

CONSENT AGENDA
FOR THE MEETING
OF
ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 3, 2021

**Government Services Center, Lake Superior Room, 320 West 2nd Street,
Duluth, Minnesota**

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or noncontroversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Minutes for July 27, 2021.

Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Boyle, Chair

1. Authorize application and acceptance of FY 2019 and 2020 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program funds from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount up to \$15 million for a two-year grant cycle, with the opportunity for renewals, to support youth-led community work focused on systems change to end youth homelessness. [21-316]
2. Authorize distribution of up to \$5,183,159 in 2021-2024 American Recovery Act funds to support school districts and individual schools to reengage students and get them back on track for academic success following the pandemic; and further, authorize a contract with the University of Minnesota to provide *Check & Connect*, a nation-wide, evidence-based intervention program. [21-324]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

3. Abatement list for Board approval. [21-318]
4. Approve a Lawful Gambling License application by the Lake Superior Steelhead Association, Duluth, MN, to conduct off-site gambling (raffle) on September 25, 2021, at the Clearwater Grille, Duluth Township. [21-319]
5. Authorize application and acceptance of Depot Foundation grant funds in the amount of \$68,800 for the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the Depot) basement buildout of office space. [21-320]
6. Approve grant funds in the amount up to \$1,200,000 to the St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association to construct two (2) new animal buildings at the St. Louis County Fairgrounds in Chisholm, MN. [21-325]

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7. Claims and accounts for June 2021.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

8. Ratify the 2020-2022 Deputy Sheriff Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement and authorize execution of the agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services. *[21-326]*
9. Approve the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Assessment Year 2021, Payable 2022 meeting dated June 15, 2021.

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Musolf, Chair

10. Application for repurchase of state tax forfeited land (non-homestead) by Bruce Alan Housey and Paula Schaefbauer of Aurora, MN, to Kathy Jean Dertinger (parcel code 570-0012-04400), White Township. *[21-321]*
11. Reclassify certain state tax forfeited lands as non-conservation. *[21-322]*
12. Authorize free conveyance of certain state tax forfeited lands located in Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, Township 52 North, Range 17 West (New Independence Township) to St. Louis County to be used for an integrated waste management facility in Canyon, MN; and further, authorize the reclassification of the parcels as non-conservation and the withdrawal from Memorial Forest status. *[21-323]*

Official Proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of July 27, 2021, are hereby approved.

Request to Apply for HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Funds

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the FY 2019 and 2020 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for rounds four and five grant funds, which was published on May 24, 2021, and will select up to 50 communities to participate in the YHDP to develop and execute a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Funding awarded to those selected will range from \$1 million to \$15 million per community based on each community's youth population size and poverty rate; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Continuum of Care would be the collaborative applicant and administer the funds; and

WHEREAS, The funding would be utilized to implement projects that will significantly reduce youth homelessness for youth up to age 24 including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth, and the work of this grant will be youth-led and focused on systems change to end youth homelessness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That tthe St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept grant funds in the amount of up to \$15 million from HUD for a two-year grant cycle with the opportunity for renewal.

**Distribution of American Recovery Act Funds
St. Louis County Student Reengagement Initiative**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County seeks to invest up to \$5,183,159 in 2021-2024 American Recovery Act funds through its Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Department to support school districts within St. Louis County to reengage students and get them back on track for academic success following the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, School districts around St. Louis County have reported that many students stopped attending, were unresponsive to outreach, fell behind in grades and credits, and some were unenrolled in the wake of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The traditional roles and responsibilities, tools and options available to St. Louis County for educational neglect and truancy concerns are inadequate to meet the support COVID needs and recovery priorities; and

WHEREAS, PHHS has been proactively collaborating with school districts throughout the county, along with the University of Minnesota, to assess the need and determine an effective solution utilizing a nation-wide, evidence-based intervention called *Check & Connect*; and

WHEREAS, There are 22 districts in St. Louis County with 107 schools and 25,551 students and 8 Independent School Districts and 7 individual schools have requested funding to support 36.5 FTE mentors and 2.0 FTE coordinators; and

WHEREAS, Additional districts and schools may adjust their level of participation and one district (Floodwood) has requested to defer their application for funding until the 2022/2023 school year requiring some flexibility for schools and districts to join for the second and third school year; and

WHEREAS, The 8 Independent School Districts and 7 individual schools have requested funding through an RFP process to support 36.5 FTE mentors and 2.0 FTE coordinators for three school years beginning August, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board invest and distribute up to \$5,183,159 in 2021-2024 American Recovery Act funds through its Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Department to support school districts and individual schools within St. Louis County to reengage students and get them back on track for academic success following the pandemic.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorize PHHS to enter into contracts with the University of Minnesota to provide *Check & Connect* implementation and management (training, program coordination, evaluation, coaching,

technical support), and selected school districts and individual schools within St. Louis County for three years of funding to support mentors and coordinators beginning August, 2021 through August, 2024 as follows:

Funding Table:

Fiscal Agent/ Contractor	Number of Mentors Requested	Coordinators	Funding (up to)	Budget Agency Established
St. Louis County School District, and additionally as fiscal agent for the following Districts and schools:	4 FTE's	1 FTE (North)	\$795,000	
Hibbing Public School District	4 FTE's		\$480,000	
Mountain Iron School District	0.5 FTE		\$60,000	
Rock Ridge School District	3 FTE's		\$360,000	
Northland Learning Services	0.5 FTE		\$60,000	
Marquette Catholic School	0.5 FTE		\$60,000	
Assumption Catholic School	0.5 FTE		\$60,000	
East Range Academy of Tech & Science	1 FTE		\$120,000	
Subtotal St. Louis County School District and additional Districts and School incorporated in their contract			\$1,995,000	239501
Ely School District	1 FTE		\$106,500	239509
Mesabi East School District	2 FTE's		\$292,000	239510
Vermilion Country School	.5 FTE		\$60,000	239511
Proctor	3 FTE's	1FTE (South)	\$604,682	239512
Duluth Public School District	14 FTE's		\$1,624,977	239513
Duluth Edison Charter Schools	1 FTE		\$150,000	239514
Stella Maris	1 FTE		\$80,000	239515
<i>Set aside for potential future districts/ schools</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>\$120,000</i>	<i>239517</i>
9	36.5	2	\$5,033,159	

Additional Contract	Service	Funding (up to)	Budget Agency Established
University of Minnesota	Training, Program Coordination, Evaluation, Coaching, Technical Support	\$150,000	239516
Total Distribution			\$5,183,159

Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 61426.

Lawful Gambling Application (Duluth Township)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Lawful Gambling License Application (raffle) on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61435 for the following organization:

Lake Superior Steelhead Association, PO Box 16034, Duluth, MN 55816,
to conduct off-site gambling on September 25, 2021, at Clearwater Grille,
5135 North Shore Drive, Duluth, MN 55804, Duluth Township.

**Authorization to Apply and Accept a Depot Foundation Grant for
St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center: Basement Buildout**

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, The Depot Foundation awards grant funding to entities housed within the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot), or those that hold events at the Depot; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Director would like to apply and accept a funding request of \$68,800 to hire a professional contractor and team to design, build, update, and complete an office space in the Depot.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application and acceptance of a Depot Foundation grant in the amount of \$68,800 for the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot) to buildout office space in the track level of the building.

**St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association Funding Request –
Animal Buildings**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association (Association) has identified significant improvements necessary to its facilities located in Chisholm, MN; and

WHEREAS, The Association has requested St. Louis County to provide funding of \$1,200,000 for the construction of two buildings; and

WHEREAS, The County has previously provided assistance for certain projects at the fairgrounds resulting in increased attendance and economic opportunities in the region; and

WHEREAS, The County has a commitment to its 4-H programs and the resulting positive hands-on experiences these programs provide our youth; and

WHEREAS, The provision of funding as requested is expected to be the last and final need for funding capital improvements at the Fairgrounds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County approves a grant in the amount up to \$1,200,000 to the St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association for the purposes of constructing new buildings at the St. Louis County Fairgrounds in Chisholm, MN.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That these funds be used exclusively for the construction of a cattle, sheep, goat & swine barn and rabbit, poultry & small animal buildings.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Administrator and County Attorney are authorized to negotiate and execute appropriate agreements payable from Fund 403, Object 403002 or if determined eligible by the County and prioritized by the County Board, from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds or from other fund savings as a result of the County's receipt of ARPA funds.

Claims and Accounts for June 2021

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee for payment of claims and bills against the County of St. Louis, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61425, are hereby approved and the County Auditor shall issue checks in the following amounts:

100	General Fund	8,230,304.79
149	Personal Service Fund	1,534.66
155	Depot	58,842.53
160	MN Trail Assistance	10,211.82
168	Sheriff's State Forfeitures	675.00
169	Attorney Trust Accounts – VW	1,657.62
173	Emergency Shelter Grant	23,507.32
176	Revolving Loan Fund	65.97
178	Economic Development – Tax Forfeit	296,421.79
179	Enhanced 9-1-1	44,320.00
180	Law Library	25,730.55
183	City/County Communications	170.54
184	Extension Service	133,920.36
192	Permit to Carry	5,424.02
200	Public Works	3,378,703.41
204	Local Option Transit Sales Tax	94,966.41
220	State/Federal Road Aid	1,523,616.92
230	Public Health & Human Services	8,966,609.59
238	HHS Conference	10,080.00
239	Pandemic Response Fund	64,527.65
240	Forfeited Tax	454,650.56
250	St. Louis County HRA	1,102,780.00
260	CDBG Grant	125,499.37
270	HOME Grant	12,441.29
289	ISTS Grant	62,906.40
290	Forest Resources	256,600.41
318	2013A Capital Improve Bond	307,792.50
320	2014A ARC Capital Improve Bond	53,709.38
322	2013D Refunding 2010A	49,137.50
324	2015B – Refunding 316-2008B	41,550.00
325	2015C – Capital Improve Bond	501,203.13
326	2016A – Capital Improve Bond	307,143.75

327	2016B – Refunding 318-2013A	229,375.01
328	2018A Capital Improve Bond	503,665.63
329	2018B Capital Improve Bond	286,925.00
330	2020A TST Capital Improve Bond	266,934.51
331	2020B Refunding 2013D&2014A	49,959.28
400	County Facilities	60,001.00
402	Depreciation Reserve Fund	159,000.00
403	Emergency Repairs	4,590.00
405	Public Works Building Const.	66,089.67
407	Public Works – Equipment	140,434.21
449	2020A – TST Bond	1,587,523.18
600	Environmental Services	650,150.73
640	Plat Books	71.45
715	County Garage	75,336.46
720	Property Casualty Liability	16,282.69
730	Workers Compensation	402,342.04
740	Medical Dental Insurance	2,632,290.95
770	Retired Employees Health Insurance	722.90
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Deputy Sheriff Unit 2020 – 2022

BY COMMISSIONER_____

RESOLVED, That the 2020-2022 Deputy Sheriff Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement is ratified, and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. _____.

Official Proceedings of the St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for Assessment Year 2021, Payable 2022 meeting dated June 15, 2021, are hereby approved.

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Dertinger / Housey and Schaeffbauer
(Non-Homestead)**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicants, Bruce Alan Housey and Paula Schaeffbauer of Aurora, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF WHITE
SE 1/4 of NW 1/4
Section 32, Township 57 North, Range 15 West
Parcel code: 570-0012-04400; and

WHEREAS, The applicants were the taxpayers/contract for deed holders of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.302, Subd. 1, provides that the deed must be issued to the previous owner of record, Kathy Jean Dertinger; and

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicants shall either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Bruce Alan Housey and Paula Schaeffbauer of Aurora, MN, to Kathy Jean Dertinger, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$9,141.85, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$30.17, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$9,243.02 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), plus a service fee of \$500 to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified or reclassified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The parcels described in the attached County Board File forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has recommended that the parcels be reclassified as non-conservation after considering, among other things, the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, utilities and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land may be located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be approved by the governing body of the municipality or town; and

WHEREAS, The town or municipality is considered to have approved the classification or reclassification and sale of these parcels if the county board is not notified of the disapproval of the classification or reclassification and sale within 60 days of the date the request for approval was transmitted to the town or municipality in which the parcels are located.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. _____ shall be reclassified as non-conservation, and the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the reclassification of these parcels will be deemed approved if the county board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town.

Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to St. Louis County

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(e), upon the favorable recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use without monetary compensation or consideration; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has requested a free conveyance of the state tax forfeited parcels as described in County Board File No. _____ for a public use; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 459.06, Subd. 3, state tax forfeited land which has been included in an established memorial forest and found more suitable for other purposes may, by resolution of the County Board, be withdrawn from the forest for disposal if the Commissioner of Natural Resources approves the sale of such land; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department recommends that these parcels be reclassified as non-conservation after considering many factors including the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, the suitability or desirability for particular uses and the suitability of the forest resources on the land for multiple use and sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS, These parcels are located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that notice of the classification or reclassification of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body; and

WHEREAS, The reclassification will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described herein shall be reclassified as non-conservation, and the request for approval of the

reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the reclassification of these parcels will be deemed approved if the county board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the state tax forfeited parcels described herein shall be withdrawn from Memorial Forest status if the Commissioner of Natural Resources approves the sale of such land.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That upon reclassification as non-conservation and withdrawal from memorial forest status, the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the state forfeited land described in County Board File No. _____ to St. Louis County for an integrated waste management facility, upon payment of \$250 Department of Revenue fee, \$250 administrative fee, \$25 deed fee and \$1.65 deed tax, for a total of \$526.65.

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON JULY 27, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 27th day of July 2021, at 9:38 a.m., at the Proctor City Hall, Proctor, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson and Vice-Chair Paul McDonald - 6. Absent: Chair Mike Jugovich - 1.

Commissioner McDonald Chaired the meeting during the temporary absence of Chair Jugovich.

Vice-Chair McDonald asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic; followed by the pledge of allegiance. Vice-Chair McDonald thanked firefighters for fighting fires in the 4th district and acknowledged the effort and sacrifices that frontline workers have made during the pandemic.

Vice-Chair McDonald welcomed the Board to the City of Proctor and introduced Deputy Mayor Troy DeWall. Deputy Mayor DeWall commented on various local projects including the construction of a new salt and sand facility, upcoming reconstruction of 2nd Street, and the construction of single-family homes in the City of Proctor with the assistance of One Roof Community Housing, Community Development Block Grant funds, and Commissioner Musolf. In addition, Deputy Mayor DeWall noted the work of City Administrator Jess Rich and encouraged people to attend the South St. Louis County Fair, which will be held from July 28 through August 1st.

Chair Commissioner Jugovich entered the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

District 3B Representative Mary Murphy welcomed the Board to the district and commented on potential issues relating to diseased trees, specifically pine and evergreen trees. Representative Murphy also commented on the potential of connecting the Munger Trail with southern St. Louis County trails, which would connect to northern St. Louis County trails.

The St. Louis County Board extended their thanks and genuine appreciation to the staff of St. Louis County and expressed deep gratitude for their commitment to excellence in public service during the COVID-19 pandemic and proclaimed July 27, 2021, as St. Louis County Staff Appreciation Day. Commissioner Jewell read the proclamation.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda, and no one came forth.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to consider a resolution to transfer Nickel and Escalator Taconite Production Tax Revenue Funds to the City of Biwabik; the item had not been to Committee of the Whole. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to facilitate a transfer of \$1,500,000.00 of previously received Nickel and Escalator Taconite Production Tax Revenues to the City of Biwabik related to CP 0715-3758. Commissioner McDonald commented that public meetings were held in the City of Biwabik, and Pike Township and an agreement was reached to assist City of Biwabik with road construction and to address connectivity issues with Highway 138. After further discussion, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 21-424.

County Administrator Kevin Gray requested that Item #2, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation FY 2022 Regional Trails grant application by Voyageur Country ATV Club, be removed from the regular agenda because the time sensitivity requirement was waived for the grant application. Commissioner Nelson asked County Attorney Mark Rubin if the Board was required to take formal action, since the item was on the agenda. Attorney Rubin responded that the item could be removed from the agenda without formal action. The item was removed from the agenda; no Board action taken.

The following Board and contract files were created from documents received by this Board:

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-311, St. Louis County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Group – Award of Proposal to Center for Economic Inclusion.—61522

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-312, Committee Vacancy Appointment to the Board of Adjustment.—61523

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-313, Committee Vacancy Appointment to the Planning Commission.—61524

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and David Fink, Environmental Services Interim Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-310, Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to St. Louis County – Integrated Waste Management Facility.—61525

Proclamation: St. Louis County Staff Appreciation Day.—61526

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-314, Transfer of Nickel and Escalator Taconite Production Tax Revenue Funds to City of Biwabik.—61527

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Hermantown for 2021 Traffic Signal Painting Project (CP 0000-599792).—21-537

State of Minnesota Cooperation Agreement through its commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) and the St. Louis County Continuum of Care (CoC) to build and

maintain all technical aspects of the statewide Homeless Veteran Registry during the term July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2025.—21-538

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54143, between St. Louis County and Aurora Carefree Living, Inc., Aurora, MN.—21-539

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54144, between St. Louis County and Babbitt Carefree Living, Inc., Babbitt, MN.—21-540

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54143, between St. Louis County and Buhl Carefree Living, Inc., Buhl, MN.—21-541

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54151, between St. Louis County and CJ’s Bray House, LLC, St. Paul, MN.—21-542

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54138, between St. Louis County and CJ’s House, LLC, Aurora, MN.—21-543

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54135, between St. Louis County and Community Circles, LLC, Duluth, MN.—21-544

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54147, between St. Louis County and Ely Carefree Living, Inc., Ely, MN.—21-545

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54146, between St. Louis County and Cook Carefree Living, Inc., Cook, MN.—21-546

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54128, between St. Louis County and Grace Place, Duluth, MN.—21-547

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17166, between St. Louis County and Fond du Lac Reservation, Cloquet, MN, for Child Protective Services and Court-Ordered Supervised Visitation and Related Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-548

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2019-013243, between the County of St. Louis and LHB, Inc., Duluth, MN, to assist with the development of the Rice Lake Commercial Corridor Study, increasing the original contract by \$12,000 to \$49,000 and extending the contract termination date to December 31, 2022.—21-549

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17197, between St. Louis County and Access North Center for Independent Living of Northeastern Minnesota, Hibbing, MN, for Semi-independent Living Services during the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.—21-550

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 16926A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Accra Care, Inc., for Housing Support Services for Adults with Serious Mental Illness, increasing the contract maximum to \$30,000.—21-551

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17191, between St. Louis County and Duluth Regional Care Center, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Semi-independent Living Services during the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.—21-552

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17189, between St. Louis County and Faires No Heart, Chisholm, MN, for Emergency Child Foster Care Services during the period May 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-553

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17182, between St. Louis County and Ashley and Logan Harvey, Chisholm, MN, for Emergency Child Foster Care Services during the period May 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-554

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54163, between St. Louis County and Hintz Adult Foster Care, LLC, Duluth, MN.—21-555

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54136, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead House, Inc., Duluth, MN.—21-556

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54137, between St. Louis County and Carlson Hall, Inc., Duluth, MN.—21-557

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54063, between St. Louis County and Grace Place, Duluth, MN.—21-558

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54083, between St. Louis County and Jessica Karasek, Meadowlands, MN.—21-559

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54140, between St. Louis County and LOTUS Corporation – Katherine’s House, Eveleth, MN.—21-560

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54141, between St. Louis County and Minnesota Teen Challenge, Minneapolis, MN.—21-561

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54150, between St. Louis County and S.A.F.E. Harbor Homes, Inc., Carlton, MN.—21-562

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54046, between St. Louis County and Solid Foundations of MN, Inc., Duluth, MN.—21-563

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54052, between St. Louis County and Christy Olson dba Stoney Brook Homes, AFC, Alborn, MN.—21-564

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54148, between St. Louis County and Orr Carefree Living, Inc., Orr, MN.—21-565

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54152, between St. Louis County and Reed’s Boarding & Lodging, LLC, Duluth, MN.—21-566

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54044, between St. Louis County and Residential Services of NE MN, Inc., Duluth, MN.—21-567

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54153, between St. Louis County and Summit Manor, Inc., Duluth, MN.—21-568

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54160, between St. Louis County and Vermillion Senior Living, Little Falls, MN.—21-569

Department of Human Services SFY 2022 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 54149, between St. Louis County and Virginia Carefree Living, Inc., Virginia, MN.—21-570

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17194, between St. Louis County and REM Arrowhead, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Semi-independent Living Services during the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.—21-571

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17190, between St. Louis County and Jill and Nathan Schuchard, Angora, MN, for Emergency Child Foster Care Services during the period May 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-572

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17178A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Servicemaster Cleaning, changing the contract end date to July 31, 2021.—21-573

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17192, between St. Louis County and NHS-Northstar Specialized Services, Inc., Chisholm, MN, for Semi-independent Living Services during the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.—21-574

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17049B, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Life House, Inc., for Ongoing Housing and Housing Related Services, increasing the contract maximum and extending the contract through SFY22.—21-575

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17198, between St. Louis County and Tender Loving Care of Duluth, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Semi-independent Living Services during the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.—21-576

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17193, between St. Louis County and Trillium Services, Inc., Duluth, MN, for Semi-independent Living Services during the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.—21-577

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17142, between St. Louis County and Well Being Development dba Northern Lights Clubhouse, Ely, MN, for Adult Mental Health Integrated Fund Services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-578

License, Contract No. 17180, between St. Louis County and The Salvation Army, Duluth, MN, to utilize their facility to administer COVID-19 vaccines during the period June 25, 2021, to July 16, 2021.—21-579

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2019-013138, between the County of St. Louis and North Point Geographic Solutions, Duluth, MN, for web application design services to enhance the Adopt-A-Highway application.—21-580

Agreement between the Township of Beatty and the County of St. Louis for the 2021 Crack Seal project (CP 0000-477571).—21-581

Agreement for Professional Services between the County of St. Louis and Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc., Duluth, MN, to perform schematic design services to support grant fund applications for stormwater improvements on Woodland Avenue in Duluth, MN (CP 0009-565027).—21-582

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2020-013856, between the County of St. Louis and Erickson Engineering Co., LLC, Eden Prairie, MN, for additional engineering design services for the replacement of County Bridge No. 777 (State Bridge No. L9571) (CP 7992-398713) due to significant change in project scope.—21-583

Agreement for Services between the County of St. Louis and Houston Engineering, Inc., Maple Grove, MN, to complete a repair report for the Ditch No. 4 restoration project and associated tasks to provide Construction Plans and Specifications to restore Ditch 4 to functional operation.—21-584

St. Louis County On-Line Software Subscriber Agreement between the County of St. Louis, Auditor's Office, and Dryer Peterson & Knutson, PC, Duluth, MN.—21-585

Upon motion by Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jewell, resolutions numbered 21-413 through 21-423, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER BOYLE:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of July 13, 2021, are hereby approved.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-413

WHEREAS, Contracted Targeted Case Management (TCM) providers help adults and children with mental illness to remain safe and as independent as possible by providing a full range of community mental health services; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department has contracted with providers for many years to provide needed community mental health services in St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, Children may be at risk of out-of-home placement, placed out of the home or at risk of placement failure, requiring intensive services for children with emotional disturbances who have significant difficulties in the home, school, or community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the following TCM contracted services with the providers indicated below for the remainder of CY 2021.

1. Children's MH-TCM

- Human Development Center
- Range Mental Health Center

The county share is paid from Fund 230, Agency 232008, Object 601600

2. Adult MH-TCM

- Human Development Center
- Accend Services
- Mental Health Resources
- Northland Counseling Center
- Range Mental Health Center
- Web Med Mental Health Services

The county share is paid from Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 604400

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-414

WHEREAS, St. Louis County owns and maintains approximately 3,000 miles of county roads on which there are 122 active at-grade railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, While crashes at railroad crossings involving a train are rare, they have a higher likelihood of resulting in injury or death as compared to other crash types; and

WHEREAS, A concerning realization is that railroad crossings controlled by signals and gates still experience crashes involving trains, and railroad crossings controlled by a STOP sign are overrepresented in the crash data; and

WHEREAS, This background information, along with St. Louis County's commitment to Minnesota's Towards Zero Deaths initiative, suggests it is time to think differently about the approach to railroad crossing safety; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department intends to develop a Railroad Crossing Safety Plan for railroad crossings on county roads to better target investments to improve safety at railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation has committed to contributing \$50,000 towards the development this Railroad Crossing Safety Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County (Local Agency) enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation for the development of a Railroad Crossing Safety Plan for Railroad Crossings located on county roads in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board Chair, Public Works Director and the Assistant County Attorney are hereby authorized to execute said agreement and any amendments thereto for and on behalf of the Local Agency.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds received from the Minnesota Department of Transportation will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220642, Object 532304.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-415

RESOLVED, That the appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with the City of Proctor for the reconstruction of 2nd Street, whereby the City of Proctor will pay the project cost with Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds and local City funds as listed in the Schedule of Prices in the Proposal/Plan Package for the project listed as CP 0000-617698/SAP 069-596-017, and will reimburse St. Louis County the for administration services as stated in the agreement. The funds received from the City of Proctor will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220643, Object 551502.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-416

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 61426.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-417

WHEREAS, For many years Hilligoss Chevrolet, Inc., owned and operated Ranger Chevrolet in Hibbing; and

WHEREAS, During its ownership, Hilligoss encroached on property jointly owned by St. Louis County, the City of Hibbing, and the State of Minnesota on which the Hibbing Joint Public Works facility is located by extending its parking lot onto the publicly-owned land; and

WHEREAS, Hilligoss's encroachment was discovered when it was preparing to sell its property and business interests to Lonson Properties, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Lonson Properties, LLC would like to acquire an easement to correct the encroachment; and

WHEREAS, Because the State was unable to grant an easement, the State transferred its ownership interest in the burdened property to the City of Hibbing; and

WHEREAS, The County and Hibbing are prepared to execute an easement allowing Lonson Properties, LLC to maintain its parking lot over the burdened property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute an easement, and make any amendments approved by the County Attorney, to Lonson Properties, LLC, the legal description of which is set forth in County Board File No. 61407.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the execution of such easement is contingent upon the county's receipt of \$1,983.45, which shall be deposited into Fund 200, Agency 205003, Object 583100.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-418

WHEREAS, County Administration established a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Group in recognition that diversity, equity and inclusion are vital to achieving the mission of St. Louis County - to promote health and safety, ensure sound infrastructure, embrace our natural resources, and support an environment where communities prosper; and

WHEREAS, It was determined that the county and its residents would benefit from engaging a consulting partner who specialized in diversity, equity and inclusion strategic planning and in the performance of this type of organizational and economic development community engagement work to ensure the inclusive and equitable support of all county employees and residents; and

WHEREAS, At the conclusion of a Request for Quotes procurement process, it was determined that the Center for Economic Inclusion offered the best alternative in terms of their unique structure, innovation, ability to drive economic equity and overall value.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board accepts the diversity, equity and inclusion strategic planning services proposal submitted by the Center for Economic Inclusion of St. Paul, MN, in the amount of \$149,200 payable from Fund 100, Agency 104001, Object 629900, and authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with the Center for Economic Inclusion for consulting services.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-419

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to serve on the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Adjustment currently has a vacancy to fill the remainder of the term previously held by Sonya Pineo that will expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, There are four (4) applications for filling the vacancy on the Board of Adjustment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints William (Tom) Coombe to its Board of Adjustment for the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2023.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-420

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to serve on the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission currently has a vacancy to fill the remainder of the term previously held by Sonya Pineo that will expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, There are four (4) applications for filling the vacancy on the St. Louis County Planning Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints William (Tom) Coombe to its Planning Commission for the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2023.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-421

WHEREAS, The County Board, at the request of the Environmental Services Department, seeks to have approximately 800 acres of state tax forfeited land converted into county fee land for use as part of the integrated waste management facility in Canyon; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(e), non-conservation tax forfeited land may be conveyed without monetary compensation or consideration to a governmental subdivision for an authorized public use.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby requests, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(e), a free conveyance of the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61525 for use as part of an integrated waste management facility, with the \$250 application fee payable from Fund 600, Agency 608001, Object 669200.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-422

RESOLVED, That the appraisal report for sale of timber, numbered C19210105 as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the Office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61414, is approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendation as listed in said appraisal report.

Adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-423

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, Per County Board Resolution No. 08-541, dated October 14, 2008, St. Louis County received \$2,000,000.00 of Nickel and Escalator Taconite Production Tax Revenues for the purpose of the relocation of St. Louis County Road 715, commonly known as the Pike River Road located in the City of Biwabik; and

WHEREAS, This project is further known as CP 0715-3758; and

WHEREAS, Due to a combination of factors including increased project cost, project scope, environmental and cultural resource impacts and the unsustainability of adding new road mileage to

the county road system, after thorough engineering and environmental review it was determined that the project should not move forward to construction under the direction of St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, Through discussions with the City of Biwabik and State legislators, it was determined that the best course of action was to transfer a portion of the proceeds to the City of Biwabik for street improvement projects with the remainder dedicated to improvements to County State Aid Highway 138 north of Giant's Ridge; and

WHEREAS, During the 2021 Special Legislative Session, the State of Minnesota passed the following via 2021 Laws of MN, First Special Session, Chapter 14, Article 11, Sec. 40:

**2008 DISTRIBUTION TRANSFER; CITY OF BIWABIK STREET AND
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

“Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, by July 1, 2021, St. Louis County shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the appropriation in Laws 2006, chapter 259, article 12, section 12, subdivision 4, to the City of Biwabik for deposit in its general fund account to be used for the preservation and reconstruction of existing streets and highways in the City of Biwabik or the construction of new streets in the City of Biwabik. Any remaining unspent money from the appropriation in Laws 2006, chapter 259, article 12, section 12, subdivision 4, shall be retained by St. Louis County for road improvements to County Road 138, north of Giants Ridge.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to facilitate a transfer of \$1,500,000.00 of previously received Nickel and Escalator Taconite Production Tax Revenues to the City of Biwabik related to CP 0715-3758, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220219, Object 532202.

Unanimously adopted July 27, 2021. No. 21-424

At 10:00 a.m., July 27, 2021, Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Mike Jugovich, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:

Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY SPECIAL BOARD
OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR
OF 2021 PAYABLE 2022**

The meeting of the 2021 St. Louis County Board of Appeal and Equalization (the “Board”) was called to order at 10:07 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, from the St. Louis River Room, Government Services Center (GSC), Duluth, MN, by Phil Chapman, Deputy County Auditor/Clerk of County Board. By Resolution No. 21-298, adopted May 11, 2021, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners appointed the following members to serve on the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization; roll call was taken:

John Vigen	District 1, present (WebEx)
John Doberstein	District 2, present (WebEx)
Leonard Cersine	District 4, temporarily absent – technical issues
Tim Peterson	District 5, present (WebEx)
Dawn Cole	District 6, present (WebEx)
Frank Bigelow	District 7, present (in-person)

The oath of office was administered to each member present by Deputy Auditor Chapman.

Deputy Auditor Chapman asked for nominations for Chair of the 2021 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. John Vigen nominated John Doberstein for Chair; no other nominations were received. Leonard Cersine entered the meeting, via WebEx, at 10:10 a.m.; Deputy Auditor Chapman administered the oath of office to Leonard Cersine. Bigelow/Vigen moved to close nominations and declare John Doberstein Chair by unanimous ballot. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Chair Doberstein asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the 2021 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. John Vigen nominated Dawn Cole for Vice-Chair; no other nominations were received. Vigen/Cersine moved to close nominations and declare Dawn Cole Vice-Chair by unanimous ballot. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

County Assessor David Sipila was present (WebEx) for all meetings of the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Hearing appeals start time: 10:18 a.m.

Case No. 4A, Richard Voltzke, 3204 W. Tischer Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 415-0070-01830. Richard Voltzke, appearing in-person, disagreed with the assessor’s recommendation to reduce the building value by \$15,900, bringing the total assessment to \$287,300. Mr. Voltzke questioned the homestead classification and equalization of the property. The assessor commented that the homestead classification would carry over from the previous owner and noted that the initial assessor report listed the incorrect number of baths. After the correction, the assessor recommended that building value be decreased by \$18,000; total assessment of \$285,200. After further discussion, Vigen/Cersine moved to accept the assessor’s recommendation to reduce value by \$18,000 for a total assessment of \$285,200. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Case No. 9A, James Ryan, Home on the Range Corp., 237 E. College Ave., Westerville, OH, appealing parcel 370-0040-00120. James Ryan, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$265,600 because the cabin is not a full-year residence; whereas, adjoining properties are full-year residences. In addition, comparisons used by the assessor excluded family/friendly transfers of property. Vigen/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call was taken. (5-1, Bigelow nay)

Case No. 10A, James Ryan, Ryan Family Cabin LLC., 10 W. Broad St., Ste 2100, Columbus, OH, appealing parcels 370-0063-00090, 370-0063-00091. James Ryan, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$640,500 due to the minimal amount of frontage on the lake. In addition, the appellant was unable to sell a northern section of the property. The assessor commented that after review of the property, discrepancies were identified and corrected. Corrections included the foundation, bath count, and a garage bunkhouse. The corrections resulted in a net change of \$39,200 (\$50,100 building, -\$10,900 land); total assessment of \$640,500. Vigen/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Case No. 7L, Wayne Dubbin, 6226 Heldt Road, Hibbing, MN, appealing parcels 755-0010-04740, 755-0010-04655. The appellant disagreed with the Assessor's recommended assessment of \$185,900. The appellant disputed property valuation compared to neighboring properties. Bigelow/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Case No. 14L, Craig & Keri Whitman, 6429 McCormack Lake Rd., Chisholm, MN, appealing parcel 755-0050-00620. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$28,500 due to the quality of construction and basement finishing. In addition, the garage value was lowered due to more than typical foundation cracking and crumbling. The decrease in value of \$28,500 resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$229,000. Peterson/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Case No. 18L, Thomas Gavin, 1199 Culligan Ln., Mendota Heights, MN, appealing parcel 010-4045-00030. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$932,900. Dawn Cole asked if the Board has historically adjusted properties that are pending tax court cases. County Assessor Sipila responded that the Assessor's office has received clarification from the MN Department of Revenue; nothing prevents the Board from acting on a parcel that is being appealed in tax court. However, the assessor staff does not recommend making an adjustment to the valuation of the property. After further discussion, Peterson/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. At 11:36 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Case No. 27L, Jill Jacoby, 3971 Rehbein Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 520-0016-00700. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$112,800 due to various issues related to the neighboring property. Peterson/Doberstein moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Case No. 25A, Kevin Lund, 6434 Island Lake Dam Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 365-6000-33705. Kevin Lund, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$400,500 due to the non-typical shape and depth of the property. Frank Bigelow made a motion to reduce the value of the upper/narrow portion of the property by 20%. John Vigen noted that the upper part already had a 50% reduction in value; Bigelow withdrew the motion. Vigen/Bigelow moved to reduce value of 170' of the property by 20% due to the depth and quality factor of the site. The result was a reduction in land value of \$15,700; total assessment is \$384,800. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

The Board recessed at 12:11p.m. At 2:04 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except John Vigen.

Case No. 30A, Betty McGiffert, 4954 8th Ave., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 365-6000-03000. Betty McGiffert, appearing in-person, disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$245,900 due to the cabin being seasonal, unusable land due to steep banks on each side of the property, and limited use of the lake frontage. Ms. McGiffert also questioned the timing of the valuation in relation to sale of leased land by Minnesota Power. The assessor commented that re-appraisal happens on a 5-year schedule and has no relation to the Minnesota Power sale of leases. After further discussion, Cole/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (4-1, Bigelow nay, Vigen absent)

Tim Peterson was temporarily out of the meeting from 2:27 p.m. to 2:34 p.m., technical issues.

Case No. 26AR, Luke Miller, 1614 Swan Lake Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 010-0530-02300. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce building value by \$11,600. The reduction was made after performing a more thorough adjusted comparable analysis, which resulted in an adjustment to the overall age of the home. After the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$127,300. Bigelow/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (4-0 Vigen, Peterson absent)

Case No. 15AR, Michael Erjavec, 7547 Airport Dr. N., Eveleth, MN, appealing parcel 340-0010-01960. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce land value by \$8,500. Review of the parcel land attributes determined that there was lower quality land on the south and east side of the property. After the reduction, the total recommended assessment is \$118,000. Bigelow/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Vigen absent)

Case No. 19AR, Larry Klocke, 21202 State Highway 30, Hayfield, MN, appealing parcel 335-0010-05800. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce land value by \$2,500. During the re-appraisal a well was added to the record in error; the record was corrected and the well was removed and a holding tank was added. After the correction, the total recommended assessment is \$82,300. Bigelow/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Vigen absent)

The Board recessed at 2:41 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Case No. 28L, Michael and Denise Effhauser, 7274 NE Birch Isle Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 660-6000-54615. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$373,300 due to the deterioration of the property. After further discussion, Peterson/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Case No. 29L, George Radosevich, 159 W. Orange St., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 660-6000-40315. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$122,500 due to the lack of a well, electricity, indoor plumbing, garage, or central heating. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Case No. 16A, Wendy Vondane, 2201 Norton Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 375-6000-07140. Wendy and Jim Vondane appeared in-person, said that they disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$230,800. Mr. Vondane said the land is narrow and has a swamp area. Mr. Vondane asked if there was a rule that restricts value increases of more than 10%. In response, Assessor Sipila commented that the limited market value law is no longer in effect. Ms. Vondane commented that they only use the property from June to August, and questioned the timing of the re-appraisal in relation to the sale of leased land by Minnesota Power. The assessor mentioned that adjustments have been made for the shape of the property. The assessor commented that re-appraisal happens on a 5-year schedule and has no relation to the Minnesota Power sale of leased land. After further discussion, Vigen/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

At 4:56 p.m. Chair Doberstein recessed the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

On Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 10:05 a.m. the County Board of Appeal and Equalization reconvened from the Government Services Center, Liz Prebich Room, Virginia, MN. The following members were present by WebEx: John Vigen, Tim Peterson, Dawn Cole, Frank Bigelow, and Chair John Doberstein – 5. Absent: Leonard Cersine (technical issues) - 1.

Leonard Cersine entered the meeting, via WebEx, at 10:18 a.m.

Case No. 2A, John L. Roskoski, 5409 North Court, Mountain Iron, MN, appealing parcel 175-0010-02500. Edmund Roskoski, on behalf of John Roskoski, appeared in-person at the Virginia GSC, disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$37,600 due to the overall condition of the property. The Assessor noted that the value was reduced by the Board in 2020; that same value was used for the 2021 recommended assessment. Vigen/Cersine moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (5-1, Cole nay)

Tim Peterson was temporarily out of the meeting from 10:27 a.m. to 10:38 a.m., technical issues.

Case No. 20L, Darwin and Kim Rasmusson, 6913 Taylor Rd., Virginia, MN, appealing parcel 570-0200-00100. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce land value by \$4,500 and reduce building value by \$3,400; a total reduction of \$7,900. Upon review of a plat, river frontage was removed and adjustments were made to building attributes. The decrease in value of \$7,900, resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$391,500. Bigelow/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (5-0, Cersine absent)

Case No. 12A, Gregory & Julie Michalski, 8240 Long Lake Lane, Eveleth, MN, appealing parcels 340-0110-00070, 340-0110-00080. The assessor's recommended assessment is \$298,000. Gregory Michalski, appearing in-person, said that the value should be reduced due to activity on a neighboring property. Cole/Bigelow moved to table discussion until photos of the neighboring property could be presented to the Board. The assessor presented an aerial view of neighboring properties, which detailed a pole building and neighboring property in relation to the appellant's

property. Cole/Bigelow withdrew the tabling motion. After further discussion, Peterson/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (5-1, Bigelow nay)

Case No. 6L, Patty Lou Tuomi, 3103 Outer Dr., Hibbing, MN, appealing parcel 140-0097-00070. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$155,600 due to various property issues. Chair Doberstein commented that letter appeal noted that the basement tested positive for radon gas and asked if the county reviews radon gas issues when determining value. The assessor responded that radon gas issues are not included as part of the valuation process. Vigen/Cole moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Case No. 24L, Catherine Rackliffe, 5037 Lindahl Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 280-0015-00275. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$292,900 and requested that valuation be reduced to \$247,904 due to the layout of the house, lack of a basement, and other various issues. The assessor said in 2017 the Board approved a 10% value reduction due to the layout of the house. The assessor recommended that the 10% value reduction be removed to bring the property value in line with a value the sales grid supports. This would increase the value of the property to \$316,800. After further discussion, Vigen/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's initial recommended assessment of \$292,900. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

The Board recessed at 11:25 a.m. At 1:03 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Case No. 3A, Edmund Roskoski, 5409 North Court, Mt. Iron, MN, appealing parcel 175-0012-00150. Parcels 175-0012-00150, 175-0012-00160, 175-0069-00900 were included in the Assessor's report to the Board, since they are contiguous properties. Edmund Roskoski, appearing in-person, disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$116,900 for parcel 175-0012-00150. Mr. Roskoski felt that parcel 175-0012-00150 should be valued at \$102,500 due to the overall condition of the property. After further discussion, Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$116,900 for parcel 175-0012-00150 and the overall assessment of \$144,600 for all three parcels included in the assessor's report. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Case No. 13A, Dave Orman, S Elect Homes Inc., 2230 London Rd., Ste. 200, Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 010-3830-07470, 010-3830-07480, 010-3830-07490, 010-3830-7500, 010-3830-07510, 010-3830-7520, 010-3830-07560. Dave Orman, appearing in-person, disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$3,574,100 because S Elect Homes is a non-profit that offers below market rent and based on the valuation of other comparable buildings. The assessor commented that according to state statute, any low income rental housing must be based on the normal approach to value using normal unrestricted rents. Chair Doberstein questioned if the property value was too high based on property restrictions. After further discussion, Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. (5-1, Doberstein)

Case No. 17A, Keith Kern, 11234 Belgian Dr., Belle Plaine, MN, appealing parcel 735-0010-01992. Keith Kern, appearing by WebEx, said that he disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$195,500 due to the valuation of his neighbor's property and equity of the properties. Mr. Kern commented that he and his neighbor purchased approximately 56 acres of land in 2019 for \$215,000 and split the property evenly at approximately 28 acres with

similar shoreline. Mr. Kern said his valuation increased from \$109,400 in 2020 to \$195,500 in 2021; whereas, his neighbor's parcel decreased in value from \$107,000 to \$94,500. The assessor commented that because his neighbor's property was a contiguous property with a cabin property, he was receiving a discount due to economies of scale. After further discussion, Bigelow/Cersine moved to reduce land value by \$55,500, for a total valuation of \$140,000. A roll call vote was taken. (5-1, Cole)

County Assessor Dave Sipila presented a list of appellants who agreed no change was required and withdrew their appeal. Peterson/Bigelow moved to approve the list as presented. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

County Assessor Dave Sipila presented a spreadsheet of current year administrative changes. Bigelow/Cole moved to approve the list as presented. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

With no further appeals to consider, Vigen/Cersine moved to approve the following resolution:

COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That the assessment rolls from the several assessment districts of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, for the year 2021, to-wit: Cities of Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Brookston, Buhl, Chisholm, Cook, Duluth, Ely, Eveleth, Floodwood, Gilbert, Hermantown, Hibbing, Hoyt Lakes, Iron Junction, Kinney, Leonidas, McKinley, Meadowlands, Mountain Iron, Orr, Proctor, Rice Lake, Tower, Virginia, and Winton; and Towns of Alango, Alborn, Alden, Angora, Arrowhead, Ault, Balkan, Bassett, Beatty, Biwabik, Breitung, Brevator, Camp 5, Canosia, Cedar Valley, Cherry, Clinton, Colvin, Cotton, Crane Lake, Culver, Duluth, Eagle's Nest, Ellsburg, Elmer, Embarrass, Fayal, Fairbanks, Field, Fine Lakes, Floodwood, Fredenberg, French, Gnesen, Grand Lake, Great Scott, Greenwood, Halden, Industrial, Kabetogama, Kelsey, Kugler, Lakewood, Lavell, Leiding, Linden Grove, McDavitt, Meadowlands, Midway, Morcom, Morse, Ness, New Independence, Normanna, North Star, Northland, Owens, Pequaywan, Pike, Portage, Prairie Lake, Sandy, Solway, Stoney Brook, Sturgeon, Toivola, Van Buren, Vermilion Lake, Waasa, White, Willow Valley, Wuori and all the Unorganized Towns, as returned by the respective assessors and local Boards of Review, are hereby ordered placed upon the tax lists by the County for the year 2021.

YEAS: Vigen, Peterson, Cersine, Cole, Bigelow, and Chair Doberstein - 6

NAYS: None - 0

ABSENT: None - 0

John Doberstein was temporarily out of the meeting from 3:38 p.m. to 3:41 p.m., technical issues.

At 3:41 p.m., June 17, 2021, Cole/Peterson moved to adjourn the 2021 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. A roll call vote was taken. (6-0)

Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the County Board