

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 9, 2023

Location: Hermantown City Hall, Hermantown, Minnesota
Present: Commissioners Grimm, McDonald, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich and Chair Boyle
Absent: Commissioner Harala
Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

McDonald/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #5, Authorization to Apply for the 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Grant [23-210] was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0, Harala absent)

- Minutes of May 2, 2023
- Request to Accept State Funding for Medical Assistance Renewal Activities [23-206]
- Request to Apply for and Accept Minnesota Department of Health Promising Practices Grant [23-207]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Gnesen Township) [23-208]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [23-209]

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Grimm/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes application to the 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Grant up to \$200,000 over a two-year grant period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025, to support the funding of a robust mental health and wellness program to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12956, Year 2023. [23-210]. Commissioner Grimm commented that county staff has expressed a need for ongoing mental health support and noted that this grant does not require matching funds. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Harala absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

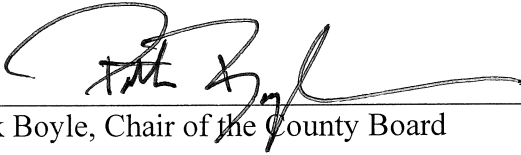
Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to an additional \$200,000 of American Rescue Act Plan funding for the construction of up to five (5) family emergency housing units by Range Transitional Housing; that all construction and renovations shall be in compliance with local zoning regulations, state building code and accomplished using St. Louis County purchasing rules; and further, that Range Transitional Housing shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County, State or US Treasury to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the American Rescue Plan Act. The project will be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Funds. [23-211]. Range Transitional Housing Executive Director Adam Venne said that additional funding is needed because the original project estimate was \$1.2 million; the actual construction bid came in at \$1.8 million. They are

trying to avoid project cuts and have applied for additional funding from the City of Virginia and the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR). After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Harala absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner McDonald noted that it is Teacher Appreciation week and encouraged people to “thank a teacher”. Commissioner McDonald said that he and Commissioner Harala were in St. Paul last week and met with several legislators and committees regarding various county legislative priorities and encouraged Commissioners to keep reaching out to representatives before the end of session.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Harala absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board