

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**FOR THE MEETING**  
**OF**  
**ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**August 1, 2023**

**St. Louis County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 100 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Duluth, Minnesota**

**All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or noncontroversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:**

**Minutes for July 25, 2023.**

**Public Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner McDonald, Chair**

1. Accept up to \$34,000 from Essentia Health for the Duluth Farm to School program for the time period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and authorize contracts with community provider(s) to implement the program in Duluth Public Schools. *[23-293]*
2. Appoint members to the North and South Local Mental Health Advisory Councils to serve in an advisory role to the Public Health and Human Services Department on ways to improve mental health services. *[23-294]*
3. Accept up to \$231,018 from the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board for the time period of March 6, 2023, through November 30, 2027, for recruiting, retaining, and training a skilled and diverse public health workforce; accept up to \$60,000 from the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board for the time period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, to support and strengthen the local public health system; and further, authorize a contract with Superior Healthcare Consulting, LLC, for an amount up to \$240,000 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, to address longstanding public health infrastructure needs. *[23-295]*

**Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Musolf, Chair**

4. Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 5912 with EnviroTech Services, Inc., of Greeley, CO, to purchase an additional 160,000 gallons of 38% liquid calcium chloride to treat roads impacted by drier than normal weather conditions, for a new total of 1,100,000 gallons delivered and applied at a bid price of \$1.25 per gallon, plus \$100,000 for alternates, bringing the total contract cost to an amount not to exceed \$1,425,000. *[23-297]*
5. Authorize application for the Federal Highway Administration’s Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Savings Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Program grant opportunity for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 61 Reinforced Soil Slope Project (**CP 0061-726178**); and further, authorize funding for the 20% local grant match in the amount of up to \$1,180,000 if approved and accepted. *[23-298]*

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6. Authorize application for a state funding match of up to \$500,000 from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for the Woodland Avenue green infrastructure project entitled “Tischer Creek Project” (CP 0009-689681). [23-299]
7. Accept additional federal grant funds in the amount of \$900,000 from the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers for the Tischer Creek Project (CP 0009-689681), contingent upon securing additional grant funding for the 25% match to limit St. Louis County’s financial responsibility. [23-300]

### **Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair**

8. Abatement list for Board approval. [23-302]
9. Agreement with Northland Consulting, LLC, of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$111,705 to provide all architectural and engineering services related to the reconstruction of the northern half of the Green Lot located adjacent to the Duluth Government Services Center. [23-303]
10. Approve the use of up to \$20,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds for the Breitung Township Recreation and Culture Improvement Project. [23-312]
11. Approve the use of up to \$347,550 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds for the remodel of Room 104 in the Duluth Government Services Center and authorize a contract with Gardner Builders, LLC of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$347,550 for all remodel-related construction services. [23-313]
12. Application for Special Event Liquor License to temporarily expand the designated sale/service area of the County On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License by Authentic Property Investments, LLC dba Eagle’s Nest Resort, Fredenberg Township, for August 23, 2023 (rain date August 24, 2023).
13. Application for Special Event Liquor License to temporarily expand the designated sale/service area of the County On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License by Watters, LLC dba Island Lake Inn, Gnesen Township, for September 2, 2023.
14. Application for On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License by Sean N Marv, LLC dba Viking Bar, Morcom, transfer.

### **Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Grimm, Chair**

15. Ratify the 2023-2025 Deputy Sheriff Unit collective bargaining agreement and Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. [23-314]

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### **Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Harala, Chair**

16. Authorize purchase of four (4) pickup trucks for the Sheriff's Office from North Country GM of Hibbing, MN, for the State of Minnesota contract price of \$183,500 including applicable fees and taxes, plus \$73,200 for outfitting. [23-304]
17. Authorize an agreement with Boomtown Brewery & Woodfire Grill of Hibbing, MN, to provide food services to the Hibbing and Virginia lockup facilities for a one (1) year term, with four (4) optional annual extensions, at a cost of \$12.50 per meal. [23-305]

### **Environmental & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Jugovich, Chair**

18. Grant final approval to Registered Land Survey No. 152 located in part of NE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 26, Township 55 North, Range 15 West (Unorganized Township 55-15). [23-306]
19. Authorize application and acceptance of up to \$61,200 in FY2024 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency grant funding to be used for Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) program administration and the upgrade of substandard SSTS for low-income residents. [23-308]
20. Five-year non-exclusive right-of-way lease across county fee land and tax-forfeited land utilizing an abandoned DM&IR railroad grade located in Sections 29 and 30, Township 62 North, Range 14 West (Breitung and Eagle's Nest Townships) granted to Bruce Kainz and Mark Larson to access private property, upon total payment of \$1996 (parcel codes 270-0010-04945, 317-0010-04710 & 317-0010-04202). [23-309]
21. Authorize acceptance of an Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) Residential Redevelopment Program Grant in the amount of \$34,860 for the removal of blighted residential structures. [23-310]
22. Authorize acceptance of an IRRR Development Partnership Grant in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$25,000 to enhance funding for the Aggregate Resource Mapping project focused on St. Louis County. [23-311]

**Official Proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of July 25, 2023, are hereby approved.

**Duluth Farm to School Program**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Farm to School programming enhances student learning and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School programming is supported by a collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan developed by multiple partners within Bridging Health Duluth; and

WHEREAS, Essentia Health has made funds available to Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) in the amount of \$34,000 for the time period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for purposes of managing the Farm to School program; and

WHEREAS, PHHS wishes to enter into contract with community provider(s) for the amount up to \$34,000 for the time period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for purposes of implementing the Farm to School program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to enter into contract and accept up to \$34,000 from Essentia Health for the time period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for the Duluth Farm to School program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to enter into contract with a community provider(s) for the amount up to \$34,000 for the time period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for the purposes of implementing the Farm to School program in Duluth Public Schools.

BUDGET REFERENCE: 230-233999-545158-23333-99999999-2023  
230-233999-629900-23333-99999999-2023

### **Appoint Members to Local Mental Health Advisory Council**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Local Mental Health Advisory Council (Minn. Stat. § 245.466 Subd. 5) establishes that the County Board shall establish a Local Mental Health Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Local Advisory Councils (LACs) is to utilize the knowledge of diverse groups of individuals in order to improve mental health services for Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has a North LAC and a South LAC that will serve in an advisory role to the Public Health and Human Services Department on ways to improve mental health services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints the list of members to the North LAC and to the South LAC as follows:

| <u>North LAC Members</u> | <u>Appointment End Dates</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Heather Kainz            | June 2025                    |
| Katy Lofquist            | June 2024                    |
| Linda O'Neil Deremee     | June 2025                    |
| Jennifer Rich            | October 2025                 |
| Lacy Podlogar            | August 2023                  |
| Brenda Shafer-Pellinen   | November 2024                |
| Tod Swenson              | July 2024                    |
| Macy Viita               | June 2024                    |
| Samantha Stocco          | June 2026                    |
| Howard Anthony           | June 2026                    |
| Blair Smith              | June 2025                    |
| Katrina Broten           | June 2026                    |
| Melissa Brusacoram       | June 2026                    |
| Colleen Davern           | June 2025                    |
| Dana Stroschein          | June 2025                    |
| Joseph Laufeia           | June 2026                    |
| <br>                     |                              |
| <u>South LAC Members</u> | <u>Appointment End Dates</u> |
| Alison Shulstad          | June 2025                    |
| Rochelle Koehne          | June 2024                    |
| Roger Raymond, Jr.       | June 2024                    |
| Sonja Wildwood           | June 2024                    |
| Taylor Soghigian         | October 2023                 |
| Traci Laughlin           | June 2024                    |
| Jessica Marquadt         | June 2025                    |
| Tara Aase                | June 2026                    |
| Jessica Marie Johnson    | June 2025                    |

**Request to Accept Public Health Infrastructure Grants**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have made funds available to states for purposes of supporting efforts to recruit, retain, and train a skilled and diverse public health workforce, and address longstanding public health infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Health is granting the Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board \$787,575 for the timeframe of March 6, 2023, through November 30, 2027, for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board wishes to contract for up to \$231,018 to Public Health & Human Services (PHHS) for the time period of March 6, 2023, through November 30, 2027, for purposes of recruiting, retaining, and training a skilled and diverse public health workforce, addressing longstanding public health infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Health has made funds available to community health boards for purposes of supporting and strengthening the local public health system; and

WHEREAS, The Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board wishes to contract with PHHS for up to \$60,000 for the time period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, PHHS wishes to enter into a contract with Superior Healthcare Consulting, LLC for up to \$240,000 for the timeframe of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, for project management services to address longstanding public health infrastructure needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to enter into contract and accept up to \$231,018 from the Carlton-Cook-Lake St. Louis Community Health Board for the time period of March 6, 2023, through November 30, 2027, for purposes of recruiting, retaining, and training a skilled and diverse public health workforce, and addressing longstanding public health infrastructure needs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to enter into a contract and accept up to \$60,000 from the Carlton-Cook-Lake St. Louis Community Health Board for the time period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for purposes of supporting and strengthening the local public health system.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to enter into a contract with Superior Healthcare Consulting, LLC for the amount up to \$240,000 for the timeframe of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, for purposes of addressing longstanding public health infrastructure needs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to utilize the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant funding to support personnel expenses of position code G0802-002 for purposes of delivering sustainable mental health and substance use resources.



**Amendment 1: 2023 Liquid Surface Treatment (Calcium Chloride/Magnesium Chloride)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, A Request for Bids has been issued and received by the St. Louis County Purchasing Division for Bid #5912 - 2023 Liquid Surface Treatment (Calcium Chloride/Magnesium Chloride) requesting services to furnish and apply 900,000 gallons of liquid calcium chloride; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board previously authorized the St. Louis County Purchasing Division to enter into contract with EnviroTech Services, Inc. of Greeley, CO, for 900,000 gallons of 38% liquid calcium chloride delivered and applied for the bid price of \$1.25 cents per gallon, with a total cost of \$1,125,000 plus \$100,000 for alternates, for a total cost of \$1,225,00.00, payable from Fund 200, Agency 207001, Object 653400; and

WHEREAS, Public Works has determined that it is necessary to increase the original contract value by \$200,000.00 for an additional 160,000 gallons of liquid calcium chloride to allow the department to appropriately treat roads impacted by drier than normal weather conditions and provides a reasonable solution to numerous complaints made by the public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Purchasing Division to amend Contract 5912 with EnviroTech Services, Inc. of Greeley, CO, for 1,100,000 gallons of 38% liquid calcium chloride delivered and applied for the bid price of \$1.25 cents per gallon, plus \$100,000.00 for alternates, bringing the total contract cost to an amount not to exceed \$1,425,000, payable from Fund 200, Agency 207001, Object 653400.

**Apply for Federal Highway Administration Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Savings Transportation Discretionary Program Grant Opportunity for CSAH 61 Reinforced Soil Slope Project (CP 0061-726178)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is pursuing a permanent landslide repair consisting of natural infrastructure (riprap, select granular embankment, crushed filter rock) and layers of geogrid reinforcement to create a Reinforced Soil Slope (RSS) design along approximately 1,500' of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 61 from the northbound shoulder to the shoreline of Lake Superior; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is eligible for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Savings Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Program grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, The total eligible project costs are estimated to be \$5,900,000; and

WHEREAS, FHWA Federal share shall not exceed 80 percent (80%) of the total eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, Upon selection and acceptance of award, St. Louis County is obligated to provide a 20% grant match of up to \$1,180,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to apply for the FHWA PROTECT Discretionary Program grant opportunity for the CSAH 61 Reinforced Soil Slope Project (CP 0061-726178).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That upon selection and acceptance of award, St. Louis County is authorized to provide funding for the 20% grant match.

**Apply for Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Grant for  
Woodland Avenue Green Infrastructure Project (CP 0009-689681)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department has identified an opportunity to reduce the environmental impacts of urban stormwater that discharges untreated from a Woodland Avenue storm sewer to Tischer Creek in the City of Duluth's Hartley Park; and

WHEREAS, The total project costs are estimated to be \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, A federal grant with the Department of the Army Civil Engineers (USACE) has been secured for up to \$600,000 and is in the process of being amended to provide an additional \$900,000, for a total of \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is obligated to provide a 25% match and has been approved on Board Resolution No. 21-640 to provide up to \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department has identified a Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) grant opportunity that, if selected, could provide up to \$500,000 toward construction costs for the Woodland Avenue green infrastructure project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to apply for the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) grant for the Woodland Avenue green infrastructure project, further identified as CP 0009-689681.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That advancement of this project to construction is contingent on securing additional grant funding for the 25% match to limit St. Louis County's financial responsibility.

**Accept Additional Federal Funds from the Department of the Army for CP 0009-689681  
("Tischer Creek Project")**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Public Works was awarded a grant from the Department of the Army in 2021 for construction of green infrastructure on Woodland Avenue. Pursuant to County Board Resolution 21-640, the Public Works department entered into an agreement with the Department of the Army to accept grant funds in the amount of \$600,000 with a required 25% match and coverage of all overages. The project is further identified as CP 0009-689681 ("Tischer Creek Project"); and

WHEREAS, The scope of the "Tischer Creek Project" has expanded significantly, requiring additional funding to advance to construction. With a total estimated project cost of \$2,000,000, the Department of the Army has agreed to increase the federal grant amount, providing St. Louis County Public Works up to \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, Advancement of this project to construction is contingent upon securing additional grant funding for the 25% match to limit St. Louis County's financial responsibility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board accepts additional federal grant funds in the amount of \$900,000, increasing the total federal grant amount to \$1,500,000. Funds from the Department of the Army will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220653, Object 540982.

**Abatement List for Board Approval**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

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. 61875.

**Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of the Green Lot – Downtown Duluth**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Property Management, with the assistance of the Purchasing Division, solicited a Request for Proposal seeking a qualified contractor to provide all architectural and engineering services related to the reconstruction of the northern half of the Green Lot adjacent to the Government Services Center; and

WHEREAS, Proposals were due on July 7, 2023, with responses submitted from the following firms: Windsor Engineering – Duluth, MN; Northland Consulting, LLC – Duluth, MN; and LHB, Inc. – Duluth, MN; and

WHEREAS, Objective evaluation and review of the received responses found Northland Consulting, LLC of Duluth, MN, to be the most qualified to provide the requested services at the lowest proposed project cost.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into an agreement with Northland Consulting, LLC of Duluth, MN, to provide all architectural and engineering services related to the reconstruction of the northern half of the Green Lot adjacent to the Government Services Center not to exceed \$111,705 payable from Fund 100, Agency 128010, Object 626600.

**Breitung Township Recreation and Culture Improvement Project,  
American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funding**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency
- To address its negative economic impacts
- To serve the hardest hit
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has allocated up to \$900,000 of ARPA funds to be used for youth recreation/park projects; and

WHEREAS, Breitung Township has identified a project to improve its existing recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Township has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$20,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to support its project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$20,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for the Breitung Township Recreation and Culture Improvement Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Breitung Township shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with the Township for this project with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Action Revenue Loss.

**Duluth Government Services Center Remodel of the First Floor  
(PHHS – Children and Family Services), American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funding**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency
- To address its negative economic impacts
- To serve the hardest hit
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, Property Management, with the assistance of the Purchasing Division, solicited a Request for Bids seeking a qualified contractor to provide all construction services related to the remodeling of Room 104; and

WHEREAS, Bids were requested and due on July 17, 2023, and the County received five bids for the project with the low bid being from Gardner Builders, LLC providing the low bid of \$347,550.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$347,550 of American Rescue Act Plan Revenue Loss funds for the remodel of the first floor of the Duluth Government Services Center.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board awards the project to the low bidder and authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with Gardner Builders, LLC of Duluth, MN, to provide all construction services related the remodeling of Room 104 in the Duluth Government Services Center for the lump sum of \$347,550.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all construction and renovations shall be in compliance with local zoning regulations, state building code and accomplished using St. Louis County purchasing rules.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the above project be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss.



**Application for Special Event Liquor License to Temporarily Expand the  
Designated Sale/Service Area of the County On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License  
(Fredenberg Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06 authorization is hereby granted to Authentic Property Investments, LLC dba Eagle's Nest Resort, Fredenberg Township, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the date of August 23, 2023 (Rain Date August 24, 2023), as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61855.

**Application for Special Event Liquor License to Temporarily Expand the  
Designated Sale/Service Area of the County On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License  
(Gnesen Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06 authorization is hereby granted to Watters LLC dba Island Lake Inn, Gnesen Township, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the date of September 2, 2023, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61855.

**Application for On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License  
(Morcom Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

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 an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61855.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fee to the license holder.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license shall be effective through June 30, 2024:

Sean N Marv, LLC dba Viking Bar, Morcom Township, On-Sale & Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, transfer.

**Deputy Sheriff Unit 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Deputy Sheriff Unit collective bargaining agreement expired December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc., Local #288 (LELS) reached agreement on terms of a new collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the 2023-2025 Deputy Sheriff Unit contract is ratified, and county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**State Contract Purchase of Four Fleet Pickup Trucks**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office 2023 capital budget includes four (4) pickup trucks;  
and

WHEREAS, North Country GM of Hibbing, MN, responded with State of Minnesota contract price for four (4) pickup trucks for \$183,500.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of four (4) Chevrolet Silverado 1500 (CK10543) pickup trucks in accordance with the State of Minnesota Contract Pricing as follows:

Two (2) 1500 Crew Cab Trucks, 4WD, 4 Door, (**Chevy Silverado CK10543**) from **North Country GM, of Hibbing, MN**, at the State of Minnesota Contract price of \$46,385.00 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of this vehicles are as follows: Excise Tax of \$20.00 each, tax exempt, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and a gear up cost of \$41,200.00, **for a fully loaded acquisition price of \$133,970.00** delivered to EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666300 and 643200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF MARKED**

Two (2) 1500 Crew Cab Trucks, 4WD, 4 Door, (**Chevy Silverado CK10543**) from **North Country GM, of Hibbing, MN**, at the State of Minnesota Contract price of \$45,365.000 each. Additional fees associated with the purchase of this vehicles are as follows: Excise Tax of \$20.00 each, 6.5% motor vehicle sales tax of \$2,948.73 per unit, estimated license and registration fees of \$55.00 per unit, and a gear up cost of \$32,000.00, **for a fully loaded acquisition price of \$122,730.00** delivered to EATI, payable from Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 666300 and 643200 (pickups/vans). **SHERIFF UNMARKED**

**Food Services Contract for the Hibbing and Virginia Lockup Facilities**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, in tandem with the Purchasing Division, has solicited proposals for the purchase of Hibbing and Virginia Lockup Facilities Foodservices in accordance with Minnesota Department of Health, as well as the Minnesota Department of Corrections Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Inmates at these facilities are provided three (3) meals per day, in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Public Health regulations and Minn. Stat. § 641.15; and

WHEREAS, The contract may be renewed upon agreement of county and contractor for four (4) optional one (1) year terms, provided that Contractor has satisfactorily performed the services as determined solely by the County; and

WHEREAS, Boomtown Brewery & Woodfire Grill was the sole responder whose proposal best demonstrated, in St. Louis County's sole opinion, the clear capability and capacity to best fulfill the purpose of the Request for Proposals in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, The resulting contract cost would be \$12.50 per meal with payment being made only for services rendered and accepted whether greater or less than any stated amounts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement with Boomtown Brewery & Woodfire Grill of Hibbing, MN, to provide food services to the Hibbing and Virginia lockup facilities for a one (1) year term, with four (4) optional extensions, at a cost of \$12.50 per meal, from Fund 100, Agency 137002, Object 635500.

**Approval of Registered Land Survey Number 152**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Registrar of Titles is authorized to require Registered Land Survey Number 152 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 508.47; and

WHEREAS, The County Surveyor and Examiner of Titles have approved Registered Land Survey Number 152; and

WHEREAS, The final prints have been submitted for filing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board grants final approval to Registered Land Survey Number 152 located in part of the NE ¼ of SW ¼ in Section 26, Township 55 North, Range 15 West.

**Authorization to Apply for and Accept FY2024 MPCA SSTS Base Grant  
and SSTS Low-Income Fix-Up Grant**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) notified the Planning and Community Development Department that FY2024 funding is available to assist in Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) program administration and upgrades; and

WHEREAS, The MPCA SSTS Base Grant is \$21,200 per county for counties that administer an SSTS program; and

WHEREAS, The MPCA SSTS Low-Income Fix-up Grant Program has funding available, with the County requesting to apply for up to an additional \$40,000 for eligible SSTS (Notice of Non-Compliance issued, Imminent Threat to Public Health or Safety, or Failing to Protect Groundwater) for low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has applied for, and received, funding through this grant since 2012 and this is an annual distribution and additional funding that can be applied for in future fiscal years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Planning and Community Development Department to apply for and accept up to \$61,200 in FY2024 SSTS Base and Low-Income Fix-up Grant Funding from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Funds will be deposited into Fund 289, Agency 289999, Revenue 530102, Grant 28902, Year 2024 for \$21,200, and Fund 285, Agency 285999, Revenue 532503, Grant 28501, Year 2024 for up to \$40,000 or its designated fund.



**Non-Exclusive Right-of-Way Lease across County Fee Land and Tax-Forfeit Land to Bruce Kainz and Mark Larson (Breitung and Eagles Nest Townships, T62N-R14W)**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Bruce Kainz and Mark Larson have requested a non-exclusive, 33-foot-wide access lease for right-of-way purposes across county fee land and tax-forfeit land on the abandoned DM&IR railroad grade in Breitung and Eagles Nest Townships to access privately owned property; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 373.01, subd. 1(a)(4), authorizes the St. Louis County Board to grant leases, if deemed conducive to the interests of the County's inhabitants, for access road purposes over county fee lands; and

WHEREAS, Under Minn. Stat. § 373.01, subd. 1(b), leases that do not exceed \$15,000 in any one year may be directly negotiated and are not subject to the public advertising or competitive bidding procedures set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 1(d), authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant leases across state tax-forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a five-year, non-exclusive right-of-way lease for access purposes over county fee and tax-forfeit lands to Bruce Kainz and Mark Larson, as further described in County Board File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this right of way lease is conditioned upon payment of a \$1,921 land use fee and a \$75 administration fee, for a sum total of \$1,996 of which \$1,825.50 will be deposited into Fund 100, Agency 143001 (County Fee) and \$170.50 will be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Non-Exclusive Right-of-Way Lease across County Fee Land and Tax Forfeit Land to Bruce Kainz and Mark Larson (Breitung and Eagles Nest Townships, T62N - R14W)**

#### Legal Description

All that abandoned former railway right-of-way of the DM&IR railroad being a strip of land 100' wide across the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and the South Half of the Southeast Quarter and the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 62 North, Range 14 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota (Breitung Township).

And that abandoned former railway right-of-way of the DM&IR railroad being a strip of land 100' wide and 350' long across the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 62 North, Range 14 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota (Eagles Nest Township).

Lease request is for a 33' wide strip within the 100' abandoned ROW.

**Acceptance of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Residential Redevelopment  
Program Grant**

BY COMMISSIONER: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land & Minerals (SLCLM) project identified blighted residential properties located within the Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) service area and the project is eligible for the Residential Redevelopment Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, The IRRR Residential Redevelopment Program Grant provides funding for the removal of blighted residential structures; and

WHEREAS, The match will be achieved with SLCLM department blight funds; and

WHEREAS, SLCLM will utilize department staff and equipment in collaboration with the St. Louis County Environmental Services Solid Waste division for dumpster and demolition debris disposal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acceptance of the IRRR Residential Redevelopment Grant in the amount of \$34,860.

**Acceptance of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Development Partnership Grant**

BY COMMISSIONER: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, A portion of the St. Louis County Aggregate Mapping Project is located withing the Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) service area and the project is eligible for the Development Partnership Grant; and

WHEREAS, The IRRR Development Partnership provides funding in part for research to support long-term regional economic growth; and

WHEREAS, The match will be achieved with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources funds secured through the 2022 Legislative-Citizen Commission of Minnesota Resources Project Aggregate Resource Mapping project (2022-295).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acceptance of the IRRR Development Partnership Grant in the amount of \$25,000.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON JULY 25, 2023**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, at 9:31 a.m., at the Proctor City Hall, Proctor, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Patrick Boyle - 5. Absent: Commissioners Ashley Grimm and Paul McDonald - 2.

Chair Boyle asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Musolf introduced City of Proctor Mayor Chad Ward. Mayor Ward thanked the Board for their support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project and welcomed the Board to the City of Proctor.

Chair Boyle opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Melissa Bell, of Duluth, said that the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road was issued in error and the CUP should be null and void. Ms. Bell commented that there were three falsifications on the CUP application. In addition, the county did not perform an inspection of the McKeever gravel pit which was being operated by the applicant. Clayton Cich, of Fredenberg Township, commented that the McKeever gravel pit is in violation and noted the county has inspected the Clearwater pit; however, it has not inspected the McKeever pit. Oly Olson, of Duluth, said the CUP issues to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road should have never been granted. Mr. Olson commented that five criteria must be met for a valid CUP and only one criteria was met by the applicant. Mr. Olson asked if new staff has been hired in the Planning Department to replace the staff that originally approved the CUP. Chair Boyle responded that this is the portion of the meeting when the Board listens to citizens; the Board does not respond to questions.

Chair Boyle noted that Commissioners Grimm and McDonald and County Administrator Gray are absent from the meeting because they are attending the National County Association meeting.

At 9:52 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 23-361, adopted July 11, 2023, to consider the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to The Hideaway Bar, Inc., dba The Hideaway Bar, Unorganized Township 61-13. Commissioner Nelson noted that the applicant was unable to attend the public hearing and asked St. Louis County Attorney Kim Maki how the Board should handle the public hearing. Attorney Maki recommended that the Board move forward with the public hearing, so that anyone who attended this meeting could be given the opportunity to testify; then continue the meeting to a future date so the applicant could attend. The Board agreed with Attorney Maki's recommendation and opened the public hearing. Attorney Maki gave the initial presentation and submitted a packet that included documentation of required notices, minutes from the Liquor Licensing Committee meeting, proof of paid property taxes, and required documents for the license to the Clerk of the County Board. Chair Boyle asked if there were any representatives from the establishment, governmental entities, supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 9:57 a.m., Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to continue the public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on August 8, 2023. The motion passed; five yeas, zero nays, two absent (Grimm, McDonald).

Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; five yeas, zero nays, two absent (Grimm, McDonald).

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

Penalty and Interest Abatement Lists approved during CY 2023.—61991

Upon motion by Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Nelson, resolutions numbered 23-380 through 23-392, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

**BY COMMISSIONER MUSOLF:**

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of July 11, 2023, are hereby approved.

Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-380

WHEREAS, St. Louis County coordinated a pandemic appreciation event on June 20, 2023, to honor the public health pandemic response, including 86 Minnesota Responds volunteers whose 9300 volunteer hours expanded our clinical capacity; and

WHEREAS, Love Creamery provided the ice cream as a donation, valued at \$900; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 465.03 requires donations towards counties to be accepted by the governing body.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board accepts the donation of ice cream, valued at \$900, from Love Creamery towards the pandemic appreciation event held June 20, 2023.

Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-381

WHEREAS, When 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 such a review when an Information Specialist II position became vacant serving in the Disbursements Unit of the Business Services Division and determined that reallocation to Social Worker serving as SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS) support was appropriate; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II position (Position code 0421-004, Pay Grade B10, Step 1) to a 1.0 FTE Social Worker position (Pay Grade MAE, Step 1) in the Public Health and Human Services Department, resulting in an annual increase of \$16,248 to be accounted for in Fund 230, Agency 230023, Object 610100.

Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-382

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has determined that the replacement of the State Trail Bridge that carries the Taconite State Trail over the Pike River is required to assure the continued operation, maintenance, and public use of the Taconite State Trail in this area; and

WHEREAS, The plans and specifications for the replacement of the State Trail Bridge would typically require the disassembly and disposal of the existing structure; however, the County, on

behalf of the Prospector ATV Club, has requested that the County be permitted to utilize and reuse the State Trail Bridge on a new segment of the Prospector ATV trail where the 5 Ton Load Rating meets the requirements of the operations and maintenance of a trail of that type; and

WHEREAS, The State and the County have determined that the continued utilization of the State Trail Bridge by the County for recreational trail purposes represents an opportunity to extend the use of the structure and its public benefit; and

WHEREAS, The Prospector ATV Club, or its Consultants, shall perform any required inspection of the salvaged Pike River Bridge to determine its structural integrity and shall be responsible for completing the planning, design, and environmental permitting for the placement of the Pike River Bridge at its permanent location; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of the salvage, relocation, and placement of the salvaged Pike River Bridge and ATV trail segment, St. Louis County shall function as the bridge owner and complete periodic bridge inspections as required for the Pike River Bridge; and

WHEREAS, The Prospector ATV Club will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the salvage and relocation of the Pike River Bridge and for all future construction, maintenance, and operational costs for the salvaged Pike River Bridge and ATV trail segment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Minnesota and the Prospector ATV Club for the Pike River Bridge Salvage and Relocation for ATV Recreational Use project located in Vermilion Lake Township, St. Louis County. This project is further identified as CP 0000-784101. Funds for this project will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220747, Object 583100.

Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-383

WHEREAS, The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program, with \$5 billion in appropriated funds for over 5 years, 2022-2026; and

WHEREAS, The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department submitted a funding application to the SS4A program in 2022 for funding to complete a Safety Action Plan for the county road system and was awarded \$200,000 to complete this Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County must provide a 20 percent local match, or \$50,000, for this grant; and

WHEREAS, A key component to this Safety Action Plan is to upgrade the County Road Safety Plan (CRSP) so that the recommended projects in the CRSP are eligible for implementation funding from SS4A.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to enter into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this project is further identified as CP 0000-803757. Funds received from the Federal Highway Administration will be receipted into Fund 200, Agency 220748, Object 540716. Funds for St. Louis County's local match will be payable from Fund 200, Agency 203671, Object 652800.

Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-384

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. 61875.

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement of penalty and interest identified in County Board File No. 61991.

WHEREAS, In 2006 the St. Louis County Public Works Department entered into a contract for the purchase of a new Maximo Cost Accounting and Asset Tracking system through vendor MROI Software, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, This software has since been acquired by IBM Corporation, and it was recently announced Maximo will be undergoing a major hardware and software system change to Maximo Application Suite (MAS); and

WHEREAS, As part of the migration steps, IBM conducted an audit of current St. Louis County license entitlements and determined that St. Louis County will need to purchase additional licensing under the new IBM Maximo Application Suite points licensing model as part of the upgrade; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department, in coordination with St. Louis County Information Technology Department, have analyzed the audit results and worked closely with IBM to draft an agreement on a new licensing model that will ensure St. Louis County maintains proper licensing for current and future employees, and transitions St. Louis County to the new IBM Maximo Application software suite; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County’s existing Flexible Contract Term (FCT) originally initiated in 2006 is set to expire on September of 2023, and will require St. Louis County to migrate to the new IBM Maximo Application Suite.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Department to purchase the software licensing from IBM Corporation, sourced with use of the Naspo Value Point Cooperative Agreement, for an initial cost of \$450,000 from Fund 100, Agency 117001, Object 634800, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the ongoing maintenance and support costs estimated to be \$142,000 annually to be budgeted in the Information Technology Budget in future years from Fund 100, Agency 117001, Object 634800.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee for payment of claims and bills against the County of St. Louis, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61858, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

**May 2023**

|     |                                    |                |
|-----|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 100 | General Fund                       | \$8,266,271.68 |
| 149 | Personal Service Fund              | 804.65         |
| 155 | Depot                              | 107,404.56     |
| 160 | MN Trail Assistance                | 55,492.99      |
| 169 | Attorney Trust Accounts – VW       | 1,721.41       |
| 173 | Emergency Shelter Grant            | 23,599.13      |
| 176 | Revolving Loan Fund                | 65.97          |
| 178 | Economic Development – Tax Forfeit | 10,301.97      |



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| 179 | Enhanced 9-1-1                     | 158,330.70                    |
| 180 | Law Library                        | 13,930.86                     |
| 183 | City/County Communications         | 316.98                        |
| 184 | Extension Service                  | 126,819.50                    |
| 190 | Sheriff Explorers                  | 150.00                        |
| 191 | Recorder's Deposit Account         | 17.00                         |
| 192 | Permit to Carry                    | 7,098.79                      |
| 200 | Public Works                       | 3,468,404.70                  |
| 204 | Local Option Transit Sales Tax     | 68,893.46                     |
| 220 | State/Federal Road Aid             | 1,501,653.82                  |
| 230 | Public Health & Human Services     | 8,362,719.81                  |
| 239 | Pandemic Response Fund             | 171,432.25                    |
| 240 | Forfeited Tax                      | 467,084.29                    |
| 260 | CDBG Grant                         | 81,375.24                     |
| 281 | SLC Septic Loans                   | 178.45                        |
| 289 | On-Site Wastewater                 | 66,198.37                     |
| 290 | Forest Resources                   | 5,725.75                      |
| 298 | Opioid Remediation                 | 6,407.98                      |
| 400 | County Facilities                  | 82,024.92                     |
| 403 | Emergency Repairs                  | 72,680.00                     |
| 405 | Public Works Building Construction | 6,497.54                      |
| 407 | Public Works – Equipment           | 39,425.22                     |
| 450 | 2021A – Capital Improvement        | 3,185,331.47                  |
| 600 | Environmental Services             | 721,115.69                    |
| 715 | County Garage                      | 56,428.74                     |
| 720 | Property Casualty Liability        | 17,395.90                     |
| 730 | Workers Compensation               | 272,317.54                    |
| 740 | Medical Dental Insurance           | 2,880,396.08                  |
| 770 | Retired Employees Health Ins.      | 542.00                        |
|     |                                    | <u><b>\$30,306,555.41</b></u> |

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Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-388

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to Pequaywan Inn Resort, LLC dba Pequaywan Inn, Unorganized Township 54-13, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the date of September 9, 2023, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61855.

Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-389

WHEREAS, St. Louis, Carlton, and Lake Counties share radio communication infrastructure that requires ongoing system maintenance; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Radio Maintenance Technicians provide a high standard of maintenance for the infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has maintained Carlton County's radio communications since 2012; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has maintained Lake County's radio communications since 2009.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a renewed agreement with Carlton County in the amount of \$56,000 per year, and Lake County in the amount of \$35,000 per year, to provide scheduled and preventative radio infrastructure maintenance, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 136001, Object 551506 (Carlton) and 551508 (Lake).

Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-390

WHEREAS, Alex and Ahlena Kerry Manthei have requested a non-exclusive, perpetual, 43-foot-wide right-of-way and utility easement across state tax-forfeited land to access private property; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property, and exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 4a, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax-forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive, perpetual, 43-foot-wide right-of-way and utility easement to Alex and Ahlena Kerry Manthei across state tax-forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 61882.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon receipt of payment in the amount of a \$2,710 land use fee, a \$200 administration fee, and a \$46 recording fee, for a sum total of \$2,956, all to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-391

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Northwood, LLC of Wayzata, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Govt Lot 1, EXCEPT that part thereof lying Southwesterly of the Northeasterly line of the right of way of the Duluth, Rainy Lake and Winnipeg Railway Company; AND EXCEPT Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot 1; thence running North along the east line thereof, a distance of 1311.44 feet; thence running West, a distance of 460 feet; thence running South, a distance of 251 feet; thence running West, a distance of 103.5 feet; thence running South to the Northeasterly line of the right of way of the Duluth, Rainy Lake and Winnipeg Railway Company; thence running Southeasterly along the Northeasterly line of said Railroad right of way to the south line of said Lot 1; thence running East along the south line of said Lot 1 to the Point of Beginning.

Section 18, Township 62 North, Range 18 West

Parcel ID No: 120-0040-00110

LDKey: 130470; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made satisfactory downpayment to enter into a four-year contract for deed to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Northwood, LLC of Wayzata, MN, on file in County Board File No.

61911, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$13,246.33, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$43.71, recording fee of \$46, and maintenance cost of \$19, for a total of \$13,380.04 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund), plus a service fee of \$500 to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Adopted July 25, 2023. No. 23-392

At 9:58 a.m., July 25, 2023, Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; five yeas, zero nays, two absent (Grimm, McDonald).

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Patrick Boyle, Chair of the Board  
of County Commissioners

Attest:

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

(Seal of the County Auditor)