

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2024**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 2nd day of January 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson and Mike Jugovich - 7. Absent: None - 0.

County Auditor Nancy Nilsen asked for a moment of silence to recognize all those people who protect and serve this nation, for all those innocent victims of war and violence, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Auditor Nilsen asked for nominations for Chair of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for 2024. Commissioner Musolf nominated Commissioner Nelson to serve as Board Chair. Auditor Nilsen asked if there were any other nominations, and no other Commissioners were nominated for Chair. Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to close nominations. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. A vote was taken, and Commissioner Nelson was elected as Board Chair. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Chair Nelson asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for 2024. Commissioner McDonald nominated Commissioner Harala to serve as Vice-Chair. Chair Nelson asked if there were any other nominations, and no other Commissioners were nominated for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to close nominations. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. A vote was taken, and Commissioner Harala was elected as Vice-Chair. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Tonia Villegas, of Public Health and Human Services, presented the Board with a wooden plaque recognizing the Board's continued support of the Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) leadership team.

Chair Nelson recognized Commissioners Boyle, McDonald and Jugovich for chairing the Board during the past four years during difficult times.

Chair Nelson appointed the following Commissioners as Chairs of Standing Committees of the St. Louis County Board for 2024:

- Health and Human Services – Commissioner Boyle
- Public Works and Transportation – Commissioner Musolf
- Finance and Budget – Commissioner Harala
- Central Management and Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner McDonald
- Public Safety and Corrections – Commissioner Grimm
- Environment and Natural Resources – Commissioner Jugovich

Chair Nelson commented that he will be appointing three Board members and no alternates to Board Subcommittees due to the potential of quorums. In addition, Chair Nelson indicated he was not appointing Chairs for subcommittees; each subcommittee will elect a Chair when they meet. Chair Nelson appointed Commissioners to the following Board Subcommittees:

- NLX/Depot – Commissioners Boyle, Harala and Chair Nelson
- Opioid Remediation – Commissioners Boyle, Grimm and McDonald
- Depot Operations – Commissioners Grimm, Harala and Boyle

Commissioner Boyle questioned the need for the Depot Operations Subcommittee. Chair Nelson responded that when the subcommittee meets for the first time, they should determine if the subcommittee is needed or not. Chair Nelson did not reestablish the Purchasing Rules and Regulation Subcommittee because it is no longer needed. Commissioner McDonald requested that Chair Nelson consider establishing a Tribal Relations Subcommittee. Chair Nelson replied that he was not prepared to make appointments to the Tribal Relations Subcommittee and asked that the item be placed on next week's Board agenda.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Chair Nelson commented that he will be giving the opportunity for each county elected official to recognize significant individuals in the community during future Board meetings. In addition, Chair Nelson requested that Commissioners and county staff turn their phones off during Board meetings.

Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to approve the County Board meeting schedule for 2024. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-03.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting schedule for 2024. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-04.

Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to approve the County Board Workshop schedule for 2024. Chair Nelson noted that the Board Workshop schedule may change because he is requesting that time-specific presentations be given quarterly to the Board by the Standing Committee Chairs. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-05.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to authorize the necessary steps to schedule the date of the 2025 legislative delegation dinner meeting on December 12, 2024, commencing at 5:30 p.m., with the location of the meeting to be determined. The motion passed as amended; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-06.

Resolutions for the following appointments are one-year terms, unless otherwise noted:

Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to appoint Commissioners Grimm and Boyle as representatives to the Arrowhead Counties Association (ad hoc); seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-07.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to appoint Commissioners Jugovich and McDonald as representatives and Chair Nelson as alternate for five-year terms ending December 31, 2028, to the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA); seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-08.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to appoint Commissioner Boyle as representative and Commissioner Grimm as alternate to the Arrowhead Health Alliance; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-09.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to appoint Commissioners Grimm, Nelson and Harala as representatives and Commissioner Musolf as alternate to the Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC) Executive Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-10.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to appoint Commissioner Harala as representative and Commissioners Jugovich and Musolf as alternates to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) – Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC); seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-11.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to appoint Commissioner Musolf as representative to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) – Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (NEMNATP); seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-12.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to appoint County Administrator Kevin Gray; Commissioners Annie Harala, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, and Mike Jugovich; Land and Minerals Director, Julie Marinucci; and Deputy Administrator, Brian Fritsinger to the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC). The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-13.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to appoint the following Commissioners to the AMC District 1 Policy Committees); seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-14.

- Chair Nelson and Commissioner Jugovich as representatives to the AMC District I Policy Environmental & Natural Resources Committee.
- Commissioners McDonald and Harala as representatives to the AMC District I Policy General Government Committee.
- Commissioner Boyle as representative to the AMC District I Policy Health & Human Services Committee.
- Commissioner Grimm as representative to the AMC District I Policy Public Safety Committee.
- Commissioner Musolf as representative to the AMC District I Policy Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to appoint Commissioners Nelson and McDonald as representatives to the Camp Esquagama Advisory Committee Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-15.

Chair Boyle, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to appoint Commissioner Jugovich as alternate for a term ending December 31, 2026, and to appoint Commissioner Grimm (in place of Commissioner McDonald) as a representative for a term ending December 31, 2025, to the Community Health Services Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-16.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to appoint Commissioners Harala and Grimm as representatives to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Group; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-17.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to appoint Commissioners Harala and Musolf as representatives and Commissioner Boyle as alternate for two-year terms ending December 31, 2025, to the Duluth International Airport Joint Zoning Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-18.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to appoint Commissioners Harala and Chair Nelson as representatives to the Election Canvassing Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-19.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to appoint Commissioners Jugovich and McDonald as representatives and Chair Nelson as alternate to the Executive ATV Permit Committee; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-20.

Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to appoint Commissioner Harala to the Laurentian Resource Conservation and Development Council; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-21.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to appoint Chair Nelson as representative to the Law Library Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-22.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to appoint Chair Nelson and Commissioner Jugovich as representatives and Commissioner Musolf as alternate to the Liquor Licensing Committee; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-23.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to appoint Commissioners Jugovich and Grimm as representatives and Commissioners McDonald and Harala as alternate to the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA); seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-24.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to appoint Commissioner McDonald as representative and Commissioner Jugovich as alternate to the Minnesota Rural Counties Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-25.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to appoint Commissioners Grimm and McDonald as representatives and Chair Nelson and Commissioner Musolf as alternates to the 9-1-1 Emergency System User Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-26.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to appoint Commissioner McDonald as representative and Chair Nelson as alternate to the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training, Local Elected Officials Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-27.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to appoint Commissioner McDonald as representative and Chair Nelson as alternate to the Northeast Emergency Communications Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-28.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to appoint Chair Nelson as representative and Commissioner Harala as alternate to the Northeast Minnesota HOME Consortium for a term ending December 31, 2024; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-29.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to appoint Commissioners Jugovich, McDonald, and Musolf as representatives and Commissioner Harala as alternate to the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-30.

Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to appoint Chair Nelson as representative and Commissioner Jugovich as alternate to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Boyle discussed appointing Commissioner Jugovich as the representative and Chair Nelson as the alternate to the Planning Commission due to the additional workload required from being the Chair of the St. Louis County Board. Chair Nelson said that he would like to continue to serve as a representative on the Commission until the St. Louis County Planning Director is in place and comfortable in their role. Commissioner Boyle commented that he does not believe a Commissioner should be serving on the Planning Commission. After further discussion the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-31.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to appoint Commissioners Boyle and Grimm as representatives and Commissioner Harala as alternate to the Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Advisory Committee; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-32.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to appoint Commissioner McDonald as representative to the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion River Watershed Plan Implementation Policy Committee for an on-going term; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-33.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to appoint Chair Nelson and Commissioners Boyle and Jugovich as representatives and Commissioners Musolf and McDonald alternates to the St. Louis/Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-34.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to appoint Commissioner Boyle to the Seaway Port Authority for a six-year term ending December 31, 2029; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-35.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to remove St. Louis County representation on the St. Louis County Historical Society Board of Governors. Commissioner Harala commented that the county is a funding partner of the Historical Society and there are concerns regarding personal liability and legal coverage. St. Louis County Deputy Administrator

Brian Fritsinger commented that by statute, the county can levy on behalf of the Historical Society and the bylaws of the Historical Society require county representation. Prior to last year, the county appointed one representative and one alternate; however, they did not have voting rights. Chair Nelson asked that statutory requirements be reviewed before the Board votes to remove county representatives from the Historical Society. Chair Nelson asked County Attorney Kim Maki if the Board needed to table the resolution. Attorney Maki responded that if the Board did not act, the item would remain on the table. Commissioner Harala withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to consider award of bids for legal publications for St. Louis County for the year 2024; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to enter into contract with the Duluth News Tribune for 2024 Legal Advertising Services, and with the Cook News Herald for the remaining General Circulation Publications for 2024 in accordance with specifications of RFP (Request for Proposals) #1000079 and its responses. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 24-36.

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

Applications for Permit for Consumption and Display of Intoxicating Liquors (set-up permits) approved during 2024.—[62085](#)

Donna Viskoe, Purchasing Director, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-01, 2024 Legal Advertising Services and Other Required Publications.—[62086](#)

Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) minutes approved during CY 2024.—[62087](#)

Letter signed by “Senior Resident and Homeowner” regarding increase of property taxes in St. Louis County.—[62088](#)

Tamara O’Neill Moreland, for Larkin Hoffman, Minneapolis, MN: *In re the Decision on Petition for Environmental Assessment Worksheet – Lake Vermillion Campground Project*, Case No. A23-1860 - Writ of Certiorari; Petition for Writ of Certiorari Review; A copy of completed Statement of the Case; and A copy of the decision.—[62089](#)

Electronic mail from Kevin Griebenow, P.E., Regional Engineer, Federal Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects, Division of Dam Safety and Inspection – Chicago Regional Office, Chicago, IL, to Matthew J. Ryan, P.E., Chief Dam Safety Engineer, Minnesota Power, Re: Winton Project (FERC No. P-496) – Winton Hydroelectric Development (00469-01): 2023 Dam Safety Inspection Follow-up; Minnesota Power’s (MP’s) March 28, 2023 Letter with 2022 Annual Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report (DSSMR); MP’s September 27, 2023 Letter with GEI’s Quality Control and Inspection Plan (QCIP) of Penstock and Scroll Case No. 3 Repair Work.—[62090](#)

Dylan Ferguson, Executive Director, Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB), St. Paul, MN, Re: Notice of Completed Application – Chisholm Ambulance to provide Part-Time Advanced Life Support. Comments on this application shall be made by January 10, 2024, 4:30 p.m. and sent to Dylan Ferguson, Executive Director, EMSRB, 335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 220, St. Paul, MN, 55102.—62091

John Jaschke, Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, St. Paul, MN, re: Approval of the St. Louis County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension.—62092

Mine Inspector submitting notices of inspections, accidents and to fence mine property during 2024.—62093

Committee of the Whole meeting minutes approved during 2024.—62094

Upon motion by Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner McDonald, resolutions numbered 24-01 through 24-02, 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 December 19, 2023, are hereby approved.

Adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-01

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for permit authorizing the consumption and display of intoxicating liquor is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 62085:

Thirsty Moose Bar and Grill Inc. dba Thirsty Moose Bar & Grill, Cherry Township, renewal;

Ely Nordic Ski Club dba Hidden Valley Chaley, Morse Township, renewal;

Ely Golf Club Corporation dba Ely Golf Club, Morse Township, renewal.

Adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-02

BY COMMISSIONER GRIMM:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners will meet in 2024 commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays according to the following schedule:

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD
2024 COUNTY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE
County Board Meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEETING DATE	MEETING LOCATION
January 2	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
January 9	Biwabik Township Hall, 6555 Oak Dr., Gilbert
January 23	Hermantown City Hall, 5105 Maple Grove Rd., Hermantown
February 6	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
February 20	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
February 27	Clinton Town Hall, 8907 MN-37, Iron Junction
March 5	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
March 12	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
March 26	Buhl Kinney Senior Center, 302 Frantz St., Buhl
April 2	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
April 9	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
April 30	Bois Forte Tribal Government, 5344 Lakeshore Dr., Nett Lake
May 7	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
May 14	Rice Lake City Hall, 4107 W. Beyer Rd., Rice Lake
May 28	Northland Town Hall, 7271 Hwy. 53, Canyon
June 4	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
June 11	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
June 25	Chisholm City Hall, 316 W. Lake St., Chisholm
July 2	Duluth Township, 6092 Homestead Rd., Duluth
July 23	Ely City Hall, 209 E. Chapman St., Ely
August 6	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
August 13	City of Mt. Iron, 8586 Enterprise Dr. South, Mt. Iron
September 3	Hibbing City Hall, 401 E. 21 st Street, Hibbing
September 10	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
September 24	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
October 1	French Township, 7548 Hwy. 5, Side Lake
October 8	Proctor City Hall, 100 Pionk Dr., Proctor
October 22	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
November 12	Eveleth Auditorium, 421 Jackson St., Eveleth
November 26	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth
December 3	Cherry Town Hall, 9831 MN-37, Iron Junction
December 17	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. West, Duluth

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Duluth & SLC at the Capitol
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February 10-13, 2024, Washington, DC
February 21-22, 2024, St. Paul, MN
March 6-7, 2024, St. Paul, MN
July 12-15, 2024, Tampa, FL
December 9-11, 2024, Minneapolis, MN

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-03

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, The following are the Standing Committees of the St. Louis County Board with Chairs as appointed by the Chair of the County Board:

Health and Human Services Committee:

Chair – Commissioner Boyle

Public Works and Transportation Committee:

Chair – Commissioner Musolf

Finance and Budget Committee:

Chair – Commissioner Harala

Central Management and Intergovernmental Committee:

Chair – Commissioner McDonald

Public Safety and Corrections Committee:

Chair – Commissioner Grimm

Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

Chair – Commissioner Jugovich

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners will meet in 2024 as a Committee of the Whole immediately following the County Board meetings on Tuesdays according to the following schedule:

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD
2024 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE
Meeting will immediately follow the Board Meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEETING DATE	MEETING LOCATION
January 2	Courthouse, 100 N. 5 th Ave. W. Duluth
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July 12-15, 2024, Tampa, FL
December 9-11, 2024, Minneapolis, MN

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-04

BY COMMISSIONER JUGOVICH:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners will conduct Board Workshop meetings in 2024 commencing at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays according to the following schedule:

ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD
2024 BOARD WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
All workshops begin at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP DATE	WORKSHOP LOCATION
January 16	Virginia Government Services Center, Liz Prebich Room
March 19	St. Louis County & Heritage Arts Center (The Depot), The Classroom
May 21	Virginia Government Services Center, Liz Prebich Room
July 17 – Budget Workshop	Virginia Public Works, Lake Vermilion Room
July 18 – Budget Workshop	Duluth Government Services Center, St. Louis River Room
September 17	Camp Esquagama
October 15	Duluth Government Services Center, Lake Superior Room

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-05

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

WHEREAS, Each year, prior to the annual State legislative session, the County Board attempts to meet with the St. Louis County legislative delegation to discuss County legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, The County Board previously discussed holding the legislative delegation dinner meeting on December 12, 2024, commencing at 5:30 p.m., with the location to be determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the necessary steps to schedule the date of the 2025 legislative delegation dinner meeting as follows:

December 12, 2024, commencing at 5:30 p.m., with the location to be determined.

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-06

BY COMMISSIONER GRIMM:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Arrowhead Counties Association** (ad hoc) for one-year terms expiring on December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Grimm, Representative

Commissioner Boyle, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-07

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA)** for five-year terms expiring on December 31, 2028:

Commissioner Jugovich, Representative

Commissioner McDonald, Representative

Commissioner Nelson, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-08

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Arrowhead Health Alliance** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Boyle, Representative

Commissioner Grimm, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-09

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Arrowhead Regional Corrections Executive Board** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Grimm, Representative

Commissioner Nelson, Representative
Commissioner Harala, Representative
Commissioner Musolf, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-10

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) – Metropolitan Interstate Council** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Harala, Representative
Commissioner Jugovich, Alternate
Commissioner Musolf, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-11

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representative to the **Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) – Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership** for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Musolf, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-12

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

Kevin Gray, County Administrator
Commissioner Harala
Commissioner Boyle
Commissioner Grimm
Commissioner McDonald
Commissioner Musolf
Commissioner Nelson
Commissioner Jugovich
Land & Minerals Director
Brian Fritsinger, Deputy Administrator

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-13

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the following **AMC District I Policy Committees** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

Environment & Natural Resources:

Commissioner Nelson, Representative

Commissioner Jugovich, Representative
General Government:
Commissioner McDonald, Representative
Commissioner Harala, Representative
Health & Human Services:
Commissioner Boyle, Representative
Public Safety:
Commissioner Grimm, Representative
Transportation & Infrastructure:
Commissioner Musolf, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-14

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Camp Esquagama Advisory Committee Board** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Nelson, Representative
Commissioner McDonald, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-15

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their alternate representative to the **Community Health Services Board** for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2026:

Commissioner Jugovich, Alternate

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representative to the **Community Health Services Board**, replacing Commissioner McDonald, for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2025:

Commissioner Grimm, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-16

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Group** for one-year terms ending December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Harala, Representative
Commissioner Grimm, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-17

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Duluth International Airport Joint Zoning Board** for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2025:

Commissioner Harala, Representative

Commissioner Musolf, Representative

Commissioner Boyle, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-18

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Election Canvassing Board** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Harala, Representative

Commissioner Nelson, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-19

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Executive ATV Permit Committee** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner McDonald, Representative

Commissioner Jugovich, Representative

Commissioner Nelson, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-20

BY COMMISSIONER JUGOVICH:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representative to the **Laurentian Resource Conservation and Development Council** for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Harala, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-21

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representative to the **Law Library Board** for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Nelson, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-22

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Liquor Licensing Committee** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

Commissioner Jugovich, Representative

Commissioner Nelson, Representative

Commissioner Musolf, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-23

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA)** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner Jugovich, Representative
- Commissioner Grimm, Representative
- Commissioner McDonald, Alternate
- Commissioner Harala, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-24

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Minnesota Rural Counties** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner McDonald, Representative
- Commissioner Jugovich, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-25

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **9-1-1 Emergency System User Board** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner Grimm, Representative
- Commissioner McDonald, Representative
- Commissioner Nelson, Alternate
- Commissioner Musolf, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-26

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training, Local Elected Officials Board** for one-year terms ending December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner McDonald, Representative
- Commissioner Nelson, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-27

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Northeast Emergency Communications Board** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner McDonald, Representative
- Commissioner Nelson, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-28

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Northeast Minnesota HOME Consortium** for term one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner Nelson, Representative
- Commissioner Harala, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-29

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner Jugovich, Representative
- Commissioner McDonald, Representative
- Commissioner Musolf, Representative
- Commissioner Harala, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-30

BY COMMISSIONER JUGOVICH:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Planning Commission** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner Nelson, Representative
- Commissioner Jugovich, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-31

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee** for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner Boyle, Representative
- Commissioner Grimm, Representative
- Commissioner Harala, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-32

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representative to the **Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion River Watershed Plan Implementation Policy Committee** for an on-going term:

- Commissioner McDonald, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-33

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representatives to the **St. Louis/Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority** for one-year

terms expiring December 31, 2024:

- Commissioner Nelson, Representative
- Commissioner Boyle, Representative
- Commissioner Jugovich, Representative
- Commissioner McDonald, Alternate
- Commissioner Musolf, Alternate

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-34

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints the following as their representative to the **Seaway Port Authority** for a six-year term expiring December 31, 2029:

- Commissioner Boyle, Representative

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-35

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Division solicits annually for Legal Advertising Services, including proposals as the County’s Official Newspaper, in accordance with St. Louis County Purchasing Rules & Regulations, as well as Minn. Stat. §§ 331.A01-11, 375.12, 375.169, 375.17, 279.07-09, and 281.23; and

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Division received proposals from two different Publishers, out of 41 notified.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into contract with the Duluth News Tribune, Duluth, Minnesota, as its Official Newspaper and for 2024 Legal Advertising Services, in accordance with specifications of RFP 1000079 and its responses as follows:

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

LEGAL NOTICES		
All Publications	Duluth News Tribune	\$5.58/.4303
NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION		
1 st Publication	Duluth News Tribune	\$2.67/.2059
2 nd Publication	Duluth News Tribune	\$2.67/.2059
FINANCIAL STATEMENT		
1 st Publication	Duluth News Tribune	\$2.67/.2059

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Cook News Herald, Cook, Minnesota, for the remaining General Circulation Publications for 2024, also in accordance with the specifications of RFP 1000079 and their responses as follows:

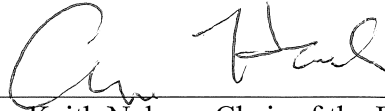
GENERAL CIRCULATION

BOARD PROCEEDINGS		
All Publications	Cook News Herald	\$2.79/.1661
FINANCIAL STATEMENT		
2 nd Publication	Cook News Herald	\$2.10/.1250

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX LIST		
1 st Publication	Cook News Herald	\$2.30/.1250
2 nd Publication	Cook News Herald	\$2.30/.1369

Unanimously adopted January 2, 2024. No. 24-36

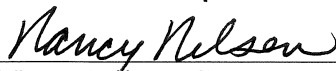
At 11:28 a.m., January 2, 2024, Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



 Keith Nelson, Chair of the Board
 of County Commissioners

Anne Harala

Attest:



 Nancy Nilson, County Auditor
 and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
 of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)