

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 11, 2024

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Harala, Boyle, Grimm, McDonald, Musolf, Jugovich and Chair Nelson

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of June 4, 2024
- Authorization to Accept the Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant and Contract with Community Partners [24-251]
- Acquisition of Right-of-Way for Replacement of County Bridge 522 over the Embarrass River in Embarrass Township; CP 0362-701707, SAP 069-598-078 [24-252]
- State Funded Program for IJIA Discretionary Grant Assistance Terms and Conditions – CP 0000-803757, SAP 069-589-001 [24-253]
- New Environmental Services Department Attendant Site Building Construction, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funding [24-254]
- Proposal for the Completion of Design, Construction and Bid Documents for the Upgraded PFAS Leachate Treatment System at the Virginia Regional Landfill, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funding [24-255]
- Final Plat Approval of West Island Shores [24-256]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Musolf/Harala moved that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 163.02 and § 117.012 et. al., the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Attorney to acquire the right-of-way necessary for County Project CP 0142-860298, SAP 069-742-005 through eminent domain proceedings, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220793. [24-257]. Public Works Director Jim Foldesi commented that the project will start in 2025 and part of the right-of-way for 2025 construction has not been acquired through negotiation and direct purchase. Negotiations will continue; however, beginning the eminent domain process will ensure construction project timelines are met. The motion passed. (7-0)

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Grimm/Harala moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the purchase of standardized equipment through multiple cooperative agreements: Imprivata Single Sign-On, CDW-G, \$ 40,467.25, Sourcewell #121923; Cisco Firewall, Insight, \$167,239.62, Omnia Partners #23-6692-03; Dell PC's/Docks, NowMicro, \$354,736.78, MN State Contract #160321, Dell/NASPO #MNWNC-97222, MHEC;

CradlePoint Modem/Antennas, CDW-G, \$176,242.92, Sourcewell #121923; Ivanti Software, CDW-G, \$12,000.43, Open Market, with a total cost of \$750,687 payable from Fund 100, Agency 117051, Object 634802, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139; and further, authorizes appropriate county officials to sign agreements necessary for future maintenance of the mobile data computers modernization project, which will be subject to annual cost increases as outlined in the maintenance agreements. [24-258]. Information Technology Director Jeremy Craker commented that the current technology is 12-15 years old, which has caused connectivity issues. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

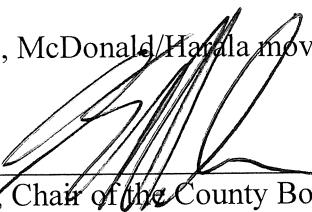
McDonald/Harala moved that the Committee of the Whole will convene a closed session on June 11, 2024, in accord with Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b), for the purpose of discussing the proposed settlement in the *Demars v. St. Louis County* and *Sporleder v. State* litigation. No other pending public business will be discussed at this closed session. [24-259]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

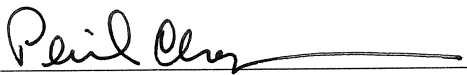
Chair Nelson said that on July 5th the City of Eveleth will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Eveleth's Boys State Class A football championship. Chair Nelson noted that the July 17th and July 18th budget workshops will be held at the Virginia Public Works location. In addition, the June 25, 2024, Board meeting will be Board/Committee/Board format.

Commissioner Harala said that the Duluth Public Schools and St. Louis County Public Works will be hosting a public meeting on June 17, 2024, at the Public Safety Building to discuss traffic safety at Lowell Elementary School.

At 10:59 a.m., McDonald/Harala moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Keith Nelson, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board