

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 11, 2023

Location: Melgeorge's Elephant Lake Lodge and Resort, Orr, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Harala/Musolf moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of June 27, 2023
- Acceptance of Donation Valued at \$900 [23-282]
- Cooperative Agreements with the State of Minnesota and the Prospector ATV Club for the Pike River Bridge Salvage and Relocation for ATV Recreational Use [23-283]
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan Grant Agreement [23-284]
- Abatement List – July 25, 2023 [23-285]
- Penalty & Interest Abatement List – July 25, 2023 [23-286]
- Authorization to Renew Radio Maintenance Service Contracts with Carlton and Lake Counties [23-287]
- Right-of-Way Easement across State Tax-Forfeited Land to Alex and Ahlena Kerry Manthei (Morcom Twp. 61-21) [23-288]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Northwood, LLC (Non-Homestead) [23-289]

Health & Human Services Committee

McDonald/Harala moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II position (Position code 0421-004, Pay Grade B10, Step 1) to a 1.0 FTE Social Worker position (Pay Grade MAE, Step 1) in the Public Health and Human Services Department, resulting in an annual increase of \$16,248 to be accounted for in Fund 230, Agency 230023, Object 610100. [23-290]. County Administrator Kevin Gray commented that the reallocation will better support the department's operations. The motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Musolf/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Department to purchase software licensing from IBM Corporation, sourced with use of the Naspo Value Point Cooperative Agreement, for an initial cost of \$450,000 payable from Fund 100, Agency 117001, Object 634800, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139; and further, authorizes the ongoing maintenance and support costs estimated to be \$142,000 annually, to be budgeted in the Information Technology Budget in future years from Fund 100, Agency 117001, Object 634800. [23-291]. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi noted that the

annual maintenance and support cost is approximately \$142,000; however, the department is hoping to decrease the annual cost by reviewing and making changes to user profiles. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Harala commented that the county needs to have discussions regarding ongoing funding of the St. Louis County Historical Society. To avoid a conflict of interest, Commissioner Harala indicated that she would be resigning from her position as a St. Louis County Historical Society Board member.

Commissioner Nelson acknowledged Commissioners Jugovich and McDonald and area volunteers for their work relating to ATV trails. Commissioner Nelson commented that the ATV trails are an enhancement to the area and noted the economic benefits of ATV trails to the entire county.

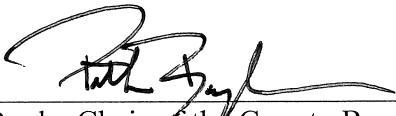
Commissioner Musolf said that the Minnesota State Building Trades Convention will be held next week in Duluth and noted that he has been asked to give the opening remarks. St. Louis County is the most worker friendly county in Minnesota when it comes to worker's rights and labor, due to Project Labor Agreements and the inclusion of prevailing wages for projects.

Commissioner Grimm said she would be providing an update after she gathers information regarding the St. Louis County Historical Society. Commissioner Grimm thanked C.J. Ham of the Minnesota Vikings for visiting and signing autographs at Denfeld High School.

Commissioner Jugovich thanked everyone for yesterday's ATV tour.

Commissioner McDonald commented that the area is a special part of America and Commissioners need to be messengers to encourage people to visit the area. Commissioner McDonald thanked Steve and Karla Koch for their hospitality.

At 10:57 a.m., Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board