

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON MAY 2, 2023**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 2nd day of May 2023, at 9:31 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 she has trust issues with the county and provided the board with a handout detailing issues regarding the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road. Oly Olson, of Duluth, commented that there is harassment and intimidation taking place relating to actions taken by the Planning Commission. Michelle Borson, of Hermantown, questioned the need to put gravel pits near residential areas and asked if the group was out to benefit residents or businesses. Janet Olson, of Duluth, said she was appalled by Commissioner Nelson's behavior towards Commissioner Grimm at the last Board meeting and questioned if the civility rules apply to Commissioners. Commissioner Nelson provided the Board with a letter from the Town of Fredenberg and said that he was asked to read the letter into the record. Commissioner Nelson commented that he did not feel that it was necessary to read the letter, but wanted to make sure it was part of the official Board record.

At 9:48 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 23-227, adopted April 4, 2023, to receive citizen comments on the allotment of HOME Investment Partnerships funds awarded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act that will be included in the amendment to the 2021 Action Plan. St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director Matt Johnson commented that the Allocation Plan was approved by the Board on March 14, 2023, and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on March 15, 2023. After HUD review, a revision was requested by HUD to remove a preference that would have allowed households with minor children to receive priority list waiting for HOME-ARP funds; the amended plan deletes that preference. Chair Boyle asked if there were any other governmental entities, supporters, opponents, or other comments from the public; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 9:53 a.m., Commissioner Musolf, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the submission of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and amendment to the St. Louis County 2021 Action Plan to HUD for approval. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 23-268.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

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

Quarterly budget changes approved during CY 2023.—61947

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Jim Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, and James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-173, Four Day Work Week – Teamster’s (2023).—61948

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-192, Advertisement of Positions to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee.—61949

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-193, Jail/911 Bargaining Unit Agreement: 2023 – 2025.—61950

Tax-forfeited land sales approved during CY 2023.—61951

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor, submitting Board Letter No. 23-194, Award of Rebid: Demolition of Tax-Forfeited Structures (Parcel ID Nos. 090-0010-03820 and 090-0010-03830) and Rescind Resolution No. 22-559.—61952

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner McDonald, resolutions numbered 23-236 through 23-267, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

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

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-236

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding to St. Louis County through local Continuum of Care (CoC) grant awards for permanent and rapid re-housing to homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, For the current funding cycle for the traditional NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity), 27 projects applied and were awarded funds in St. Louis County for a total of up to \$3.6 million for projects; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the traditional NOFO project awards, St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Planning Grant funds were awarded in the amount of \$105,849 to fund planning activities for the CoC, conduct countywide planning and systems improvement, and the County will serve as fiscal agent for these dollars.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept the traditional HUD NOFO Planning Grant funds for the grant allocation awarded for the purpose of funding additional support and planning activities for our CoC and authorizes PHHS to contract with community partners.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That planning activities shall include, but are not limited to, purchasing the services, professionals, and/or other resources needed to assist the local Continuum of Care and the Heading Home Governance Board for the period September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, for the traditional NOFO Planning grant cycle.

BUDGET REFERENCE: 230-232001-540309-23217-99999999-2023
230-232001-629900-23217-99999999-2023

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-237

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency awards grant funds to counties to fund services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has applied for and received funding from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) since the 1995-1997 biennium to fund services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes Public Health and Human Services to accept grant funding up to \$2,500,000 for the FHPAP Fast Track Funding for the time period of June 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services to accept FHPAP Fast Track grant funds for the 2021- 2023 biennium and to amend current contracts with the Sub-Grantee partners to reflect the Fast Track funding.

BUDGET REFERENCE: 230-232001-530701-23240-99999999-2023
230-232001-607200-23240-99999999-2023

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-238

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency awards grant funds to counties to fund services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has applied for and received funding from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) since the 1995-1997 biennium to fund services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County was awarded and accepted \$880,990 from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program for the time period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has received notice that it has been allocated an additional \$38,900 in grant monies for this same biennium.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept an additional allocation of \$38,900 in grant funding via an amendment for the existing biennium ending September 30, 2023.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Public Health and Human Services staff are authorized to follow the recommendations of the FHPAP Review Committee, enter into agreements with sub-grantees accordingly, and increase the revenue and expense budget in 2023.

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 530701, Grant 23204, Year 2021
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 629900, Grant 23204, Year 2021
Fund 230, Agency 232001, Object 607200, Grant 23204, Year 2021

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-239

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning a Highway Drainage Project on County Road 840 (Mirbat Road) in Floodwood Township (CP 0840-748452); and

WHEREAS, The improvement consists of grading, clearing, culvert replacement, and ditching 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 acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for County Project 0840-748452 and to execute, on behalf of the county, any easement documents as may become necessary. The right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-240

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct in 2024 County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 43 (Fish Lake Road) from County Road 294 (Pioneer Road) to CSAH 48 (Lavaque Road) in Fredenberg Township (CP 0043-139601, SAP 069-643-018); and

WHEREAS, The work on this project consists of a complete reconstruction which includes culverts, some road realignment, and new pavement including paved shoulders 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 construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for Project CP 0043-139601, SAP 069-643-018 and the execution of any easement documents as may become necessary. The right-of-way acquisition is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-241

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway 74 (Willow River Road) and to replace the existing bridge (County Bridge #706) over the Willow River in Willow Valley Township (CP 0074-730399); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge at the same location 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 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 with the right-of-way acquisition payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-242

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

CP 0530-369567 (Low Prime); CP 0885-369571; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 6, 2023, 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:

LOW BIDDER: Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc.
ADDRESS: 4843 Rice Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803
AMOUNT: \$1,549,700.00

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the approval of the Contractor's Performance Bonds and the execution of the bonds and contract for the project CP 0530-369567 (Low Prime); CP 0885-369571 for \$1,549,700 payable from Fund 204, Agency 204256, Object 652806 – Transportation Sales Tax Funds.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-243

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

CP 0100-398247, SP 069-700-020, STBG 6923(035); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 6, 2023, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on project CP 0100-398247, SP 069-700-020, STBG 6923(035) to the low bidder:

LOW BIDDER: KGM Contractors, Inc.
ADDRESS: 9211 Hwy. 53, Angora, MN 55703
AMOUNT: \$1,855,716.10

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the approval of the Contractor's Performance Bonds and the execution of the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

Fund 220, Agency 220731, Object 652700 – Federal Funds - \$1,230,000

Fund 204, Agency 204255, Object 652806 – Transportation Sales Tax Funds - \$625,716.10

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-244

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

CP 0006-397798 (Br 128); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 13, 2023, 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:

LOW BIDDER: Casper Construction, Inc.
ADDRESS: 212 SE 10th St., Grand Rapids, MN 55744
AMOUNT: \$518,000

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the approval of the Contractor's Performance Bonds and the execution of the bonds and contract for \$518,000 for the project CP 0006-397798 (Br 128) payable from Fund 204, Agency 204238, Object 652806 – Transportation Sales Tax Funds.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-245

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

CP 0000-617698, SAP 069-594-001; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 13, 2023, and the low responsible bid determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on project CP 0000-617698, SAP 069-594-001 to the low bidder:

LOW BIDDER: Utility Systems of America, Inc.
ADDRESS: PO Box 706, Eveleth, MN 55734
AMOUNT: \$3,211,648.20

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the approval of the Contractor's Performance Bonds and the execution of the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from Fund 220, Agency 220643, Object 652700 – Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Funds.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-246

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

CP 0000-736595, SP 069-070-075, HSIP 6923 (223); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 20, 2023, 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:

LOW BIDDER: Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC

ADDRESS: 6615 US Hwy. 12W, Eau Claire, WI 54703

AMOUNT: \$978,149.08

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County authorizes the approval of Contractor's Performance Bonds and the execution of the bonds and contract for project CP 0000-736595, SP 069-070-075, HSIP 6923 (223) payable from Fund 220, Agency 220732, Object 652700 - Federal and State Aid Funds.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-247

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Central Range Pickleball Club and City of Hibbing have identified a project to construct six (6) pickleball courts adjacent to Bennett Park; and

WHEREAS, The Central Range Pickleball Club has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$10,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to support its project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of \$10,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to assist with the Central Range Pickleball Club and City of Hibbing pickleball improvement project in Hibbing, MN.

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with the Central Range Pickleball Club and/or City of Hibbing for this project with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-248

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9

Trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ely School District #696 has identified a project to improve Veterans Memorial Field in Ely with a new windscreen; and

WHEREAS, The School District has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$5,085.50 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to support its project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$5,185.50 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for the Ely School District Veterans Memorial Field Windscreen project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Ely School District #696 shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

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

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-249

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 61875.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-250

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in

accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, One Roof Community Housing has addressed homeless needs in St. Louis County since 2012; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic and its lingering effects has put additional stresses on both family units and individuals; and

WHEREAS, One Roof submitted documentation seeking funding assistance from the County's ARPA funds to develop up to two (2) 2-unit housing buildings; and

WHEREAS, At the request of St. Louis County, the City of Duluth on June 27, 2022, considered and approved the provision of \$1.6 million of its American Rescue Plan Act matching funds for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, The County Board previously approved ARPA funding in an amount of \$1,600,000 for this project under Resolution No. 22-419; and

WHEREAS, The impacts of supply chain, inflation and changes to the HVAC design have resulted in a funding shortfall of up to \$300,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Model Plover Place homeless housing project proposed by One Roof Community Housing continues to be eligible under the following categories of the US Treasury Final Rule guidance:

- The project would provide services to disproportionately impacted communities as defined under Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to an additional \$174,000 of American Rescue Act Plan funding to One Roof Community Housing for the construction of two (2) 12-unit homeless housing buildings.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all construction and renovations shall be in compliance with local zoning regulations and state building code.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That One Roof Community 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 or the County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the above grant be made subject to the City of Duluth providing additional grant funding up to \$126,000.

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

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-251

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The First Witness Child Advocacy Center has operated in Duluth for approximately 30 years; and

WHEREAS, First Witness provides services to children that have experienced abuse throughout St. Louis, Carlton, Lake and Cook Counties; and

WHEREAS, The demand for the services provided by First Witness have grown significantly which has resulted in the need to expand both its services and space to accommodate those services; and

WHEREAS, First Witness has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance from the County's ARPA funds to purchase and renovate property at the corner of 14th Avenue East and East 2nd Street, Duluth, MN, for a new Advocacy Center.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That after a review of the Project application and other submitted materials, the new Advocacy Center proposed by First Witness is eligible under Section 1.11; Community Violence Interventions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of \$150,000 of American Rescue Act Plan Revenue Loss funding to the First Witness Child Advocacy Center for its expanded Advocacy Center in Duluth, MN.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That First Witness 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.

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

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-252

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

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

WHEREAS, Proposed budget adjustments are levy neutral.

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

GRANT BUDGET CHANGE

1. Increase Auditor's elections revenue and expense budget for the Minnesota Help America Vote Act Grant to include phase 2 funding, which causes the total grant award to exceed the amount initially approved on Resolution No. 22-196 (\$4,286.94).
2. Increase Public Health and Human Services revenue and expense budget due to an increased award from Zero to Three National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families for the Safe Babies grant (\$18,656.00).

USE OF AN EXISTING FUND BALANCE

3. Use of Property Management's Virginia parking fund balance to cover higher than anticipated plowing costs for the Virginia parking areas (\$3,000.00).
4. Use of Public Safety Innovation fund balance for a microfilm records project in the Sheriff's office (\$7,446.00).
5. Use of missing heirs fund balance to cover a transfer to the general fund; after 21 years, the money becomes property of St. Louis County (\$15,636.20).
6. Use of general Economic Development fund balance for the PathBlazers Snowmobile Club building improvement authorized by Resolution No. 22-611 (\$7,300.00).
7. Use of Sheriff's Permit to Carry fund balance to cover the cost of shared Criminal Justice Network (CJN) services and eligible salary expenses (\$170,295.00).

8. Use of Public Health and Human Service's Human Service Conference fund balance to cover increased venue and supply costs (\$25,500.00).
9. Use of debt service fund balance for a crossover refinancing (\$2,855,000.00).
10. Use of property, casualty, liability fund balance (\$55,603.25) and personnel savings (\$2,461.42) to cover higher than budgeted claim activity.

REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET INCREASE

11. Increase general fund revenue and expense budget to record St. Louis County's share of the state's contribution to Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) (\$277,698.00).
12. Increase Auditor license center revenue and expense budget to cover a personnel budget shortfall with increased revenues (\$32,372.56).
13. Increase Sheriff revenue and expense budget to reflect an increase in police aid revenue, used to cover heightened operational costs due to inflation (\$100,000.00).
14. Increase Sheriff's Honor Guard revenue and expense to account for additional donations and uniform purchases (\$2,300.00).
15. Increase general fund County Fee Land revenue and expense budget to include timber sales on County Fee Land and related salaries (\$12,735.52).
16. Increase Sheriff's E911 revenue and expense budget to reflect increased monthly fee revenue and Corti service agreement expense (\$105,247.30).
17. Increase Public Works revenue and expense budget to include the 2022 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) funding, which will be carried forward into 2023 to offset State Aid Maintenance and Construction shortfalls (\$1,357,171.53).
18. Increase Public Works revenue and expense budget to include force account Town Bridge revenue on SAP 069-599-051 (\$237,363.32).
19. Increase Public Works revenue and expense budget for fuel surcharges and fuel tax refunds to match actual revenue received (\$14,716.81).
20. Increase Public Works revenue and expense budget to include a City of Duluth overage on CP 0000-650780, 2022 chip seal project (\$16,000.00).
21. Increase Public Works revenue and expense budget to include Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) revenue received as a result of the spring 2022 flood event (\$1,209,647.87).
22. Increase Public Health and Human Services revenue and expense budget for pass-through cost-effective health insurance premiums from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (\$150,387.50).
23. Increase Pandemic Fund revenue and expense budget to account for actual investment earnings (\$366,960.88).
24. Increase Planning Home Grant revenue and expense budget to reflect actual Housing and Urban Development Home program income collected (\$20,930.24).
25. Increase Land and Minerals revenue and expense budget to include 2022 special legislation road monies, to be used for the Chicken Creek culvert replacement (\$128,428.16).
26. Increase revenue and expense budget in 2020A capital improvement bond (\$10,348.56) and 2021A capital improvement bond (\$100,867.20) to match the actual amount of investment earnings.

BUDGET TRANSFER

27. Transfer Commissioner personnel savings to operating to cover a budget shortfall (\$11,670.50).
28. Increase the transfer of mineral royalties from general fund non-departmental revenue to Mine Inspector to cover an expense budget shortfall (\$2,752.83).

29. Transfer Human Resources personnel savings to operating to cover a budget shortfall (\$18,114.10).
30. Increase budgeted transfer from Property Management to the parking fund (\$42,349.58) and the depreciation reserve fund (\$42,349.58) based on year-end results.
31. Reverse transfer of general fund cash flow to Economic Development approved on Resolution No. 22-443, as sub-recipient monitoring is no longer required for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) payments from the revenue loss category (\$5,000,000.00).
32. Transfer general fund cash flow to Public Works to help offset increased construction costs and reductions in aid revenues (\$1,200,000.00).
33. Transfer general fund cash flow to the Depot fund to cover a 2022 loss and to help fund future needs (\$500,000.00).
34. Transfer from Public Works to Land & Minerals to reimburse for the use of Land assets on Public Works projects (\$1,131.75).
35. Transfer from Land & Minerals to Public Works for a culvert replacement required by flood damage (\$97,054.05).
36. Transfer a portion of the Public Health and Human Services budget for child opioid allocation funds from public aid assistance to operating (\$73,259.00).
37. Increase the transfer from Land & Minerals to Economic Development to cover blight removal expenses beyond the \$500,000 originally budgeted (\$47,811.80).
38. Decrease the budgeted transfer from the Environmental Trust Fund to Planning to match the actual amount spent on environmental enforcement services, due to the position being vacant until late in the year (\$92,748.90).
39. Transfer from the emergency capital account to Public Works to help offset increased construction costs and reductions in aid revenues (\$2,500,000.00).
40. Transfer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget from the pandemic response fund to Environmental Services to cover the 2022 leachate costs that were approved on Resolution No. 21-642 so the asset can be accounted for in the enterprise fund (\$696,140.59).
41. Transfer unspent Motor Pool temporary salaries and retiree health payout budgets from personnel to operating (\$32,954.19).

CONTRIBUTION TO FUND BALANCE

42. Reduce the expense budget and budgeted use of Public Safety Innovation fund balance for a Fraud Investigator and a Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force Deputy Sheriff, due to expense savings in those areas (\$83,681.61).
43. Establish an opioid remediation revenue budget to account for actual revenue received in 2022 and add to fund balance to be used in future years (\$2,129,079.43).

BUDGET CARRYFORWARD

44. Carry forward unspent 2022 Public Works fuel pump maintenance budget into 2023 (\$70,881.05).
45. Carry forward unspent 2022 pandemic fund expense budgets into 2023 (\$32,529,117.00).
46. Carry forward the unspent portion of a Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association (WCRA) surplus distribution in the Workers' Compensation fund, to be spent on risk reduction activities in future years (\$706,768.45).

FUND BALANCE ASSIGNMENTS

47. Assign unspent General Fund emergency protective care hearing funds from the State of Minnesota for Child in Need of Protection or Services costs in future years (\$42,747.90).
48. Increase General Fund Information Technology fund balance assignment to fund future technology projects (\$2,000,000.00).

- 49 Increase General Fund scholarships fund balance assignment to fund future scholarship payments in years when mineral rents and royalties are not sufficient (\$65,000.00).
- 50 Increase Public Health and Human Services prevention and innovation fund balance assignment to support pilot programs which focus on prevention services that will offset future costs (\$4,322,255.00).
- 51 Increase Public Health and Human Services health initiatives fund balance to support public health initiatives and offset uses of fund balance should the division expenditures exceed revenue (\$1,384,632.00).

CORRECTION TO A PRIOR RESOLUTION

- 52 Change Resolution No. 22-184 (Hepatitis C Care Coordination and Service Delivery) to indicate that funds are available through a contract with the Community Health Board (CHB) rather than the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

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	127999	532751	12701	2022			(4,286.94)		
	100	127999	634802	12701	2022	4,286.94				
2	230	232008	540281	23275	2021			(18,656.00)		
	230	232008	629900	23275	2021	18,656.00				
USE OF AN EXISTING FUND BALANCE										
3	100	128025	630901			3,000.00				
	100	999999	311433							(3,000.00)
4	100	129003	629900			7,446.00				
	100	999999	311426							(7,446.00)
5	161	161001	653000			15,636.20				
	161	999999	311200							(15,636.20)
6	178	999999	311008							(7,300.00)
	178	178006	629900			7,300.00				
7	192	192001	695100			41,000.00				
	192	192001	610100			129,295.00				
	192	999999	311062							(170,295.00)
8	238	999999	311010							(25,500.00)
	238	238001	634200			7,000.00				
	238	238001	642200			5,000.00				
	238	238001	642800			2,000.00				
	238	238001	629900			11,500.00				
9	320	999999	311145							(2,855,000.00)
	320	320001	635200			2,855,000.00				
10	720	720002	610000			(2,461.42)				
	720	720001	635100			19,865.00				
	720	720002	635100			4,292.59				
	720	720002	635101			88,907.08				
	720	720001	636200			(55,000.00)				
	720	999999	311200							(55,603.25)
REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET INCREASE										
11	100	100001	616200			205,536.00				
	100	100001	521504					(205,536.00)		
	100	129001	616300			72,162.00				
	100	129001	521504					(72,162.00)		
12	100	115004	550204							(32,372.56)
	100	115004	610000			32,372.56				
13	100	134002	656100			5,000.00				
	100	129003	656100			35,000.00				
	100	129007	656100			30,000.00				
	100	129001	521506					(100,000.00)		
	100	129004	656100			30,000.00				
14	100	129009	624300			2,300.00				

	100	129009	575400		(2,300.00)
15	143	143001	610000	10,579.52	
	143	143001	656100	2,156.00	
	143	143001	580100		(12,735.52)
16	179	179001	521301		(105,247.30)
	179	179001	629900	105,247.30	
17	200	203001	652800	1,357,171.53	
	200	205003	541904		(1,357,171.53)
18	200	203001	521701		(237,363.32)
	200	203001	652800	237,363.32	
19	200	202021	630900	14,716.81	
	200	202021	583223		(14,716.81)
20	220	220700	652700	16,000.00	
	220	220700	551501		(16,000.00)
21	228	228001	652706	223,312.59	
	228	228002	540958		(182,711.20)
	228	228007	540958		(44,514.12)
	228	228011	540958		(224,088.23)
	228	228007	612200	14,604.07	
	228	228002	612200	22,848.18	
	228	228011	612200	84,679.12	
	228	228011	658000	159,738.07	
	228	228007	658000	35,821.06	
	228	228002	658000	33,452.25	
	228	228011	651100	16,908.25	
	228	228002	531020		(54,813.36)
	228	228007	531020		(13,354.24)
	228	228011	531020		(67,226.47)
	228	228007	612300	4,952.45	
	228	228002	612300	3,670.11	
	228	228011	612300	12,776.18	
	228	228004	531020		(39,284.16)
	228	228004	612300	26,333.64	
	228	228004	658100	79,405.75	
	228	228004	612200	39,195.78	
	228	228004	658000	25,296.20	
	228	228004	540958		(130,947.21)
	228	228005	531020		(3,975.31)
	228	228005	612300	2,773.32	
	228	228005	540958		(13,251.05)
	228	228005	658100	3,693.79	
	228	228005	612200	3,555.68	
	228	228005	658000	7,203.57	
	228	228006	531020		(4,544.00)
	228	228006	612300	834.62	
	228	228006	540958		(15,146.65)
	228	228006	612200	5,967.15	
	228	228006	658000	11,388.30	
	228	228006	658100	1,500.58	
	228	228009	531020		(30,145.60)
	228	228009	612300	5,590.67	
	228	228009	658100	1,824.73	
	228	228009	612200	45,683.06	

228	228009	658000	76,032.50			
228	228009	637900	1,500.00			
228	228009	540958			(100,485.36)	
228	228010	531020			(32,226.43)	
228	228010	612300	641.66			
228	228010	658100	14,473.32			
228	228010	612200	37,204.32			
228	228010	658000	87,328.57			
228	228010	540958			(107,421.44)	
228	228003	612300	8,480.01			
228	228003	540958			(111,933.11)	
228	228011	658100	17,213.08			
228	228007	658100	2,490.78			
228	228002	658100	7,625.02			
228	228003	658100	12,414.53			
228	228003	531020			(33,579.93)	
228	228003	658000	48,050.05			
228	228003	612200	23,184.86			
22	230	231019	530619		(75,000.00)	
	230	231019	600400	150,387.50		
	230	231019	526800		(75,387.50)	
23	239	239097	571000		(366,960.88)	
	239	239097	637900	366,960.88		
24	270	271004	629900	20,930.24		
	270	271004	540307		(20,930.24)	
25	290	290007	650900	123,195.16		
	290	290007	634100	200.00		
	290	290007	650200	3,913.00		
	290	290007	530815		(128,428.16)	
	290	290007	641600	120.00		
	290	290007	620300	1,000.00		
26	450	450001	571000		(100,867.20)	
	450	450001	629900	100,867.20		
	449	449001	571000		(10,348.56)	
	449	449001	629900	10,348.56		
BUDGET TRANSFER						
27	100	101001	610000	(11,670.50)		
	100	101001	626700	11,670.50		
28	100	100001	521401		(2,752.83)	
	100	100001	697700	2,752.83		
	100	138001	590500		(2,752.83)	
	100	138001	610000	2,752.83		
29	100	123001	610000	(18,114.10)		
	100	123001	629900	18,114.10		
30	100	128000	637900	155,930.91		
	100	128000	610000	(232,743.07)		
	100	128000	665900	(7,887.00)		
	100	128000	697700	42,349.58		
	100	128000	697600	42,349.58		
	100	128010	590500		(42,349.58)	
	100	128010	311105		(42,349.58)	
	402	402001	590100		(42,349.58)	
	402	402001	663100		(42,349.58)	
31	178	178008	695100	(5,000,000.00)		
	178	178008	590500		5,000,000.00	
	100	100001	697700	(5,000,000.00)		
	100	999999	311202		5,000,000.00	
32	100	100001	697600	1,200,000.00		
	100	999999	311107		(1,200,000.00)	

	200	205003	590100				(1,200,000.00)
	200	999999	311436			1,200,000.00	
33	100	100001	697700	500,000.00			
	100	999999	311107				(500,000.00)
	155	155001	590500				(500,000.00)
	155	999999	311444			500,000.00	
34	200	201001	697600		1,131.75		
	200	201001	651100	(1,131.75)			
	290	290004	590100				(1,131.75)
	290	290004	530815			1,131.75	
35	200	203001	658200	97,054.05			
	200	205003	590100				(97,054.05)
	290	290007	697600				
	290	290007	631500	(76,722.88)			
	290	290007	530815				(20,331.17)
36	230	232025	602000	(55,897.00)			
	230	232025	602000	(17,361.96)			
	230	232025	629900	15,422.44			
	230	232025	629900	(6,094.50)			
	230	232025	602000	(0.04)			
	230	232025	629900	65,290.67			
	230	232025	629900	(1,359.61)			
37	240	240002	625400	(500.00)			
	240	240002	625600	(500.00)			
	240	240002	626100	(5,000.00)			
	240	240002	629900	(9,655.50)			
	240	240002	625100	(209.05)			
	240	240002	625500	(500.00)			
	240	241001	624200	(21,060.94)			
	240	241001	623700	(1,844.31)			
	240	241001	629900	(8,542.00)			
	240	240002	697600		47,811.80		
	178	178005	629901	47,811.80			
	178	178005	590100				(47,811.80)
38	100	109002	590100				92,748.90
	100	109002	610000	(92,748.90)			
	500	999999	311200			92,748.90	
	500	500001	697600		(92,748.90)		
39	200	205003	590100				(2,500,000.00)
	200	999999	311436			2,500,000.00	
	403	403001	697600		2,500,000.00		
	403	403001	663100	(2,500,000.00)			
40	239	239200	697600		696,140.59		
	239	239200	660265	(800,000.00)			
	239	239200	661400	(2,500,000.00)			
	239	239200	660266	(2,500,000.00)			
	239	239200	660267	(2,500,000.00)			
	239	239200	660600	(1,700,000.00)			
	239	239097	629900	9,303,859.41			
	600	607004	590100				(696,140.59)
	600	607004	660266	356,596.12			
	600	607004	660267	330,871.82			
	600	607004	660600	8,672.65			
41	715	715001	610500	(32,954.19)			
	715	715001	634800	32,954.19			
CONTRIBUTION TO FUND BALANCE							
42	100	129014	610000	(59,144.26)			
	100	129016	610000	(24,537.35)			
	100	999999	311426			83,681.61	
43	298	298003	583100				(70,571.47)
	298	298002	583100				(1,361,179.94)
	298	298004	583100				(697,328.02)
	298	999999	311761			2,129,079.43	
BUDGET CARRYFORWARD							
44	200	202021	630900	(70,881.05)			
	200	999999	311153			70,881.05	
*reverse entry will be made in 2023 to increase the budget by the unspent 2022 amount.							
45	239	239014	640900	(6,001.49)			
	239	239014	610000	(7,003.92)			
	239	239024	641100	(24,950.00)			
	239	239050	629900	(148,451.20)			
	239	239069	635100	(14,272.00)			
	239	239080	615000	(3,341.23)			
	239	239080	610000	(37,240.31)			
	239	239517	695100	(18,901.81)			
	239	239605	629900	(16,080.89)			

239	239019	663105	(45,891.48)	
239	239020	622902	(9,001.76)	
239	239048	635503	(3,565.34)	
239	239090	663100	(71,435.71)	
239	239090	634802	(2,031.58)	
239	239089	665900	(116,200.00)	
239	239016	642907	(25,024.29)	
239	239511	695100	(900.00)	
239	239054	691000	(1,183,250.00)	
239	239524	691003	2.00	
239	239626	691003	(250,000.00)	
239	239627	691003	(125,000.00)	
239	239049	626402	(136,803.21)	
239	999999	311200		32,529,117.00
239	239025	634800	(34,068.45)	
239	239025	642907	(3,609.52)	
239	239055	691001	(200,000.00)	
239	239013	622901	(358.58)	
239	239013	653200	(8,228.27)	
239	239098	629900	(2,285,907.60)	
239	239097	629900	(27,138,702.40)	
239	239079	610100	(2,727.15)	
239	239085	610100	(11,818.93)	
239	239097	637900	(547,601.88)	
239	239105	609915	(50,750.00)	

*reverse entry will be made in 2023 to increase the budget by the unspent 2022 amount.

46	730	999999	311232		706,768.45
	730	730002	642200	(706,768.45)	

*reverse entry will be made in 2023 to increase the budget by the unspent 2022 amount.

FUND BALANCE ASSIGNMENTS

47	100	999999	311461		42,747.90
48	100	999999	311139		2,000,000.00
49	100	999999	311450		65,000.00
50	230	999999	311405		4,322,255.00
51	230	999999	311409		1,384,632.00

CORRECTION TO A PRIOR RESOLUTION

52 no entry is needed for this adjustment

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-253

RESOLVED, That pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, as amended, the application for license to sell tobacco products at retail, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61857, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the following establishment:

Mudder’s Market, Inc. dba Mudder’s Market, City of Hoyt Lakes, transfer.

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

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-254

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and Teamsters Local 320 have negotiated and entered into a labor agreement for 2023-2025; and

WHEREAS, The agreement details the work schedule for those employees covered by the agreement; and

WHEREAS, The parties have in previous years entered into a supplemental labor agreement allowing for a departure of those terms under which certain divisions of Public Works can work a revised schedule for a portion of the year; and

WHEREAS, The parties have reached an agreement to implement a similar schedule for 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Public Works Departments four (4) day work week agreement pertaining to the Sign Maintenance Divisions – North and South, Bridge Divisions – North and South and all Highway Maintenance Divisions, effective during the 2023 summer maintenance season is approved, and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the

SUPPLEMENTAL LABOR AGREEMENT, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 61948.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-255

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to serve on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, There are three (3) vacancies on this committee to be filled through an advertised application process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to advertise and accept applications through June 30, 2023, for three (3) vacant positions on the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee: Virginia representative (one), Northern Townships representative (one), and Hermantown representative (one) with terms to expire December 31, 2026.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-256

RESOLVED, That the 2023-2025 Jail/911 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. 61950.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-257

WHEREAS, Minnesota Power desires to plat existing lease lots in the Township of Fredenberg; and

WHEREAS, All lots conform to lot of record standards of St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62 and Subdivision Ordinance 60; and

WHEREAS, The final application and plat have been submitted pursuant to and in accordance with the County Lease Lot of Record Subdivision Plat procedure, and conform with the platting and recording requirements set forth by St. Louis County Subdivision Ordinance 60 and Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance 61.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the final plat of Parsons Point, located in Sections 14 and 15, Township 52 North, Range 15 West (Frendenberg).

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-258

WHEREAS, The Regional Landfill (Landfill) operating permit requires comprehensive environmental monitoring; and

WHEREAS, The County requires a knowledgeable licensed contractor to operate the leachate treatment and spray irrigation system at the Landfill; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Technical Services, Inc. (NTS) of Virginia, MN, is a local environmental firm with the expertise to perform all required monitoring and leachate sprayfield operations activities; and

WHEREAS, NTS has been operating the Landfill leachate treatment system and conducting leachate and groundwater monitoring, and other environmental monitoring satisfactorily since 1993; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has outlined additional requirements beyond the terms of the current NTS contract; and

WHEREAS, NTS will perform the required monitoring at rates established through a competitive bid process conducted by the State of Minnesota for similar services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves and authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a new three (3) year contract with Northeast Technical Services, Inc., of Virginia, MN, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, to perform

required landfill environmental monitoring and to operate the landfill's leachate system.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the term of the proposed negotiated contract is from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025, at an annual cost of \$225,000 payable from Fund 600, Agency 607002 (Leachate).

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-259

WHEREAS, Samuel and Alison Hoxie have requested a perpetual, 33-foot-wide, non-exclusive right-of-way easement for ingress and egress purposes across state tax-forfeited land to access private property; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a perpetual, non-exclusive right-of-way easement to Samuel and Alison Hoxie across state tax-forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 61882.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of a \$1,270 land use fee, a \$150 administration fee, and a \$46 recording fee, for a sum total of \$1,466, all to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-260

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation has requested to purchase the state tax-forfeited land described in County Board File No. 61887 for the price of \$46,000, plus fees; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 459.06, Subd. 3, state tax forfeited land which has been included in an established memorial forest and found more suitable for other purposes may, by resolution of the County Board, be withdrawn from the forest for disposal if the Commissioner of Natural Resources approves the sale of such land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(d), allows for non-conservation tax-forfeited land to be sold by the county board, for their market value as determined by the county board, to an organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department recommends that this parcel be reclassified as non-conservation after considering many factors including the present use of adjacent land, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, utilities and other public services, and its peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, The reclassification and sale 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 and sale of the parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcel is located; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subd. 8, and 282.018, or other statutes that require the withholding of state tax-forfeited lands from sale.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the (a) withdrawal from Memorial Forest status, (b) reclassification to non-conservation, and (c) sale of state tax-forfeited land, as described in County Board File No. 61887, to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the price of \$46,000 plus the following fees: a 3% assurance fee of \$1,380, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$151.80, and a recording fee of \$46, for a total amount of \$47,602.80,

all to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That 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 May 2, 2023. No. 23-261

WHEREAS, Michael and Gina Yonkovich have requested a 16.5-foot-wide, non-exclusive right-of-way easement for ingress and egress purposes across state tax-forfeited land to access private property; and

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

WHEREAS, Michael and Gina Yonkovich understand, acknowledge and agree that the easement granted herein crosses public tax-forfeited lands and also provides, in part, access to tax-forfeited lands to the north of the Yonkovich parcel and, as such, this access easement cannot be gated, blocked, or otherwise developed in a way that would exclude members of the public or representatives of St. Louis County from using the right-of-way for ingress or egress purposes; 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 Michael and Gina Yonkovich across state tax-forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 61882.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of a \$180 land use fee, a \$150 administration fee, and a \$46 recording fee, for a sum total of \$376, all to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-262

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to offer for sale, as recommended by the Land Commissioner, certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, These parcels cannot be improved because they are less than the minimum size, shape, frontage and/or access required by the applicable zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The County Auditor has determined that a non-public sale to adjacent property owners will promote the return of the lands to the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; and

WHEREAS, These parcels are not withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subd. 8; and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax-forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.016(c) authorizes the county auditor to identify any person or entity, or entity controlled by such person, as a prohibited purchaser or bidder if said person or entity is delinquent on real or personal property taxes in St. Louis County. The prohibited purchaser or bidder condition applies to all sales of tax-forfeited parcels that are offered at a public auction, adjoining property owner sales, and properties that are on past and future available land lists; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 4(c), authorizes the county board to provide for the

listing and sale of individual parcels by other means, including through a real estate broker, notwithstanding the public sale provisions in Minn. Stat. § 282.01 subd. 7. This subdivision shall be liberally construed to encourage the sale and utilization of tax-forfeited land in order to eliminate nuisances and dangerous conditions and to increase compliance with land use ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.135 authorizes the county board to delegate to the county auditor any authority, power, or responsibility relating generally to the administration of tax-forfeited land, including developing the necessary policies and procedures to implement the sale of individual tax forfeited parcels by alternative methods as permitted by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 4(c);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of the parcels described in County Board File No. 61951, and the county auditor is authorized to offer the parcels at private sale to the adjacent property owners, with prohibited purchaser and bidder conditions, to encourage return of the parcel to the tax rolls. Funds from the sales are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Land Commissioner shall give at least 30-day notice of the sales to all adjoining property owners.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-263

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, Jonathan Ryan Lehti of Tower, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 9, Block 22, TOWER

Parcel ID No: 080-0010-02680

LDKey: 130449; 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 owners of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which were Jonathan Lehti and Brianna Lehti; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either (a) pay in full all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241; or (b) enter into a four-year contract for deed, satisfying same, 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 Jonathan Ryan Lehti of Tower, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61911, to Jonathan Lehti and Brianna Lehti, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$9,376.12, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$30.94, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$9,478.06 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 May 2, 2023. No. 23-264

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the owner at the time of forfeiture, or the owner's heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement, subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Shelley Ann Morton of Duluth, MN, has applied to repurchase

state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 5, GAMACHE GARDENS DULUTH

Parcel ID No: 010-1785-00060

LDKey: 130421; and

WHEREAS, The applicant is an heir of the owners 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 Wilfred C. Rogers and Mary A. Rogers; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 2, provides that the deed must name the record owner's estate as grantee if a record owner is deceased, and Wilfred C. Rogers and Mary A. Rogers are deceased; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either (a) pay in full all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241; or (b) enter into a four-year contract for deed, satisfying same, 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 Shelley Ann Morton of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61911, to the Estate of Wilfred C. Rogers and the Estate of Mary A. Rogers, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$4,256.64, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$14.05, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$4,341.69 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 May 2, 2023. No. 23-265

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the owner at the time of forfeiture, or the owner's heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement, subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Trenton Jon Horn of Eveleth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 8, Block 17, VOLCANSEK ADDITION NO 2 EVELETH

Parcel ID No: 040-0190-00740

LDKey: 130448; and

WHEREAS, The applicant is an heir of the owner 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 Darryl J. Horn; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, subd. 2, provides that the deed must name the record owner's estate as grantee if a record owner is deceased, and Darryl J. Horn is deceased; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either (a) pay in full all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241; or (b) enter into a four-year contract for deed, satisfying same, 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 Trenton Jon Horn of Eveleth, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61911, to the Estate of Darryl J. Horn, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of

\$4,048.94, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$13.36, recording fee of \$46, and maintenance costs of \$38, for a total of \$4,171.30 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 May 2, 2023. No. 23-266

WHEREAS, The subject tax-forfeited structures on parcels 090-0010-03820 and 090-0010-03830 (addresses 203 and 205 Chestnut Street in Virginia, MN) are blighted, unsafe, unsuitable for rehabilitation, and need to be demolished to address public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board approved the demolition of the subject tax-forfeited structures listed in County Board File No. 60441 by Board Resolution No. 17-518 and was informed of the addition of 090-0010-03820 (205 Chestnut St.) to the demolition list by Board Memo No. 18-13, submitted on March 27, 2018, and 090-0010-03830 (203 Chestnut St.) by Board Memo No. 21-20, submitted on April 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The City of Virginia supports the demolition of the subject tax-forfeited structures; and

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Division solicited rebidding for the commercial demolition of the subject tax-forfeited structures; and

WHEREAS, Veit and Company, Inc., of Rogers, MN, submitted the low bid of \$269,118.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board rescinds Board Resolution No. 22-559 and authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute a contract with Veit and Company, Inc., for the demolition of the subject tax-forfeited structures on parcels 090-0010-03820 and 090-0010-03830 (203 and 205 Chestnut St. in Virginia, MN) at the bid price of \$269,118, in accordance with the specifications of Bid No. 5854A and addendums, payable from the Economic Development Blight Project Fund 178, Agency 178005, and subject to approval of the County Attorney.

Adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-267

BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified St. Louis County of special allocations of funding flowing through the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program awarded through the American Rescue Plan Act to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has conducted the required citizen participation process to determine need, eligibility, and priority for use of the HOME-ARP funding through public survey, strategic agency and group consultations, and county interdepartmental outreach throughout the Consortium area; and

WHEREAS, HUD has provided an abbreviated public comment period on the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan funding; and

WHEREAS, The public comment period was held from April 17, 2023, through May 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on May 2, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the submission of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and amendment to the St. Louis County 2021 Action Plan to HUD for approval.

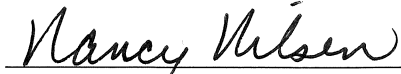
Unanimously adopted May 2, 2023. No. 23-268

At 9:54 a.m., May 2, 2023, Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:



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

(Seal of the County Auditor)