

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 21, 2023

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Harala, Grimm, Musolf, Jugovich and Chair Boyle

Absent: Commissioners McDonald and Nelson

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Musolf/Harala moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (5-0, McDonald, Nelson absent)

- Minutes of February 7, 2023
- Agreement for Advanced Construction with the MnDOT for CP 0091-401108, SP 069-691-033 (Low) and CP 0054-401138, SP 069-654-006 (Tied) [23-80]
- Redesignate CSAH 115 (Ashawa Road/Highway 15) and CSAH 77 (County Road 77/Angus Road) as Senator Doug Johnson Memorial Highway [23-81]
- Acquisition of Right of Way for CP 0958-529517, SP 069-598-069 [23-82]
- Acquisition of Right of Way for CP 0025-555607, SAP 069-625-023 [23-83]
- Agreement with South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District for CP 0012-730398 [23-84]
- Lawful Gambling Application (Duluth Township) [23-85]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Boulder Creek Lodge, LLC [23-86]
- Sponsorship of the Twig Area Trail Riders ATV Club [23-87]
- Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement Update [23-88]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Marshall Homestead [23-89]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Musolf/Harala moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$1,574,626.00 for project CP 0013-458865, SP 069-070-053 (Low); CP 0013-533028, SP 069-070-057 (Tied), Grading, Left Turn Lanes, Bituminous Surfacing, Pipe Culverts, Storm Sewer and Lighting located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 13 (Midway Road) from 0.25 miles south of CSAH 11 (Stark Road) to 0.25 miles north of CSAH 11 (Stark Road) in Midway Township; and CSAH 13 (Midway Road) from 0.25 miles south of West Arrowhead Road to 0.25 miles north of West Arrowhead Road in Hermantown. [23-90]. The motion passed. (5-0, McDonald, Nelson absent)

Musolf/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$1,180,792.00 for project CP 0007-643728, SAP 069-607-057 (Low Prime); CP 0042-643735, SAP 069-642-005; CP 0043-643730, SAP 069-643-022; CP 0034-632029; CP 0294-649051, Grading, Pipe Culverts, Bituminous Surfacing Patches, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Surfacing,

Aggregate Base Stabilization (Chemical) and Calcium Chloride, various locations in southern St. Louis County. [23-91]. The motion passed. (5-0, McDonald, Nelson absent)

Musolf/Boyle moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$7,493,300.00 for project CP 0056-493050, SAP 069-656-020 (Low); CP 0056-747711 (Tied), Grading, Storm Sewer, Bituminous Surfacing, Concrete Walk, Concrete Curb and Gutter, ADA Pedestrian Improvements and Utilities located on Morris Thomas Road (CSAH 56) from 580 feet west of Haines Road (CSAH 91) to Piedmont Avenue (CSAH 54) in Duluth. [23-92]. County Administrator Kevin Gray commented that the bid was lower than the estimate because the City of Duluth purchased materials ahead of time. The motion passed. (5-0, McDonald, Nelson absent)

Finance & Budget Committee

Jugovich/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the Broadband Infrastructure Grant in the amount up to \$400,000 to Clinton Township to be used for a broadband public infrastructure construction project and authorizes appropriate County officials to enter into and execute any funding agreement(s) and associated documents as necessary to administer the program, comply with the American Rescue Plan Act and fund projects, payable from Fund 239, Object 239054 or its designated fund. Clinton Township, in partnership with Consolidated Telephone Corporation, 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 required under the American Rescue Plan Act. [23-93]. St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director Matt Johnson said the project will serve approximately 500 properties in Clinton Township and is part of a larger project that will serve 1,000 properties. Director Johnson noted that the remaining Broadband Infrastructure Grant balance is approximately \$900,000. The motion passed. (5-0, McDonald, Nelson absent)

Jugovich/Harala moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the use of \$25,0000 of American Rescue Act Plan funding to the City of Winton for the water tower improvements project; that the City of Winton 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; and further, that the project be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funds. [23-94]. St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger commented that Revenue Loss funds are being used to minimize reporting challenges for smaller grant amounts. Commissioner Harala briefly stepped out of the meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 10:01 a.m. The motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, McDonald, Nelson absent)

Jugovich/Musolf moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the following apportionment of the \$1,051,089.99 of net proceeds:

Net Proceeds of the Forfeited Tax Sale Fund	\$1,051,089.99	Accounting Detail
30% of the balance is to support memorial forests investments and to maximize the apportionment to school districts, cities and towns.	\$315,326.99	290-590100

No more than 20 percent of the balance is to be used for the following purposes:

(1) Acquisition and maintenance of county parks and recreation areas (see MN Statute 398.31-398.36) Camp Esquagama	\$105,109.00	100-102006
(2) No more than \$4 per capita of the county's population on the promotion of tourist, agricultural and economic development per Laws of Minnesota 2002, chapter 390, section 39 – Economic Development General	\$105,109.00	178-311008
40% St. Louis County for: County Capital projects	\$210,218.00	403-403001
40% Schools Fund	\$210,218.00	910
20% Cities and Towns Fund	\$105,109.00	908
Total	\$1,051,089.99	

A one-time payment of the county's portion of revenue related to the sale from Resolution No. 22-111, as described above, in the amount of \$597.15 will be paid to the Town of Culver based on Board recommendation to aid or assist in any public purpose. A one-time payment of the county's portion of revenue related to the sale from Resolution No. 22-111, as described above, in the amount of \$1,927.99 will be paid to City of Brookston based on Board recommendation to aid or assist in any public purpose. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.64, the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into a contract with the City of Brookston and the Town of Culver to effect execution of the respective grants of funds directed herein. The final apportionment approved herein will increase by \$207,690.20 unless pending legislation (HF50/SF75) passes on or before the end of February 2023 allowing the retroactive allotment of this amount into the separate Environmental Trust Fund permitted under Laws of Minnesota 2012, Chapter 236, Section 28. [23-95]. St. Louis County Land and Minerals Director Julie Marinucci said previous Board action directed the proceeds from a land sale to the Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa to be apportioned to the City of Brookston and the Town of Culver. Director Marinucci commented that the 2022 Lands bill was passed by the House and Senate and is waiting for the Governor to sign. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, McDonald, Nelson absent)

Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Harala/Grimm moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II position (Position code 0432-043, Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B10), to a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist III (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B14), in the Sheriff's Office, resulting in an increase of approximately \$4,680, dependent upon the starting salary of a successful candidate, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129003, Object 610100. [23-96]. The motion passed. (5-0, McDonald, Nelson absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Grimm commented on various changes to Association of Minnesota Counties meeting schedule and noted that the Tribal Relations forum has been rescheduled and will meet at a later date.

At 10:12 a.m., Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-0, McDonald, Nelson absent)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board