

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 23rd day of February 2021, at 9:38 a.m., at the St. Louis County Public Works Facility, Virginia, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson and Chair Mike Jugovich - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, and Ashley Grimm participated by WebEx.

Chair Jugovich asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chair Jugovich acknowledged the effort and sacrifices that frontline workers have made during the pandemic.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Dan Snidarich, of Angora, said that the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 49 supports mining and pipeline work. Mr. Snidarich stated that there are approximately 2,000 operating engineers working on the Line 3 project; of which, 1,600 are local workers. Charles Baribeau, of Virginia, said that the City of Virginia and the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) supported both the Twin Metals and Polymet projects. Mr. Baribeau said that it was unethical for the minority of the St. Louis County Board to send letters in opposition of copper nickel mining using St. Louis County letterhead, and he was concerned that the letters were sent without discussing the issue with northern Minnesota representatives. Daniel Hendrickson, of Hibbing, commented that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 294 was disappointed with the recent letter that was sent out by three commissioners.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to support the efforts of the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, the City of Chisholm, and Essentia Health to build a new clinic and public health and social services facility in the City of Chisholm to replace the outdated clinic in that city; that St. Louis County will commit, through its social services or public health providers, to lease at a minimum 1,500 feet of space in this facility; that in the case that a provider(s) cannot be identified to lease such space, St. Louis County will begin work with City of Chisholm and the developer to identify the scope of a project including space needs, lease rates and terms as part of a lease that would accommodate County office needs; and further, that before any lease be entered into by the County, staff is directed to bring all terms and conditions of such lease to the Board for final consideration and action. Tamm Kritzer, Essentia Health SVP – Regional Operations, said that the facility would be a mixed-use space that will ensure the community has access to social services, human services, and health services. The goal is to have the facility open in the fall of 2021. Chris Ismil, Community Development Representative – Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR), said that there is a childcare crisis and it will be important to have the site

operable by fall to help address childcare needs once people return to the workplace. Stephanie Skraba, Economic Development Coordinator - City of Chisholm, indicated that the City of Chisholm has acquired the land for the project, will be responsible for the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and will select the developer. Dr. Jon Pryor, Essentia Health East - President, commented on the importance of rural healthcare and the need to keep rural citizens healthy. After further discussion, Commissioner Nelson called the question and a roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Commissioner Jewell requested a point of order for clarification regarding the vote. County Attorney Mark Rubin clarified that the question was called, the Chair determined that it was the appropriate time to vote, and the vote was taken and passed 7-0. If the governing body does not want debate to end, they could challenge the call of the question, and the body would vote on the motion to call the question. In this case, there was no challenge to the call of the question, so the Board would vote on the resolution. Resolution No. 21-143.

A Point of Personal Privilege was requested at 11:15 a.m. At 11:29 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to consider a Directed Motion to Provide Correspondence to Federal Officials Related to Board Resolutions 11-685, 17-112, 19-681, 21-105 and the County Board's Position on Mining. The item had not been to Committee of the Whole and requires consent of a minimum of five (5) members of the Board for consideration. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; five yeas (Jewell, McDonald, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich), two nays (Boyle, Grimm). Commissioner Nelson commented that the three commissioners misrepresented themselves and provided misinformation in a letter regarding sulfide-ore copper mining near the headwaters of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Voyageurs National Park; the letter was sent to the Nominees for Secretary of Agriculture and for Secretary of Interior. Commissioner Nelson stated that he intends to forward the letters to the Attorney General's Office for review. Commissioner Jewell commented that the letter was similar to an opinion/editorial that he wrote last year and discussed concerns he had regarding potential pollution of the watershed. Commissioner Jewell said that there was no intent to deceive. Chair Jugovich said that he believes the stance of the St. Louis County Board should have been included in letter. Commissioner Grimm commented that the letter was sent on the letterhead of one Commissioner, not Board letterhead, and there was no intent to deceive. After further discussion, Commissioner Grimm called the question. Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to object the call of the question. Attorney Rubin clarified that a "yes" vote means you object to the call of the question and wish to continue discussion. After further discussion, Commissioner Grimm withdrew her motion to call the question. Commissioner McDonald said that the letter should have included wording that this was the minority opinion of the Board. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; four yeas (McDonald, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich), three nays (Jewell, Boyle, Grimm).

At 12:12 p.m., February 23, 2021, Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner McDonald, moved to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

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

Public Health & Human Services Grants approved during CY 2021.—61438

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-71, Sponsoring Agency Requests for Various City and Township Local Road Improvement Program Projects.—61439

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Cristen Christensen, Finance Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-72, Request for St. Louis County to Act as Fiscal Agent for Crane Lake Township – LCCMR Grants.—61440

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 21-73, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Vermilion Lake Township).—61441

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Brian Fritsinger, Deputy County Administrator, submitting Board Letter No. 21-76, County Health and Human Services Office Site Lease.—61442

Directed Motion to Provide Correspondence to Federal Officials Related to Board Resolutions 11-685, 17-112, 19-681 and 21-105 and the County Board's Position on Mining.—61443

Extension of Agreement for Professional Services between St. Louis County and Madden Galanter Hansen, LLP, for labor negotiations, grievance and arbitration services, during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-165

State of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Memorandum of Agreement, Contract No. LSC-2021-012371, between Lake Superior College and St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services to allow qualified nursing students to administer COVID-19 vaccines.—21-166

Purchase of Service Addendum, Contract No. 16874B, between St. Louis County and Lincoln Park Children & Families Collaborative (LPCFC), Duluth, MN, for Supervised Visitation and other related services under a Host County Contract, replacing the term of the agreement to commence on January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-167

Service Agreement, Contract No. 17046, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Virginia, MN, for partnership with the Virginia Fire Department and teaming an EMS worker and mental health worker to respond to crisis in the community in the primary impact area of Northern St. Louis County, during the period November 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021.—21-168

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17118, between St. Louis County and Range Mental Health Center, Virginia, MN, for psychological evaluations and services by Court order in Child(ren) in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) hearing, during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-169

License Contract No. 17127 between St. Louis County and the City of Babbitt, MN, for the use of the Babbitt Municipal Center during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, at no fee.—21-170

Addendum to Purchase Agreement, Contract No. 17014A, between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and Medical Transportation Management, Inc., for Access Transportation Services,

to include \$50 per COVID-19 Access Transportation trip as well as the provider 45 minute or less guarantee on COVID-19 trips.—21-171

Amendment No. 3, Original Damion 2014-008546, Amendment No. 1 2019-012697, Amendment No. 2 2020-013710, between the County of St. Louis and K & K Cleaning, Inc., Mountain Iron, MN, extending the term of the original contract commencing March 1, 2021, to February 28, 2023.—21-172

Amendment No. 2, Original Damion No. 2012-007284, Amendment No. 1 2014-008436, between the County of St. Louis and MEnD Correctional Care, PLLC, Sartell, MN, adding an Administrative Assistant 1.0 FTE position and a 1.0 FTE Registered Nurse position.—21-173

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion 2019-012735, between the County of St. Louis and Roufs Property Maintenance, Hermantown, MN, for janitorial services at the Duluth Auditor's Service Center, extending the term to March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2023.—21-174

License Contract No. 17111 between St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services and the Downtown Fair Center, Floodwood, MN, for the use of the property during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, at no fee.—21-175

License Contract No. 17105 between St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services and the City of Aurora, MN, for the use of the Community Center during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, at no fee.—21-176

St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services Department Agreement, Contract No. 17090, between St. Louis County and Dana Mitchell (Group Facilitator), Gilbert, MN, for Relationships First Initiative Circle of Parent Group Facilitation and attend one advisory meeting per month during the period December 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021.—21-177

Memorandum of Agreement, Contract No. 17143, between St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services and the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, MN, for the use of the property during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, at no fee.—21-178

Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority to provide accounting and payroll services from the County to the Railroad Authority during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-179

Contract for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Project between St. Louis County and Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, for Aggregate Base, Aggregate Base Stabilization, and Calcium Chloride on various county highways (CP 0081-493052 Low Prime tied with 13 others).—21-180

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between St. Louis County and Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, for Culvert Replacement, Aggregate Base Class 5, and Plant Mixed Bituminous Patches on CSAH 5 (CP 0005-475803 Low); CSAH 27 (CP 0027-475811 Tied) in Hibbing, McDavitt Township and Lavell Township.—21-181

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between St. Louis County and Redstone Construction, LLC, Mora, MN, for Grading, Aggregate Surfacing, Bridge No. 69A73, Traffic Control, Turf Establishment, Erosion Control, Signing and Striping on CSAH 21 in Morse Township (CP 0021-300205, SAP 069-621-036 BR 285).—21-182

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between St. Louis County and KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, for Bituminous Pavement, Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Base Stabilization, Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, Aggregate Surface, Full Depth Reclamation, Aggregate Stabilization, and Base Stabilization on CSAH 131, 137 & 708 in Mountain Iron and Great Scott Township (CP 0131-469719 Low; CP 0137-275617 Tied; CP 0708-825608 Tied; SAP 069-731-003 Low; SAP 069-737-002 Tied).—21-183

Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Duluth related to construction on County State Road 692 (Lakewood Road) between Superior Street and Pioneer Road (CP 0692-189123, CP 0000-494178; City of Duluth Project No. 1692.)—21-184

Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) Grant Agreement, MnDOT Agreement No. 1045833, for Bridge 69A73 Construction in the amount of \$376,065.75 with \$1,027,722.25 required matching funds (SAP 069-621-036).—21-185

Minnesota Department of Transportation Railroad Crossing Signal Agreement, MnDOT Agreement No. 1033671, between the Commissioner of Transportation, the Wisconsin Central, Ltd., and the County of St. Louis for Crossing DOT 260090S located on CR 223 (Munger Shaw Road) in Solway Township.—21-186

Minnesota Department of Transportation Railroad Crossing Signal Agreement, MnDOT Agreement No. 1033672, between the Commissioner of Transportation, the Wisconsin Central, Ltd., and the County of St. Louis for Crossing DOT 260092F located on CR 694 (Seville Road) in Solway Township.—21-187

First Amendment to the Agreement for Services between St. Louis County and the City of Duluth for the FY 2018 Operation Stonegarden grant, increasing the amount from \$44,035 to not to exceed \$49,114.—21-188

Agreement for Services between St. Louis County and the City of Duluth for the FY 2019 Operation Stonegarden grant.—21-189

State of Minnesota Professional/Technical Income Amendment No. 1, SWIFT Contract No. 166831, amending the State's Duties and increasing the total obligation to the State from \$43,085 to \$47,436.—21-190

Guardian RFID System Agreement between Codex Corporation dba Guardian RFID, Maple Grove, MN, and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office for jail management system's web-based system migration, seal reporting enhancement and virtual inmate tracking system integration at the St. Louis County Jail.—21-191

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53891, between St. Louis County and Lakeside Manor Boarding Home, Inc., Duluth, MN.—21-192

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17124, between St. Louis County and Lake Superior Community Health Center, Duluth, MN, for diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-193

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53998, between St. Louis County and Finifrock, Angelique and Brett dba Angel's Adult Foster Care, Duluth, MN.—21-194

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53974, between St. Louis County and Drew Shaine, LLC, Duluth, MN.—21-195

Minnesota Department of Human Services SFY 2021 Housing Support Agreement – Group Settings, Contract No. 53917, between St. Louis County and Kesselhon Family Adult Foster Care, Duluth, MN.—21-196

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17136, between St. Louis County and Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), Virginia, MN, for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Meals on Wheels services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022.—21-197

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Musolf, resolutions numbered 21-123 through 21-142, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of February 9, 2021, are hereby approved.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-123

WHEREAS, A medical professional (Community Paramedic), in conjunction with a Mental Health Professional and in partnership with the currently operating Mental Health Unit (MHU), will more fully be able to respond to the needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, The addition of a Community Paramedic Team is vital to addressing the medical aspect to directly support the reduction in 911 calls for the chronic consumers currently served by the MHU; and

WHEREAS, The Victory Fund has made available grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 to support the development of a Community Paramedic Team by funding the addition of one (1) FTE Mental Health Practitioner employed by the Human Development Center, for March 01, 2021, through February 28, 2022, for a one-year pilot to assess the Community Paramedic co-response impact on real time response and desired outcomes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to apply for and accept funds from The Victory Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to support the development of the Community Paramedic Team through funding

the addition of one (1) FTE Mental Health Practitioner employed by the Human Development Center, for March 01, 2021, through February 28, 2022, for a one-year pilot to assess the Community Paramedic co-response impact on real time response and desired outcomes.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Public Health and Human Services Department is authorized to enter into a contract with the Human Development Center to employ the Mental Health Practitioner.

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 545165, Grant 23282, Year 2021

Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 629900, Grant 23282, Year 2021

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-124

WHEREAS, The St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority (RRA) has secured funding for the construction of the Palo Tia segment of the Mesabi Trail from County Road (CR) 558 (Soini Road) to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 21 located in Embarrass Township, St. Louis County, hereafter referred to as the "Project" (CP 0000-552411); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County, at their cost, will replace the existing culverts beneath the Palo Tia Road (CR 558) in advance of the Project, which will include extending the culverts and aprons to accommodate the construction of the Palo Tia segment of the Mesabi Trail; and

WHEREAS, The RRA, at their cost, shall prepare a plan for construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, The RRA, at their cost, will construct the Mesabi Trail either as one-way paved shoulders or a two-way trail at the appropriate setback from the existing edge of shoulder along Palo Tia Road (CR 558); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County shall be responsible for the maintenance of the culverts beneath Palo Tia Road (CR 558); and

WHEREAS, The RRA shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Palo Tia segment of the Mesabi Trail, which includes the paved shoulders of Palo Tia Road (CR 558).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate County Officials to enter into a cooperative agreement, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, with the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority for the construction of the Palo Tia segment of the Mesabi Trail from CR 558 (Soini Road) to CSAH 21 located in Embarrass Township. Funds from the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220620, Object 583100.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-125

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has prepared plans to complete improvements on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 116 from CSAH 88 to 0.5 mile North of County Road 803 (Passi Road) in Morse Township, hereinafter referred to as the "Project" (SP 069-716-012; CP 0116-299084); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has received \$600,000 of Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) need to enter into an agreement for advanced construction, which allows for 1) MnDOT to act as the agent in accepting the federal aid in connection with the project and 2) the construction of the project in 2021, prior to the year it is designated in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of St. Louis County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board Chair, Public Works Director and Assistant County Attorney are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of St. Louis County to execute and enter into an Agreement, and any amendments to the Agreement, with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in MnDOT Contract Number 1046004, a copy of which said Agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds for this project will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220518, Object 540702.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-126

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has prepared plans to complete improvements on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 from 1.2 miles North of TH 73 to CSAH 81 (Conners Road) in Hibbing, hereinafter referred to as the "Project (SP 069-605-049; CP 0005-348220); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has received \$1,100,000 of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) need to enter into an agreement for advanced construction, which allows for 1) MnDOT to act as the agent in accepting the federal aid in connection with the project and 2) the construction of the project in 2021, prior to the year it is designated in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of St. Louis County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board Chair, Public Works Director and Assistant County Attorney are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of St. Louis County to execute and enter into an Agreement, and any amendments to the Agreement, with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in MnDOT Contract Number 1046018, a copy of which said Agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds for this project will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220621, Object 540702.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-127

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Lake Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for gravel road improvements on Township Road 4550 (Koski Road); and

WHEREAS, For Vermilion Lake Township to receive LRIP funding, it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Lake Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Lake Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as gravel road improvements on Township Road 4550 (Koski Road) in Vermilion Lake Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-128

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, White Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for a rehabilitation project on Township Road 6517 (Trigstad Road) as authorized by Township Resolution 2021-001; and

WHEREAS, For White Township to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$1,250,000; and

WHEREAS, White Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, White Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as a rehabilitation project on Township Road 6517 (Trigstad Road) in White Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-129

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor is intending to submit an LRIP application for the reconstruction of 2nd Street from 5th Avenue to 9th Avenue in the City of Proctor; and

WHEREAS, For the City of Proctor to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$1,250,000; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the reconstruction of 2nd Street from 5th Avenue to 9th Avenue in the City of Proctor, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-130

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor is intending to submit an LRIP application for the reconstruction of 2nd Street from 5th Avenue to 9th Avenue in the City of Proctor; and

WHEREAS, For the City of Proctor to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$1,250,000; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, The City of Proctor has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the reconstruction of 2nd Street from 5th Avenue to 9th Avenue in the City of Proctor, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-131

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown is intending to submit an LRIP application for the construction of 1,800' of new roadway and road reconstruction within the market place of Hermantown on Richard – Lindgren Roads; and

WHEREAS, For the City of Hermantown to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the construction of 1,800' of new roadway and road reconstruction within the market place of Hermantown on Richard - Lindgren Roads, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-132

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown is intending to submit an LRIP application for the reconditioning of Ugstad Road (MSA 101) from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 6 (Maple Grove Road) to Trunk Highway 53 and Arrowhead Road from Hawk Circle Drive to Thileke Circle; and

WHEREAS, For the City of Hermantown to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the reconditioning of Ugstad Road (MSA 101) from CSAH 6 (Maple Grove Road) to Trunk Highway 53 and Arrowhead Road from Hawk Circle Drive to Thileke Circle, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-133

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Albion Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for a rehabilitation project on Township Road 5842 (Aerie Lake Road) as authorized by Township Resolution 02012021-R; and

WHEREAS, For Albion Township to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The estimated funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, Albion Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, Albion Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as a rehabilitation project on Township Road 5842 (Aerie Lake Road) in Albion Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-134

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for a rehabilitation project on Township Road 4136 (Birch Point Road); and

WHEREAS, For Greenwood Township to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$380,000; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as a rehabilitation project on Township Road 4136 (Birch Point Road) in Greenwood Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-135

WHEREAS, The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a state bond funded program to finance local infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Office administers the LRIP for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Morse Township is intending to submit an LRIP application for the rehabilitation of various roadways within Romberg Acres in Morse Township; and

WHEREAS, For Morse Township to receive LRIP funding it is required that the County act as a sponsoring agency for the LRIP project; and

WHEREAS, The funding request to the LRIP is in the amount of \$450,000; and

WHEREAS, Morse Township will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, and construction costs above the LRIP award; and

WHEREAS, Morse Township has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to act as the sponsoring agency for a LRIP project identified as the rehabilitation of various roadways within Romberg Acres in Morse Township, and has reviewed the project application as proposed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That sponsorship involves no county funding for the project, but includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-136

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Departments' budget includes the lease of twelve (12) motor graders for maintenance operations; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested pricing for twelve (12) motor graders, based on the department's needs; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department requested a five-year lease with an extended five (5) year warranty and a one (\$1) dollar purchase option at the end of the lease in order to fit budgetary needs; and

WHEREAS, McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, responded with the lowest price for a lease of twelve (12) motor graders for five (5) years with an extended five (5) year warranty and a one dollar (\$1) purchase option at the end of the lease of \$3,261,000.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the lease of twelve (12) John Deere Model 672GP motor graders for five (5) years with an extended five (5) year warranty and a one dollar (\$1) purchase option at the end of the lease, from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, at the annual per machine cost of \$54,350.00, for an annual total cost of \$652,200.00 and a grand total cost of \$3,261,000.00, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666400.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-137

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department's budget includes the purchase of twelve (12) Walk n Rollers for maintenance operations; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department and Purchasing Division presented specifications and requested pricing for twelve (12) Walk n Rollers based on the department's needs; and

WHEREAS, McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, responded with the lowest price for twelve (12) Walk n Rollers of \$438,480.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of twelve (12) Walk n Rollers from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, for a total cost of \$438,480.00, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666400.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-138

WHEREAS, Crane Lake Township (Township) applied for two Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) grants; and

WHEREAS, The proposed campground and visitor's center project has been recommended for funding in the amount of \$3.1 million in 2020 and \$2.7 million in 2021 contingent upon the Township finding a fiscal agent for the project; and

WHEREAS, The LCCMR grants are reimbursement based and the Township does not have the financial resources to front the cash or the staff to handle the purchasing and accounting functions required of these grants; and

WHEREAS, The Township has approached St. Louis County and is requesting the County to act as the fiscal agent for the Township's 2020 and 2021 LCCMR grants; and

WHEREAS, In order for the County's costs to be eligible for reimbursement under this grant the County must time record and bill the Township for our actual costs; and

WHEREAS, Once this grant is approved, the County will begin to bill the Township monthly for the costs associated with this grant and the Township will then need to approve the expenditure for it to become an eligible reimbursement under this grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor and the Purchasing Department to enter into an agreement with Crane Lake Township in order for St. Louis County to act as fiscal agent for the Crane Lake Township's 2020 and 2021 LCCMR grants.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-139

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in the Duluth Government Services Center, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Neighbor's BBQ, LLC dba Neighbor's BBQ, Vermilion Lake Township.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-140

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to Elephant Lake Lodge, Inc. dba Melgeorge's Elephant Lake Lodge, Camp 5 Township, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the date of March 13, 2021, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61408.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-141

RESOLVED, That the workers' compensation report of claims by employees for work-related injuries, February 12, 2021, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61404, is hereby received and ratified as payable from Fund 730, Agency 730001.

Adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-142

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, Essentia Health has identified a need for a new clinic setting in the City of Chisholm to replace its aging clinic; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been approached by the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and Essentia Health regarding a potential medical office development in the City of Chisholm; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been a leader in protecting the health of the population of the County through the present pandemic and in its long history of public health programs; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has provided these health programs both directly and through collaborative partnerships with a variety of private providers; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County supports the need for quality public health systems to be available to its citizens throughout the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board supports the efforts of the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, the City of Chisholm, and Essentia Health to build a new clinic and public health and social services facility in the City of Chisholm to replace the outdated clinic in that City.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County will commit, through its social services or public health providers, to lease at a minimum 1,500 feet of space in this facility.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if in the case that a provider(s) cannot be identified to lease such space, St. Louis County will begin work with the City of Chisholm and the developer to identify the scope of a project including space needs, lease rates and terms as part of a lease that would accommodate County office needs.


RESOLVED FURTHER, That before any lease be entered into by the County, staff is directed to bring all terms and conditions of such lease to the Board for final consideration and action.

Unanimously adopted February 23, 2021. No. 21-143



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)