

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON MARCH 23, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 23rd day of March 2021, at 9:32 a.m., at the St. Louis County Public Works Facility, Virginia, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson and Chair Mike Jugovich - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Commissioners Frank Jewell and Ashley Grimm participated by WebEx.

Chair Jugovich asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chair Jugovich acknowledged the effort and sacrifices that frontline workers have made during the pandemic.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Tom Soderberg, of Cook, discussed safety concerns he had relating to excessive speeds by boaters on Lake Vermilion. Mr. Soderberg urged the Board to implement speed limits for the lake.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson commented on the impacts of a proposed legislative discussion to enact a Per- and Poly-fluorinated chemicals (PFAS) tax on landfills and stated that the PFAS tax would put a tax on people trying to cure the problem, not on people who are creating the problem. Commissioner Nelson distributed a letter from Julie Macor, Director of the Wester Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD), and noted that the letter indicates that WLSSD is not designed to treat PFAS.

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to approve the sale of surplus fee owned county land for the bid amount of \$13,600 to Doug Ellis and Janet Marie Walters; and further, that the appropriate County Officials are authorized to execute a quit claim deed for the property legally described as the Easterly 500 feet of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 2, Township 56 North, Range 18 West (parcel code 435-0010-00305). A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 21-197.

The Board recessed at 9:46 a.m. At 12:19 p.m., the Board reconvened with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson and Chair Mike Jugovich - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Commissioners Frank Jewell and Ashley Grimm participated by WebEx.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to approve a second consent agenda consisting of items passed at the Committee of the Whole meeting. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Jason Meyer, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-110, Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County (LiDAR).—61455

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Jason Meyer, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-111, Proposed Land Exchange between the City of Ely and St. Louis County.—61456

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-129, Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation.—61457

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-136, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Fredenberg Township).—61458

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-137, Establish a Public Hearing on the 2021 Action Plan for CDBG, HOME, and ESG Funding.—61459

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Mark Rubin, County Attorney, and James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-145, Reimbursement Agreement with Merit System Basic and First Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement with Civil Service Basic.—61460

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-146, Merit System Supervisory Unit: 2020 - 2022.—61461

Commissioner Keith Nelson submitting correspondence from Julie Macor, Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) Director of Environmental Services, dated March 11, 2021, re: Pollutants of Emerging Concern. —61462

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17139, between St. Louis County and First Witness Child Advocacy Center, Duluth, MN, for Forensic Interviews, Forensic Child Interview Training and Family Advocacy Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-226

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17130, between St. Louis County and Nicole and Tomas Schaer, Duluth, MN, for Emergency Child Foster Care Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-227

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53951, between St. Louis County and The Hummingbird, Inc., Meadowlands, MN.—21-228

Service Contract No. 5685N between the County of St. Louis and Recovery Alliance Duluth, Damiano Center, Duluth, MN, for U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-base Program (COSSAP) grant services during the period October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2023.—21-229

Service Contract No. 5685O between the County of St. Louis and Human Development Center, Duluth, MN, for U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-base Program (COSSAP) grant services during the period October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2023.—21-230

Service Contract No. 5666A between the County of St. Louis and Burntside Lake Association, Ely, MN, for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program services during the period April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022.—21-231

Service Contract No. 5666G between the County of St. Louis and Vermilion Lake Association, Tower, MN, for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program services during the period April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022.—21-232

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17131, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Arrowhead Regional Corrections, Duluth, MN, for Children's Mental Health Screenings in juvenile justice during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-233

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17135, between St. Louis County and Ely Community Resource, Inc., Ely, MN, for Youth services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-234

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17134, between St. Louis County and Easy Living Services, LLC, Duluth, MN, for Vocational Employment services (paper sorting) during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-235

Service Contract No. 5666C between the County of St. Louis and Community Action Duluth, Duluth, MN, for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program services during the period April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022.—21-236

Service Contract No. 5666D between the County of St. Louis and Grand Lake Township, Saginaw, MN, for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program services during the period April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022.—21-237

Service Contract No. 5666E between the County of St. Louis and North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, Virginia, MN, for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program services during the period April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022.—21-238

Service Contract No. 5689B-1 between the County of St. Louis and South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, Duluth, MN, for Lake and Stream Protection Projects, Outreach and Education, Technical Assistance to Landowners and Other Agencies, and Private Forest Management services through December 31, 2021.—21-239

Service Contract No. 5685P between the County of St. Louis and the Depot Foundation, Duluth, MN, to provide marketing and increase overall engagement and visibility to the City of Duluth through engagement efforts at the Depot, and an agreement regarding expenditure of tourism tax dollars to pay costs relating to the Depot during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, with possible one (1) year extensions.—21-240

State of Minnesota Agency Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1046004, between St. Louis County and the State of Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation for Federal Participation in Advance Construction for Improvements of CSAH 116 in Morse Township (CP 0116-299084, SP 069-716-012, FLAP 6912 134).—21-241

Service Agreement, Contract No. 17147, between St. Louis County and Human Development Center, Duluth, MN, for Community Paramedic Co-Response Mental Health Practitioner Services during the period March 1, 2021, to February 28, 2022.—21-242

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16731A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Human Development Center, Duluth, MN, for Housing Support Navigation Services, distributing additional funds available for the remaining duration of the contract.—21-243

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17112, between St. Louis County and Recovery Alliance Duluth, Duluth, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services during the period December 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021.—21-244

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16854A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Human Development Center (HDC), Duluth, MN, for Employment Services, updating combined aggregate of all St. Louis County CY 2020 MFIP DWP contracts and increasing the Provider budget by \$70,848.—21-245

Service Contract No. 5666B between the County of St. Louis and Canosia Township, Duluth, MN, for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program activities during the period April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022.—21-246

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17079, between St. Louis County and Families and Communities Together (FACT), Virginia, MN, for Safe Babies Court Team™ services for the implementation of a Plan of Safe Care for prenatal substance use exposure, during the period September 30, 2020, to September 29, 2021.—21-247

Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement, MnDOT Contract No. 1046018, for Federal Participation in Advance Construction for improvements to a segment of CSAH 5 in Hibbing (SP 069-605-049).—21-248

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17158, between St. Louis County and Lincoln Park Children & Families Collaborative (LPCFC), Duluth, MN, for the purchase and storage of items of urgent client need and other items PHHS is unable to purchase in a timely manner due to purchasing guidelines, during the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.—21-249

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17137, between St. Louis County and Indian Legal Assistance Program, Duluth, MN, for Legal Assistance Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-250

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Community Settings, Contract No. 54003, between St. Louis County and Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia, MN.—21-251

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Community Settings, Contract No. 54004, between St. Louis County and Range Transitional Housing, Inc., Virginia, MN.—21-252

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17019A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and the Salvation Army for COVID-19 Pandemic Related Homelessness Prevention Services, extending the contract and updating the budget allocations.—21-253

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17121, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Virginia, MN, for Opioid Epidemic Response Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-254

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17146, between St. Louis County and Goodwill Industries Vocational Enterprises, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Extended Employment Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-255

St. Louis County On-line Software Subscriber Agreement with First American Title, Cottage Grove, MN.—21-256

St. Louis County On-line Software Subscriber Agreement with Bohnsack Law Office, LLC, Apple Valley, MN.—21-257

St. Louis County On-line Software Subscriber Agreement with First American Title Insurance Co., Duluth, MN.—21-258

St. Louis County On-line Software Subscriber Agreement with Paul Bunyan Communications, Bemidji, MN.—21-259

Carlton-Cook-Lake-St. Louis Community Health Board COVID-19 Response Vaccine Implementation State Funding Grant Award in the amount of \$164,391 for the period February 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.—21-260

Contract for County-State Aid Highway (CSAH) Project between the County of St. Louis and KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, for Bituminous Pavement Reclamation, Aggregate Base Class 5 Base Stabilization, Plant Mix Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Surfacing, Aggregate Surfacing Class 5, Milling Bituminous Pavement, and Culvert Replacement on CSAH 120, County Road (CR) 404, CR 803, and Unorganized Township Road 8211 (CP 0120-276152 Low; CP 0404-299095; CP 0404-531168; CP 0803-299097; CP 8211-65046).—21-261

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Mattison Contractors, Knapp, WI, for W-Beam Guardrails on various highways within St. Louis County (CP 0004-557164 Prime).—21-262

Contract for County-State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Asphalt Surface Tech Corp – ASTECH, St. Cloud, MN, for Crack Sealing and Crack Repair Special on various CSAHs and local roads within St. Louis County (CP 0000-477571 Crack Sealing 2021).—21-263

Minnesota Department of Public Safety Grant Contract Agreement No. A-DECN-TCPR-2021-NEECB2-4, between the Northeast Minnesota Emergency Communications Board and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$10,702 for grant program 2021 DECN (TCPR) Telephone Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, during the grant term April 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.—21-264

Upon motion by Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Boyle, resolutions numbered 21-182 through 21-196, as submitted on the first 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 March 9, 2021, are hereby approved.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-182

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to do a culvert replacement on County Road 692 (Lakewood Road) which is located just north of Doe Road (County Project 0692-189123); 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 authorizes the Public Works Director 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. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subdivision 4, the St. Louis County Board hereby authorizes the County Auditor to grant highway easements across tax forfeited lands for the necessary permanent highway easements and temporary construction easements for the project.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-183

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department has programmed a project to resurface County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 27 (Zim Road), beginning at CSAH 5 (Highway 5) and ending at CSAH 7 (Highway 7), in 2022, which project is further identified as SAP 069-627-009, CP 0027-367933; and

WHEREAS, There is a railroad crossing, DOT #061253A, located on this roadway segment; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department has coordinated with the BNSF Railway Company to renew this crossing surface before the roadway resurfacing project; and

WHEREAS, The BNSF Railway Company will be responsible to manage and perform the actual work to renew this crossing surface.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments approved by the County Attorney's Office, with the BNSF Railway Company to renew the crossing surface at railroad crossing DOT #061253A located on CSAH 27 (Zim Road) in Lavell Township (CP 0027-594213); payable from Fund 200, Agency 203610, Object 652800.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-184

RESOLVED, That the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to approve an amendment whereby the County will increase the cost of the services of LHB, Inc., for retaining wall and wayside design under CP 0061- 465211. The total cost of these additional services is \$5,000.00, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220585, Object 626600. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$67,507.00.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-185

RESOLVED, That the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to approve an amendment whereby the County will increase the cost of the services of WSB & Associates, Inc., to perform additional design services for work on the City of Duluth's Arrowhead Road in conjunction with the intersection improvements at the intersection of CSAH 9 (Woodland Avenue) and CSAH 37 (Snively Road). The total cost of these additional services is \$88,888.00, which will be paid for entirely by the City of Duluth, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220590, Object 626600. With additional revenue budgeted for expense in Fund 220, Agency 220590, Object 551501. The total contract cost shall not exceed \$174,496.00.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-186

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0029-299735, SP 069-629-007 (Low Prime); CP 0029-368445; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on February 18, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
KGM Contractors, Inc.	9211 Hwy. 53 Angora, MN 55703	\$6,147,181.87

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0029-299735, SP 069-629-007 (Low Prime); CP 0029-368445

Fund 220, Agency 220506, Object 652700 – Federal Funds - \$1,360,000.00;

Fund 449, Agency 449014, Object 652806 –St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Bond Funds - \$4,787,181.87.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-187

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0005-348220, SP 069-605-049; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on February 25, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
KGM Contractors, Inc.	9211 Hwy. 53 Angora, MN 55703	\$1,763,640.87

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0005-348220, SP 069-605-049

Fund 220, Agency 220621, Object 652700 – Federal Funds - \$1,100,000.00;

Fund 449, Agency 449015, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Bond Funds - \$663,640.87.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-188

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0000-369584/SAP 069-030-043/SAP 038-030-009; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 4, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AAA Striping Service	12220 43rd Street NE St. Michael, MN 55376	\$1,747,576.53

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0000-369584 / SAP 069-030-043 / SAP 038-030-009

Fund 220, Agency 220596, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$1,631,021.21;

Fund 220, Agency 220596, Object 652700 – Lake County Funds - \$116,555.32.

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

Lake County, Fund 220, Agency 220596, Object 551508 - \$116,555.32.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-189

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following tied project:

CP 0000-513155/SAP 069-030-052 (Low) (Prime); CP 0000-569260 (Tied); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 4, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Astech Corp.	P.O. Box 1025 Saint Cloud, MN 56302	\$1,768,762.60

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0000-513155 / SAP 069-030-052 (Low) (Prime)

Fund 220, Agency 220624, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$1,049,417.26;

Fund 203, Agency 203609, Object 652800 – Local Funds - \$592,684.88;

Fund 220, Agency 220624, Object 652700 – City of Proctor Funds - \$54,834.86.

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

City of Proctor, Fund 220, Agency 220624, Object 551502 \$54,834.86.

CP 0000-569260 (Tied)

Fund 220, Agency 220625, Object 652700 – City of Duluth Funds - \$71,825.60.

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

City of Duluth, Fund 220, Agency 220625, Object 551501 - \$71,825.60.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-190

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 applications for permit authorizing the consumption and display of intoxicating liquor are hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61409:

Hugo's, Inc. dba Hugo's, Ault Township, renewal;

Vernon Skoglund dba Silver Fox Lodge, Gnesen Township, renewal;

Ely Golf Club Corporation dba Ely Golf Club, Morse Township, change of board members, renewal.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-191

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to B&K Enterprises of Orr, LLP dba The Dam Supper Club, Leiding Township, to sell/serve outside the designated sale/service area of the County Liquor License for the date of May 22, 2021, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61408.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-192

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, March 12, 2021, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61404, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-193

WHEREAS, When a vacancy occurs in the Sheriff's Office, a review is done to determine if the positions should be filled as is or if they should be reallocated to a level more aligned with the needs of the office and the customers it serves; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office and Human Resources Department conducted such a review when these Information Specialist II positions became vacant and determined that reallocation to the Information Specialist III class was appropriate; and

WHEREAS, County fiscal policies specify that any position change greater than three pay grades must go to the County Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, Three (3) positions will be located in the Duluth Sheriff's Office, one (1) in the Hibbing Sheriff's Office and one (1) in the Virginia Sheriff's Office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of five (5) 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II positions (Position codes 0432-008, 0421-085, 0421-028, 0430-018 & 0432-042, Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B10) to 1.0 FTE Information Specialist III (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B14) in the Sheriff's Office, resulting in a total increase of approximately \$22,915, dependent upon the starting salary of a successful candidate, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129000, Object 610100.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-194

WHEREAS, LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data provides foundational information to support decision making for asset and resource management, and has been shown to save costs in multiple sectors, such as transportation and infrastructure, land use planning, geologic resource mapping, and forestry; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota is in need of partnerships with local units of government to collect high definition LiDAR in the Lake Superior LiDAR Acquisition Block to receive matching funds from the United States Geological Survey; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department and the Planning and Community Development Department have budgeted \$10,000 to contribute to the LiDAR acquisition project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Deputy Land & Minerals Director to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota for the Lake Superior LiDAR Acquisition Project, with approval by the County Attorney as to form and execution.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-195

WHEREAS, The City of Ely has proposed an expedited land exchange with St. Louis County in accordance with the provisions in Minn. Stat. § 94.3495; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ely is proposing to exchange 46.2 acres of Class 3 land for 70.7 acres of Class 2 land owned by the State of Minnesota in trust of the taxing districts, as described in County Board File No. 61456; and

WHEREAS, In an exchange of Class 2 land for Class 3 land, the value of all the land shall be determined by the county board of the county in which the land lies, but the governmental subdivision of the state must approve the value determined for the Class 3 land; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has valued the exchange parcels using the most current county assessment schedules for similar land types from the County Assessor, and said valuation indicates that the Class 2 land to be transferred from the State in trust of the taxing districts to the City of Ely is valued at \$101,800, and the Class 3 land to be transferred from the City of Ely to the State in trust of the taxing districts is valued at \$112,900; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ely has approved the value of \$112,900 for the Class 3 land to be transferred to the State in trust of the taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, Lands exchanged under Minn. Stat. § 94.3495 shall be exchanged only for lands

of at least substantially equal value, meaning the values of exchanged lands do not differ by more than 20 percent; and no payment is due either party if the lands are of substantially equal value but are not of the same value.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the values determined for Class 2 and Class 3 lands described in County Board File No. 61456, and recommends approval of an expedited exchange of lands by the State Land Exchange Board in accordance with the provisions in Minn. Stat. § 94.3495, subject to verification of good title of the lands being offered by the City of Ely by the St. Louis County Attorney's Office.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-196

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Property Management Team had identified the following described property as surplus county fee owned land and said property was advertised for sale and no bid(s) was received; said property is legally described as follows:

The Easterly 500 feet of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SE ¼ of SW ¼),
Section 2, Township 56 North, Range 18 West; and

WHEREAS, Doug Ellis and Janet Marie Walters have requested to exercise their first right of repurchase for this property as directed by County Board Resolution No. 21-92 and agree to pay the minimum bid amount of \$13,600 for the advertised property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements of and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a quit claim deed conveying the above listed property to Doug Ellis and Janet Marie Walters for the minimum bid amount of \$13,600, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202. Buyer(s) are also responsible for deed tax and recording fees.

Unanimously adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-197

Upon motion by Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Boyle, resolutions numbered 21-198 through 21-227, as submitted on a second consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services has made available grant funds to counties to implement a plan to improve system access to increase and improve opportunities for Minnesotans with disabling conditions to live in the community; and

WHEREAS, The goals merge the collective efforts outlined in Minnesota's Olmstead Plan and Minnesota's Plan to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, PHHS Behavioral Health and the PHHS Housing and Homeless Programs Team has reviewed this opportunity and it meets unique needs of people with disabilities facing significant barriers in transitioning into community living from institutions, corrections, licensed facilities, or homelessness as a result of minimal or bad rental history, criminal background, and behavioral issues; and

WHEREAS, DHS is providing funding to streamline/monitor/administrate the Housing Support Program formerly known as Group Residential Housing (GRH).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public

Health and Human Services Department to submit a grant application in an amount up to \$750,000 to the Minnesota Department of Human Services Housing and Supports and Services Division for the 2021-2023 grant cycle.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-198

WHEREAS, Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) collaborates to provide case management to people served through the Mental Health Specialty Court in Hibbing; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board has established Substance Abuse and Mental Health as a focus area for strategic planning and has invested in prevention and staffing to tackle the challenges faced; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services is providing funding for a portion of a case manager to provide case management to Hibbing Mental Health Court participants and that funding was continued through June 30, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to continue collaboration with the Mental Health Specialty Court in Hibbing to bill an amount up to \$60,000 to provide case management for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, and that the remainder of the cost of the position will be recouped through the social service cost pool and Rule79 case management billing.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the continuation of one (1) FTE Social Worker position with this funding.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this position will be eliminated when the funding is discontinued.

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 610100

Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 584212

Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 526400

Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 550730

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-199

WHEREAS, The latest Minnesota bonding bill included language for a \$950,000 grant to St. Louis County for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of Phase I of the Voyageur Country ATV (VCATV) Trail connections in the areas of Orr, Ash River, Kabetogama Township and International Falls to the Voyageur Country ATV Trail System, located in St. Louis County, hereafter referred to as the "Project"; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has agreed to sponsor the VCATV Club and shall act as the fiscal agent and contract administrator for the State grant funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, The VCATV Club, or its Consultants, shall perform the planning, design, environmental permitting, and right-of-way acquisition for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Any Project costs in excess of the State grant funds are the responsibility of the VCATV Club.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorize the execution of a grant with the State of Minnesota.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, with the VCATV Club to receive and administer the \$950,000 State grant for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of Phase I of the Voyageur Country ATV Trail connections in the areas

of Orr, Ash River, Kabetogama Township and International Falls to the Voyageur Country ATV Trail System, located in St. Louis County, Minnesota. This project is further identified as CP 0000-595793 and will be accounted for in Fund 220, Agency 220629.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-200

WHEREAS, The Land Survey Division oversees programs for the maintenance and preservation of all Public Land Survey System (PLSS) corners established within St. Louis County including related survey records; and

WHEREAS, One of the objectives identified by the Survey Division includes that all public land survey system corners will be monumented and certified with precise geodetic coordinates; and

WHEREAS, The addition of updated technology will bring improved functionality and speed resulting in increased efficiency and flexibility throughout the division.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorize the purchase Trimble GPS receivers and related equipment as identified in Quote 48339, from Frontier Precision, Inc. (an authorized reseller of Trimble, Inc. - State of Minnesota Contract 171661) from Fund 200, Agency 200122, Object 664800, in the amount of \$199,085.60.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-201

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County Road 666 and to replace two existing and adjacent crossing structures, County Bridge 843 (State Bridge 93028) over Wyman Creek and County Bridge 844 (State Bridge 7769) over the Canadian National Railroad in the city of Hoyt Lakes (Township 58 North, Range 14 West), County Projects 0666-494350 and 0666-300225, State Project 069-598-072; and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing crossing structures at their existing locations 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 authorizes the Public Works Director 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. Right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the State of Minnesota is requested to provide St. Louis County with easement across the following State of Minnesota land located adjacent to the present course of County Road 666 in the city of Hoyt Lakes:

1. That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE1/4), Section 4, Township 58 North, Range 14 West, lying north of the northerly line of the DM&IR Railway and lying west of the centerline of County Highway 666.
(Parcel ID No. 142-0070-00651)
2. That part of the South half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4), Section 4, Township 58 North, 14 West, lying west of the center line of County Highway 666.
(Parcel ID No. 142-0070-00623)

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-202

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning a culvert replacement project over 6.16 miles of County Road (CR) 666 within the City of Hoyt Lakes; and

WHEREAS, The project begins at the intersection of CR 666 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 110 and extends northeasterly approximately 6.16 miles to the end of County Road 666; and

WHEREAS, The improvement consists of removing and replacing culverts in said roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the traveling public; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for County Project 0666-515084 and to execute the easement documents as may become necessary on behalf of the county. Right-of-way is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

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.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-203

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County is requested to re-convey a 0.5 acre depleted gravel pit as required by the original deed to St. Louis County, as described in County Board File No. 61407; and

WHEREAS, The original deed specified that when said tract of land is abandoned for the purpose of removing road building materials, the title to the property shall revert and revest to the grantors, their heirs and assigns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed conveying the above listed property to Katherine Kebbekus.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-204

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County is requested to re-convey a 2.06 acre depleted gravel pit as required by the original deed to St. Louis County, as described in County Board File No. 61407; and

WHEREAS, The original deed specified that when said tract of land is abandoned for the purpose of removing road building materials the title to the property shall revert and revest to the grantors, their heirs and assigns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed conveying the above listed property to Norman R. Nelson.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-205

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County is requested to re-convey a 1.0 acre depleted gravel pit as required by the original deed to St. Louis County, as described in County Board File No. 61407; and

WHEREAS, The original deed specified that when said tract of land is abandoned for the purpose of removing road building materials the title to the property shall revert and revest to the grantors, their heirs and assigns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed, conveying the above listed property to Kevin P. Kezar.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-206

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves a contract amendment with Matthew Miller Law Office to provide legal representation to parents involved in the county's Safe Babies program in southern St. Louis County for an additional \$4,050 in 2021, payable from the County Attorney's budget, Fund 100, Agency 113002, Object 626100, with funds being transferred from Fund 100, Agency 104001, Object 629900, and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute an amended agreement to contract for these services.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-207

WHEREAS, Approximately 5.5 million gallons of leachate from the Regional Landfill (Landfill) is collected, pumped and stored annually in two HDPE-lined ponds where it is aerated, denitrified and land applied on a 60 acre sprayfield; and

WHEREAS, The Landfill's Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) issued permit requires the Department to conduct extensive surface and groundwater monitoring to ensure the leachate treatment system performs as intended, allowing the continuation of land application of leachate as the County's preferred leachate treatment option versus transport to a wastewater treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the MPCA (and the Environmental Protection Agency) identified Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as an emerging water contaminant of interest resulting in landfill leachate coming under increased scrutiny and management requirements due to an increased presence of PFAS; and

WHEREAS, In 2019 and 2020, the Department contracted with Northeast Technical Services, Inc., the Department's environmental engineer, to construct, maintain, and evaluate the efficacy of a microcosm-scale Wetland Treatment System (WTS) designed to remove multiple leachate contaminants of interest, including PFAS; and

WHEREAS, The results from the project were highly encouraging, prompting the Department to replicate its research efforts with the microcosm-scale WTS in 2021 and developing a larger scale WTS should Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) funds be approved for this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The LCCMR has issued a Request for Proposal for projects that aim to protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance Minnesota's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources and uses Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to fund approved projects; and

WHEREAS, A local match is not required for this grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Environmental Services Department to submit a proposal to the LCCMR for a \$501,000 Minnesota Environmental & Natural Resources Trust Fund grant to fund a comprehensive demonstration project focusing on development, implementation, and evaluation of a semi-passive, demonstration-scale engineered WTS with integrated outflow-filtration for reducing PFAS and other Landfill leachate contaminants of interest; Fund 600, Agency 607002, Year 2022.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-208

WHEREAS, Brian L. and Sarah Blom have requested a 33-foot wide non-exclusive right-of-way easement across state tax forfeited land to access private property; and

WHEREAS, The easement encumbers .17 acres in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 20, Township 52 North, Range 17 West; 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 right of way easement to Brian and Sarah Blom across state tax forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 61411.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of a \$170 land use fee, \$150 administration fee, plus a \$46 recording fee, for a total of \$366 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-209

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified or reclassified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The parcels described in the attached County Board File forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has recommended that the parcels be reclassified as non-conservation after considering, among other things, the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, utilities and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be approved by the governing body of the municipality or town; and

WHEREAS, The town or municipality is considered to have approved the classification or reclassification and sale of these parcels if the county board is not notified of the disapproval of the classification or reclassification and sale within 60 days of the date the request for approval was transmitted to the town or municipality in which the parcels are located.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61457, shall be reclassified as non-conservation, and the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the reclassification of these parcels will be deemed approved if the county board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-210

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 applicants, Curt R. Beede and Sumlee S. Beede of Duluth, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH

Lot 2, Block 2, AUDITORS PLAT NO 22

Parcel code: 010-0135-00080; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicants shall either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed 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 Curt R. Beede and Sumlee S. Beede of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$4,853.53, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$16.02, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$4,940.55 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-211

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, Thomas Patrick Daley of Golden Valley, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH

That part of Easterly 1/2 of Lot 15 AND that part of Lots 16, 17 AND 18,
Block 18, lying within 35 feet of the south line, or the south line extended, of
the alley lying between Blocks 17 AND 18, IRONTON 1ST DIVISION
DULUTH

Parcel code: 010-2520-03396; and

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

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed 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 Thomas Patrick Daley of Golden Valley, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$2,627.82, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, recording fee of \$46, and maintenance costs of \$18, for a total of \$2,718.47, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-212

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, Heather Ann Woodall of Chisholm, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF CHISHOLM

Lot 18, Block 25, CHISHOLM

Parcel Code: 020-0010-07200; and

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

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed 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 Heather Ann Woodall of Chisholm, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$3,445.51, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$11.37, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$3,527.88 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-213

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 applicants, Rinzie Garman, Jr. and Marie S. Garman of Aurora, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF AURORA

Lot 13 AND Lot 14, Block 3, PARK ADDITION TO AURORA

Parcel Codes: 100-0050-00190 and 100-0050-00200; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the owners of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicants shall pay in full 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 Rinzie Garman, Jr. and Marie S. Garman of Aurora, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$474.99, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$547.64 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-214

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, Jeffrey Ross Langenbrunner of Wright, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF FINE LAKES

Lot 1 AND Lot 2, BAY POINT 3RD ADDITION

Parcel Codes: 355-0017-00010 and 355-0017-00020; and

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

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either pay in full or enter into a ten-year contract for deed 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 Jeffrey Ross Langenbrunner of Wright, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$29,218.96, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$96.42, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$29,386.38 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), plus a service fee of \$500 to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-215

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, Tracy Rae Strongitharm of Hermantown, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF HERMANTOWN

Westerly 165 feet of E1/2 of SW1/4

Section 28, Township 50 North, Range 15 West

Parcel Code: 395-0010-08530; and

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

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either pay in full or enter into a ten-year contract for deed 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 Tracy Rae Strongitharm of Hermantown, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$5,492.75, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$18.13, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$5,581.88 to be deposited into Fund 240

(Forfeited Tax Fund), plus a service fee of \$500 to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-216

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:35 a.m., on, Tuesday, April 13, 2021, in the Duluth Government Services Center, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Minno-ette, Inc. dba Minno-ette, Inc., Fredenberg Township.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-217

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a consolidated application process for entitlement funds under its Department of Community Planning and Development programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has prepared the draft 2021 Action Plan required by HUD; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a 30 day comment period on the Action Plan after which a public hearing be conducted to allow citizen input prior to Plan submittal; and

WHEREAS, The 30 day comment period begins March 27, 2021, and will be completed April 26, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 9:35 A.M., at the Morse Town Hall, Ely, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the established priorities and funding recommendations included in the 2021 Action Plan.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-218

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS), Human Development Center (HDC), and Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment are part of a collaborative Transition Assertive Community Treatment (TACT) program; and

WHEREAS, TACT partners have requested that the county hire 3.0 FTE social work positions due to challenges experienced by multiple agencies employing the same staff with different expectations; and

WHEREAS, PHHS and the Human Resources Department submitted the positions to the Human Resources Department and the positions were allocated to a social worker class.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the increase of 3.0 FTE social work positions for the Transition Assertive Community Treatment program in the Public Health and Human Services Department.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board authorizes a decrease to the contract with Human Development Center by a pro-rated share of the remainder of the contract period to fully fund these positions as St. Louis County employees, to be accounted for in Fund 230, Agency 232003, Object 610100; and Fund 230, Agency 232003, Object 609600.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That going forward, the costs submitted to the State will include the case management positions as St. Louis County employees.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-219

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0116-299084, SP 069-716-012; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on February 18, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
KGM Contractors, Inc.	9211 Hwy. 53 Angora, MN 55703	\$1,367,766.24

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0116-299084, SP 069-716-012

Fund 220, Agency 220518, Object 652700 – Federal Funds - \$600,000.00;

Fund 449, Agency 449013, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Bond Funds - \$767,766.24.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-220

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following tied project:

CP 0025-367949/SAP 069-625-015 (Low); CP 0082-539535/SAP 069-682-004 (Tied);
CP 0958-559601 (Tied); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 4, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
KGM Contractors, Inc.	9211 Hwy. 53 Angora, MN	\$819,069.55

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0025-367949/SAP 069-625-015 (Low)

Fund 449, Agency 449023, Object 652806 St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Bond Funds - \$504,436.70;

CP 0082-539535/SAP 069-682-004 (Tied)

Fund 449, Agency 449024, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Bond Funds - \$268,791.25;

CP 0958-559601 (Tied)

Fund 200, Agency 203611, Object 652800 – St. Louis County Local Levy Construction Funds - \$45,841.60.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-221

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0000-347713/SP 088-070-067/SP 069-070-041 (St. Louis County)/SP 009-070-008 (Carlton County)/SP 031-070-008 (Itasca County); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 11, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AAA Striping Service	12220 43rd Street NE St. Michael, MN 55376	\$966,485.60

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0000-347713/SP 088-070-067/SP 069-070-041 (St. Louis County)/SP 009-070-008 (Carlton County)/ SP 031-070-008 (Itasca County)

Fund 200, Agency 203612, Object 652800 – St. Louis County Local Levy Construction Funds - \$109,614.40;

Fund 220, Agency 220588, Object 652700 – Carlton County, Itasca County and Federal Funds - \$856,871.20.

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

Carlton County, Fund 220, Agency 220588, Object 551506 - \$34,996.40;

Itasca County, Fund 220, Agency 220588, Object 551522 - \$121,874.80.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-222

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0061-465211/SAP 069-661-021; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 11, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Redstone Construction, LLC	P.O. Box 218 Mora, MN 55051	\$1,261,004.75

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0061-465211/SAP 069-661-021

Fund 449, Agency 449025, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Bond Funds - \$1,261,004.75.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-223

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

CP 0000-541653/SAP 069-030-053 (Low Prime); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 11, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Allied Blacktop Company	10503 89th Ave. N. Maple Grove, MN 55369	\$1,150,233.96

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0000-541653/SAP 069-030-053 (Low Prime)

Fund 220, Agency 220630, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$772,999.16;

Fund 200, Agency 203613, Object 652800 – Local St. Louis County Funds - \$377,234.80.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-224

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following combined project:

CP 0031-370139/SAP 069-631-010 (LOW PRIME); CP 0008-370138/SAP 069-608-006;

CP 0031-401110/SAP 069-631-011; CP 0046-326598/SAP 069-646-001; CP 0080-401141/SAP 069-680-001; CP 0570-570699; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on March 18, 2021, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	PO Box 340 Cloquet, MN 55720	\$4,319,999.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0031-370139/SAP 069-631-010 (LOW PRIME); CP 0008-370138/SAP 069-608-006; CP 0031-401110/SAP 069-631-011; CP 0046-326598/SAP 069-646-001; CP 0080-401141/SAP 069-680-001

Fund 449, Agency 449026, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Bond Funds - \$4,229,855.73;

CP 0570-570699

Fund 200, Agency 203614, Object 652800 – St. Louis County Local Levy Construction Funds - \$90,143.27.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-225

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §179A.07, Subd. 6, requires a public employer to afford reasonable time off or leave of absence for elected officers or appointed representatives of an exclusive bargaining representative for the purpose of conducting the duties of the exclusive representative; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2005, the County and AFSCME Council 5 entered into an agreement for reimbursement for instances when a designated union member is absent from work for approved union business; and

WHEREAS, The 2005 agreement specifically referenced the Civil Service Basic Unit, however, the terms of the agreement have been applied equally to both Civil Service Basic and Merit System Basic union business relations; and

WHEREAS, Present union business payments and reimbursements do not recognize total hours in excess of applicable overtime thresholds; and

WHEREAS, The County, Civil Service Basic Unit, and Merit System Basic Unit have reached agreement for reimbursement where the County shall pay the designated member at 1.5 times the designated union member's regular salary, and the Union shall reimburse the county in full for such payment and all other salary costs associated with such payment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Union Business Reimbursement Agreement between the county and the Merit System Basic Unit is approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the amendment to the Union Business Agreement between the County and the Civil Service Basic Unit is approved.

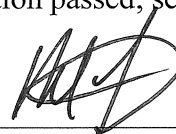
RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the Union Business Reimbursement Agreement with Merit System Basic Unit and amendment to the Union Business Agreement with Civil Service Basic Unit; copies of the agreements are on file in County Board File No. 61460.

Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-226

RESOLVED, That the 2020-2022 Merit System Supervisory Collective Bargaining Agreement, Flexible Work Schedule Agreement, and Memorandum of Agreement for Public Health Quarantine and Isolation are ratified and county officials are authorized to execute the agreements consistent with negotiations; copies of the agreements are on file in County Board File No. 61461.


Adopted March 23, 2021. No. 21-227

At 12:20 p.m., March 23, 2021, Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Mike Jugovich, 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)