

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 11, 2021

Location: Rice Lake City Hall, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Grimm moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of May 4, 2021
- Acceptance of the Housing with Supports for Adults with Serious Mental Illness Grant Amendment Award [21-212]
- CY2021 Grant acceptance for the COVID-19 Response Vaccine Implementation Grant from the CHB (April – December) [21-213]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Road Construction Project on CSAH 141 (Eveleth) [21-214]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Road Construction Project on CSAH 145 (Eveleth) [21-215]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [21-216]
- Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation [21-217]
- Final Plat Approval Annieland S35, T61N, R13W (Unorganized) [21-218]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved that the St. Louis County Board elects to reappoint James T. Foldesi as the St. Louis County Highway Engineer/Public Works Director, for a four-year term effective May 1, 2021 and ending May 2025 at his current biweekly compensation rate of \$6,558 (Pay Plan A, Grade A33, Step M5) of the Management Compensation Plan, with all benefits at his current level and as provided in the St. Louis County Management Compensation Plan. [21-219]. Commissioner Jewell entered the meeting at 10:09 a.m. County Administrator Kevin Gray said that Director Foldesi was initially appointed in May of 2009. Since that time, Director Foldesi has utilized funding from grants to reduce taxpayer costs and develop long-term solutions to road investments. Administrator Gray noted that Public Works is delivering \$63 million in construction projects for the year 2021. Director Foldesi thanked the Board and Administration for their support and commented that it was an honor and a privilege to serve as the St. Louis County Public Works Director. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/McDonald moved that pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, Subdivision 5(i), the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and

deliver a quit claim deed conveying the sale of unimproved non-conforming fee land, parcel code: 200-0010-04645 in Alango Township, to Craig William DuMarce, for the amount of \$5,400, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202, where the grantee is also responsible for deed tax and recording fees. [21-220]. Administrator Gray commented that the parcel was landlocked and was being sold to the adjoining owner. The motion passed. (7-0)

McDonald/Jugovich moved that pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, Subdivision 5(i), the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed conveying the sale of unimproved non-conforming fee land, parcel code: 410-0010-00910 in Kugler Township, to KGM Contractors, Inc, for the amount of \$9,720, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202, where the grantee is also responsible for deed tax and recording fees. [21-221]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

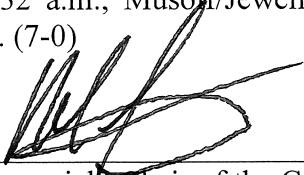
Commissioner McDonald thanked Jim Lah for his many years of involvement with the Ely Youth in Action; Mr. Lah recently resigned from his position.

Commissioner Nelson discussed the Annual Report of Mines and noted that there were no mining deaths this year and minimal lost time accidents. Commissioner Nelson commented on the importance of county mine inspectors and commended Joe Austin for assembling a team dedicated to workplace safety.

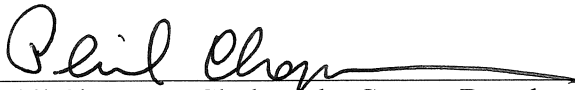
Commissioner Jewell mentioned a handout requesting that the Board consider naming of a point in Lake Kabetogama in remembrance of Bill Howlett. Commissioner Jewell encouraged the Board to take action to approve the request.

Commissioner Boyle said that the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for children aged 12 to 15. Commissioner Boyle commented on concerns regarding the new COVID strain in India and encouraged vaccination of citizens so we can achieve herd immunity.

At 10:32 a.m., Musolf/Jewell moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board



Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board