COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 2021

Location:

Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

Present:

Commissioners Grimm, McDonald, Musolf, and Chair Jugovich

Absent:

Commissioners Jewell, Boyle and Nelson

Convened:

Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

McDonald/Musolf moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #3, Purchase of Property Insurance [21-294] was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (4-0 Jewell, Boyle, Nelson absent)

- Minutes of June 22, 2021
- Professional Services Agreement with Kimley Horn for Engineering Services for a Pedestrian Trail Study (Eveleth) [21-292]
- Engineering Services for County Ditch 4 Reestablishment of Records and Partial Abandonment Evaluation [21-293]
- 2020-21 Children In Need of Protective Service and Termination of Parental Rights Northern St. Louis County Parent Attorney Contracts 1st Amendment [21-295]
- 2021 Flexible Spending Program Plan Document Amendments Under American Rescue Plan Act [21-296]
- Reschedule Location for September 28, 2021 County Board Meeting [21-297]
- Public Auction of Earthen Material on State Tax Forfeited Land (Eagles Nest Township) [21-298]
- Application and Acceptance of IRRR Commercial Redevelopment Grant [21-299]
- Acceptance of IRRR Residential Redevelopment Grant [21-300]
- Online Public Sale of State Tax Forfeited Properties [21-301]

Finance & Budget Committee

McDonald/Jugovich moved to authorize the County Auditor to spread local levies for the provision of fire protection and/or first responder services to identified unorganized territories within the county beginning January 1, 2022, and to authorize the agreements with the listed corporations for the provision of these services. [21-302]. Commissioner McDonald thanked the volunteer fire departments for all of their hard work. After further discussion, the motion passed. (4-0 Jewell, Boyle, Nelson absent)

McDonald/Jugovich moved to authorize the purchase of Property and Related Insurance coverage on major structures and equipment, amended contents, and boiler and machinery from Chubb Group of Insurance Companies through Otis-Magie Insurance Agency of Duluth, MN, for the period July 24,

2021, to July 24, 2022, at the annual premium of \$376,579.30 payable from Fund 720 (Property, Casualty, Liability), Agency 720001 (Property, Casualty, Liability), Object 635100 (Insurance); and further, that the Purchasing Division is authorized to add or delete county properties to the policy or increase the base amount on future determination of valuation of county structures during the policy period. [21-294]. St. Louis County Purchasing Director Donna Viskoe said that the county has over \$550,000,000 of property to insure. Director Viskoe mentioned that the county looked at increasing the deductible to \$50,000; however, that would have only resulted in a \$4,000 premium savings. Bob Heimbach, Account Executive at Otis-Magie Insurance, Inc., said that seven companies provided quotes; however, all the bids were more expensive compared to Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. After further discussion, the motion passed. (4-0 Jewell, Boyle, Nelson absent)

Time Specific Presentation

At 10:42 a.m., Matt Massman, Steve Novak and Nancy Silesky gave a presentation to the Committee relating to the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) End of Session Report.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner McDonald noted the next Tuesday's Board meeting will be held in Bois Forte and asked that Board members contact his assistant if they are planning to attend the meet and greet dinner on Monday night.

At 11:28 a.m., Grimm/Musolf moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (4-0 Jewell, Boyle, Nelson absent)

Mike Jugo lich, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board