will be July 17, 2017;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a new violation within the next year (ending June 27, 2018) will result in the imposition of the remainder of the suspension and civil penalty, and may also be cause for additional action against the liquor license of the licensee pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance Number 28, Section 13.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-402

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on July 11, 2017, in the Solway Town Hall, Cloquet, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Gnesen Convenience Store, LLC d/b/a Gnesen Convenience Store, LLC, Gnesen Township.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-403

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:45 a.m., on July 11, 2017, in the Solway Town Hall, Cloquet, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Taco’s Soiree, LLC d/b/a The Crescent Bar and Grill, Beatty Township.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-404
RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, dated June 9, 2017, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 60509, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.
Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-405

RESOLVED, That the 2017-2019 Civil Service Supervisory unit contract is ratified and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 60623.
Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-406

RESOLVED, That the 2017-2019 Confidential Unit contract is ratified and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 60624.
Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-407

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, resolutions numbered 17-408 through 17-420, as submitted on a second consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

**BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:**

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services has made available grant funds to counties to implement a plan to improve system access and service delivery by engaging individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless or exiting institutions, who have complex needs and face high barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Continuum of Care Leadership Team has reviewed this opportunity and it meets unique needs of the homeless population in St. Louis County and systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS, Community partners are willing to engage in this work and the Bois Forte Tribe will be included as project partner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept a grant award in the amount of $500,000 for Housing Supports for Adults with Serious Mental Illness for the 2017-2019 grant cycle, with St. Louis County serving as the fiscal agent for the grant;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the 2017 revenue and expenditure budgets be increased as follows with any adjustments to be made in the 2017, 2018, and 2019 budgets accordingly if there are any unspent funds or overspent funds, not to exceed the grant funding of $500,000.

Budget Reference:
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 629900, Grant 23269, Grant Year 2017
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 633100, Grant 23269, Grant Year 2017
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 610000, Grant 23269, Grant Year 2017
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 624300, Grant 23269, Grant Year 2017
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 530674, Grant 23269, Grant Year 2017

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-408
WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services has made available grant funds to counties to implement a plan to improve system access and service delivery by engaging individuals with a severe substance use disorder who are experiencing homelessness; and
WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Continuum of Care Leadership Team has reviewed this opportunity and it meets unique needs of the homeless population in St. Louis County and systemic barriers; and
WHEREAS, Community partners are willing to engage in this work and the Bois Fort Tribe will be included as a project partner;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept a grant award of $600,000 from the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the Substance Use Disorder Assistance Program for the 2017-2020 grant cycle;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department and the St. Louis County Attorney to execute agreements with various community agencies to deliver services funded by the grant, with such contracts to be paid from Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 629900, Grant 23268, Grant Year 2017;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the 2017 revenue and expenditure budgets be increased as follows, with any adjustments to be made in the 2018, 2019 and 2020 budgets accordingly if there are any unspent funds or overspent funds, not to exceed the grant funding of $600,000.
Budget Reference:
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 629900, Grant 23268, Grant Year 2017
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 633100, Grant 23268, Grant Year 2017
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 530673, Grant 23268, Grant Year 2017
Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-409

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) wishes to cooperate closely with local units of government to coordinate the delivery of transportation services and maximize the efficient delivery of such services at all levels of government; and
WHEREAS, MnDOT and local governments are authorized by Minn. Stat. §§ 15.061, 471.59, 174.02, and 161.20, to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance and operation of state and local roads; and
WHEREAS, The parties wish to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to such opportunities for collaboration, and have determined that having the ability to write work orders against a master contract would provide the greatest speed and flexibility in responding to identified needs;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes revised Master Partnership Agreement No. 1028586 with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation, a copy of which was before the Board, identified in County Board File No. 60627;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute such agreement and any amendments thereto;
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Public Works Director/Highway Engineer is authorized to negotiate work order contracts pursuant to the Master Agreement, which may provide for payment to or from MnDOT, and that the Public Works Director/Highway Engineer may execute such work order contracts on behalf of the county without further approval by this Board.

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WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a small segment of the Fox Farm Road (County Road 266) and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge 65, State Bridge 69560) over the Sucker River in Alden Township, County Project 0266-317609; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location and reconstructing the roadway 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 the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requested to provide St. Louis County with easement across the following State of Minnesota land located adjacent to the present course of County Road 266 in Alden Township:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of SW 1/4) Section 30, Township 53 North, Range 12 West. (Parcel ID No. 210-0010-05420)

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-411

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 60513.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-412

WHEREAS, The landscape in front of the St. Louis County Courthouse is an important and integral part of the architecture and appearance of this historic building in the civic center of Duluth, MN; and

WHEREAS, The existing landscape was installed in 2005 and is in need of renewal; and

WHEREAS, Property Management contracted with SAS Landscape Architects in 2016 to prepare bid specifications for landscape installation and 3-year maintenance plans; and

WHEREAS, Responses to Bid No. 5383 were received on June 15, 2017, with Kasper Lawn & Landscape of Duluth, MN, providing the low qualified bid;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a contract with Kasper Lawn & Landscape of Duluth, MN, in an amount of $74,800 for landscape installation and 3-year maintenance in front of the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth, MN, payable from Fund 400, Agency 400004, Object 663100.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-413

WHEREAS, Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS), a review is done to determine if that position should be filled as is or if it should be reallocated to a level more aligned with the needs of the department and the customers it serves; and

WHEREAS, PHHS and the Human Resources Department conducted a review when an
Information Specialist II position become vacant in the Adult Services Unit and determined that reallocation to a Social Services Supervisor was appropriate; and

WHEREAS, County Fiscal Policies specify that any position change greater than three pay grades must go to the County Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, Funding for this reallocation is available in the PHHS budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II position (Civil Service Pay Grade B10, Step 1) to a 1.0 FTE Social Services Supervisor (Merit Basic Step 1) in the Public Health and Human Services Department, resulting in an annual increase of $23,400 which is available in the departmental budget, Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 610100.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-414

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

CP 0000-275389, SP 069-030-038, Pavement Marking Project; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on June 15, 2017, 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:

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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 220414, Object 652700.

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

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Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-415

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

CP 0000-259425 TST, SP 088-070-049, SLC portion SP 069-070-026, Roadway Lighting Project; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on June 15, 2017 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:

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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 446005, Object 652806, and Fund 220, Agency 220408, Object 652700.
With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

Carlton County Fund 220, Agency 220408, Rev. Obj. 551506 $201,984.00
Itasca County Fund 220, Agency 220408, Rev. Obj. 551522 $293,976.10

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-416

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Veterans Service Office relies on partnerships with other organizations throughout the region and state; and
WHEREAS, The proposed Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Grand Lake Township will serve veterans of St. Louis County and northern Minnesota, and will feature a monument initiated by local veterans and interested citizens; and
WHEREAS, The overall project cost of the monument is estimated to be $67,000, with donations to date totaling $45,000; and
WHEREAS, The Northland Vietnam Veterans Foundation has requested that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners provide financial support for the monument project; and
WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 375.18, Subd. 15, authorizes the County Board to appropriate funds to a nonprofit agency for certain authorized purposes, including veterans memorials; and
WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Veterans Service Office and Administration Department have savings available due to personnel changes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the transfer of $10,000 from personnel and operating budget savings in the Veterans Service Office (Fund 100, Agency 124001) and Administration (Fund 100, Agency 104001) to the Operating Budget (Fund 100, Agency 124001, Object 629900);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board directs the appropriate county officials to ensure that $10,000 be appropriated to the Northland Vietnam Veterans Foundation for distribution to the agency or agencies that are responsible for the planning and construction of a monument to be located at the new Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Grand Lake Township, MN.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-417

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has in excess of $375,961,815 in property to insure; and
WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been purchasing property insurance on a loss limit basis, which is less expensive with lower deductibles than a scheduled buildings type of insurance; and
WHEREAS, The current policy expires on July 24, 2017, and St. Louis County received a proposal from the current insurer, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, through Otis-Magie Insurance Agency of Duluth, MN, to provide coverage at the same terms at a rate of $.0602 per $100 of value for the coming year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes 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, 2017, to July 24, 2018, at the annual premium of $230,830, payable from Fund 720 (Property, Casualty, Liability), Agency 720001 (Property, Casualty, Liability), Object 635100 (Insurance);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acceptance of an additional 2-year rate guarantee reflecting a -3% rate each year, with renewals subject to the same conditions as the previous guarantee;
RESOLVED FURTHER, 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.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-418

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota recently solicited requests for 2018 Capital Appropriations; and
WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot) was placed on the national register of historic places in 1971 and as a result, the County has an obligation to protect this significant historic and cultural resource under Minnesota Statute; and
WHEREAS, The facility and its various tenants and occupants draw hundreds of thousands of visitors from the surrounding area and beyond, resulting in significant positive economic impact for the City of Duluth and St. Louis County; and
WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been working on preliminary programming and pre-design for the renovation and repair of the Depot; and
WHEREAS, A study completed in November 2016 identified approximately $8 million in various architectural, engineering, and improvements and repairs necessary to preserve the integrity of the structure and prevent the need for its demolition; and
WHEREAS, The 2018 Capital Appropriation would finance up to 72% of the project cost and the county has committed to funding the remaining share of the project match;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board declares its support for the 2018 Capital Appropriation request of $5.75 million for the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot);
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board designates this as its first priority bonding project for the 2018 Legislative Session.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-419

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board amends Ordinance No. 28, Section 11.03, Subd. (a), to read as follows:
11.03 Intoxicating Liquor: Off-Sale. No sale of intoxicating liquor may be made by an off-sale licensee:
   (a) on Sundays, except between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Adopted June 27, 2017. No. 17-420

At 12:04 p.m., June 27, 2017, Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Rukavina, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Stauber).

Frank Jewell, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest: