

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 25, 2023

Location: Normanna Town Hall, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of April 4, 2023
- Request to Accept FY2022 HUD NOFO Planning Grant Funding for the St. Louis County Continuum of Care and Authorize PHHS to Contract with Community Partners [23-164]
- Acceptance of Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Fast Track Funds [23-165]
- Authorization of FHPAP Amendment Allocating Additional Funds [23-166]
- Acquisition of Right of Way for a Highway Drainage Project on County Road 840 (Mirbat Rd.) in Floodwood Township (CP 0840-748452) [23-167]
- Acquisition of Right of Way on CSAH 43 (Fish Lake Rd.) (CP 0043-139601, SAP 069-643-018) [23-168]
- Acquisition of Right of Way - Replacement of County Bridge # 706 over the Willow River (Willow Valley Township) (CP 0074-730399) [23-169]
- Central Range Pickleball Club, Pickleball Court Project, American Rescue Plan Act [23-170]
- Ely School District – Veterans Memorial Field Windscreen Project, American Rescue Plan Act [23-171]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [23-172]
- Four Day Work Week – Teamster’s (2023) [23-173]
- Final Plat Approval of Parsons Point Sections 14 & 15, Township 52N, Range 15W (Fredenberg) [23-174]
- Landfill Environmental Monitoring and Leachate System Operations Contract [23-175]
- Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax-Forfeited Land to Samuel and Alison Hoxie (City of Duluth) [23-176]
- Special Sale to Minnesota Department of Transportation (Parcel ID No. 350-0020-05111) [23-177]
- Right-of-Way Easement Across State Tax-Forfeited Land to Michael and Gina Yonkovich (Balkan, 59-20) [23-178]
- Adjoining Owner Tax-Forfeited Land Sales [23-179]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Lehti (Non-homestead) [23-180]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Morton/Rogers (Non-homestead) [23-181]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Horn (Non-homestead) [23-182]

Finance & Budget Committee

Harala/Boyle moved 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 and approves the use of up to an additional \$174,000 of American Rescue Act Plan funding to One Roof Community Housing the construction of two (2) 12-unit homeless housing buildings. All construction and renovations shall be in compliance with local zoning regulations and state building code. One Roof 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. The above grant be made subject to the City of Duluth providing additional grant funding up to \$126,000. The project be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act. [23-188]. Debbie Freedman, Housing Development Coordinator of One Roof Community Housing, said the goal is to complete this project by fall of 2023 and the total project cost is \$3.6 million. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Harala/Grimm moved that after a review of the Project application and other submitted materials, the new Center proposed by First Witness Child Advocacy Center is eligible under Section 1.11; Community Violence Interventions and 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. 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. The project be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funds. [23-189]. Tracie Clanaugh, Executive Director of First Witness Child Advocacy Center, said that one in seven girls and one in thirteen boys are abused before they turn eighteen. Jon Holets, St. Louis County Assistant Attorney/Board Member of First Witness Child Advocacy Center, discussed First Witness Child Advocacy Center's role in forensic interviews, training, and being an advocate for families and victims. County Attorney Kim Maki commented that the Attorney's Office has pledged \$20,000 for the project from the Attorney's forfeiture fund. Commissioner Harala noted that Sheriff Ramsay also pledged \$20,000 from the Sheriff's forfeiture fund. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the 2022 fourth quarter budget changes. [23-190]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Musolf/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$1,549,700 for project CP 0530-369567 (Low Prime); CP 0885-369571, Mill & Overlay, Reclaim & Overlay, located on County Road (CR) 530 (Midway Road) between County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 9 (N. Pike Lake Road) and Township Road 5525 (Kehtel Road) in Canosia Township; and on CR 885 (Sunny Lane/Industrial Road) between Westerly Termini and CR 530 (Midway Road) in Midway Township. [23-183]. The motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Musolf moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$1,855,716.10 for project CP 0100-398247, SP 069-700-020, STBG 6923(035), Bituminous Pavement

Reclamation, Bituminous Paving, Aggregate Surfacing, Base Stabilization, located on CSAH 100 between CSAH 4 and CSAH 99 in White Township. [23-184]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Casper Construction, Inc. Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$518,000 for project CP 0006-397798 (Br 128), Bridge Construction, located on CSAH 6 between Hwy 33 and CR 880. [23-185] in Solway Township. The motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Nelson moved to award a bid to Utility Systems of America, Inc., Eveleth, MN, in the amount of \$3,211,648.20 for project CP 0000-617698, SAP 069-594-001, Grading, Bituminous Surfacing, Lighting, and ADA Improvements, at various locations within the City of Proctor. [23-186]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Harala moved to award a bid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC., Eau Claire, WI, in the amount of \$978,149.08 for project CP 0000-736595, SP 069-070-075, HSIP 6923 (223), High Friction Surface Treatment, located on various County State Aid Highways within St. Louis County. [23-187]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Appointments of three citizens to the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee with terms expiring December 31, 2025. [23-191]. The item was removed from the agenda and referred to County Administration.

Grimm/McDonald moved 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 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Committee: Virginia representative (one), Northern Townships representative (one), and Hermantown representative (one), with terms to expire December 31, 2026. [23-192]. Brad Gustafson, St. Louis County Planning Manager, said that the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee consists of 19 members and there are currently 3 openings. The motion passed. (7-0)

Harala/Grimm moved that the 2023-2025 Jail/911 unit contract is ratified, and county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. [23-193]. Jim Gottschald, St. Louis County Director of Human Resources and Administration, said that the agreement is for three years and is consistent with previous agreements. Director Gottschald gave the Board a brief overview of the agreement. The motion passed. (7-0)

Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Jugovich/Nelson moved 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. [23-194]. St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger commented that the City of Virginia condemned the buildings due the roof collapsing. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

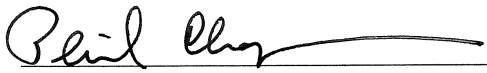
Commissioner McDonald commented that he has attended multiple meetings regarding Voyageurs National Park’s proposed new winter use plan. Over 150 people attended the meetings; the comment period has been extended by a month. Commissioner McDonald congratulated Commissioner Musolf on his recent marriage.

Commissioner Nelson said a request was made to the Planning Committee to continue the grinding and recycling of asphalt at a pit in Fredenberg Township; the motion passed by a unanimous vote. In addition, the Planning Department responded on record that there were no violations currently in Fredenberg. Commissioner Nelson encouraged Commissioners to look at the record and minutes of the Planning Committee.

At 12:00 p.m., Jugovich/Harala 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