COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 3, 2023

Location:

St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Convened:

Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of December 13, 2023
- Contract for Social Service Transportation Coordination [23-02]
- Request to Apply and Accept Minnesota Department of Human Services Hospital Decompression Grant [23-03]
- Agreement with MnDOT for Delegated Contract Process [23-04]
- Highway Right-of-Way Easements Across State Tax-Forfeited Land Purposed for Auction [23-05]
- Agreements for Surveying Services for the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) Restoration Acceleration Project [23-06]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Vermilion Lake Township) [23-07]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Midway Township) [23-08]
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Procedures [23-09]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Melrude Whistle Stop, LLC [23-10]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Country Corner Bar, LLC [23-11]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Minno-ette Inc. [23-12]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Van Gillen's Dry Dock, Inc. [23-13]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Scotts Crane Lake Bar & Grill, Inc. [23-14]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Shamrock Marina LLC [23-15]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Vermilion River Tavern LLC [23-16]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Handberg's Marine, Inc. [23-17]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Bil-Mar's Supper Club, Inc. [23-18]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Grand View Golf, LLC [23-19]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, The Shack, Inc. [23-20]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Vernon Skoglund [23-21]
- Violation of St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, Wayside Bottle Shop, Inc. [23-22]
- Agreement with the Depot Foundation [23-23]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [23-24]
- Request for St. Louis County to Provide Purchasing Services for St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority [23-25]

• On-Site Wastewater – Adopt and Implement St. Louis River Comprehensive Water Management Plan [23-26]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Musolf/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the lease of a maximum of 50 light-duty trucks from Enterprise Fleet Management of St. Louis, MO for a total cost not to exceed \$2,500,000. [23-27]. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray commented that the action will help to address supply chain issues. The motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Nelson moved to award a bid to Veit & Company, Inc., Rogers, MN, in the amount of \$360,925.00 for project CP 0014-376295, SP 069-614-022, STBG 6923(087), Grading, Bituminous Surfacing, Sidewalk, and ADA Pedestrian Improvements on County State Aid Highway 14 (Boundary Avenue) from 900' North of Anchor Street to Orchard Street in the City of Duluth. [23-28]. The motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jugovich wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed Commissioner Harala to the Board.

Commissioner Nelson commended County Administration, the negotiating team, and the Teamsters Union for coming to a three-year contract agreement.

Commissioner Grimm congratulated Chair Boyle for being elected Board Chair and thanked outgoing Chair McDonald for his leadership during 2022.

Commissioner McDonald thanked the Board and County Administration for their work in 2022 and welcomed Commissioner Harala to the Board. Commissioner McDonald congratulated Chair Boyle and Vice-Chair Nelson for being elected as Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023.

Commissioner Musolf congratulated Chair Boyle, Vice-Chair Nelson, and welcomed Commissioner Harala to the Board.

Chair Boyle asked if he could get an update regarding the hiring of a Director for the St. Louis County Historical Society. Commissioner Grimm commented that the hiring process was delayed due to the holidays. Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger said additional work was being done this week and there should be more information next week. Chair Boyle asked that the new Director address the Board once they are hired.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Musolf, 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