

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JUNE 13, 2023**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 13th day of June 2023, at 9:32 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Patrick Boyle - 7. Absent: None - 0.

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

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 questioned why government needs to run landfills. Commissioner Nelson briefly stepped out of the meeting from 9:34 a.m. to 9:35 am. Clayton Cich, of Fredenberg Township, commented that the McKeever gravel pit is in violation and said the pit needs to be inspected. Mr. Cich said that landfills should be owned privately so that the county can inspect them and require changes. Bruce Anderson, of Duluth, asked when the Board would be doing something about the McKeever gravel pit being in violation of County Ordinance No. 62. Oly Olson, of Duluth, commented that he used to work for Lakehead Trucking and said the McKeever gravel pit is out of compliance. Mr. Olson said the county should not have issued a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road because Lakehead Trucking is operating the McKeever gravel pit and that pit is out of compliance. Ron Hein, of the St. Louis County Historical Society, commented that he was prepared to come to this meeting to announce that a new Executive Director was selected for the St. Louis County Historical Society; however, the applicant withdrew their name yesterday. Mr. Hein said he would provide the Board a written report in the future. Tony Dierckins, of Duluth, commented on a recent letter that was sent to the St. Louis County Historical Society Board of Governors and Directors that identified concerns regarding the management and operation of the St. Louis County Historical Society. Mr. Dierckins said changes must be made to give the new Executive Director the tools to succeed. James Mitchell, of Duluth, commented on the process of how property valuation is determined and called on the county to work with state legislature representatives to change the processes.

Commissioner Musolf exited the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Musolf).

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

David Sipila, County Assessor, submitting Board Letter No. 23-226, Appointment of 2023 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.—61961

Application for Non-Intoxicating Malt Liquor Licenses approved during CY 2023.—61962

Darren Jablonsky, Interim Director, Planning and Community Development, submitting Board Letter No. 23-221, St. Louis River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Implementation Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Budget.—61963

Julie Marinucci, Land & Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 23-222, Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to the City of Virginia.—61964

Julie Marinucci, Land & Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 23-223, Authorization for Issuance of a Corrective Deed.—61965

Julie Marinucci, Land & Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 23-224, Request of Apply for Department of Iron Range & Rehabilitation Development Partnership Grant.—61966

Linnea Mirsch, Public Health & Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-216, Write-off of Bad Debts.—61967

Jacob Schroers, Duluth, MN, regarding the price of communicating with family and friends while being housed at the St. Louis County Jail.—61968

Upon motion by Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, resolutions numbered 23-314 through 23-337, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of June 6, 2023, are hereby approved.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-314

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to completely reconstruct part of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 25 (Vermilion Drive) from Minnesota Trunk Highway 53 0.50 miles easterly to 2nd Street SE (CSAH 24) within the City of Cook (CP 0025-509653/SAP 069-625-022); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of grading, aggregate base, storm sewer, curb, gutter, sidewalks, bituminous surfacing, and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for this construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Public Works Director, or his designee, to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for this project and to execute, on behalf of the county, any easement documents as may become necessary.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant highway easements across tax-forfeited lands necessary for the project. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

WHEREAS, Crane Lake Township has received State Park Road Account (SPRA) funding in the amount of \$557,000 for improvements to Bayside Drive from Handberg Road (County Road 425) to the Waters Edge Public Water Access in Crane Lake Township, the “Project” (SAP 069-600-052, CP 0000-692697); and

WHEREAS, The County is required to act as the fiscal agent and contract administrator for the State of Minnesota in administering the SPRA funds, and shall administer the construction contract for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Crane Lake Township shall prepare a plan for construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Crane Lake Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of SPRA funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Crane Lake Township to receive and administer Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Park Road Account (SPRA) program funding for the improvements to Bayside Drive (SAP 069-600-052, CP 0000-692697). Funds for this project will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220733, Object 551629.

WHEREAS, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 91 (40th Avenue West), beginning at Grand Avenue and ending at the railroad crossing (USDOT #251887W), is programmed to be reconstructed in 2026 and is further identified as CP 0091-442363, SP 069-691-034; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth is planning a future reconstruction project for Minnesota State Aid Street (MSAS) 110 (40th Avenue West) beginning at Interstate 35 and ending at Grand Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department identified the need to complete a planning and preliminary engineering process before beginning design of the CSAH 91 reconstruction project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth requested to participate in this planning and preliminary engineering process for MSAS 110; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department determined it is necessary to secure an engineering consultant to provide professional services to support this planning and preliminary engineering process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Duluth to provide reimbursement for professional services to support a planning and preliminary engineering process for MSAS 110 (40th Avenue West).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this project is further identified as CP 0091-442363. Funds received from the City of Duluth will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220736, Object 551501.

WHEREAS, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 91 (40th Avenue West), beginning at Grand Avenue and ending at the railroad crossing (USDOT #251887W), is programmed to be reconstructed in 2026 and is further identified as CP 0091-442363, SP 069-691-034; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth is planning a future reconstruction project for Minnesota State Aid Street (MSAS) 110 (40th Avenue West), beginning at Interstate 35 and ending at Grand Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation installed a temporary traffic signal system at the intersection of CSAH 54 (Piedmont Avenue) at 24th Avenue West as part of the

Twin Ports Interchange Project to provide relief for detoured traffic because of the closure of US 53 at Interstate 35, and this temporary traffic signal system is planned to be removed after completion of the Twin Ports Interchange Project; therefore it is necessary to determine if this temporary traffic signal system should remain in place after the completion of the Twin Ports Interchange Project and what the long-term intersection control should be at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department determined it is necessary to secure an engineering consultant to provide professional services to support the planning and preliminary engineering process that includes an Intersection Control Evaluation for the intersections of CSAH 91 (40th Avenue West) at Grand Avenue and CSAH 54 (Piedmont Avenue) at 24th Avenue West, and develop a new corridor layout for CSAH 91/MSAS 110 (40th Avenue West) in the City of Duluth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a professional services agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with Alliant Engineering, Inc. to complete an Intersection Control Evaluation for the intersections of CSAH 91 (40th Avenue West) at Grand Avenue and CSAH 54 (Piedmont Avenue) at 24th Avenue West, and develop a new corridor layout for CSAH 91/MSAS 110 (40th Avenue West) in the City of Duluth.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the total cost of these professional services is not to exceed \$99,115.00 with St. Louis County's share being \$81,205.00 and the City of Duluth's share being \$17,910.00. A separate cooperative agreement, including a county board resolution, will be processed to allow the City of Duluth to provide reimbursement to St. Louis County for their share of the professional services fee. Payment for CP 0091-442363 will be paid from Fund 220, Agency 220736, Object 626600. Payment for CP 0054-791886 will be paid from Fund 220, Agency 220737, Object 626600.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-318

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is leading the planning and preliminary engineering process to prepare the Rice Lake Road (County State Aid Highway 4) Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, This project includes improvements on Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4), Martin Road (CSAH 9) and West Calvary Road (County Road 234); and

WHEREAS, An Intersection Control Evaluation was completed in 2022 at the intersections of Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4) at Ridgeview Road (CR 694), Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4) at West Calvary Road (County Road 234), Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4) at Martin Road (CSAH 9), and Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4) at West Tischer Road (CSAH 2); and

WHEREAS, Much of the preliminary layout has been completed for the Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4) Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County submitted two funding applications in 2022 to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program and the Rural Surface Transportation grant program which were both unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration provided a debrief of both unsuccessful applications in which these debrief sessions made the case that it is necessary to continue to refine the project to provide more benefits; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department determined it is necessary to secure an engineering consultant to provide professional services to support this continued planning and preliminary engineering process for the Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4) Corridor Project and to prepare the application for the FY 2024 RAISE grant solicitation; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Purchasing Rules allows for the amendment of contracts of greater than 25% total project cost with Board Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to process a professional services agreement amendment with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for continued planning and preliminary engineering services and to prepare a RAISE grant application for the Rice Lake Road (CSAH 4) Corridor Project located in the cities of Rice Lake and Duluth.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this project is identified as CP 0004-490685. The total cost of this amendment is \$74,364.00. Payment will be made from Fund 220, Agency 220560, Object 626600.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-319

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been purchasing chilled water from Duluth Energy Systems (DES) for air conditioning of the St. Louis County Courthouse and Government Services Center in Duluth, MN, under a contract initiated in 2004; and

WHEREAS, The 20-year term contract will expire on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Property Management recommends the contract not be renewed due to reliability and cost considerations; and

WHEREAS, A 2022 preliminary engineering feasibility evaluation demonstrated that an investment of approximately \$900,000 in chiller equipment for the two buildings would be paid back in 7-8 years at demand and usage rates currently charged by DES; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2023 the St. Louis County Board approved an agreement with Windsor Engineers to provide all engineering services related to design, bid specifications and construction administration for chiller systems and related building modifications at the St. Louis County Courthouse and Government Service Center in Duluth, MN; and

WHEREAS, Windsor Engineers notified Saint Louis County of an extended lead time for obtaining chiller equipment of 44 weeks; and

WHEREAS, Windsor Engineers provided two quotes for chiller equipment with the low quote received from SVL in the amount of \$248,645; and

WHEREAS, The chiller equipment needs to be ordered immediately to meet a project completion date of June 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes Property Management and the St. Louis County Purchasing Division to procure the chiller equipment on an emergency basis for the St. Louis County Courthouse and Government Service Center in Duluth, MN, from SVL in the amount of \$248,645 with funding payable from Fund 400, Agencies 400004 and 400006, Object 663100.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-320

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will convene a public hearing on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 9:35 a.m., at the Halden Town Hall, Floodwood, MN, for the purpose of obtaining public comment to further amend the 2023 Fee Schedule.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-321

WHEREAS, All increases in original governmental funds revenue and expenditure budgets and budgeted changes in fund balance require County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, Departments anticipate being notified of additional revenues and throughout the year and need approval to increase revenue and expenditure budgets; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners authorizes the following budget changes:

GRANT BUDGET CHANGE

1. Increase Sheriff revenue and expense budget for the 2021 Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant to reflect an increased allocation (\$20,648.00).
2. Transfer Public Health and Human Services Hepatitis C Outreach grant budget from operating to personnel, reducing the amount of levy needed for personnel expenses, resulting in an anticipated increase in fund balance (\$97,504.00).

USE OF AN EXISTING FUND BALANCE

3. Due to a budget error, reduce the amount of Data Integration fund balance to be used as part of the adopted budget, replacing it with use of cash flow instead (\$13,276.19).
4. Transfer Camp Esquagama fund balance from the General Fund to Capital Projects for the purchase of an emergency generator at Camp Esquagama (\$79,900.00).
5. Use of General Fund Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) assigned fund balance for 2023 CHIPS conflict cases (\$42,747.90).
6. Use of General Fund Public Safety Innovation fund balance to replace remotely operated vehicle search and rescue equipment (\$67,500.00).
7. Use of General Fund Information Technology fund balance for the purchase of a new NeoGov Human Resources recruitment module (\$15,247.51).
8. Transfer fund balance (\$5,200,000.00), expense budget (\$2,000,000.00), and an increase in the engineering reimbursement revenue budget (\$1,600,000.00) from the Public Works operations fund to the Public Works building fund for building construction projects in Culver, Kugler, and Whiteface that exceed the bonded amounts.

REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET INCREASE

9. Increase Sheriff's Enhanced 911 revenue and expense budget, which will allow an increase in the monthly allocation from the state to be spent on system upgrades (\$354,000.00).
10. Increase Sheriff's Explorers Post #523 revenue and expense budget to correspond with incoming membership fees and outgoing membership-related expenses (\$1,500.00).
11. Increase Public Works revenue and expense budget by the anticipated amount of fuel surcharges and fuel tax refunds in 2023 (\$110,000.00).
12. Increase Public Health and Human Services revenue and expense budget to reflect an increase in the cost-neutral transfer annual allocation from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (\$109,931.00).
13. Increase Public Health and Human Services revenue and expense budget due to an increase in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program allocation from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (\$20,000.00).
14. Increase Public Health and Human Services revenue and expense budget to include pass-through funds from the University of Minnesota Duluth for intercultural development training (\$20,000.00).
15. Increase 2021A Capital Improvement Bond revenue and expense budget to include actual year-to-date investment earnings (\$70,410.82).

CONTRIBUTION TO FUND BALANCE

16. Eliminate the adopted budget in the Pandemic Response Fund, as all 2023 expenses will be covered by the unspent budget carried forward from prior years (\$86,820.73).

Fund	Agency	Object	Grant	Year	Expense Budget	Transfer Out	Accumulation of Fund Balance	Revenue Budget	Transfers In	Use of Fund Balance
GRANT BUDGET CHANGE										
1	100	129999	530802	12921	2021			(20,648.00)		
	100	129999	610300	12921	2021	15,000.00				
	100	129999	615000	12921	2021	4,000.00				
	100	129999	642900	12921	2021	1,648.00				
2	230	233999	629900	23382	2022	(104,000.00)				
	230	233999	610000	23382	2022	97,504.00				
	230	233999	633100	23382	2022	4,496.00				
	230	233999	640900	23382	2022	2,000.00				
	230	233001	610000	99999	9999	(97,504.00)				
	230	999999	311200	99999	9999		97,504.00			
USE OF AN EXISTING FUND BALANCE										
3	100	999999	311046				13,276.19			
	100	999999	311107							(13,276.19)
4	100	100001	697600			79,900.00				
	100	999999	311424							(79,900.00)
	403	403005	663100			79,900.00				
	403	403005	590100						(79,900.00)	
5	100	104020	626100			42,747.90				
	100	999999	311461							(42,747.90)
6	100	129003	665900			67,500.00				
	100	999999	311426							(67,500.00)
7	100	999999	311139							(15,247.51)
	100	117001	634801			15,247.51				
8	405	405190	590100						(3,100,000.00)	
	405	405190	660266			3,100,000.00				
	200	999999	311436							(644,078.61)
	200	999999	311044							(855,921.39)
	200	205003	697600				3,100,000.00			
	200	205003	521606					(1,600,000.00)		
	405	405001	663100			(750,000.00)				
	405	405190	590100						(5,700,000.00)	
	405	405190	660266			750,000.00				
	405	405190	660266			5,700,000.00				
	405	405190	660266			(3,209,991.16)				
	405	405190	660266			(571,736.98)				
	405	405190	660266			(1,999,999.73)				
	405	405182	660266			(672.00)				
	405	405001	663100			672.00				
	405	405191	660266			571,736.98				
	405	405192	660266			3,209,991.16				
	405	405193	660266			1,999,999.73				
	200	203001	652800			(2,000,000.00)				
	200	205003	697600				5,700,000.00			
	200	999999	311436							(3,700,000.00)
REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET INCREASE										
9	179	179001	521301					(354,000.00)		
	179	179001	640300			50,000.00				
	179	179001	629900			100,000.00				
	179	179001	634801			154,000.00				
	179	179001	640400			50,000.00				
10	190	190001	575400					(1,500.00)		
	190	190001	624300			1,500.00				
11	200	202021	630900			110,000.00				
	200	202021	583222					(50,000.00)		
	200	202021	583223					(60,000.00)		
12	230	232006	530721					(109,931.00)		
	230	232006	607200			109,931.00				
13	230	231007	540101					(20,000.00)		
	230	231007	658200			20,000.00				
14	230	232008	629900			20,000.00				
	230	232008	545170					(20,000.00)		
15	450	450001	661100			70,410.82				
	450	450001	571000					(70,410.82)		
CONTRIBUTION TO FUND BALANCE										

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Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-322

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office receives the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) each year to assist the county's Emergency Management program; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has offered a one-time request for special project funding made available for a short term, with funding expiring as of September 30, 2023, and requiring a 50% match; and

WHEREAS, The Emergency Management division, along with Public Works and the St. Louis County Rescue Squad wish to apply for funding to purchase a SHERP all-terrain vehicle to be utilized by all three divisions; and

WHEREAS, The joint match will be funded from Emergency Management \$25,000.00, Public Works \$40,571.00 and SLC Rescue Squad \$25,000.00 for the SHERP all-terrain vehicle; and

WHEREAS, The Emergency Management division is also including five (5) APX NEXT encrypted portable radios costing approximately \$49,790.84 and requiring a \$24,895.42 match.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application and acceptance of the 2022 Emergency Management Performance American Rescue Plan Act Grant up to \$230,932.84 to be expended by September 30, 2023, to support the funding of a SHERP all-terrain vehicle and five (5) APX NEXT radios, accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 132999, Grant 13203, Year 2022.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-323

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2000, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the United States Department of Justice Marshals Service to provide short-term detention facilities at the rate of \$75.00 per day; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office would like to renew this JPA and increase the rate of stay to \$80.00 per day; and

WHEREAS, Upon availability, the Sheriff's Office will transport detainees to and from the St. Louis County jail facilities as requested by the U.S. Marshalls at an hourly reimbursement rate of \$39.00 per deputy sheriff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Sheriff's Office to enter into agreement with the United States Department of Justice Marshal Service to provide short-term detention facilities and inmate transportation services.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-324

WHEREAS, The U.S. Forest Service has made available Title III funding for St. Louis County to carry out Firewise Communities activities; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office will enhance its preparation for wildland fires and emergency response as a result of this funding; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office has received an allocation of \$40,091.46 to spend on Firewise activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acceptance of the Title III funds for Firewise Community activities funding in the amount of \$40,091.46, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 135999, Grant 13503, Year 2023.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-325

WHEREAS, St. Louis County accepted the 2022 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant (Board Resolution No. 22-553), which

included evaluation services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves a contract with Stratis Health for \$29,977 for evaluation services over a three-year grant period (October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025), to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 137999, Grant 13703, Year 2022.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-326

WHEREAS, Benefits to St. Louis County for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in Minn. Stat. § 6.91 and include eligibility for a reimbursement as set by state statute; and

WHEREAS, Any city/county participating in the comprehensive performance measurement program is also exempt from levy limits for taxes, if levy limits are in effect; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board has adopted and implemented ten of the performance measures, as developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, and a system to use this information to help plan, budget, manage and evaluate programs and processes for optimal future outcomes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board supports continued participation in the Minnesota State Auditor's Performance Measurement Program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year through publication, direct mailing, posting on the city's/county's website, or through a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input allowed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves submission of the 2023 St. Louis County Performance Measures Report found in County Board File No. 61972.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-327

RESOLVED, The St. Louis County Board appoints Susan Schumacher to the Arrowhead Library System Board of Directors for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-328

WHEREAS, The Civil Service Supervisory unit labor agreement expired December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and St. Louis County Employees Association (SLCEA) 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 Civil Service Supervisory 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. 61974.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-329

WHEREAS, The Deputy Sheriff Supervisory unit labor agreement expired December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and Minnesota Public Employees Association, Inc. (MNPEA) 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 Supervisory 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. 61975.

WHEREAS, The 2023 Minnesota Legislature amended Minn. Stat. § 645.44 adding Juneteenth (June 19), the date on which slavery was abolished in the United States, to the list of state-observed holidays, during which public business cannot not be conducted, initially effective August 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, A provision contained in the HF 1830 conference committee report modified the effective date of the observance of the new Juneteenth holiday from June 19, 2024, to June 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, It is now necessary to amend, via a series of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU), recently approved collective bargaining agreements' paid holiday observance language, and to approve MOUs for the remaining St. Louis County bargaining units which have not settled/ratified for 2023-2025, in order to properly observe Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute Memorandums of Understanding with exclusive representatives of necessary collective bargaining units to ensure that eligible county employees receive holiday pay for the Juneteenth holiday and are compensated appropriately if they are required to work on the Juneteenth holiday.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the Juneteenth holiday to be added to the list of holidays observed in the Unrepresented Employees and Management Compensation Plans beginning June 19, 2023.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-331

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota recently solicited requests for 2024 Capital Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board has identified the following projects for inclusion in its request:

- St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center Asset Renovation
- Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus – Phase II
- Tax-Forfeited Structure Rehab Project
- Voyageur National Park Clean Water - Ash River; and

WHEREAS, The Board has reviewed, discussed, and prioritized the projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board designates the priorities for its 2024 Capital Appropriations request as follows:

- 1) Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus – Phase II
- 2) St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center Asset Renovation
- 3) Voyageur National Park Clean Water - Ash River
- 4) Tax-Forfeited Structure Rehab Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board directs the appropriate county staff to submit these priorities to the State of Minnesota as part of the application process.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-332

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, Robert Roy Holappa of Eveleth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 28, Block 54, EVELETH CENTRAL DIVISION NO 2

Parcel ID No: 040-0100-01000

LDKey: 130445; and

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which was Jaqueline Holappa; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full for all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the 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 Robert Roy Holappa of Eveleth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61911, to the Estate of Jaqueline Holappa subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$1,646.56, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$1,719.21 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 June 13, 2023. No. 23-333

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, Gene Millard Jensen of Webster, New York, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: That part of the SW1/4 of NE1/4 lying South and West of the Great Northern Railway Right-of-Way, Section 28 Township 55 North, Range 18 West

Parcel ID No: 435-0020-05050

LDKey: 130510

AND

Legal: That part of the SE1/4 of NE1/4 lying South and West of the Great Northern Railway Right-of-Way, Section 28, Township 55 North, Range 18 West

Parcel ID No: 435-0020-05070

LDKey: 130511

AND

Legal: SE1/4 of NW1/4, Section 28, Township 55 North, Range 18 West

Parcel ID No: 435-0020-05140

LDKey: 130512; and

WHEREAS, The applicant is an heir to the Estate of Millard Gene Jensen, who was one of the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owners of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which were Marion Irene Wagner, the Estate of Barry J. Jensen, the Estate of Millard Gene Jensen, and the Estate of John Lloyd Jensen; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full all 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 Gene Millard Jensen of Webster, New York, on file in County Board File

No. 61911, to Marion Irene Wagner, the Estate of Barry J. Jensen, the Estate of Millard Gene Jensen, and the Estate of John Lloyd Jensen, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$4,644.53, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$15.33, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$4,730.86, 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 June 13, 2023. No. 23-334

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

WHEREAS, The applicant, Patrick F. Philippi of Hibbing, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 6, Block 12, SUNNYSIDE

Parcel ID No: 140-0240-03040

LDKey: 130482; and

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which was Patrick F. Philippi; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made payment in full to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the 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 Patrick F. Philippi of Hibbing, Minnesota, on file in County Board File No. 61911, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$307.88, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$380.53, 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 June 13, 2023. No. 23-335

WHEREAS, The 2023 Land and Minerals Department budget includes funding for the treatment of 616.8 acres with mechanical site scarification by disc trench; and

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

WHEREAS, Future Forests, Inc., of Askov, MN, submitted the low bid in the amount of \$83,268; and

WHEREAS, The bids submitted are considered reasonable by the Land and Minerals Department staff.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute a contract with Future Forests, Inc. in the amount of \$83,268 for mechanical site scarification by disc trench in 2023, with up to four (4) optional one (1) year terms, provided the contractor has satisfactorily performed the services determined solely by the County, and in accordance with the specifications of Bid No. 1000035, payable from Fund 290, Agency 29001, subject to approval by the County Attorney.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-336

WHEREAS, Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, is requesting temporary workspace and access agreements on and across state tax-forfeited and county fee lands to facilitate the removal of original Lines 3 and 4 from within reservation boundaries as part of the decommissioning of the original pipelines; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04 permits state tax-forfeited land to be leased for temporary use; and

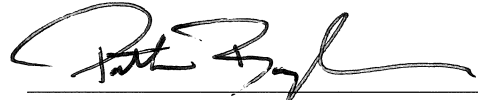
WHEREAS, Execution of the temporary workspace and temporary access road agreements will provide \$7,020.50 of revenue to Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund) and \$1,387.00 of Revenue to Fund 100.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the granting of temporary access and workspace agreements across state tax-forfeited land to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, conditioned upon payment of \$7,020.50 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and execution.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorize the granting of temporary access and workspace agreements across county fee land to Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, conditioned upon payment of \$1,387.00 to be deposited into Fund 100, Agency 143001, Object 580300, subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and execution.

Adopted June 13, 2023. No. 23-337

At 10:01 a.m., June 13, 2023, Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Musolf).



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:



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

(Seal of the County Auditor)