

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 4, 2023

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of March 28, 2023
- Cleaning Services Contract Extension – Public Works Hibbing Complex [23-150]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [23-151]
- Certification of Property Assesses Clean Energy (MinnPACE) Financing for Energy Improvements [23-152]
- Sponsorship of Voyageur Country ATV System [23-153]
- Accept the Amended 2023 State Boat and Water Safety Grant [23-154]
- Award of Bid: 2023 Broadcast Application of Herbicides [23-155]
- Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – King/Norgaard Homestead [23-156]

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## Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/Harala moved that the St. Louis County Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 9:35 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth, Minnesota, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the HOME-ARP (American Rescue Plan) allocations that will be included in the amendment to the 2021 Action Plan. [23-157]. The motion passed. (7-0)

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## Health & Human Services Committee

Jugovich/Harala moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appointment of Mike Lindgren as representative for District 7 to the Public Health and Human Services Advisory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2024. [23-158]. The motion passed. (7-0)

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## Public Works & Transportation Committee

McDonald/Nelson moved to award a bid to KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, in the amount of \$1,184,758.61 for project CP 0000-706010, SAP 069-030-061 (2023 Scrub Seal)(Prime) consisting of seven projects: Scrub Seal, located on various County State Aid Highways, County Roads, and City Roads within St. Louis County and the City of Babbitt. [23-159]. Commissioner Musolf noted that there were multiple bidders on the project and commented that Public Works Director Jim Foldesi said a

timing issue was the reason there was only one bid on the last scrub seal project. The motion passed. (7-0)

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**Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee**

Grimm/Boyle moved that St. Louis County supports and agrees to the State-Subdivision Agreement and opts into the multistate settlement agreements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS; and further, authorizes appropriate county staff to execute all necessary documents to ensure St. Louis County's participation in the multistate settlement agreements, including the Participation Agreement and accompanying Release, and in the State-Subdivision Agreement. [23-160]. Commissioner Grimm commented that one group who received funding put a bid on a triplex to house and provide support to people who were incarcerated due to addiction. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

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**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

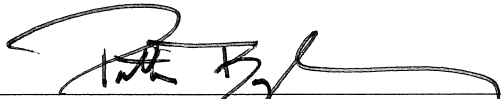
Commissioner Jugovich urged residents to be patient with road and pothole repair; once the weather allows, public works will begin road work.

Commissioner Grimm said that she attended the Disabled American Veterans in Minnesota conference last week and that approximately 450 to 500 veterans were present. Veterans thanked the Board for their support of changes to the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation 2-year rule.

Commissioner Harala asked that people be kind to weather announcers during this time of year.

Chair Boyle commented that the Board has spent a lot of time lobbying in St. Paul and encouraged Board members to enjoy their break.

At 10:33 a.m., Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)



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Patrick Boyle, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board