

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 28, 2024

Location: Northland Town Hall, Canyon, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of May 14, 2024
- Increase to Detoxification and Holds Contracts with Range Mental Health Center [24-217]
- Amendment 1 to the Engineering Services Agreement with KLJ Engineering, LLC for a Railroad Crossing Grade Separation on CSAH 100 (Main St) in the City of Aurora; CP 0100-556174, SAP 069-700-018 [24-218]
- Vacation of Part of County Trunk Highway No. 15 in Government Lot 2, Section 14, T52N, R16W; Grand Lake Township [24-219]
- Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) Grant Agreement Grant Terms and Conditions SP 069-625-021 [24-220]
- Change Orders on Aggregate Crushing Project (CP 0000-798459 (2024 North Crushing)) [24-221]
- Second Harvest Northland Capital Project, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funding [24-222]
- Cancel July 2, 2024, County Board Meeting [24-223]
- Camp Esquagama Boundary Line Agreement [24-224]
- State Tax-Forfeited Land Use Permit - Ranger ATV (Bassett Township 58-13) [24-225]
- State Tax-Forfeited Land Use Permit – Voyageur Country ATV (Camp 5 Township 66-19) [24-226]
- Non-Exclusive Right-of-Way, Yard, Garden, Dock, Parking and Miscellaneous Leases on State Tax-Forfeited Land [24-227]
- State Tax-Forfeited Land Use Lease – Maki [24-228]
- Utility Easement Encumbering State of Minnesota Tax-Forfeited Lands to Kai Olstad (City of Duluth 49-15) [24-229]
- Non-Exclusive Utility Easement Across Tax-Forfeit Lands to Lake Country Power (Unorganized Township 63-21) [24-230]
- Right-of-Way and Utility Easement Across State Tax-Forfeited Land to Scott and Paula Castleman (Unorganized Township 54-13) [24-231]
- Right-of-Way Easement Across State of Minnesota Tax-Forfeited Land to Charles Stafford (Gnesen Township 53-14) [24-232]

Time Specific Presentation

At 10:36 a.m., Matt Massman, Executive Director; Steve Novak, Transportation Legislative Liaison; and Nancy Silesky, Health and Human Services Legislative Liaison of the Minnesota Inter-County Association, gave the Committee a report regarding the 2024 legislative end-of-session.

Establishment of Public Hearing

Harala/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Chisholm City Hall, 316 W. Lake St., Chisholm, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the established priorities and funding recommendations for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs included in the 2024 Action Plan. [24-233]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into an agreement with New Logic Research, Inc. to purchase the reverse osmosis vibratory shear enhance processed (VSEP) leachate purification equipment for \$1,073,508 payable from American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funding; and further, that New Logic Research, Inc. shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County, State or US Treasury to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the American Rescue Plan Act. [24-235]. Commissioner McDonald commented that this is cutting edge technology in the nation and commended David Fink, Environmental Services Director; Mark St. Lawrence, former Environmental Services Director; and Chair Nelson for their work on the project. Chair Nelson acknowledged Representative Dave Lislegard for securing project funding. The motion passed. (7-0)

Public Works Committee

Commissioner Boyle briefly stepped out of the meeting from 11:44 a.m. to 11:45 am. Commissioner Harala briefly stepped out of the meeting from 11:44 a.m. to 11:46 am.

Musolf/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of five (5) motor graders from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, for \$1,168,314.00 payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666200. [24-234]. Commissioner Musolf commented that the graders are being purchased at a discounted price and that they are only one year old. The motion passed. (7-0)

At 11:47 a.m. the Committee took a short break. At 11:52 a.m., the Committee reconvened with all members present.

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

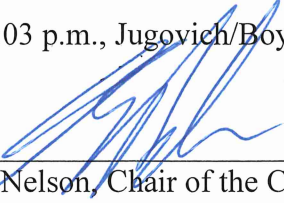
Jugovich/Nelson moved that the St. Louis County Board supports re-envisioning of the Boulder Lake Management Area (BLMA) and Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center (BLELC) by authorizing the Land Commissioner to negotiate and enter into the appropriate agreements, subject to form and execution by the St. Louis County Attorney's office. [24-215]. Land and Minerals Director Julie Marinucci said the county partners with Minnesota Power and the University of Minnesota-Duluth (UMD) and that it is time to re-envision and update the structure and mission of the BLMA and BLELC. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

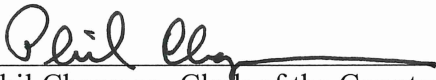
Commissioner Jugovich said the June 25th Board meeting will be held in Chisholm and encouraged Commissioners to visit the Bruce Mine Headframe self-guided tour. The Chisholm Beautification Association (CBA) devoted more than a decade to the project.

Commissioner McDonald noted that Representative Dave Lislegard will be retiring and thanked him for all that he has done for St. Louis County and Northeastern Minnesota.

At 12:03 p.m., Jugovich/Boyle moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Keith Nelson, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board